



THIS CHURCH

I love this church for many reasons. It reminds me of when I was growing up, the people are loving and caring and reach out to those who the world often considers the least, the last, and the lost. But do you know when I love this congregation the most? It is when I witness one or several of you doing something wonderful in the name of Jesus. You don't do it spectacular or grand way. You quietly and simply do something generous and wonderful for someone else.

If being Christ-like were the default operating system for humanity we would not have needed Jesus to come and show us how. It would be "natural". It is rare or un-natural in our culture for anyone to give real attention to anyone else. People don't reach out to or sacrifice for someone who is not their family or at least a close friend. This church does it all the time. It seems natural to so many of you.

In this congregation we have people from many different backgrounds, economic positions and cultures. We have people the government would consider homeless, but you don't care. They don't stand out or receive special attention but are treated like family. You care for them like you would anyone else because they are children of God. You treat them with dignity and respect. There are those whose brains process information differently but they too are treated with dignity and respect as family. There are families with children who like to ask questions and adults who struggle to hear and keep focused, yet we worship side by side, helping and loving each other.

You don't think of what you do as spectacular faithfulness or as inspired witness but it is. Not because you will it to be so but because God receives it, blesses it and returns it as such as seen with the eyes of faith. You bring the best you have, knowing its limitation and meagerness compared to all God has created. You offer the world the expression of your personal experience of the true and living God. The experience you once received as a gift from God and returned to God. God then blessed it, multiplied it and returned it to you. I have witnessed you sharing that experience with others regardless of where they may have been or may be going. That is why I love this church.

See you Sunday,

College student?

Help us keep up with your whereabouts by giving the church office your address when you're away at college and then when you return home between semesters. Call Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 or write to EJackson@mylhumc.org. Even if you're not in college, if you move, please call or write to let us know.



Welcome to **Dr. Bill Carmichael** who joined LHUMC on August 22, 2010 by letter of transfer.

Find where you connect

Join a Sunday school class this Sunday and discover the fun of making new friends in a small group setting while growing your faith in Christ. Regardless of your age or interest, we have a class for *you*. But if you can't find one that feels "just right," let us know. We may need to start a new class for you and others who are searching in that same vein.



Then, if getting everyone dressed and to church on Sunday mornings is half the battle, let us help you win the war by providing coffee and muffins in the dining room from 9:30 to 9:55 am. To see a list of classes, go online to www.mylhumc.org/readingroom/formsandbrochures.html or pick up a 2010-2011 Sunday School Brochure at one of the Welcome Stations around the church.

Everyone fits *somewhere*. Don't be discouraged if you are in a class and it's not meeting your needs. Don't just drop out of Sunday school. Visit another class and see if it's a better match for you. As we grow in faith our needs and interests change. Keep seeking. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (KJV, Jeremiah 29:13)

Children & Youth Classes

Children

Birth 'til 3 years

Room 122

Early Christian Awareness (ECA)

Children begin learning at birth that God creates and loves us.

Preschool

Room 202

Godly Play

Montessori-based curriculum that works toward the spiritual forming of a child as they find themselves in the Bible.

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Room 105

Rock Solid

An interactive curriculum where children are taught how the Bible can be used in their lives.

3rd through 5th Grade

Room 313-A

Rock Solid

The journey toward knowing our Bible begins in this class as each third grader receives their own Bible and learns how to read and use it for their lives.

Youth

Middle School

Room 320

You never know what will come up in this class! With a passion for teaching this age group, the teacher adapts the lesson weekly.

High School

Room 318

Short-term studies deal with issues that high school students face while trying to live out their faith.

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Children's music resumes Sunday, September 5

September 5 marks the beginning of children's choirs: Tiny Tones and Joyful Noise. The children meet at 9:30 am in their respective classrooms.

Tiny Tones:

- Age 3 years through 2nd grade in room 106;

Joyful Noise:

- 3rd - 5th grade, in room 313-A

At 9:55, children go to their Sunday school classes:

- Pre-schoolers, room 202 (Mann Chapel inside sanctuary);
- Kindergarten through 2nd grade, room 105 (behind reception desk);
- 3rd through 5th grade, room 313-A (balcony above dining room).

Adult Classes

Fighting Lions of Zion, newly families Room 211
Bring your challenges from life to this class as we learn how the Bible and God shape us and our decisions.

Believers, 55+ Room 305
Daily Disciplines by the Upper Room help this class to make study a part of every day not just Sunday.

Every Woman's Class, age diverse Room 323
We take our studies seriously, but we also laugh a lot. We respect each other's opinions and value kindness. Our materials vary by need and season. We rotate teaching duties.

Friendship Forum, 70+ Room 112
Adult Bible Studies is the curriculum that we follow as we care for each other and our church.

Epworth, 50+ Room 322
Stimulating, enthusiastic discussion on a variety of selected studies focusing on the Bible, religions of the world and other topics. Led by different leaders with occasional guest speakers.

Kairos Shalom, parents of teenagers+ Room 203
Life changes fast and we try to keep up with our families as we apply the Bible and God's direction.

Seekers, age diverse Room 320
An intimate, small group setting for confidential sharing as we strive towards Spiritual Formation. We rotate discussion leaders.

Upper Room, 50+ singles and couples Room 306
Studies vary from social issues to Islam. Old and New Testament Bible study to authors like C.S. Lewis.

New Book Review Season begins Sept. 13

On Monday, Sept. 13, the new Super Adult Book Review Season begins.

Season tickets are still just \$15 for 9 reviews. Individual reviews are \$3. Morning coffee with accompaniments and good conversation are available in the Choir Room beginning at 10:00 am.

At 10:30 Susan Holloway begins the new season with a review of the new book, *The Songs of Hollywood* by Philip Furia and Laurie Patterson. This delightful story traces the fascinating history of song in film, both in musicals and in dramatic movies such as *High Noon*. The book sheds light on some of Hollywood's best known and loved music, explaining how the film industry made certain songs memorable.

As an added treat, Jennifer Halteman and Henry Holloway will sing some of the songs. You don't want to miss this! The traditional celebratory luncheon follows in the dining room.

On the menu (from the Hollywood menu at the Brown Derby) is Mozzarella Carozza, watermelon salad, roasted herb breast of chicken, young potatoes, fresh asparagus, roll, and strawberry shortcake. Lunch is \$8. Reservations, *please!* Call 733-6482.

Although the event is sponsored by Super Adults, anyone may attend the Book Review and/or the lunch.



Are you a good listener?



A good listener is one who hears another's challenges and burdens and can reflect back as the person works through feelings. A listener is one who learns how to affirm another person with honesty and confront with gentleness.

If this is you, or if you would like to become a good listener, then Stephen Ministry is for you. Talk with Ellen Evans, Don Clark or Barb Kurtz to begin the process to become a Stephen Minister. Our next training class begins in January 2011.

Disciple I

Begins Sept. 8

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesdays for 34 Weeks
in the Parlor

Have YOU Signed Up?
It's Not Too Late!

Registration Forms at
Welcome Stations
Around the Church

Cost: \$30

Contact

Kercida McClain

733-7156 ext. 37

Depending on interest, other Disciple classes may be offered. If interested in participating, fill out a Registration Form and turn it in to the Church Office.

Informational Meeting Sunday, Sept. 12 3 PM in Choir Room For Grades 6 - 12

Youth, here's your chance to provide input for the new youth choir season. *Who should attend?* All current youth choir members and anyone interested in joining.



FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY, OCT. 17

Mark your calendars for Oct. 17, 2010 when we will once again celebrate Faith in Action Sunday. Although we are all called to do good works at all times, this is an opportunity for us to worship together and then serve together as a church body, going into the community to spread God's word through our actions. You may recall Pastor Jim recently sending us forth into the world to witness God's love, using words only when necessary.

As last year, we will begin the day worshiping at an 8:30 am service and then end the day with a celebration service and dinner at 5:00 pm. Also as last year, we will start in September meeting in small study groups where we will read and pray and reflect on John Wesley's three admonitions: "Do no harm; do good; stay in love with God."



Taco anyone?

Faith in Action will be selling homemade breakfast tacos and juice in the dining room from 9 to 11 Sunday mornings, Sept. 12, 19 and 20. Tacos are \$1.50 each and juice is 50 cents. Money raised will be used to buy supplies for the FIA projects that groups will be doing on Faith in Action Sunday, Oct. 17.

Since this is a church-wide celebration of God's abundant love and blessings, the goal is that 100% of our members will participate. *That means you.* Friends who are not members of Laurel Heights are also invited to be a part of the day. For those who are not able to serve outside, Liz Hughes will again have projects at the church to make things which will later be given to people in need.

Please add Faith in Action Sunday (and our preparation for that day) to your prayers that all we do may be pleasing to God.

Watch the Welcome Stations around the church for sign-up sheets for the small groups and the work projects.



Help save the earth

United Meth-

odist Women go green! Join us for our Sept. 14 meeting and discover how we can help heal our planet in small and big ways. We will meet in the parlor at 9:30 am for refreshments.

The meeting begins at 10:00. Bring your mug!



Parents' Night Out Certified Childcare for Ages

3 Months to 5th Grade

\$15 for 1st child;

\$10 each child thereafter

6:30 PM - 11 PM

Sept. 10 & 17

Oct. 15 & 22

Nov. 12 & 19

RSVP by Noon Fridays

733-7156

Ramp project needs helpers

Without lifting a hammer or driving a nail, you can help build wheelchair ramps. We need volunteers who can supply water and lunch for the workers at the work site. Of course, we also need people with basic carpentry skills. Our next project is Saturday, Sept. 11. For details, contact Jerome Malek, 495-4252, or jeromemalek@sbcglobal.net.

Our mission

...is to offer Christ to those we encounter and to nurture, equip, and enable persons to become committed Christians in our community and the world beyond.

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship / Holy Communion (Rev. Jim McClain) - Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time - Dining Rm.
9:30 Tiny Tones - 106
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - 313-A
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship - Chandler Center

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All Buildings & Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 7

9:30 UMW Executive Committee - Parlor
10:00 Staff Meeting - 313-B
3:00-7:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Tue.-Fri.) - Gym
5:30 Bexar County Detention Ministries - Dining Room
6:15 Stephen Ministry - 313-B

Wednesday, September 8

10:00 Stephen Leaders - 313-B
10:00 Super Adult Steering Committee - Parlor
4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:30 Supper - Dining Room
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Valli Seilheimer) - Scott Chapel
6:15 Handbells- Sanctuary Balcony
6:30 Disciple I - Parlor
7:00 Chancel Choir - Choir Room
7:15 Bible Study - Library

Thursday, September 9

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
5:30 SPRC - Parlor
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B
7:00 Education Committee - Parlor

Friday, September 10

10:00 Church Women United Executive Board - Parlor
6:30 Parents' Night Out (Reservations: 733-7156) - WDS

Saturday, September 11

8:00 Ramp Building (Contact Jerome Malek, 495-4252)
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B
9:00 MOPS Steering - 105
10:00 MOPS Gathering - 105
4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group - Laurel Room
6:30 Emmaus to Mt. Wesley - Church Bus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Committee 2011 Budgets Due

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jim McClain) - Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time - Dining Rm.
9:30 FIA Taco Fundraiser - DR
9:30 Tiny Tones - 106
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - 313-A
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
3:00 Youth Choir Information Session - Choir Room
4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- 313-B

Monday, September 13

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - 312
10:00 Super Adult Book Review Coffee Social - Choir Room

10:30 Book Review - Scott Chapel
11:30 Book Review Lunch - DR
3:00-7:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - Gym
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

Tuesday, September 14

7:30 Health Cabinet - The Foundry
9:30 "Go Green" w/ UMW -Parlor
10:00 Staff Meeting - 313-B
11:30 Executive Comm. - Luby's
5:30 Bexar County Detention Ministries - Dining Room

Wednesday, September 15

4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:00 Book Club - Library
5:30 *Supper - Dining Room
6:15 *Worship / Communion - Scott Chapel
6:15 Handbells- Sanctuary Balcony
6:30 Disciple I - Parlor
7:00 Chancel Choir - Choir Room
7:15 Bible Study - Library

Thursday, September 16

7:30 Super Adults to Waco - Regent Coach
9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
5:30 SPRC - Laurel Room
5:45 WDS Open House-Dining Rm.
7:00 Worship Committee - Parlor
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Friday, September 17

6:30 Parents' Night Out (Reservations: 733-7156) - WDS
2:00-3:00 Neighborhood Resource Center Conference - Gym
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B
9:00 Program Council - 312
10:00 Adoption Workshop - 105
10:30 Board of Stewards - 312



SEPTEMBER

- 6 Carolyn Crockett; Elizabeth Page Miller; Tatum Ostos
7 Jonah De La Rosa; Eloise Guggolz; Katie De La Vega
8 Colleen Bailey
9 Fara Carvalhinhos; Trudy Kinnison; Max Hedgepeth; Elizabeth Yancey; Sam Nye
10 Kay Carter; Elaine Donaldson
11 Sarah Hudson
12 Carolyn Hughes
13 Evangeline Medellin; Evelyn Smith
15 Delmar Bolick; Sandra Garza; Doss McDavid; Sally Reyes; Jack Sadler; Evelyn Williams
16 Cheryl Crews; Gerald Dounson; Pearl Seiler
17 Betty Leigh Beck; Wayne Bull; Marion Dillon; Barbara Geerdes
18 Alexis Jones

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Organ Fund

CAROLE CARMICHAEL
by
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Sanders

Pastor's Discretionary

Fund
MRS. ESPERANZA VACA
by
Gloria Sparkman

Scholarship Fund

GWEN SCHWAB
by
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

Block Party thanks

Thank you in advance to the following people for volunteering and/or donating to the neighborhood Block Party: Laura Medellin, Eva Medellin, Sandra and Noe Medina, Brian Trodden, Angela and Alan Kramer, Jed Dorsey, Jim Moss, Jason Davis, Dave Saylor, Alethea Phillips, Ernestina Martinez, David Gannon, Ann and Mike McGlone, Bill Myers, Joe Barfield, Richard and Elizabeth Jackson, Kim Sadler and Black Tie Affair. Forgive us if we left you out. Come have fun on Sept. 26 while we welcome our neighbors! Contact Irene Ojeda, Judy Davis or Carolyn Hughes to sign up.

September Mission: NACF

Don't forget. Your communion rail and Wednesday night table offerings help support NACF, Advance Special 583581. Native American Children's Fund (NACF) allows a clothing allowance in this fall for 300 under-income children and youth. For more information, visit www.umc-oimc.org/index.php/ministries/nacf. Please don't give online, however, as this will not count toward our church's giving. To give, make your check payable to Laurel Heights UMC; include "NACF" in the memo line.

Giving beans of life to Mexico

For many people, a daily diet of beans and rice provides an economical source of protein. This is true at the three orphanages and feeding program at Aleluya Church in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Because their prior donor has ceased giving funds, our church has agreed to collect donations to continue these life-sustaining programs. We will be placing a standing monthly order with a distributor for 20-pound boxes of beans and distributing them in Piedras Negras.

You may also donate any of the items below and place them in the basket in the dining room marked "Beans for Mexico".

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| - Rice | - Spices | - Salt |
| - Baking soda | - Cooking oil | - Sugar |
| - Flour | - Toilet paper | - Cleaning supplies |

If you or your Sunday school class or group would like to help monitarily, make your check payable to Laurel Heights UMC and please write "beans" in the memo line.

\$250K Challenge to benefit SAMM

Deborah and Rex Amini have generously offered a Challenge Grant to benefit SAMMinistries. They have pledged to match all donations received through Sept. 30, 2010, up to a total of \$250,000. This wonderful opportunity means *your* gift will help SAMM *twice* as much!

Although excited by the opportunities to help more people at Haven for Hope, the Aminis know the costs have been a concern for the ministry. "Rex and I know the work of SAMMinistries is valuable to this city and needs to continue."

When asked why they chose to put up this Challenge, Rex responded, "With the added demands and responsibilities that they will incur at Haven for Hope, SAMMinistries is going to need extra help! They have the area capacity to triple their services, but that means providing three times the supplies and other budgetary increases to meet the need. We are glad to help, but it's going to take a lot more. A huge community effort is needed.

You may make a donation online at www.samm.org.



Healing: Rex Bailey; Julie Mazel; Mindy Lanoux; Harold Souder; Rebecca Mayes; Roxane Darnell; Winifred Worsham; Martha Chapman; Elizabeth Boazeman; Nancy Fassnidge; Richard Jackson; Vane Hugo.

Thanksgiving: Good report for Roxane Darnell.

Those Who Mourn: Family of Gwen Schwab who passed away Aug. 12.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things..."
Jeremiah 33:3a



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