



Summertime

By the time you read this, your delegates and I will have returned from the Annual Conference of the Southwest Texas. Each year, each geographic region, called an Annual Conference, is required to hold a meeting of laity and clergy to discuss issues of the church. The Annual Conference system is so significant to the operations of the church, the meeting, or conference, and the geographical region represented at the meeting, have the same name. For my family and me, Annual Conference is also a wonderful time

to see old friends, meet new ones, hear fantastic preaching and experience wonderful worship. And it signals the start of summer.

Summertime is a time to celebrate a change in pace and tempo of my life, to visit old friends and meet new ones. The days are longer and a little slower. It is hot outside and I just don't feel like moving as fast. My children are out of school and so I don't have to get up as early or have as many things to get done before I leave the house each day. The tempo of worship changes too.

Summertime is the season of "common days". It is the longest liturgical season of the year and runs from the end of "Easter" to the beginning of "Advent". The color is green reminding us of the new life of summer and the new life offered to us in Christ. The readings are the teachings of the Church and we move through the Hebrew Scriptures, the letters, the Psalms and the Good News of Christ in what some have called "random sequential" order. They are common readings and designed to be part of our everyday life.

I hope that you take this summer to "slow" down. It is good for us to change our tempo from time to time and adjust the rhythm of our lives. I encourage you to visit family, see things you have never seen and revisit places of fond memories. Take a moment to experience someone you love in a wonderful new way while embracing the comfortable and familiar you find in them. As you travel, try new worship experiences. While at home, invite others to worship with you and to experience what you have found to be nurturing and supportive.

Summer helps us not take things for granted. Most of the life of Jesus was spent in the time between Christmas and Easter. In fact, not all the Gospel accounts even mention both Christmas and Easter. They all mention the common times in the life of Jesus, the disciples and the people of God. Summertime reminds us that what we believe and how we live are so intertwined they are called the same thing: Christian. The ministries of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and all the other special seasons of the church continue through the summer and become more comfortable and familiar. The pace and the tempo change as we are reminded of new life offered to us through Christ and the comfort and familiarity of the Church.

See you Sunday,

Jim

Righting wrongs through Peace with Justice Sunday offerings

In a world where 250,000 children are forced to be fighters or sex slaves, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the largest persistent violator, according to the United Nations Security Council. Because of the war, young boys are forced to enlist in the rebel army. Sexual assault of women and young girls has become the norm.

Compounding the problem is "conflict mineral," the selling of copper, tungsten, tin and other minerals to support war efforts. Unfortunately, minerals sold to global supply chains and corporations may be used as components for electronics that are part of our everyday lives: mobile phones, MP3 players and computers.

United Methodists are trying to do something about it.

Armed with a grant from the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the Jerusalem Justice and Peace Ministry (JJPM) is assisting communities in the DRC. While physical and emotional healing is vital, the ministry also challenges unjust systems.

"We cannot keep quiet if there is something wrong," said JJPM executive Dr. Leonard Kabwita. JJPM workshops educate and empower Congolese people about justice issues in their communities and seek local solutions to close the gap between rich and poor.

When you give to Peace with Justice Sunday, you support ministries in the DRC, the United States and worldwide to remove unjust systems and equip the victimized to live more fulfilled lives.

An Special Sunday offering envelope will be included in your Sunday bulletin on June 19.

Source: UMCgiving.org - Special Sundays - Peace with Justice - Overview



Blood Drive

JULY 10
9 AM - 12:30 PM
LHUMC GYM

Sign up today! Call

Wesley Nurse Christina Galvan, 733-7156

Hospice - Who needs it?

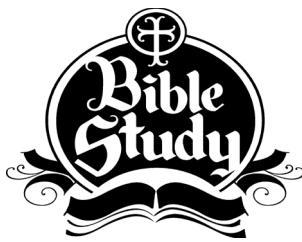
Good question!

Stephen Ministers invite you to join them to hear the answers to this and other important queries about Hospice. The Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed will speak to Stephen Ministers and their guests at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, July 19 in Room 312. Please save the date, and join us for this vital conversation concerning end-of-life issues. For more information talk to Barb Nardi Kurtz or Colleen Bailey.

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

Summer Bible Study for adults begins Wednesday, June 22

All adults are welcome to join the Rev. Bert Clayton and wife Janice in the Parlor beginning Wednesday, June 22 for a series of interesting Bible studies and discussion.



TAKING ON STORIES OF BIBLICAL PROPORTION

Youth, come for supper at 5:30 on Wednesdays. Then join Paul Seeman in the youth lounge (319) at 6:00 each week (through Aug. 17) to discuss fun Bible stories. Engage your mind to learn and expand your Bible knowledge.



Stockholders, we love you!

If you help fund our trip, we promise to write you while we're away. Please remember to pray for us too.

What's for supper?

What would you enjoy eating at the church for a Wednesday night meal this summer? Make it fun; make it creative; make it a class or group project to raise funds for a special need or cause. There are still a few dates open. To check available dates, call Elizabeth Jackson in the church office, 733-7156 ext. 12.

Your group will be responsible for any condiments (lemons for tea), as well as juice for the children, if desired. You will not, however, be responsible for setting tables, washing dishes, or providing coffee and tea.

VBS is coming, coming soon!

Vacation Bible School dates are Monday through Friday, July 11 - 15, 9 am to 12 noon each day. VBS is open to age four years through sixth grade. The child should be *at least* four years of age *before* July 11, 2011 and may be *entering* sixth grade in the fall of 2011-12.

Pass the word and make sure your friends and neighbors are invited and registered. Blue registration cards can be found all around the church or downloaded from the church website at <http://www.mylhmc.org/events/vbs.html>. Families registered will receive a CD of the music.

When you are going deep you can never have too much:

- Blue material (especially rolls of blue cellophane)
- Dive gear – like fins and snorkels and wet suits and tanks.

If we can borrow yours for the week of VBS that would be great. Simply mark them with your name so we can return them to you.

And whether or not you have children or grandchildren who will be attending VBS, please remember to pray! Pray for each person helping to make VBS a success. Pray for the many children (and their families) who will be in our care during that week. Pray that we may be the light of Christ to all we meet.



Summer in the Story

Our great, great, great, great, great, great...

Grandparents in Faith

June 19 - Aug. 21

FOR

Children and Youth (Pre-school-12th Grade)

Session 1: Abraham

June 19-July 17

Session 2: Joseph

July 24-Aug. 21

Each week classes rotate to a different center to experience the story in a new way.

Cooking... Room 219

Art...Room 313-A

Drama/Theatre...Room 320

Games...Room 312

Science...Room 105

Clip and save the Weekly Schedule below.

More information is available online at <http://www.mylhmc.org/summerstory.html>.

	PS	K-2	3-5	6-12	
19-Jun	Cook	Art	Drama	Games	Abraham
26-Jun	Art	Drama	Games	Science	
3-Jul	Drama	Games	Science	Cook	
10-Jul	Games	Science	Cook	Art	
17-Jul	Science	Cook	Art	Drama	
24-Jul	Cook	Art	Drama	Games	Joseph
31-Jul	Art	Drama	Games	Science	
7-Aug	Drama	Games	Science	Cook	
14-Aug	Games	Science	Cook	Art	
21-Aug	Science	Cook	Art	Drama	

It's Not So Easy in the Big Easy

The youth are packing up and getting ready to leave on their summer Mission Trip in New Orleans. Please remember to keep them in prayer, as they prepare to go, and while they're away (June 26 after church and returning the evening of Friday, July 1). If you haven't bought "stock" to help finance their trip, please consider doing so today.

Register NOW for summer camps for kids, 3rd - 6th grade

The Southwest Texas Conference offers camps for children in three age levels at Mount Wesley Retreat Center this summer. Parents, choose the camp according to the grade that your child *will be entering in the fall*. Camp activities include indoor and outdoor activities, swimming, hands-on creation, Bible fun, labyrinth, and of course, making new friends.

- **3rd / 4th grade:** July 10-13 \$250; register by June 24.
- **5th / 6th grade:** July 7-11 \$275; register by July 22.
- **4th / 5th / 6th grade:** Music, Art, and Drama: July 27-30 \$250; register by July 8.

You can register online at www.umcswtx.org/summer-camps or pick up a Registration Form at the church. Camperships are available to cover one-third the cost of camp. Contact Kercida McClain, 733-7156 ext. 36, for details.

NEW LHUMC LIBRARY HOURS

STAFFED

LIBRARY HOURS

COMPUTERS AVAILABLE

ONLY

DURING STAFFED HOURS

SUNDAY

9:30 AM - 11 AM

MONDAY

10 AM - 12 PM

WEDNESDAY

10 AM - 12 PM & 5 - 6 PM

FRIDAY

10 AM - 12 PM

SELF-HELP

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9 - 5 PM

Search the Library Catalog online at <http://66.196.195.10:8080>.

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Summer in the Story for
Children & Youth
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship @
Chandler Center
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - 319
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle
School) - 319
5:30 Student Ministries (High
School) - 319

Monday, June 20

8:00-5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC
(Mon.-Thu.) - *Gym*
9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*
10:00 Youth Scavenger Party @
San Antonio Zoo - *Church Bus*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
5:30 Trustees - *Laurel Room*
6:30 Education Committee - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, June 21

8:45 Flow Yoga Class - 305
10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - 305
6:15 Stephen Ministry - 313-B

Wednesday, June 22

11:00 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B
4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC Parents'
Meeting -305
6:00 Youth Bible Study - 319
6:15 Summer Adult Bible Study
- *Parlor*
6:15 *Worship /Communion (Rev.
Jim McClain) - *Scott Chapel*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, June 23

9:00 Church Mice meet for
fellowship and to do repairs
around the church
11:30 Staff Birthday Lunch
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Saturday, June 25

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 *Worship / Abigail Catherine
Ford Baptism - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
12:00 Youth Mission Trip (return
July 1) - *Church Bus*
6:00 Care Bexar Emmaus
Gathering - *Sanctuary*

Monday, June 27

8:00-5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC
(Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, June 28

8:45 Flow Yoga Class - 305
10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - 305
5:30 Bexar County Support Groups
- *Dining Room*

6:30 Missions / Neighborhood
Ministries Committees - *Parlor*

Wednesday, June 29

11:00 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B

4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:30 *Supper - *Gym*
6:00 Youth Bible Study - 319
6:15 Summer Adult Bible Study
- *Parlor*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev.
Valli Seilheimer) - *Location TBD*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*
Thursday, June 30
9:00 Church Mice meet for
fellowship and to do repairs
around the church
9:00 Super Adult Day - *Gym*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
Saturday, July 2
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B



JUNE

19 Roxana Ramseur; Oliver
Sadler; Rachel Webb
20 Tom DeHay
21 Sara Angel Ellis; Julia
Hooper
22 Mona Arevalos; Verna
Lacy; Alison Amber Rex
23 Gary W. Rine
24 Dale Dorsey; Stephen
Smith
25 Byron Bowerman;
Isabella Lowry
27 Kyle Ford; Hal Guggolz;
Cliff Henry; Stella
Wilkinson
28 Nick Campbell; Kercida
McClain
29 Vicki Moler
30 Christian Morales;
Cynthia Morales; Payton
Russell Seay

JULY

1 John Ewing; Doug Parlsey
2 Colette Lanoux

There's within my heart a melody

So that members of our Chancel Choir can plan for family vacation time this summer, the Choir will be out all of July. Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 3.

If you have an interest in joining an adult singing choir, Chancel Choir may be a fit for you. Contact Geoffrey Waite, 733-7156, for information.

Other choirs available and resuming in the fall, are Handbells (for adults and youth), children's choirs (Tiny Tones and Joyful Noise) for pre-school through fifth grade.



Welcome to **Lindsey Williams** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on May 29 by letter of transfer from another denomination.

Welcome to **Margarethe Valois** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on June 5 by letter of transfer from another United Methodist Church.

Welcome to **Wynne Bradley Jones** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on June 5 by infant baptism. Wynne Bradley is the daughter of Emily and Brad Jones.

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Imagine No Malaria
STEPHEN MINISTERS AND THEIR LEADERS

by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

LHUMC Scholarship
BENSON MCGLONE'S GRADUATION

by
Mr. & Mrs.
Robert Ojeda & Family



Gifts to Mary Blackford Scholarship Fund

In Memory of
MARY MCDAVID
by
Dr. Andrea Celeste
Hemingway
and
Natalie Ojeda

The mission of Laurel Heights United Methodist Church 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.



GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Bell Tower

NANCY FASSNIDGE
by
Dinah Tanner

BONNIE HILLS

by
Dr. & Mrs. William J. Hills

by
Dinah Tanner

TALITHA HOLLOWAY

by
Dinah Tanner

MARY MCDAVID

by
Dinah Tanner

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by
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Semmes

BIRDIE TOWERY

by
Dinah Tanner

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HAROLD SOUDER
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May O'Neal
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by
Jerry Hodges

BIRDIE TOWERY

by
Carl Samuelson

Joplin Aid

HAROLD SOUDER
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz



Healing: Fred Vaca; Max Healy; Mindy Lanoux; Roxane Darnell; Shelley & Joe McMullen; Bill Magavern; Ruth Nielsen; Patti Vaughan; Geraldine Douglas; and Martha Hamil.

Those Who Mourn: Juanita Souder & family in loss of Harold Souder on June 4. Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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