



Fabric of the Church

Our Pictorial Directory will not be complete without you. Everyone thinks no one will miss them if they don't get their picture made for the directory but the truth is you will be missed. Obviously there will be someone who looks for your picture and is sad when they can't find it, but more importantly, the image of our congregation will be incomplete. Not only is your picture important, but you are important to how people view the congregation and what this church believes.



I see this church acting out its beliefs all the time. I hope you do too. If you have ever parked in the parking lot that is entered off of either Mistletoe or Belknap you have probably seen Mr. Surber. Mr. and Mrs. Surber live in the neighborhood and he walks to worship each week, greets those who park in the lot, helps them with their door and brightens their day. God thinks you are important and from the way Mr.

Surber acts, I believe he does too. Do you know who I'm talking about? They are in our current directory. Not only do you know who they are but they are part of the image of our church.

Something else I believe this congregation thinks is important is children. God talks a lot about children in the Bible and how we are to take care of them. At this church you can see adults and children enjoying each others company every day. They may be sharing a meal together in the dining room, doing homework together on the third floor, shooting hoops together in the gym, "Going Deep" together during Vacation Bible School, being loved on in the Weekday School or any of several other activities letting them know they are important. Families and children are part of our congregation and need to be part of our directory.

Senior adults, who are sometimes lonely, are important too. Several days each month you can witness mature people as they gather to love and support each other. Trips are planned, games are organized, exercise is offered, entertainment is brought in and the hungry are fed. Each Wednesday evening a meal is served to anyone who wants to eat. Payment for the meal is voluntary. All are welcome. These are just a few of the ways I have witnessed you letting others know you think they are important. You and all of these people and the people they meet are important. We are all part of the fabric of this church. If a thread is missing, the fabric is different. If someone's picture is not in the directory the body of Christ called by God to be this congregation is not fully represented.

It is one thing to believe someone has value, it is another thing to demonstrate that belief. You are the church and the best example of what we believe as a church. Your picture is important, not for your own personal satisfaction, but because you belong here.

See you Sunday,

Jim

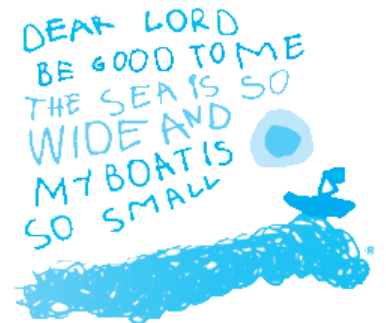
Faith in Action Sunday is Oct. 9

We will have regular worship services at 8:30 and 11:00; Rev. McClain will preach at 8:30. No word yet who will preach at 11:00. Where will you put *your* faith into action this Sunday? Visit the "Projects Board" in the dining room for ideas and to sign up. Come back at 6:00 that evening for our Celebration Dinner in the gym.

Celebrate Children's Sabbath working for equity and justice in education

by *Kercida McClain*

On October 16 we will join with thousands of other congregations across our nation in the annual multi-faith National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® weekend, sponsored by the non-profit, non-partisan Children's Defense Fund and supported by the United Methodist Church, Catholic Charities



U.S.A., the Islamic Society of North America, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the National Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'is in the U.S., the Sikh Council on Religion and Education, the Union for Reform Judaism, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and more than 200 other religious organizations and denominations.

The 2011 Children's Sabbath, "Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue: Answering God's Call to Protect Children," will focus on the education achievement gap that leaves too many children, especially poor and minority children, reading and doing math below grade level, leading to lower rates of school completion. Educational attainment is the greatest predictor of future income. The best poverty-prevention strategy we have is ensuring high levels of school completion—supporting children to complete high school and to go on to complete a four-year college education.

Justice requires equitable and excellent education, especially for the most vulnerable children. When we work for excellent and equitable education, we not only protect children from current injustice but we protect their future by putting them on the path to a promising and productive adulthood.

As people of faith we recognize the sacred responsibility to nurture and protect children and to work for the world God intends. On Children's Sabbath, we will remember the children in struggling schools and difficult circumstances, we will reflect on the teachings of our faith that lead us to respond, and we will commit to putting our faith into action to help all children learn and succeed.

We will join in this united voice for children with children leading us in worship on the 16th. There will be prayer guides the week before to help us prepare our hearts for this call. All are invited to participate. This will be a good time to invite other families or children to visit our congregation. For more information or to find out how you can help, contact Kercida McClain, Kercida@MyLHUMC.org.

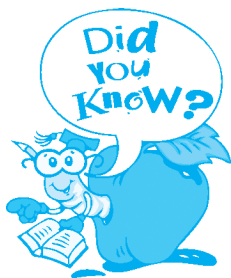
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Calling all book lovers!

by Katie Myers

If you're looking for some good reads and lively discussion, check out these book groups at Laurel Heights!

✓ **Women's Book Group – 2nd Wednesdays** 6 pm to 7 pm in Room 211 (Laurel Room). Open to all women. Childcare is available; call 733-7156 for reservations. Call Katie Myers, 545-0312 for more information.



Here's what's coming up in the Women's Book Group:

- Oct 12: *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender
- Nov. 9: *Run* by Ann Patchett
- Dec. 14: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Jan. 11: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern
- Feb. 8: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles



✓ **Library Book Club – 3rd Wednesdays** 5 pm to 6 pm in the Library. Open to all. Contact Sandra Webb or Janice Davis for details. **Here's what's coming up in the Library Book Club:**

- Oct. 19: *The Apothecary's Daughter* by Julie Klassen
- Nov. 16: *In the President's Secret Service* by Ronald Kessler
- Dec. 21: TBD
- Jan. 18: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese
- Feb. 15: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

MOPS MOMS RULE



by Katie Myers

Are you the mother of a child of kindergarten age or younger? Are you expecting a baby? If either applies to you, then you are the mother (or mother-to-be) of a preschooler!

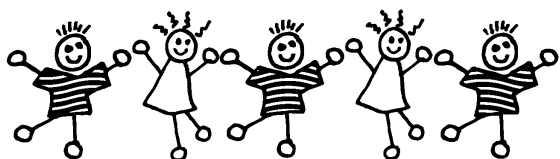
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is a group of moms like you who come together to find community – to share the daily ups and downs of motherhood and to grow into better and stronger moms.

MOPS meets once a month (2nd Saturdays) at Laurel Heights with free childcare at every meeting. We also have other activities, such as playdates, a monthly book group, and an occasional mom's night out. We'd love for you to join us.

At our next meeting on Saturday, Oct. 8 we will participate in a service project at the San Antonio Food Bank. We will meet at the church at 9 am and then ride over together. Closed-toe shoes are best as we will be working in the warehouse. We will return to the church by noon so you can pick up your child.

Our November meeting will give each of us a chance to exercise our creative side at our Holiday Craft Extravaganza. Then, in December, guest speaker Kercida McClain will discuss celebrating Advent as a family.

Contact Katie Myers for details, 545-0312. Or, visit us at <http://www.mylhmc.org/programs/mopsprogram.html> for more information about all our activities.



Stewardship Campaign kicks off October 23

Mark your calendar for the Stewardship Luncheon following the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, Oct. 23.

FAMILY FUN AT OCTOBERFEST, OCTOBER 28TH

Everyone is welcome at Octoberfest, the Weekday School's largest fundraiser and family event. Families with young children especially love the costumes and games, but everyone enjoys the great food, fellowship and fun. Plus, the silent auction always includes an array of great items donated by families and friends of the Weekday School. The fun begins at 5:30 in the dining room and gym on Friday, Oct. 28. Call the



Weekday School office for more details at 732-6979.



Dear Jim & LHUMC Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the generous scholarship you've awarded me that allows me to more easily afford my seminary education. This new school year just started, my appointment as a local pastor started in June, and both are going well so far.

Again, I thank you all for the emotional and financial support you are providing me during my candidacy process and I will continue to keep you posted on my academic progress.

In Christ,
Joe Tognetti

Church Photo Directory



Picture Taking Dates

Oct. 20-22 & Nov. 1-3

Hurry! Time slots are filling fast! Sign up in the foyer Sunday morning before and after services or during supper on Wednesday evening.



Book Review on October 10

The next Super Adult Book Review will be held on Monday, Oct. 10. At 10:30 am in Scott Chapel Susan Holloway will review *Silver Girl* by Elin Hilderbrand. Meredith Martin Delinn has enjoyed a perfect life full of riches and perks. Then the whole world discovers that her perfect husband with an uncanny ability to predict activity on Wall Street is nothing more than a very clever thief. Overnight she loses everything: her fortune, her houses, her expensive car, and her designer wardrobe. Further, the very real possibility exists that she and her oldest son may join her husband in prison. She takes refuge at Connie's Place on Nantucket Island with the only friend still speaking to her, Constance Flute. How she re-establishes old friendships and rebuilds her life makes for an exciting story.

Coffee and desserts will be available at 10:00 am in the Choir Room. Admission to the Review is by Season Ticket or \$3 at the door. Save money; Season Tickets are still available at \$15 for the remaining eight reviews. A bargain? Yes! Contact the Super Adult office for details, 733-6482.

Disciple Green class forming

The class is still forming for Disciple Green, to be held in the Library 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Sundays, Oct. 23 through May 27, 2012. Pick up an application at one of the Welcome Stations around the church or call the church office. Or, contact Rev. Barb Kurtz, leader.



Gifts to United Methodist Women Mary Blackford Scholarship Fund
In Memory of **PAUL YOUNG**
by Elizabeth Hughes
by Juanita Souder



Active Military
Our new pictorial directory will have a special section for our active military. For details, call Elizabeth Jackson at 733-7156 ext. 12.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS ONLINE

Even if you can't read Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek, it's interesting to note that portions of the 2,000-year-old manuscripts known as the Dead Sea Scrolls found decades ago are now available for viewing online at <http://dss.collections.imj.org.il>.

Treats from Our Trunks

From 5 to 7 Halloween night, members of the congregation attired in child-friendly costumes will give out goodies and treats to children from the church and neighborhood. Bring your little ones to the Belknap parking lot on Monday evening, Oct. 31 for a fun time in a safe, friendly, and traffic-free environment.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Hughes, 735-8525.



CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 *Fellowship Time-*Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones Choir (preschool - 1st Grade) - *105*
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir (2nd-5th Grade) - *313-A*
9:30 Youth Chimes - *Choir Room*
10:00 *Sunday School for all ages
6:00 Faith in Action Dinner - *Gym*
6:30 Disciple 1 - *Library*

Monday, October 10

COLUMBUS DAY

Weekday School Student Holiday / Staff Development Workday
9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
10:30 Super Adult Book Review - *Scott Chapel*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, October 11

7:30 Health Cabinet - *The Foundry*
7:45 Taco Tuesday Devotions (Paul Seeman) - *Alamo Hgts. Jr. High*
8:45 Yoga Class - *312*
9:30 United Methodist Women General Meeting - *Parlor*
10:30 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents)- *313-A*
11:30 Stephen Leaders-*Laurel Rm.*
12:30 MELD Parenting Group -*DR*
5:30 Bexar County Detention Support Groups - *Dining Room*
7:30 Tuesday Musical Club Concert - *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, October 12

7:30 Executive Comm. - *Foundry*
8:45 Church Staff Meeting - *313-B*
10:00 Super Adult Steering Committee - *Parlor*
11:30 Let's Eat Out - *Church Bus*
2:00 *Disciple 1 - *Library*
4:30 Property Committee - *Library*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 SA Youth Parents' Financial Fitness Program - *323*
6:00 Women's Book Group- *Laurel Room*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed)- *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, October 13

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
6:30 Education Committee - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, October 14

9:00 Church Women United Scholarship Fundraising Event - *Gym*
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP by 12 noon today at 733-7156)

Saturday, October 15

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
9:00 Program Council - *312*
10:30 Board of Stewards - *312*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
9:00-11:00 Blood Pressure / Sugar Screenings - *Parlor*
9:30 *Fellowship Time-*Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones Choir (preschool - 1st Grade) - *105*
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir (2nd-5th Grade) - *313-A*
9:30 Youth Chimes Choir (6th-12th Grade) - *Choir Room*
10:00 *Sunday School for all ages
10:00 LHUMC leads worship at Chandler
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*
4:00 Middle School Student Ministries (UMYF) - *319*
5:30 High School Student Ministries (UMYF) - *319*
6:30 Disciple 1 - *Library*

Monday, October 17

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, October 18

7:45 Taco Tuesday Devotions (Paul Seeman) - *Alamo Hgts. Jr. High*
8:45 Yoga Class - *312*
10:30 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents)- *313-A*
12:30 MELD Parenting Group -*DR*
5:30 Finance Committee - *Parlor*
6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, October 19

8:45 Church Staff Meeting- *313-B*
2:00 *Disciple 1 - *Library*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:00 Book Club - *Library*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 SA Youth Parents' Financial Fitness Program - *323*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, October 20

MESSENGER DEADLINE

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
10:30 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents)- *313-A*
2:00-9:40 Olan Mills Photo Sessions (by appt.) - *312*
5:30 Staff Parish Relations Committee - *Laurel Room*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Friday, October 21

2:00-9:40 Olan Mills Photo Sessions (by appt.) - *312*
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP by 12 noon today at 733-7156)

Saturday, October 22

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
9:30-5:30 Olan Mills Photo Sessions (by appt.) - *312*

Go Green with online giving

Electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches. Since the year 2000, the trend toward electronic payments has already produced greater than a 50% decline in check usage, making environmental stewardship an added bonus to giving online.

To learn more, go to www.mylhumc.org/giving.html.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorials

MINDY LANOUX

by
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Campbell

PAUL YOUNG

by
Project Control of Texas, Inc.

by

Mr. & Mrs.
William McCandless

Imagine No Malaria

MINDY LANOUX

by
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Crockett

PAUL YOUNG

by
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Crockett

Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

ANITA RUTH SMITH JARRELL

by
Mr. & Mrs.
Andrew Spillman

MACK UPCHURCH

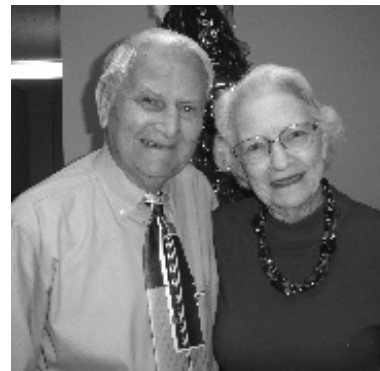
by
Elizabeth Hughes

PAUL YOUNG

by
Gloria Sparkman
by
Mr. & Mrs. John Williams

Mission Statement

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.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, MR. & MRS. SURBER!



OCTOBER

- 9 Richard Dugger
10 Jason Davis; Paul Edeler; Doris Wise Hoffman; Keith Spading
12 Virginia Boone
13 Rachel Castano; Thomas Gamble; Andrea Celeste Hemingway
14 Lee Berry; Norma Lee England; Janice Gary; Bill Surber; Nathan Dominic Virga
15 Jonathan Barr; Chris Hayes; Rodney Smith
16 Gloria Sparkman
17 Ricky Bailey; Elisse De La Vega; Jessica Jauer; Steve Marrone; Jo Mascorro; Maggie Perez; Garrett Townzen
19 Chad Ferguson; Kevin McVea
20 Scotty Barrows; Caren Christiansen; Mary Epstein; Brent Ostos; Alexandra Lauren Marie Phillips; Susan Schneider; Helen York
21 Arthur Emerson; Andrew Gannon
22 Edward Adams; Laura Beuhler

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Stephen Ministry

REV. & MRS. JON LOWRY

by
Mr. & Mrs. John Evans

UMCOR -

Texas Wildfires Merle Thornton's 90th

Birthday
by
Aleene Block
by
Dinah Tanner



Healing: Fred Vaca; Patti Vaughan; Lucille Warren; Vane Hugo; Sheila Sims; Meagan Lemon; Roxane Darnell; Annalynn Jackson.

Those Who Mourn: Billie Arredondo in loss of half-brother Jay Day Dalton.

God's Presence: Charles Schneider; Charles Davis; Henrietta Hopper; Bill & Jane Magavern; our shut-ins and those in the military.



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Youth Director
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Director of Music
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