



October Ninth



The letter of James asks us, “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?” (2:14 NRSV). The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, saw a strong connection between the way we live our daily lives and our faith. “Faith in Action” is a program produced by Zondervan Publishing. Since the program was first introduced to Laurel Heights, it has grown beyond being a program we “do” into an expression of our faith. Several people have shared in the joy of missions as a result of this program and now continue to find ways to express their faith in service locally and far away. “If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?” (2:15-16).

This is our third year of setting aside a Sunday to remind ourselves and show our community that we do indeed see our faith expressed through action. This is not the only day, but just one day, when we are intentional about being a public witness. This year we continue to move beyond participants in a program that can be purchased, to being “doers of the word and not merely hearers” (1:22a) as described in James.

Many of you have experienced the joy of service and I invite you to share your experience with others. If you have found that missions, service, outreach, witnessing or other expressions of the work of God brings joy to your life, please volunteer to lead a group in service on or near October 9, 2011. Find one or two friends you enjoy working with and decide on a task that you feel is an expression of your faith through action. Then find twice as many people as you think it might take to accomplish the task and ask those people to help you. Look for people you do not know well or have not worked closely with recently and begin to share with them your love of mission. Your close friends probably already know. Let your faith lead you to a project and date. Bryan Woods or Sue Hall will be glad to help you with ideas. The goal is “faith expressing” not “task accomplishing”.

The 8:30 service this day will be a commissioning service sending teams out in the spirit shared in “The Letter of James”. The 11:00 service will be led by those who do not regularly lead worship. If you typically volunteer at a nursing home, you might be led to sing in the choir as your active expression of faith that day. If you sometimes mow your neighbor’s yard or work in their flower beds then you might agree to serve as an usher or acolyte for this service. If you regularly serve as part of worship, I invite you to do something new. Planning, and the anticipation that comes from planning, can be a large part of any spiritual expression. Please share your plans with Sue, Bryan or me so we can begin to pray for your ministry and offer any assistance you might desire.

There will also be several opportunities for study in preparation for this faith expression. Everyone can serve. Everyone can participate. Everyone can witness. We will close the day with a community meal in the gym. I hope you will meet many new people within and outside the church community through your chosen faith expression. Invite them back to join in the meal. Bring your stories, your love of God, and love of neighbor. “But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing” (1:25).

See you Sunday,

Jim

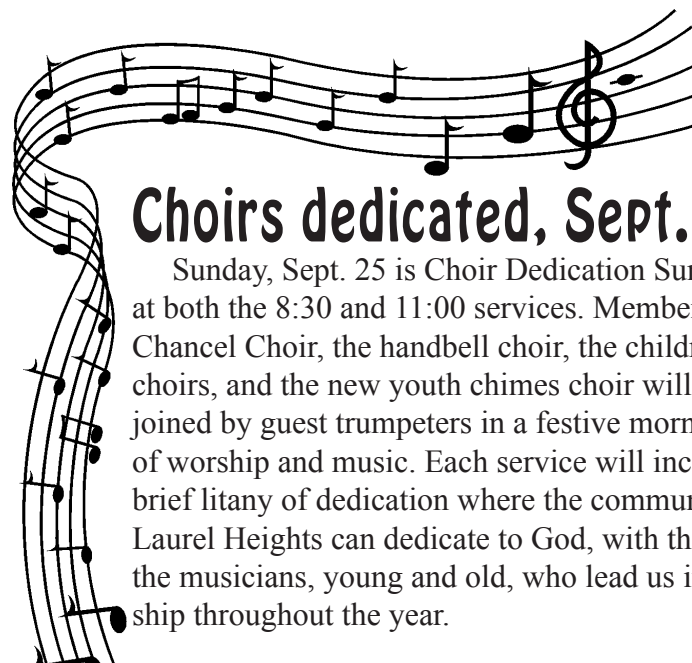
Organ Recital, Sept. 25

On Sunday, Sept. 25 at 4:00 pm, Music Director Geoffrey Waite will be at the organ in a recital that will include music of Lubeck, Bach, Near, Langlais, and Vierne. This will be the first recital played on our Redman pipe organ since its major electrification project of a year ago this November. The program, which will be a little more than an hour in length, will include a brief time of thanks and acknowledgment for the generosity which made this possible. Admission is free and open to all. Spread the word. Bring a friend!



New members potluck luncheon, October 2

Please join us immediately following the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, Oct. 2 as we welcome our newest members to Laurel Heights! The Evangelism Committee is hosting the event in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and your most famous potluck ready-to-serve dish.



Choirs dedicated, Sept. 25

Sunday, Sept. 25 is Choir Dedication Sunday at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Members of Chancel Choir, the handbell choir, the children’s choirs, and the new youth chimes choir will be joined by guest trumpeters in a festive morning of worship and music. Each service will include a brief litany of dedication where the community of Laurel Heights can dedicate to God, with thanks, the musicians, young and old, who lead us in worship throughout the year.

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

October Mission: Kairos Prison Ministry

by Susie G. Goodson

The Kairos Prison Ministry is an international, ecumenical ministry, whose goal is to develop and nurture a community of love inside prison walls. The ministry is very effective, primarily because we keep going back! Each unit involved in Kairos holds a three-day event, similar to the Emmaus Walk twice a year, one- or two-day retreats twice a year, a reunion meeting once a month, and weekly prayer and share meetings. The volunteers on all but the three-day event and one- or two-day retreats are present merely to support the residents in their spiritual and community development. They can't meet unless we are there.

The Kairos Inside program currently operates in 350 prisons in 31 states in the U. S. and eight other countries: United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru and Canada. Since its inception, more than 170,000 incarcerated men and women have been introduced to Kairos. The current number of volunteers exceeds 20,000 per year.

During a Kairos 3-day event, at an average-sized unit, more than 5,000 dozen cookies are distributed, with a dozen for each resident of the unit, representing God's love for these individuals. One dozen of "forgiveness" cookies is specifically given to each participant to give to someone that individual needs to forgive or ask for forgiveness. The enormous number of cookies represents how vast God's love is.

While team members are inside conducting the weekend, giving talks, sharing at tables, facilitating poster-making, singing and worshipping God, there are team members outside preparing home-cooked meals to take in for residents and guests, providing agape posters and letters, organizing supplies and snacks, and spending time in prayer to support the inside team.

Your Sunday and Wednesday communion rail offerings and Wednesday night table offerings go to support this October Mission of the Month. You can also help support Kairos by signing up for the 72-hour prayer vigil (a prayer chain is made of slips of paper with the name of the person prayer for that half-hour, which is then festooned around the conference room as tangible evidence of the community supporting the resident's Christian journey. You can also donate funds – buying snack/meal coupons, or providing other financial support, such as HEB gift cards. For checks, please indicate "Kairos Prison Ministry" in the memo line on your check. You could provide tuition for a resident in increments of \$125. You can help us bake Kairos cookies at the church on Faith in Action Sunday on Oct. 9.

In that way, when the sheep are separated from the goats, and the wheat from the chaff, our Lord will say to you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant! When I was in prison, you visited me!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 18 Olan Mills picture taking sign-ups begin
- 20 "Ministry to the Dying and Their Families" by Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed, 6:15 pm in Room 312
- 25 Choirs Dedication, 8:30 am and 11 am
- 25 Organ Recital with Geoffrey Waite, 4 pm
- 29 Flu & Pneumonia Shots, 9-12 in the Dining Room

OCTOBER

- 2 New Members Covered Dish Lunch, 12:15 pm
- 4 Neighborhood Night Out, 5 pm to 8 pm
- 9 Faith in Action Sunday, 8:30 am & 11 am services

Disciple Bible classes start



Disciple 1 Bible Study began Sept. 11 and continues 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Sundays through May 13, 2012. If you would like to attend, contact Rev. McClain or Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156.

Classes are still forming for Disciple Green which begins in October. This class will be on Sunday afternoons for 34 weeks. Pick up an application at one of the Welcome Stations around the church or call the church office.



Allison and Abby Allison who were baptized at another United Methodist Church.

Welcome to **Bennett and Monica Allison** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on September 4 by letter of transfer from another United Methodist Church. Joining with them that Sunday were their daughters, Katie

OCTOBER 4 IS NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

Join us in the Woodlawn parking lot from 5 pm to 8 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 4 as we celebrate National Neighborhood Night Out. We will have hot dogs, ice cream, a cake walk, lots of fun, games for children, and the opportunity to connect with our neighbors. Other churches in the neighborhood will be participating too, so it's going to be a great party! This event is geared to strengthen our friendships and communities. For more information, contact Bonnie Scott, 544-7646.

October Concerts at LHUMC

**Saturday, Oct. 8
7 PM**

Youth Orchestra of San Antonio presents "England's Green and Pleasant Land". This is a chamber orchestra of YOSA Philharmonic students who look forward to their London 2012 tour by playing English music side-by-side with their mentors from Camerata San Antonio and the San Antonio Symphony in the first Gold Series concert of the season. Student tickets are \$3; regular tickets are \$12. Visit <http://www.yosa.org> for details.

**Tuesday, Oct. 11
7:30 PM**

Tuesday Musical Club presents Quarteto Vivace Brasil on guitar, percussion and flute. Tickets are \$20. Visit <http://www.satmc.org/art-ist-series> for more details.

Active Military

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

Leave your checkbook at home.

**Laurel Heights
United Methodist Church**
accepts

Electronic Giving

- EFT (Checking/Savings)
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A Simple, Generous Choice. Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Contact the church office, 733-7156, to learn how you can participate.

Ministry to the dying

September 20, Tuesday, is the day; 6:15 pm is the time; room 312 is the place. Come and share in Stephen Ministry Continuing Education. Robin Hiatt-Reed will be there to talk with us about Ministry to the Dying and their Families. Find out how you can best serve families in this circumstance. For more information, talk to Ellen Evans or Colleen Bailey. Visitors are always welcome to Stephen Ministry at Laurel Heights CE events.

CENTRAL TEXAS WILDFIRES

Bishop Dorff responds to the wildfires: "The central Texas fires have been devastating to several of our communities and church families. The communities of Bastrop, Spicewood, Cedar Creek, and the Steiner housing development in Austin have been particularly devastated. We are deeply grateful for the prayers and other expressions of support. Our churches and pastors are hard at work providing shelter and support for those left homeless. Our God is present in these communities and renewal will occur."

The fastest and easiest way to support the efforts of The United Methodist Church in responding to the devastation is with monetary gifts to UMCOR. They have established an advance titled "Texas Wildfires" advance number 901670. For more information go to <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor>.

General volunteers are needed at Bee Creek United Methodist Church, one of the official assistance centers for fire evacuees at Spicewood. Jobs include taking evacuees shopping, record entries, etcetera. If you can go, the church is at 3000 Bee Creek Rd in Spicewood. (512-264-2225) Call ahead if you wish, or just show up.

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:00 Blood Pressure/Sugar Checks - *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 Room*
10:00 *Sunday School for all ages
10:00 LHUMC leads worship @ Chandler Center
12:00 Acolyte Training & Pizza - *Dining Room*
12:00 Drama Council - *313-B*
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*
6:00 Stockholders Dinner - *DR*

Monday, September 19

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *Dining Room*
9:00 Clergy Group - *322*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
5:00 Trustees - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, September 20

7:45 Taco Tuesday Devotions (Paul Seeman) - *Alamo Hgts. Jr. High*
8:45 Yoga Class - *312*
9:00 Clergy Group - *322*
12:30 MELD Parenting Group -*DR*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Tue.-Fri.) - *Gym*
3:30 Positive Parenting Promotions - *313-A*
5:30 Finance - *Parlor*
6:15 Stephen Ministry with Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed - *312*

Wednesday, September 21

8:45 Church Staff Meeting - *313-B*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:00 Book Club - *Library*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, September 22

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
10:30 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents) - *313-A*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, September 23

8:00 Super Adults Dance Hall Tour - *Regent Bus*
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP by 12 noon today at 733-7156)

Saturday, September 24

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

CHOIR DEDICATION SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship Service - *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 (6th-12th Grade) - *Choir Room*

10:00 *Sunday School for all ages

4:00 Organ Recital with Geoffrey Waite - *Sanctuary*

6:30 Disciple 1 - *Library*

6:30 Emmaus - *Scott Chapel*

Monday, September 26

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*

9:00 Clergy Group (Mon.-Thu.) - *322*

3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Thu.) - *Gym*

5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC Advisory Council - *Laurel Room*

6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, September 27

7:45 Taco Tuesday Devotions (Paul Seeman) - *Alamo Hgts. Jr. High*

8:45 Yoga Class - *312*

12:30 MELD Parenting Group -*DR*
5:30 Bexar County Detention Support Groups - *Dining Room*

Wednesday, September 28

8:45 Church Staff Meeting- *313-B*

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*

5:30 *Supper - *Gym*

6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*

6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Jim Carr) - *Scott Chapel*

7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, September 29

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church

9:00-12:00 Flu Shots - *Parlor*

9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*

10:30 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents)- *313-A*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

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Tuesday, October 4

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*
5:00-8:00 Neighborhood Night Out - *Parking Lot*

6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, October 5

8:45 Church Staff Meeting- *313-B*

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*

5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*

6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*

6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*

7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, October 6

8:35 Parents & Pastries - *Parlor*

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church

6:00 Church under the Bridge - *Leave from Woodlawn Lot*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

Friday, October 7

6:00 Youth Orchestra of San Antonio Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*

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19 Landon Samuel Brandvik; Evelyn Galbreath
20 Willa Jo Beuhler; Lucy Celaya; Lori Ann Ramirez; Lucille Hernandez
21 Stan Bartel; Beth Hughbanks Furber; Evelyn Langston; Lillian Wells
22 Ted Bailey; Jennifer Brooks
23 Emily Jones
24 Sammie Sollock
25 James Aderhold, Jr.; Marjorie Hugo; Lenella Meister; Oralee Meyer; Ruth Woods
26 Jerry Hodges; Carrie Holloway
27 Billie Arredondo; Susie Grubbs Goodson; Shannon Jones; Bonnie Surber
28 Gracie Huron; Lauren Holland Kramer; Karen Michaelson
29 Sam Grant; Adolph Grier; Jerry Howell; Dyego Madrigal; Paul Mitchell Oleson
30 Carmen Hughes; Murray Pratt

OCTOBER

1 James Anderson, Jr.
2 Charlie Beuhler; Mary Verette
3 Cristen Brandvik
5 Phoebe Hardy; Margaret Parsons
6 Beth Vacek
7 Valli Seilheimer
8 Paul Billingsley; Herb Carver; Lois O'Brien



Healing: Annalynn Jackson; Vane Hugo; Patti Vaughan; Clare Laminack; Fred Vaca; Ed Pendleton; Roxane Darnell; Doug Semmes; Sheila Sims; Meagan Lemon; Geraldine Douglas.

Those Who Mourn: Families of Mindy Lanoux, Dorothy Budd and Verna Lacy.

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



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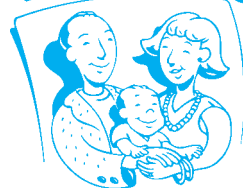
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Church Photo Directory



Picture Taking Dates for
New Pictorial Directory

Oct. 20-22

& Nov. 1-3

Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex and foyer before and after services on Sunday, Sept. 18 and during supper on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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.



**Thursday,
Sept. 29**

**9 AM - 12 Noon
LHUMC Dining Room**