



## Truth and Reformation



September 11, 2011 marks the tenth anniversary of the tragic events that reshaped the world as we know it. These events and the events that followed have touched the lives of people all over the world. And while we cannot control the events that touch our lives, we have great control over how we respond to those events and allow them to reform the lives we live. On this day we will honor “First Responders” of all nations and offer prayers of thanksgiving for their commitment to shape their lives in a way that allows them to respond unconditionally.

During the ordination service this year, Bishop Dorff spoke about the restoration and reformation of the church. Many of us would prefer to work to restore things to the way we remember them. We imagine a time in the past and choose to see our current situation in ways that remind us of those remembered days. In his address, Bishop Dorff asked if the bones of Ezekiel 37 were restored into the people of Israel or were they reformed? “Were they really the same as they were before or were they different? ... in the Church, do we pray for restoration in our churches, listen to me now, do we pray for restoration in our churches, or do we pray for reformation? ... I pray to God the reformation process never stops.”

People all over the world have been reformed by the events of September 11, 2001, some willingly and others reluctantly. Some have chosen to grow as a positive response to what they understand God has called them to do while others have chosen to ignore God’s influence and let the circumstances or the opinions of others shape their lives.

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, we will be joined in worship by Geri Gregory, a friend of mine from Temple Beth-El, a reformed Jewish congregation and Imam O. Adib Shakir, resident Imam at Masjid Bilal Ibn Ra’bah. Each has been invited to read the message of Israel’s deliverance from bondage in Egypt that we find in Exodus 14:19-31. I have invited them to read from their Holy text and then translate the text from its original language for us and then reflect how the text has influenced the formation of their faith. The three faiths descending from the faith of Abraham: Christianity, Judaism and Islam, are expressed very differently. I don’t know if they will ever come together in complete agreement; I leave that to God. I do know our Christian faith allows us to worship side by side. I encourage each of you to come and invite your friends of all faiths. We have a wonderful opportunity to learn something about our neighbors and let God use the events of our lives. God continues the formation process begun long ago. God continues forming us into the Church God has called us to be.

See you Sunday,

*Jim*

## Sign up for pictures

A photographer from Olan Mills will be at the church **Oct. 20-22** and **Nov. 1-3** to take pictures for our new pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken at the church and proofs previewed and selected during your scheduled appointment. Times during the week are 2 pm to 9:20 pm and on Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:10 pm.



In addition to photographs of church members and their families, we are opening this directory to families of staff and children in the Weekday School as well as those in the Laurel Heights youth center.

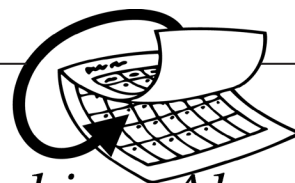
We anticipate time slots will fill quickly, so be sure to sign up early if there’s a day and time you need.

Signup sheets will be available in the narthex and foyer before and after morning services on Sept. 18 and 25 and again on Oct. 2 and 9, as well as in the dining room on Wednesday evening Sept. 21 and 28 and Oct. 5 and 12.

There is no sitting fee or cost to you to have this year’s Olan Mills photograph included in the directory. So please make plans to participate.

### Active Military

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



### Looking Ahead

#### SEPTEMBER

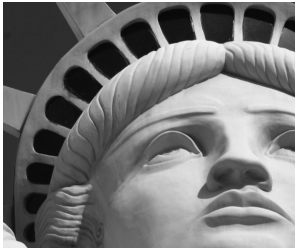
5 Labor Day Holiday  
11 Children’s Church resumes

15 Weekday School Open House, 5:45 pm  
25 Choirs Dedication, 8:30 am and 11 am  
Organ Recital with Geoffrey Waite, 4 pm

#### OCTOBER

2 New Members Covered Dish Lunch, 12:15 pm  
4 Neighborhood Night Out  
9 Faith in Action Sunday  
16 Children’s Sabbath & Churchwide Picnic  
20-22 Olan Mills photographer at LHUMC  
28 Weekday School Octoberfest, 5:30 pm

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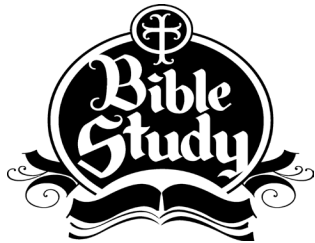


## Thanksgiving in New York

The Super Adults are planning a trip to New York City, Nov. 22-25. Want to go? You don't have to be a Super Adult to go on this *Super* trip!

Join the fun as we spend three nights at a hotel in New York City that's on the Macy's Parade route. (Imagine watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade from the comfort of your hotel room, or you can watch from below of course.) We'll also attend a Broadway play and the musical, "The Rockettes' Magical Journey," at Radio City in the center of New York City. This year's Christmas Spectacular features the world-famous Rockettes, dazzling special effects, new Rockette numbers and beloved favorites.

We'll have dinner at DelMonico's one evening and at 21 Club on another evening. For Thanksgiving lunch we'll be at the Old Bermuda Inn on Staten Island. We'll also have lunch at the famous Round Table at the Algonquin Hotel. And what trip to New York City would be complete without a tour of the Big Apple. The city's premier tour guide, Jane Marx, will be our host. Her zest for life and enthusiasm for New York City will leave you wanting more. Get the details by calling 733-6482 or 342-6912.



## How do you interpret the Bible?

The San Antonio District Program Office is offering a 20-session survey course in Biblical interpretation at the United Methodist Center, 16400 Huebner Road on Tuesday evenings beginning in September, 2011. Interpretation of the Bible is offered free of charge and is open to all laity of the San Antonio District United Methodist Church. Required texts for the course are: 1) a good study Bible of your choice and *An Introduction to the Bible* (Rev. Ed.), Clyde E. Fant, 2001.

The purpose of this course is to help participants develop a personal process for approaching scripture that will enable them to live out their faith with greater understanding. For the schedule, other information, and to register online, visit our news page at <http://www.myllumc.org/readingroom/newsevents.html>. Or, contact Terry McCandless, Director of Leadership Development by calling 408-4533 or by email at [tmmccand@umcswtx.org](mailto:tmmccand@umcswtx.org).

## Disciple classes now forming



Disciple assumes that the Bible is the key to renewal in the church. It recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: People

like us wrote texts of scripture in their cultural settings, under the divine inspiration of God. Using a thematic approach to the Bible, Disciple gives equal time to the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God.

Class participants use the Disciple study manual to learn a disciplined approach to studying scripture at home by doing daily Bible readings, reading the commentaries and reflecting on questions asked. Once a week the group meets to read and discuss the material in order to gain a deeper understanding.

Pick up an application at one of the Welcome Stations around the church. Choose: Disciple 1 (Sundays at 6:30 pm), led by Rev. Jim McClain starting in September or Disciple Green (Sunday afternoons), led by Rev. Barb Kurtz beginning in October. (Completion of Disciple 1 is required before taking Disciple Green.) Each Study is 34 weeks for 2½ hours each week.

## Stop the flu bug before it bites

Flu season is coming! Don't let the bug get you down. Fight back with immunization against flu and pneumonia. Nurses from Maxim Health Systems will be at Laurel Heights UMC on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 9 am to 12 noon to administer flu and pneumonia immunizations.

Maxim can bill Medicare Part B for those who have coverage through Medicare Part B. You MUST, however, bring proper documentation at the time of clinic in order for Maxim to bill Medicare Part B. (Although unknown at the time of this printing, it is likely that "proper documentation" means your Medicare Part B card and a picture ID, like your driver's license.)

For all others receiving immunizations, as well as those without proper documentation, the cost is: Flu immunization \$30 and pneumonia immunization \$65.

The clinic will be held on Super Adult Day, but all are welcome to come to the clinic. Please contact Wesley Nurse Christina, 733-7156, if you have any questions.

## Church Photo Directory



Picture Taking Dates for New Pictorial Directory

Oct. 20-22

Nov. 1-3

## 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.*

## Book Review season resumes

The new Book Review season begins on Monday, Sept. 12, at 10 am with coffee and treats in the choir room. At 10:30 Susan Holloway will review the debut novel by Amor Towles, *Rules of Civility*. Set in the late 1930s in New York, it is the story of 25-year-old Katey Kontent and her rise from a Wall Street secretarial pool to the upper echelons of New York society. Katey relies on her bracing wit and cool nerve to survive. It is also the story of how sometimes our choices inevitably lay the groundwork for our regrets. The novel is a sparkling depiction of New York's social strata and its appealing heroine is a character you will not soon forget.

Celebrate the new season at the luncheon following the Review. Always delicious and delightful, on the menu is salad with strawberries and hearts of palm, intoxicated chicken, couscous, croissant, and plum tart.

Cost for the Book Review is \$3 or purchase a Season Ticket for \$15 which is good for 9 Reviews. Cost for lunch is \$7. Call the Super Adult office, 733-6482, for meal reservations or ticket information.



Thank you, LHUMC, for saving lives and making a difference in the world

# Big Thank You!

through Imagine No Malaria. You answered the call, met the \$1000 matching funds, and made a contribution of \$2000 to Imagine No Malaria. Your financial contributions will save 200 lives by providing 200 bed nets. In addition, you are supporting the INM comprehensive effort to deliver a sustainable solution to the malaria burden in Sub-Saharan Africa. INM represents an unprecedented approach which includes education, prevention, communication and treatment resources in a life-changing ministry. Opportunities to make financial contributions are ongoing through LHUMC online @ [www.ImagineNoMalaria.org](http://www.ImagineNoMalaria.org). From your cell phone, you can text MALARIA to 27722 to give \$10.

I give thanks to God for each of you who participated in this event by your generous gifts of money, time, and talent, and for the witness you are to those whose lives you have touched.

United Methodist Deaconess  
Judy Davis



## SEPTEMBER

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



All Buildings & Offices  
Closed Monday,  
Sept. 5, 2011

## CHURCH CALENDAR

\*Childcare available.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 & 11:00 \*Worship / Holy Communion - *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  
10:00 LHUMC leads worship @ Chandler Center

### Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

### Tuesday, September 6

7:45 Taco Tuesday Devotions (Paul Seeman) - *Alamo Hgts. Jr. High*  
8:45 Yoga Class - 312  
9:30 United Methodist Women Executive Committee - *Parlor*  
12:30 MELD Parenting Group -DR  
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Tue.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
6:15 Stephen Ministry - 313-B

### Wednesday, September 7

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, September 8

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 Education Committee - *Parlor*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

### Friday, September 9

10:00 Church Women United Executive Board - *Parlor*  
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP by 12 noon today at 733-7156)

### Saturday, September 10

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B  
10:00 MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) Gathering - 105

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RESUMES

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 Room*  
10:00 \*Sunday School for all ages  
4:30 United Methodist Women Elizabeth Circle - 313-B

### Monday, September 12

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - 312  
10:00 Super Adults - *Choir Room*  
10:30 Super Adult Book Review - *Scott Chapel*  
11:30 Super Adult Lunch - DR  
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

### Tuesday, September 13

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*  
11:30 Stephen Leaders- *Laurel Rm.*  
12:30 MELD Parenting Group -DR  
5:30 Bexar County Detention Support Groups - *Dining Room*

### Wednesday, September 14

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*  
4:30 Property Committee - *Library*  
4:30 Line Dancing - 312  
5:30 \*Supper - *Dining Room*  
6:00 Women's Book Group - *Laurel Room*  
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*  
6:15 \*Worship / Communion (Rev. Jim Carr) - *Scott Chapel*  
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

### Thursday, September 15

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church  
10:30 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents)- 313-A  
5:30 Library Committee - *Library*  
5:30 Staff Parish Relations Committee - *Laurel Room*  
5:45 Weekday School Open House - *Dining Room*  
7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

### Friday, September 16

7:00 Super Adults to Brownwood - *Depart from Sears Lot*  
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP by 12 noon today at 733-7156)

### Saturday, September 17

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B  
9:00 Program Council - 312  
10:00 Adoption Workshop - 105  
10:30 Board of Stewards - 312

**Leave your checkbook at home.**

**Laurel Heights United Methodist Church** accepts  
**Electronic Giving**

- EFT (Checking/Savings)
- Credit/Debit Card

**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.

## September Mission: Humble School

In 2007 Humble School was inaugurated by Bishop Mike Watson as a ministry of The United Methodist Church to the needy and vulnerable children in East Africa. The school's goal is to offer quality education, medical and spiritual care, food, clothing and shelter to orphaned and vulnerable children.

HUMBLE is an acronym for: Helping Ugandan mwana by loving example. ("Mwana" is Ugandan for "child".) The vision of starting Humble School came when five bishops from various conferences came to Uganda and explored ways of how to help the children. The vision was to establish a model school in a sustainable way to provide for the future of families and children whose lives have been adversely affected by poverty, civil wars, famine, HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Humble School aims to: 1) provide quality education to orphans and needy and vulnerable children; 2) produce citizens who are God-fearing and morally upright; 3) help children attain skills which will make them self reliant in the future; and 4) nurture orphans and vulnerable children.

### GIFTS IN HONORARIA

#### Bell Tower

JAMES & SARA ELIZABETH HOLLOWAY

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Davis

NATHAN & BENJAMIN JOHNSON

by  
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#### Imagine No Malaria

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Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Davis

OUR GRANDSON JOSH

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz



**Thursday, Sept. 29**  
**9 AM - 12 Noon**  
**LHUMC Dining Room**

## Caring for the dying

Stephen Ministers of Laurel Heights UMC invite you to join them as the Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed discusses "Caring for Dying Persons and Their Families". This is a free presentation to be given on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:15 pm in Room 312. Save the date.

### GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

#### Bell Tower

TALITHA MARGARET HOLLOWAY

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Davis

PAUL YOUNG

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

#### General Memorials

PAUL YOUNG

by  
Rev. & Mrs. Bert Clayton

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Gannon

#### Imagine No Malaria

TALITHA MARGARET HOLLOWAY

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Davis

#### Pastor's

Discretionary Fund  
PAUL YOUNG

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Campbell



*Healing:* Annalynn Jackson; Vane Hugo; Fred Vaca; Ed Pendleton; Clare Laminack; Roxane Darnell; Margaret Bich; Mindy Lanoux; Doug Semmes; Sheila Sims; Patti Vaughan; Ruth Nielsen; Geraldine Douglas; Max Healy; Jean Ockenfels.

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



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