



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunday, January 22 we will be commissioning the elected leadership of the congregation as part of both worship services. At noon, the chair of the Board of Stewards, the chair of the Program Council, Lay Leader and I are hosting a fellowship covered dish lunch to celebrate our elected leaders. It promises to be interesting and informative. Everyone is invited. The fellowship and presentations will be a blessing.

One of the identifying attributes of The United Methodist Church is its organization. Unlike some congregations, decision making leadership in The United Methodist Church is elected each year as part of an annual meeting with most positions rotating every three years. Laurel Heights United Methodist Church has great leadership from a wide variety of backgrounds and experience. I invite you to join us for a wonderful “covered dish” lunch and get to know your leaders and each other.

Laurel Heights is a wonderful congregation with members from many different backgrounds, histories and levels of experience. Policy and ministry decisions are not made by a select few who are appointed for life but by members of the congregation who bring new ideas and hopes to the table along with understanding of the heritage and stability of the congregation. Most of the committees focus on specific areas such as ministries in our neighborhood, ministries with each age group or other special interests to insure we continue ministries in these areas. The Board of Stewards and Program Council help coordinate the ministries, identify the overall vision of the congregation and insure continuity. Behind these are support committees dealing with the finances, building and staffing of the church. These insure we have sufficient resources available to complete the work to which God has called us.

In addition to elected committees, we have many work areas and ministries filled with people who also want to make a difference. These are groups of people who may meet weekly or as needed to be the “hands and feet” of Christ. Some may also serve in an elected position while others appreciate the hands-on or tangible ministry without the burden of making decisions or policy.

I hope all of you can come and be a part of this fellowship time, meet these wonderful people and enjoy an old-fashioned “covered dish” luncheon. You may have a favorite dish that is a long-standing tradition in your family or you may want to start your own new tradition. Likewise, you may stop by your favorite deli on the way to worship or team with another person to pick up your “dish” from a favorite restaurant. And it is always appropriate to join the fellowship and meal and bring what you can next time if you just can’t get it done this time. All are welcome.

As we continue to grow, fill staff positions, form committees, do ministry and welcome new members, I know you will continue to be as supportive as if you were welcoming Christ himself.

See you Sunday,

Jim

Health checks for the New Year



Super Adults (and anyone else who is interested) will have two great opportunities for starting the year healthy at Super Adult Day on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Wesley Nurse Christina Galvan will be on hand in the dining room from 8:30 am to 11:30 am doing blood pressure and blood sugar checks. It’s free and just takes a few minutes.

Got meds? From 9:00 am to 11:00 am Dr. Clinton Wright, Doctor of Pharmacology, will be in the parlor to answer your questions about medications you are taking. Be sure to bring **ALL** of your medicines, even those over-the-counter ones. Dr. Wright can respond to concerns you may have about your medications and offer suggestions if he sees that some medications might be in conflict. Some non-prescription medications can interfere with prescription medicines. Sometimes it’s just a matter of allowing adequate time between taking both types of medications.

Bring your outdated medicines too and we can dispose of them properly.

**OPEN
TO ALL**

Leadership Luncheon

**Sunday, Jan. 22
12 PM in Dining Room**

FOR LEADERS

- Orientation
- Training
- Visioning

FOR MEMBERS

Get acquainted with our elected church leaders and what they do for you

Bring your favorite ready-to-serve covered dish

RSVP for the meal and childcare by calling the Church Receptionist

733-7156

Laity Celebration date change

The annual Laity Celebration date has changed to **Saturday, Feb. 25**, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Road.

Information regarding the Celebration has been sent to your Lay Leader. Reservations are to be made through your lay leader. This will be a time when we intend to celebrate ministries, activities and outreach in each church. It will be a time of fun, food and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

JULY 9-13, 2012

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CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION, FEBRUARY 5

An orientation, lunch and a time of getting acquainted will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Feb. 5 in the dining room for confirmands, their parents and Friends in the Faith.

Confirmation class begins Feb. 12, during Sunday School. Topics range from how to study the Bible to what it means to help others. In order to give youth a strong relationship with the pastor, Rev. Jim McClain will be the primary teacher. There will also be activities outside the Sunday School class. We will have a Confirmation retreat as well as several field trips.

Each confirmand will have an adult Friend in the Faith who walks through the process with them and meets with them regularly to do Bible study and listen. Anyone sixth grade and above is invited to participate in Confirmation.

Let the church office know if you or someone you know is interested in participating.

Feeding the homeless

Food is the fuel that keeps our bodies warm, gives us energy, and helps us think better and do more. If you've ever missed a meal, perhaps simply due to a busy schedule, you know what a lift a few bites of food can bring.

In winter, spring and summer, once a month, volunteers donate food for the homeless; sandwiches, fruit and individually wrapped cookies are always appreciated.

On the first Thursday of each month, volunteers meet at the church to help prepare the food and then take it as a group to feed the homeless at Church under the Bridge in downtown San Antonio. Our next visit is February 2. All are welcome to participate, by bringing food, by helping serve the food, or both. We will leave from the Woodlawn parking lot at 6 pm. Contact Julie Mazel or Diane Boehme if you have questions.

What's in a name?



We're changing our name, but our purpose and style remain the same. The Super Adults

of Laurel Heights UMC is committed to providing a quality, low-impact exercise program, especially suited for our senior adults. However, due to recent changes within the Body Recall national organization, we are no longer offering Body Recall; we're *Moving On*. The same nationally certified instructors who have taught Body Recall will continue to teach, but under a new name: *Moving On*. The time and place are the same (9 am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when in session, in room 312). To enroll or for more information, contact Aleene Block or the church office, 733-7156.

Look who's 38

The Super Adults are celebrating their 38th birthday on Super Adult Day, Thursday, Jan. 26. This is a celebration of the Super Adult program, which started in early 1975 with a suggestion by Henry Holloway to provide an activity for the older adults in the church and community.

Lunch is \$6 for Super Adult members or \$7 for guests. On the menu is baked ham, spiced pineapple, butter beans, biscuits and honey and, of course, Super Adult Birthday Cake. RSVP to 733-6482.

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.

A NOTE OF



Dec. 18, 2011
On behalf of Delmar Bolick, I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness. I'm so grateful that so many members are praying for him.

Delmar is 95 years old and his Alzheimer is slowly getting worse and at the same time for his age he is doing very well. Sometimes he doesn't grasp many actions. I try to explain with the hope he will understand.

Please express my appreciation to your lovely Congregation. May the Christ Child bring you and yours many blessings. I also thank God for my blessings.

Thank you much again and again,
Gloria C. Bolick

4 January 2012

Dear LHUMC family,

A NOTE OF



It's been a rich, wonderful Advent and Christmastide together. Thank you, congregation of Laurel Heights, for the many gifts I have received this season: tasty home cooked goodies, a generous spirit, powerful singing, rich worship, and tender hearts. God bless you all this New Year!

Geoffrey Waite

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorial FORREST HOWARD

by
Mr. & Mrs.
Andrew Spillman

CHARLES SCHNEIDER

by
Mr. & Mrs.
Andrew Spillman

HATTIE TUCKER

by
Armand & Karen Antony

Music Fund

CHARLES SCHNEIDER, JR. & JO ANN SCHNEIDER

by
Mr. & Mrs.
William Beuhler, Jr.

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.

Tuesday Music Concert, Jan. 31

The Tuesday Musical Club of San Antonio brings violinist Augustin Hadelich to Laurel Heights United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 at the door; students are admitted free with student ID. For details, visit www.mylhunc.org/events/musicevents.html.



Altar Flower donors

Altar flower donors have the unique opportunity of beautifying the sanctuary while honoring or remembering someone special. A few 2012 Sundays before Lent begins are still available.

To check availability, contact Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 ext. 12.

CELEBRATE 2012!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012
12 NOON IN THE GYM

COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR

ENTERTAINMENT

- * Costumed strolling musicians
- * Singers
- * Jugglers
- * Storyteller

Special activities for the children

A nursery will be provided for the very young

- **Childcare reservations required** -

MENU

Roast beef, hearty vegetables, salad, bread, dessert and drink

It's a celebration you won't want to miss

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$8 per adult; \$4 per child

Make your meal and childcare reservations by calling

733-7156

Sponsored by the Drama Council



JANUARY

22 James Moffett; Ron Rardin; Doug Semmes; Yvonne Stehle

23 William Dugger

24 Beeper Smith; Dawn Socwell; Bethany Williams

25 Melinda Hartson

26 Laura Healy

27 Janice Clayton; Tom Grossett

28 Dennis Tilson; William Tilson; May O'Neal

29 Ilda Gennero

31 Omar Medina; Elizabeth Zufall

FEBRUARY

1 Kim Barron; Jane

Magavern; Glenn B. Quick

3 Andrew Edeler; Murphy Grossett; Dale Stehle

4 Laura Flume; Chris Hecox; Susan Holloway; John McKay

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship / Leadership Commissioning - *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 Room*
 9:45 Sunday School Counters / Feast Providers Meeting - *Parlor*
 10:00 *Sunday School for all ages
 12:00 *Covered Dish Lunch / Leadership Orientation and Training - *Dining Room*
 4:00 Middle School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 5:30 High School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 6:30 Emmaus - *Scott Chapel*
 6:30 Disciple 1 - *Library*

Monday, January 23

8:00-5:00 SA Youth -*Gym*
 9:00 "Moving On" (M-W-F) - 312
 9:00-4:00 Clergy Group (Mon.-Fri.) - 322
 5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC
 Advisory Council - *Laurel Room*
 6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, January 24

8:45 Yoga Class - 312
 10:30 Positive Parenting Class- 319
 10:45 San Antonio Tobacco Prevention Coalition - 312
 1:00 Positive Parenting Class- 319
 3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Tue.-Thu.) - *Gym*

Wednesday, January 25

8:30-10:00 Weekday School 2012-2013 Registration - *Choir Room*
 8:45 Church Staff Meeting - 313-B
 2:00 *Disciple 1 - *Library*
 4:30 Line Dancing - 312
 5:30 *Supper - *Gym*
 6:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC Parents' Meeting - 305
 6:15 *Worship (Rev. Jim Carr) - *Scott Chapel*
 6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
 7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, January 26

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
 9:00-10:00 Blood Pressure / Sugar Screenings - *Dining Room*
 9:00-11:00 Doctor of Pharmacology (bring your meds - ask the doctor) - *Parlor*
 9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*
 5:00-8:30 Neighborhood Resource Center Volunteer Workshop - 312
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Friday, January 27

6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP by 12 noon @ 733-7156)

Saturday, January 28

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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
 10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship at Chandler
 12:00 *Congregational Lunch sponsor by Drama Council-*Gym*
 4:00 Middle School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 5:30 High School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 6:30 Disciple 1 - *Library*

Monday, January 30

9:00 "Moving On" (M-W-F) - 312
 9:00-4:00 Clergy Group (Mon.-Tue.) - 322
 3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
 6:30 Community Faith & Schools Dinner - *Parlor*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, January 31

8:45 Yoga Class - 312
 2:00 Tuesday Musical Club Concert (Augustin Hadelich, violin) - *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, February 1

8:45 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B
 2:00 *Disciple 1 - *Library*
 4:30 Line Dancing - 312
 5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
 6:15 *Worship (Rev. Barb Kurtz) - *Scott Chapel*
 6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
 7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, February 2

WEEKDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
 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
 7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Friday, February 3

WEEKDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday, February 4

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

5,000 Years of Chinese Art, Feb. 9

The San Antonio Museum of Art is featuring an exhibit of **5,000 Years of Chinese Art**, which includes 45 outstanding jade works of art, most never seen outside Taiwan, 24 jades from the Arthur Sackler Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution, and others. The cost is \$8; add \$3 for transportation on the church bus or meet us at SAMA at 10 am on Feb. 9. The bus departs the Woodlawn lot at 9:45.

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE: FEBRUARY MISSION OF MONTH

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) maintains a corps of trained disaster response specialists for quick reinforcement of local efforts, and it keeps a supply of relief materials in warehouses for dispatch when and where required. UMCOR-trained disaster response coordinators are part of each annual conference and are ready to respond locally when a disaster occurs. Annual conferences are regional organizations that represent the United Methodist churches in that area. There are nearly 70 annual conferences in the United States. When a disaster occurs, UMCOR staff are in contact with disaster response coordinators offering, advice, support, financial assistance, and a personal presence as needed. Your communion rail and Wednesday night table offerings in February help support this ministry.

Finance Committee News 2011 End-of-Year Report As of 12/31/2011

General Budget:	2011 Budget	2011 Actual
Receipts:	\$ 827,011.57	\$820,879.20
Expenses:		
Evangelism	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 77.20
Communication	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,618.67
Library/Media	\$ 3,043.00	\$ 1,322.38
Worship	\$ 1,461.00	\$ 1,840.34
Neighborhood Min	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 107.65
Music	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,110.00
Christian Education	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,653.84
Children's Ministry	\$ 900.00	\$ 620.11
Child Care Ministry	\$ 500.00	\$ 229.48
Youth Ministry	\$ 2,322.00	\$ 1,526.70
Membership Care	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 2,176.91
Missions	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Apportionments	\$ 75,968.00	\$ 75,968.00
Administration	\$ 36,316.00	\$ 24,685.14
Operations	\$ 181,440.00	\$177,200.73
Personnel	\$ 537,026.30	\$512,000.56
Total Expenses:	\$ 863,126.30	\$816,387.71
2011 Budget Surplus:		\$ 4,491.49

2011 DESIGNATED MISSION GIFTS	
Border Ministries	\$ 37,118.98
CAM	\$ 680.05
Clinica Betania - Reynosa	\$ 181.13
Conference Disaster Fund	\$ 1,737.00
CWS-CROP	\$ 578.00
Human Relations Day	\$ 269.00
Humble UMC School - Uganda	\$ 241.00
Imagine No Malaria	\$ 4,029.04
International Disaster	\$ 111.00
Kairos of Texas	\$ 221.95
Native American Children's Fund	\$ 40.90
Native Awareness	\$ 278.77
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,315.00
Pacific Emergency	\$ 1,604.10
Peace with Justice	\$ 269.00
Roy & Janet May - Costa Rica	\$ 136.20
SAMM	\$ 344.58
San Antonio UM Campus Ministry	\$ 314.10
Spring Storms 2011	\$ 282.51
USA Disaster	\$ 250.00
World Communion Sunday	\$ 1,146.00
TOTAL:	\$ 51,148.31

NOTE: When making designated mission gifts ... Please make checks payable to Laurel Heights UMC. Write name of mission organization on memo line of check. Thank you for your support!
The Missions Committee



Healing: Marion Dillon; Vane Hugo; Lucille Warren; Patti Vaughan; Jane Magavern; and Fred Vaca.

Those Who Mourn: Family of Geraldine Douglas who passed away Jan. 1.

God's Presence: Our shut-ins and those in the military.



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