



Rev. Jon D. Lowry
Senior Pastor

Letter of Jon

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (*Ephesians 1:2*)

This is a season of transitions; moving from winter to spring, from Lent to Easter, from cool weather to warm (or hot). It is also a time of transition for three staff members at Laurel Heights: Raquel, Jerome and me.

First, Jerome Malek, who has been director of music here for 10 years, will retire at the end of this month. His last day will be Sunday, April 25. We will have a luncheon in his honor after the 11:00 o’clock service that day.

Our current organist and music associate, Geoffrey Waite will assume the role of organist/ music director beginning in May.

Also, our associate pastor, Raquel C. Feagins has asked the bishop to appoint her to a church of her own at annual conference. We don’t yet know where Raquel will be appointed, but will let you know as soon as that appointment is made. Her last day here will be Sunday, May 23. That will be Pentecost Sunday when our confirmation class will be confirmed; she will preach that day. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will have a reception in her honor during fellowship time that morning. Our new senior pastor, Jim McClain will recruit a new, part-time associate pastor this summer.

Then, as you all know, I will retire from active ministry at this June’s Annual Conference. My last day at Laurel Heights will be Sunday, June 6 and I am already working on that “last sermon.”

I have served for 42 years under the appointment of five Bishops, have been your pastor for seven of those years, and now it’s time for a new beginning and a new chapter for me and Anna.

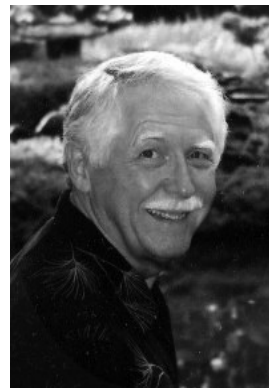
It has already been announced that Rev. James McClain, currently serving as senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Elgin will be your new senior pastor beginning June 13.

There will be a catered lunch and “roast of Jon” after the 11:00 o’clock service that last Sunday (June 6). Details and information for reservations will be announced soon. You are invited to bring BBQ sauce, but no rotten eggs or tomatoes, please.

Yes, “the times, they are a-changing,” but the Church goes on. Those of us who are retiring are simply passing the baton on to new leadership. The spirit and direction of this congregation will go on to even better ministries and better days. We three will continue to pray for you during these times of transition that God’s presence and spirit will be with you all.

God bless,

Jon



Jerome Malek

Malek retires after 10 years as LHUMC Choir Director

by Jerome Malek

How quickly 10 years goes by! It seems like yesterday when I arrived at Laurel Heights six weeks before my first Festival of Lessons and Carols. What a joy it has been to work with you! Your love and support are sincerely appreciated.

My job was very easy because of a wonderful choir that was dedicated to maintaining a traditional music program with the highest standards. What a pleasure to work alongside two pastors, John Hargis and Jon Lowry, who valued music and who did their best to make this Baptist into a good Methodist. I am also grateful for the lay people who have helped in our music program, especially Vicki Ferguson. A director is never better than his accompanist and I have been blessed with four of the best organists I have ever worked with. I found this congregation to be one of the most appreciative in my ministry and also one of the finest singing congregations I know. I am going to miss you, but I know you have a great future under the leadership of Geoffrey Waite.

How quickly 54 years pass by! I became music director of my very first church at the age of 18 and have never regretted one moment the call that God gave me to serve in the ministry of music. You will always have a very special place in my heart. May God continue to bless this church as it ministers in this community.

Editor’s note: The Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a retirement lunch and fun program for Jerome after the 11:00 am service this Sunday, May 25. The meal, catered by Acadiana Cafè, is seafood au gratin over steamed rice with fried shrimp, coleslaw, hush puppies and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Church Receptionist, 733-7156, **today** if you plan to attend.

Graduating seniors celebrated

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The Rev. Raquel C. Feagins will preach at both of the Sunday morning services on May 2 with graduating seniors participating. Join us following the 11 o’clock service as we celebrate our seniors at a lunch in their honor in the dining room. The meal, hosted by Acadiana Cafè, will be Poulet Blanc over steamed rice, green salad, country corn bread, cran-apple crisp. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Be sure to call the Church Receptionist, 733-7156, if you plan to attend the lunch and program.

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

“Saving Cee Cee,” last book review the season

For the final book review of the season on Monday, May 10, Susan Holloway has chosen the delightful novel “Saving Cee Cee Hunnicutt.” When Cee Cee was a young girl she lost her psychotic mother, Camille. Her father was never around much so he is relieved when great-aunt Tallulah offers to take Cee Cee. Aunt Tootie, as she is called, takes Cee Cee into her home in Savannah, Georgia, a perfumed world of prosperity and Southern eccentricity and a world that seemingly is entirely run by women. It is there that Cee Cee is introduced to the hospitality and generosity of the South and learns to look forward to the future, as well as to forgive the past.



Don't miss the opportunity to hear this poignant and hilariously funny story of these wonderful people who quite literally save Cee Cee from the unhappiness and confusion of her former years.

The book review is open to anyone, not just Super Adults. Admission is by season ticket or \$3 at the door. Coffee and treats will be available in the Choir Room at 10:00 am; the book review begins at 10:30 am in Scott Chapel.

The annual luncheon to close the season will follow at noon. The menu is: Cup of Consommé with cheese crackers, pear and cottage cheese salad, ham salad, pasta salad, French bread and strawberry-orange shortcake tart. The meal costs \$7. Please RSVP to 733-6482 by 12:00 noon Friday, May 7.

May Mission of the Month: UM Campus Ministry

United Methodist Campus Ministry is an outreach of the Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Conferences of The United Methodist Church to students and faculty of colleges and universities in the area of San Antonio, Texas.

With on-campus registered student organizations at San Antonio College, UTSA, and Trinity University, and off-campus activities at partner churches, UMCM seeks to:

- Unite students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds in Christian community, spiritual celebration, and works of charity, mercy, social justice and public witness;
- Call forth and equip students to become effective Christian leaders; and
- Engage students in theological reflection and intellectual inquiry on matters of faith, culture and public life.

Your communion rail offerings and Wednesday night table offerings in May help to support this vital outreach to area college students. The Rev. John P. Feagins is the director.

World premiere of Seven Last Words

On Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 pm the 90 voices of the San Antonio Choral Society will celebrate its 45th Anniversary with the world premiere of *Seven Last Words* by Jerome W. Malek. The cantata is scored for choir, five soloists and orchestra. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for senior adults. Admission is free to students with student ID.

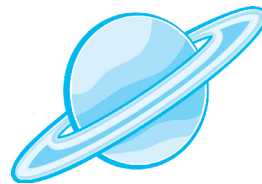
A brief session of meet-the-composer will begin at 4:30. The event will take place at the Recital Hall at UTSA.

Vacation Bible School, July 12-16

Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010 is for children, kindergarten through fifth grade, who want to experience a cosmic adventure in praising God! Your young cadets will voyage into outer space praising God and return to earth with some easy “green” tips that they can practice at home.



This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your children developing a personal relationship through Jesus Christ with our Wonderful! Incredible! Amazing! Magnificent! Awesome! God. Pick up a registration form at the Church Receptionist desk or online at <http://www.mylhumc.org/events/vbs.html>.



Galactic Blast helpers needed

There are several opportunities to help: Before, during and after. You can help *before* VBS by praying, making decorations or costumes, making phone calls, gathering donations passing out flyers, decorating on the Sunday prior or by providing supplies. You can help *during* VBS by greeting participants, helping with registration, taking photos, praying for the participants or by serving as a group tour guide or leader in one of the following: art, music, science, story telling, recreation or snacks. You can help *after* VBS by taking down decorations, returning donated items or by sending follow-up postcards or thank-you cards.

There are lots of ways to help. Fill out a Volunteer Form found at one of the Welcome Stations around the church or contact Sandra Jones or Bonnie Cavazos.



Welcome to **Angela Kramer** who joined Laurel Heights UMC by letter of transfer from another denomination on Sunday, April 18, 2010. Also joining on April 18 was **Alan Kramer** by profession of faith and baptism, along with their two children **Lauren** and **Warren Kramer**, by baptism.



Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, and might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the am nots that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen

Author Unknown

Parents' Night Out

Certified Childcare for Ages 3 Months to Fifth Grade

Gracie Huron, Supervisor

May 14 & 21

June 4 & 11

6:30 PM - 11 PM

\$15 for first child; \$10 for each child after first

Reservations Required by 12:00 Noon Friday Prior

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APRIL

- 26 Rudy Sandoval
- 27 Natalie Rocha
- 28 Ryan Barr
- 29 Laurie Morton; Alexander Padgett; Truman Smith

MAY

- 1 Sharyn Barr
- 3 Margaret Bich
- 4 Myrna Kearney; Shannon McFarland
- 5 Sheila Sims; Brian Trodden
- 7 Alice Gannon
- 8 Catherine Geerdes; JohnDavid Griffin; Riley Lanoux

MESSENGER DEADLINES

Issue Date	Coverage	COPY DEADLINE
5/7	5/9 - 5/22	4/22/10
5/21	5/23 - 6/12	5/6/10
6/11	6/13 - 6/26	5/27/10
6/25	6/27 - 7/10	6/10/10
7/9	7/11 - 7/24	6/23/10
7/23	7/25 - 8/14	7/8/10



Blood Drive
Sunday, April 25
8:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Belknap Parking Lot

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

8:15-12:30 Blood Drive - *Belknap Parking Lot*
8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*
9:15 MOPS Fiesta Breakfast - *DR*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *Children's Chapel*
9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Efrd Study on Revelation-312
12:00 Jerome Malek's Retirement Lunch & Program - *Gym*
2:45 Children's Ministry Team - *Parlor*
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
4:00 UMYF - *319*
6:00 Refreshments - *Dining Room*
6:30 Emmaus & The Connection - *Scott Chapel*

Monday, April 26

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Thu.) - *Gym*
5:00 Learning Center Advisory Council - *Parlor*
5:30 Stewardship - *Laurel Room*
6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, April 27

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
5:30 Finance Committee - *Parlor*
5:45 Missions - *Laurel Room*
7:15 Neighborhood Ministries - *Parlor*

Wednesday, April 28

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 Supper - *Gym*
6:00 Learning Center Parents' Meeting - *312*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*
7:15 Revelation Study - *Library*

Thursday, April 29

9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*
9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, April 30

6:00 SAC Methodist Student Center Banquet - *Dining Room*

Saturday, May 1

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
11:00-1:00 Senior Sunday Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY, MAY 2

SENIOR SUNDAY
8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Raquel C. Feagins) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Efrd Study on Revelation-312
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship - *Chandler Center*
12:00 Senior Sunday Lunch & Program - *Dining Room*
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
6:00 *Worship: Connection - *DR*

Monday, May 3

8:00-5:00 WDS Book Fair (Mon.-Fri.) - *Dining Room*
9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, May 4

9:30 UMW Executive Committee - *Parlor*
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, May 5

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*
7:15 Revelation Study - *Library*

Thursday, May 6

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
6:00 Church under the Bridge - *Leave from Woodlawn Lot*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, May 7

5:30 Weekday School Family Picnic - *Gym*

Saturday, May 8

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
10:00 MOPS - *105*
4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group - *Laurel Room*

United Methodist Women

Mary Blackford Scholarships

Deadline: May 1, 2010

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Need money for college? Then, why haven't you applied for a scholarship?

The Laurel Heights UMC Scholarship Committee is accepting scholarship applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Anyone seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree may apply. Current scholarship recipients must re-apply as scholarships are not auto-renewing.

Applications are available in the church office or by email from Dave Gannon, Scholarship Committee Chair, at dave_gannon@msn.com.

Deadline for applying is April 30, 2010. Awards will be made by June 15, 2010. If you have any questions, call Dave Gannon, 852-9932.

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Habitat for Humanity

JEROME MALEK
by
Elton & Louise Dudley

Methodist Student Center

RAQUEL FEAGINS
by
Elton & Louise Dudley

Organ Fund

HENRY HOLLOWAY
by
Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Grier
REV. JON LOWRY
by
Mrs. Lorraine Miller
JEROME MALEK
by
Mr. & Mrs. William Beuhler, Jr.

by
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Gannon
by
Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Grier
by
Elizabeth Hughes

by
Mr. & Mrs. William Hurt
by
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Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

REV. RAQUEL FEAGINS
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Arredondo
REV. JON LOWRY
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Arredondo
JEROME MALEK
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Arredondo

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorials

ERMINE ARMSTRONG
by
Arch & Gina Campbell
by
Col. & Mrs. Vane Hugo
CAROLE CARMICHAEL
by
Mr. & Mrs. Mike McGlone

SAM OJEDA
by
Karen Diaz

by
Col. & Mrs. Vane Hugo

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorials

HARRY M. TAYLOR, JR.
by
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

Native American Ministries

SAM OJEDA
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Arredondo

Organ Fund

ERMINE ARMSTRONG
by
Teresa Garcès
by
Myrna Kearney
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

by
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Mazel

by
Darla Peek
LENA GORMAN

by
Darla Peek
CARL SHANK HOFFMAN,
MY HUSBAND

by
Mrs. Doris Wise Hoffman
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by
James N. Moffett
SAM OJEDA
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

OUR PARENTS
by
Mr. & Mrs. David Douglas

ARLENE PENDLETON
by
Ed Pendleton

DORIS UPCHURCH &
DOROTHY CHAPMAN
by
Rev. & Mrs. Bert Clayton

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

SAM OJEDA
by
Elizabeth Hughes



Healing: Roxane Darnell; Vane Hugo; Harold & Juanita Souder; Richard Jackson; Clay Skinner; Larry & Sidney Thompson; Mindy Lanoux; Cora Nell Fournier; Nancy Fassnidge.

Those Who Mourn: Family of Sam Ojeda who passed away April 6.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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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.

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