



Bring a Friend Sunday

The Evangelism Ministry Team has set Sunday, April 11, 2010 as the day to invite our friends, relatives and neighbors to join us in worship. You can bring your guests to either the 8:30 or 11:00 service, but be sure to include a time of fellowship (9:30 in the dining room or following the 11:00 service in the foyer). We want to have an opportunity to meet them and show them that we're glad they came.

Those attending the 11:00 service will have a special treat as our children and youth explore the message of Easter in a short presentation, "The Easter Tree." They have spent several Saturdays preparing for this. It would be great if we could have a large attendance at the second service this Sunday to show our support. Bring someone with you and come, and be blessed.

Will our children have faith?



Sunday school and Children's Church are two important places where our children can receive consistent, intentional learning and nurture in their Christian faith. In Sunday school, children learn the stories of their faith, and connect those stories to their own lives through activities. In Children's Church, children hear the stories in the context of worship. They practice the skills of worship and learn how to participate.

Both these settings are necessary if a child is to grow into a strong disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Both are made possible by the work of trained persons willing to give their time.

Right now at Laurel Heights, both the Sunday school and Children's Church are in danger. We do not have the personnel to make these programs continue. We are asking the help of all our members to make Children's Church and Sunday school possible.

There are more than 100 children on our roles. Each one needs to have the opportunity to learn and grow in faith. You will be hearing from the pulpit, and in letters, and in your Sunday school classes and other gatherings about the needs for Children's Church and Sunday school.

We hope you will respond by taking training in May to work in these essential programs. Please pray and reflect on this, and respond positively when you are contacted.

If you have questions, or feel called to volunteer now, call Sandra Jones, Barb Nardi Kurtz or Bonnye Cavazos.

Your Education and Children's Ministry Team

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Seekers' class begins April 11

by Karen Hogan

Earlier this year Pastor Raquel preached on yearning. I yearn to have the opportunity on Sunday mornings to be involved in an adult Sunday school class. Then I groused that someone else should fill my spiritual needs and create the perfect class for me; I was just too busy to do it.

Then it hit me. I am responsible for my own spiritual needs and I can encourage others who might be on the same quest.

To fill that void, I decided to lead/coordinate an adult Sunday school for others who yearn. If you share this longing, join me on April 11 at 9:45 am in Room 321.



Sunday, April 25
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Room 312



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*)

Now that the busy and deeply meaningful events of Holy Week and Easter are done, it's time to live our lives and prioritize our activities in response to these life-changing events. Holy Week and Easter remind us of the unfathomable depth of God's sacrificial love and the new life that is ours

because of Christ's resurrection. So, the question for us is: *Now what?* What can we do in response to God's grace and Jesus' sacrifice? This is at the heart of the purpose and function of the Church, the Body of Christ.

As the Body of Christ, the Church has the opportunity and obligation to represent God's will as we see it in Jesus Christ in the here and now. And, the expressed purpose of the Church is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ." When John Wesley sent Frances Asbury to lead and organize the Methodists in America, he commissioned them to "offer them Christ." Our statement of mission at Laurel Heights 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."

We do that both as a congregation and as individual members. As a congregation, we have programs of evangelism, education, stewardship, mission, worship and neighborhood ministries, as well as Sunday school and other classes and groups, all seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

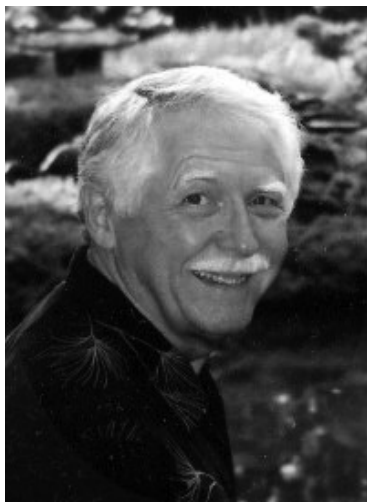
This Sunday after Easter is sometimes called "Low Sunday" or "Associate Pastor's Sunday" because so many people "take the day off" from church that day. Nevertheless, we are not going to do that! We have designated April 11 as "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday." And I, the Senior Pastor will preach!

I know how much you love this church, with its rich tradition, beautiful facilities and quality, traditional worship. And, I know how many of you have brought and encouraged your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here. Now, our Evangelism Ministry Team is asking us to be intentional this "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday." We all have family, friends and neighbors who would benefit from your invitation, so I ask each of you to make a point of being here along with a guest this Sunday, April 11, as we "offer them Christ."

I'll see you there.

God bless,

Jon



Jerome Malek

Retirement Party planned for LHUMC Choir Director

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a Retirement Luncheon for Jerome Malek after the 11:00 service on Sunday, April 25. The meal, catered by Acadiana Café, is seafood au gratin over steamed rice with fried shrimp, coleslaw, hushpuppies and dessert. The

cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. If you plan to attend, call the Church Receptionist, 733-7156, with your reservations.

The lunch program includes a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Jerome's 50+ years of service to Christ's church through the ministry of music and his 10+ years of service as Director of Music at Laurel Heights.

Go green and help others

Donate your old computer to San Antonio Youth Centers' YouthBuild Verde Corps. You can help low-income families and give young adults a chance to gain skills needed to become contributing members in our community. Refurbished computers go into the homes of families with young children who do not own a computer. Get involved. Call Lia Payne, 223-3131 ext. 214.

"The Postmistress" keeps town's secrets

On Monday, April 12, at 10:30 am in Scott Chapel, Susan Holloway will review "The Postmistress," a novel by Sarah Blake. In the early days of World War II, American radio broadcaster Frankie Bard, the first woman to report from the Blitz in London, searches for ways to report the events in a way to wake Americans to action. In Franklin, Massachusetts, a small town on Cape Cod, Iris James, the local postmistress, believes that her job is to deliver the mail and keep people's secrets. How their lives become entwined and affect the lives of others makes for a brilliant story.

Admission is \$3. Join us in the Choir Room at 10:00 am for a half-hour of coffee and treats.

Grandpa and God

You held me.

In the dusty, drowsy light of mountain afternoons,
you held me.

And the stories you told, O, the stories!

Stars and Shepherds,
Lambs and Lion's Dens,
Floods and Doves
and Bread and Fishes,
Cross and empty tomb.

You held me.

And in the holding
and the stories,
In the loving
and the shelter,
I began to know God.

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July, 2002

The King is coming

The children of the LHUMC Weekday School (and anyone else who wants to come) can see this year's King Antonio in the dining room at the church at 8:30 am on Friday, April 16. Who is he?

By tradition, the King's identity is kept secret until his public investiture on the first Saturday evening of Fiesta. But, because Nick is a long-time member of Laurel Heights, and he, as well as his wife Genny, has served as chairperson on the Weekday School Board, we are especially privileged to welcome Nick Campbell as the next King Antonio. He will, by the way, be coming with all the King's men.... and ladies, too.

The official crowning of Nicholas "Nick" Paul Campbell as King Antonio LXXXVIII will take place in an investiture ceremony in front of the Alamo on Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 pm. This will begin Nick's reign over Fiesta 2010.



Nick Campbell

TUESDAY MUSICAL CLUB "ARTIST SERIES" CONCERT

APRIL 13

2:00 PM &

7:30 PM

LHUMC SANCTUARY

Judith Ingolfsson, violin
Vladimir Stoupel, piano

Tickets \$20 at the door.
Students with student ID
admitted free.

For details,

545-5303

344-5929



APRIL

- 7 Chance Kinnison
- 8 Sean Cowan; John Ockenfels
- 9 Mary Crenshaw
- 11 Olivia Joyce Seay; Joseph Tognetti
- 14 Bonnye Cavazos
- 15 LaVonne Hills
- 16 Elizabeth Bailey
- 17 Randy Pollock
- 18 Sandra Jones; Mario Rendon; Chris Welch
- 19 Hattie Tucker
- 20 Lindsay Welch
- 22 Mary Mercer
- 24 Betty Phillips; Jessica Wilson

A Sunday to Save Lives

by Deaconess Judy Davis

Imagine No Malaria is a comprehensive effort of The United Methodist Church to help eliminate deaths in Africa caused by malaria. Malaria kills more than 1,000,000 (one million) people each year. It targets young children and pregnant women. In fact, every 30 seconds one child in Africa dies from malaria.

Imagine No Malaria includes a four-part plan to fight malaria: Prevention, Education, Treatment, and Communication.

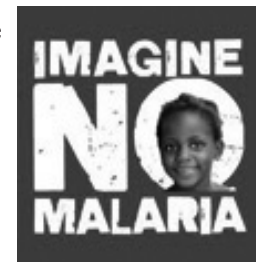
Together, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we can overcome a preventable disease and save millions of lives.

A SUNDAY TO SAVE LIVES is April 18 when you will have the opportunity to support this conference-wide appeal. Your gifts from \$5 to \$500 can make a difference.

Protect 10 families with a contribution of \$100 or more and join The Impact 100 Society. Envelopes and additional information will be in the bulletins at both worship services on Sunday, April 18.

The United Methodist Church's Imagine No Malaria launch is April 25, 2010 -- *World Malaria Day*. Our Southwest Texas Conference is planning an event for 2:00 to 5:00 pm that day at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. Live music and personal testimonies will be featured.

More information is available on the church web site. Go online to www.mylhumc.org/events/imaginenomalaria.html.



Capitol Building, Austin, Texas

World Malaria Day

Meet us on the south steps of the Capitol Building in Austin, Texas on April 25, 2010 as we gather for World Malaria Day. The United Methodist Church is hosting the event to create an awareness of this life-threatening disease. The event is from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Join us if you can.

Together, we can cast a wider net - and more importantly, we can begin to imagine a world without malaria and with God's help, we can make that dream a reality by the year 2015.

This is who we are. This is what we do as United Methodists — we save lives!

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*
 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 Seekers' Class Begins - *321*
 9:45 Efirm Study on Revelation-312
 12:00 Kairos Cookies - *Kitchen*
 12:00 Child / Youth Safety Policy Training - *Parlor*
 3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
 4:00 UMYF - *319*

4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- *313-B*

5:30 *Worship: The Connection - *Dining Room*

Monday, April 12

9:00 Body Recall (Mon. & Fri.) - *312*

10:00 Super Adult Coffee Social - *Choir Room*

10:30 Super Adult Book Review - *Scott Chapel*

1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*

3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

Tuesday, April 13

7:00-7:00 Primary Runoff Election - *Choir Room*

9:30 UMW General Meeting - *Scott Chapel*

9:30 King Rey Feo - *Dining Room*

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*

11:30 Executive Committee - *Luby's*
 2:00 & 7:30 Tuesday Musical Club Concert - *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, April 14

10:00 Super Adult Steering Committee - *Parlor*

10:00 Stephen Leaders - *313-B*

11:30 L.E.O. - *Church Bus*

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*

5:00 Property Committee - *Library*

5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*

6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Raquel C. Feagins)- *Scott Chapel*

6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*

7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, April 15

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)

5:30 Library Committee - *Library*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Friday, April 16

8:30 King Antonio - *Dining Room*

10:00-12:00 Church Women United - *Parlor*

5:30 Wedding Rehearsal-*Sanctuary*

6:30 Parent's Night Out

(Reservations: 733-7156) - *WDS*

Saturday, April 17

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

9:00 Program Council - *312*

10:00 Confirmation Celebration

- *Northwest Hills UMC*

10:30 Board of Stewards - *312*

6:00 Ferguson Wedding- *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*

9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*

9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Seekers' Class - *321*

9:45 Efirm Study on Revelation-312

10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship

- *Chandler Center*

12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*

3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*

4:00 UMYF - *319*

5:30 *Worship: The Connection - *Dining Room*

Monday, April 19

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

9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *Dining Room*

1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*

3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

Tuesday, April 20

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*

5:30 Finance - *Parlor*

6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, April 21

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*

5:00 Evangelism Ministry Team - *Parlor*

5:00 Book Club - *Library*

5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*

6:15 *Worship/Communion (David Seilheimer) - *Scott Chapel*

6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*

7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, April 22

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 23

12:00 Church Offices Close for Battle of Flowers Parade

Saturday, April 24

8:00-10:00 Angel Food Distribution - *Woodlawn Entry*

8:00-4:00 Super Adults to Buda - *Depart from Sears*

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group - *Laurel Room*

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Stephen Ministry

ANNA LOWRY

by

Doris Wise Hoffman

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.



Donors Needed

Dates available for providing Sunday morning flowers for the altar area are May 30, June 20 and 27 and the remainder of 2010 up until Advent. If you would like to participate, call Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 ext. 12.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorials

CAROLE CARMICHAEL

by

Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Davis

BETTY HAMNER

by

Alex & Gretchen Bealer

by

Helen Bernhardt

by

Frederick & Sylvia Cutler

by

Barbara C. Kyse

by

Helen B. Kyse

by

Marjorie Marks

by

NIOSA

by

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Shepherd

by

Mr. & Mrs. Foard Townsend

by

Alyne Woodring

JOHN J. TAYLOR

by

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

Library

JOHN J. TAYLOR

by

Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Davis

Organ Fund

HENRY GRACIANO, SR.

AND

HENRY GRACIANO, JR.

by

Paul & Trudy Kinnison

JOHN J. TAYLOR

by

Darla Peek

Native American Ministries Sunday, April 11

Once a year, on Native American Ministries Sunday, United Methodists worldwide join forces by making a special offering to help Native Americans answer God's call to ministry.

Our Annual Conference keeps 50 percent of the Special Offering to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the South-west Texas Conference. The remainder goes to programs benefiting Native Americans in cities throughout the United States. Your gifts also provide scholarships to Native Americans attending United Methodist and other approved schools of theology.

United Methodist Women

Mary Blackford Scholarships

Deadline: May 1, 2010

UNCLAIMED MONEY FOR COLLEGE

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.



Healing: Rebecca Mayes; Cora Nell Fournier; Roxane Darnell; Harold Souder; Richard Jackson; Mindy Lanoux; Clay Skinner; Fred Vaca; Roy Kosaka; Bob Riddle; Nancy Fassnidge.

Those Who Mourn: Family of Ermine Armstrong who passed away March 30; Mary Alphin on the loss of her brother on March 27.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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Music Director

Geoffrey Waite x45

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