



Rev. Jim McClain with a recent new member

## VACATION TIME

Summer is the time for family vacations. It is good to have a change of pace and take time to look at things differently. But why is it that I am always more tired after vacation than I was before? My daughter once said I was the only person she knew who needed a vacation to recover from “vacation.” You can’t take a vacation from being part of a family. The grass still grows and the bills still come to the house while you are on vacation but taking time away helps us appreciate the blessings we have.

It is good to change from time to time. Seeing things from a new perspective helps give thanks for things we have taken for granted. The corporate world believes this so strongly that many companies require their employees to take a vacation. They have noticed that production improves when the employee returns and they often have new ideas and a fresh perspective. This is true for congregations as well.

As you take time off this year, keep your home congregation in your prayers. The grass is still growing, the bills are still coming in, people will continue to gather for worship and you will be missed. But also take time to visit other congregations. It will give you a fresh viewpoint and new ideas. Take note of where you see God at work in the congregations you visit and how you were greeted. Did the welcome you received remind you of Abraham welcoming the two men in the desert? What did you learn or appreciate during your visit?

We also need people to greet our visitors this summer. We need to plan ahead because we don’t all take a vacation on the same date, close up the church, turn off the air, let the grass grow, and put a sign on the door that tells visitors we have “Gone Fishing” and they should come back later. Just like when we travel to other places, we know that people vacation in San Antonio who will worship with us. They will be looking for new ideas and a fresh perspective. I know they will not be disappointed.

This is a wonderful congregation and I am still learning about the love, ministries, and missions of Laurel Heights United Methodist Church. I don’t think I will ever learn it all. With each new thing I learn there is a new idea germinating in someone’s heart somewhere in the congregation. Each week new people are joining, returning, visiting or leaving. Each day is a new creation and we are part of that creation. So I encourage you to take a “vacation” and enjoy the new ideas and fresh perspectives you find whether you are traveling or welcoming those who have traveled.

See you Sunday,

*“With each new thing I learn  
there is a new idea germinating  
in someone’s heart...”*

## 3 - 2 - 1 - BLAST OFF

Get ready. Get set. *Let’s go!* It’s Vacation Bible School time again and you’re invited to join us as we blast off Galactic Blast 2010 at 9:00 am on Monday, July 12. VBS runs 9:00 am to 12:00 noon all week, July 12 through 16, and is open to children who are at least four years of age and in Grade 5 or under.

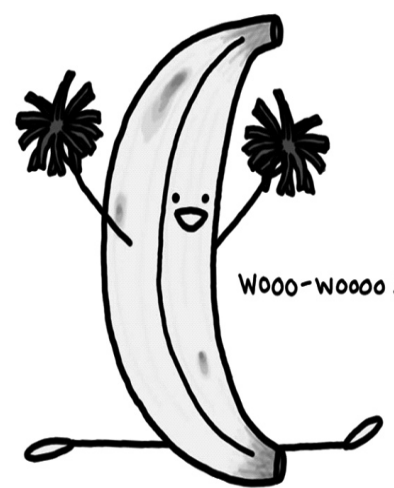


Galileo

If you haven’t already registered your child, parents can get a registration form (it’s free) from the Church Receptionist or online at <http://www.mylhumc.org/events/vbs.html>.

In this year’s VBS, children will board a space ship with Galileo and journey through space to catch a glimpse of how amazing and awesome God is.

Each day children will have the opportunity to bring a can of food to help “Fill the Rocket.” If you would like to help the children fill the rocket, drop off your donated canned goods with the Church Receptionist by Friday, July 16. Collected cans will be donated to the local food pantry at El Divino Salvador UMC.



## It’s a BYOB Party

We’re having an ice cream social at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall on Friday, July 16 and everyone is invited. Bring your own banana for ice cream sundaes. If you don’t have a banana, come anyway; we will provide the ice cream and toppings. Bring your friends and family and learn what VBS Galactic Blast was all about.

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

## The Red Tent brings unnoticed women in the Bible to life

Sponsored by MOPS (mothers of preschoolers), this summer's Book Group is open to all women. Our next study is on Wednesday, July 14 at 6:00 pm in the Laurel Room. The book is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant (1997).

Childcare is available, but reservations are required. RSVP for childcare by calling the church at 733-7156.

## Birthing kits reminder

United Methodist Women are preparing birthing kits to benefit disaster victims worldwide through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). If you would like to help, contact Liz Hughes or Molly Walden. To find out what supplies make up a birthing kit, visit [www.mylhmc.org/programs/unitedmethodistwomen.html](http://www.mylhmc.org/programs/unitedmethodistwomen.html). **Hurry! Deadline is this Sunday, July 11.**



Welcome to **Mr. and Mrs. Douglas (Donna) Semmes** who joined Laurel Heights UMC by letter of transfer from another denomination on June 27, 2010.

Welcome to **Brady Charles Woods** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on June 20, 2010 by infant baptism. Brady Charles is the son of Bryan and Elizabeth Woods.

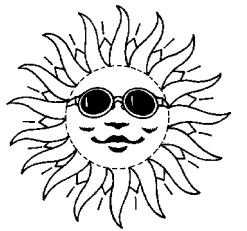
## Facts about dehydration

Dehydration can be defined as "the excessive loss of water from the body."

Symptoms of dehydration are:

- Increasing thirst
- Dry mouth
- Weakness or light-headedness
- Darkening of the urine, or a decrease in urination
- Rapid drop in weight
- Confusion

If you wait until you are thirsty, you've waited too long! It is imperative that you drink adequate amounts of water to maintain good health. Your body needs water to regulate body temperature and to provide the means for nutrients to travel to all of your organs. Water also transports oxygen to cells, removes waste, and protects your joints and organs.



## PROJECT COOL HELPS SENIORS COPE WITH SUMMER HEAT

The San Antonio Fire Department is accepting donations of fans for Project Cool, an effort to help seniors cope with sweltering summer heat. Now through Aug. 31 fans can be donated at 49 of the 50 fire stations. Fire Station No. 23, at the airport, is the only station unable to accept donations. All donations should be 18-inch box fans. Collection hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Residents 60 and older who are interested in receiving a fan should call United Way weekdays at 227-4357.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS	2010 June	2010 Year To Date	2009 Year To Date
Received for Budget	\$ 60,473.35	\$ 388,873.24	\$ 462,791.16
Actual Expenses	\$ 62,489.08	\$ 399,191.13	\$ 426,311.19
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,015.73)	\$ (10,317.89)	\$ 36,479.97

## See the ramp that Jack built

Actually, it is the ramp that Bill and Webb, and George and David, and Steve and Matt, and Zane and Jerome, and Frank and Quinn built on Saturday, June 26. Thanks to these wonderful volunteers, mostly from LHUMC, Roberto Juarez and his family now have a much-needed wheelchair ramp at their home near San Antonio. If you would like to participate in a future project, other Saturdays are being scheduled for the summer and fall. Contact Jerome, 495-4252, or [jeromemalek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeromemalek@sbcglobal.net).



Workers and the Juarez family gather for a picture on the just-completed wheelchair ramp.



Dates for altar flowers in 2010 are still available. You can order the arrangement yourself or the church office can order it for you. If we order, prices start at \$42.

Donating altar flowers helps beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and gives you the opportunity to honor someone. For available dates, call Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 ext. 12.

DESIGNATED MISSION GIFTS	2010 30-Jun
Border Ministry	\$ 11,220.95
Campus Ministry	\$ 325.60
Church Under The Bridge	\$ 120.00
CROP	\$ 20.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 25.00
Human Relations Day	\$ 80.00
Janet May, Missionary	\$ 313.92
Kairos of Texas	\$ 306.00
Native American Ministry	\$ 70.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,570.00
Peace with Justice	\$ 85.00
SAMM	\$ 234.96
UMCOR - Haiti	\$ 6,209.59
UMCOR - No More Malaria	\$ 3,065.75
Woman At The Well	\$ 632.15
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 24,278.92</b>

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*

## MESSENGER DEADLINES

Issue Date	Coverage	COPY DEADLINE
8/6	8/8 - 9/4	7/22
9/3	9/5 - 9/18	8/19
9/17	9/19 - 10/2	9/2



### JULY

- 11 Annabella Presley Garcia; Alexandra Bethany Mitchell
- 12 Robert Basil
- 13 Paul Campbell
- 14 Sarah Adams; Norman Fournier; Reeves Smith
- 16 Carli Jane McKay Byrd; Debbie Campbell; Zachary Cavazos
- 17 Cynthia Birdwell; Roxane Darnell; Dennis Davis
- 20 Clay Campbell; Bill Myers
- 22 Earl Lange; Birdie Towery
- 23 Joe Barfield; Nora Pease
- 24 Jim Moss
- 25 Anna Baker; Carly Bailey; Chris Heinrichs; Annalynn Jackson; Laurel Welch
- 26 CeCe Adams
- 27 Barbara Hunt; Henry Perkins
- 28 Kent Ratliff
- 30 Joshua Hudson; Camille Ratliff
- 31 Tim Ockenfels; Helen Perkins; Marlana Wilkens

### AUGUST

- 1 Betty Japhet; Irma Lee Pickett
- 2 Nicole Mellado
- 3 Barbara Myers
- 4 Barry Carter; Tom Kurtz; Zachary Medellin; Alma Straney
- 5 Deanne Trodden
- 6 Emily Bryn Jones
- 7 Angela Molina
- 8 Lorrie Garcia; Nicole Shea Swientek

## CHURCH CALENDAR

\*Childcare available.

### SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:00-12:30 Blood Drive @ Christ Church, 510 Belknap Place  
8:30 & 11:00 \*Worship (Rev. Jim McClain) - *Sanctuary*  
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*  
9:45 Sunday School  
12:00 Children's Ministry Team - *VBS areas*  
4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- *313-B*  
6:00 \*Informal Worship: The Connection - *Dining Room*

### Monday, July 12

8:00-5:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon.-Fri.) - *DR*  
12:00 Summer Nutrition (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*  
7:00 MPG for Youth Boys - *319*

### Tuesday, July 13

7:30 Health Cabinet @ The Foundary, 2720 McCullough  
10:00 Super Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*  
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*  
11:30 Executive Committee- *Luby's*  
7:00 GAL for Youth Girls - *319*

### Wednesday, July 14

10:00 Super Adult Steering Committee - *Parlor*  
11:30 LEO - *Dining Room*  
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*  
4:30 Property Committee - *Library*  
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*  
6:00 Women's Book Group - *Laurel Room*  
6:15 \*Worship / Communion (Rev. Jim McClain) - *Scott Chapel*  
7:00 Wack Wednesday for Youth - *319*

### Thursday, July 15

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*  
**Friday, July 16**  
6:30 BYOB Ice Cream Social - *DR*

### Saturday, July 17

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*  
9:00 Program Council - *312*  
10:30 Board of Stewards - *312*  
4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group - *Laurel Room*  
6:30 Cluster Meeting (*Sanders*)

### SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:30 & 11:00 \*Worship (Rev. Jim McClain) - *Sanctuary*  
9:00 Blood Pressure / Sugar Screenings - *Dining Room*  
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship - *Chandler Center*  
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*  
6:00 \*Informal Worship: The Connection - *Dining Room*

### Monday, July 19

8:00-5:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*  
12:00 Summer Nutrition (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*  
7:00 MPG for Youth Boys - *319*

### Tuesday, July 20

10:00 Super Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*  
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*  
6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*  
7:00 GAL for Youth Girls - *319*

### Wednesday, July 21

11:30 Stephen Leaders- *Laurel Rm.*  
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*  
5:00 Book Club - *Library*  
5:30 \*Supper - *Dining Room*  
6:15 \*Worship / Holy Communion - *Scott Chapel*  
7:00 Wack Wednesday for Youth - *319*

### Thursday, July 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, July 23**  
5:00 UMYF Lock-in - *Gym, Bus*

### Saturday, July 24

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*  
**SUNDAY, JULY 25**  
8:30 & 11:00 \*Worship (Benson McGlone) - *Sanctuary*  
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*  
9:45 Sunday School  
6:30 Emmaus - *Scott Chapel*

### Monday, July 26

8:00-5:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*  
12:00 Summer Nutrition (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
5:30 Stewardship - *Parlor*  
6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*  
7:00 MPG for Youth Boys - *319*

### Tuesday, July 27

10:00 Super Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*  
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*  
5:45 Missions - *Laurel Room*  
6:00 AFS Host Parents Mtg. - *312*  
6:30 Neighborhood Ministries - *Parlor*  
7:00 GAL for Youth Girls - *319*

### Wednesday, July 28

10:00 Cluster Meeting (*Aleene Block*) - *Parlor*  
1:30 Bridging the Gap- *Laurel Rm.*  
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*  
5:15 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC Parents' Meeting - *Gym*  
5:30 Supper - *Gym*  
6:15 \*Service of Healing (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*  
7:00 Wack Wednesday for Youth - *319*

### Thursday, July 29

9:00 Church Mice meet for

fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)  
9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*  
9:00 Blood Pressure / Sugar Screenings - *Dining Room*  
10:30 Wesley Nurse Mtg. - *Parlor*  
7:00 Cluster Meeting (*Smiths*)  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

### Friday, July 30

2:00 MOPS Unbirthday Party @ Cupcake Cabin, 1020 Townsend  
**Saturday, July 31**  
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*  
4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group - *Laurel Room*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 & 11:00 \*Worship & Holy Communion (Rev. Jim McClain) - *Sanctuary*  
9:30 Fellowship Time- *Dining Rm.*  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship - *Chandler Center*  
6:00 \*Informal Worship - The Connection - *Dining Room*

### Monday, August 2

8:00-5:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*  
12:00 Summer Nutrition (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

### Tuesday, August 3

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

### Wednesday, August 4

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 Bible Study - *Library*

### Thursday, August 5

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*  
6:00 Professional Tour Guide Class - *312*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*  
7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

### Friday, August 6

5:00 Marrone / Mellado Wedding Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*  
**Saturday, August 7**  
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*  
5:00 Marrone / Mellado Wedding - *Sanctuary*

### *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.

## UMCOR: Mission of the Month for August

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.



**SUNDAY  
JULY 11  
8 AM - 12:30 PM  
Christ Church  
510 Belknap Place**

### GIFTS IN HONORARIA

#### Haiti Earthquake

#### Relief

REV. & MRS.  
JIM MCCLAIN

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

#### Health Cabinet BRADY WOODS

by  
Teresa Garcés

#### Stephen Ministry ANNA LOWRY

by  
Laurel Heights Membership

#### Vacation Bible School BRADY WOODS

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Novak



*Healing:* Mary Elizabeth Boazeman; Oralee Meyer; Ruth Nielsen; Vane Hugo; Henry Birdwell; Roxane Darnell; Richard Jackson; Harold & Juanita Souder; Nancy Fassnidge; Mindy Lanoux; Gary Rine; Cora Nell Fournier.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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