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Becoming Disciples

I am often asked to teach classes for the congregations I serve. There is a wide range of interest but most often they fall into two types: new member classes where people discover the wonderful traditions of their new community or a seekers class where people learn

some of the basic beliefs of the Christian Faith. In the many years of teaching in local congregations, I have found nothing meets both of these goals better than the "Disciple" Bible study series. I have led the introduction to the series almost every year since my ordination. The first class "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" does not go into detail on doctrines of Methodism or Methodist History but touches the major points of these and many more sound Biblical principles that come together to make us who we are. In the course of the classes we discuss many different viewpoints of the texts we study and I make every effort to distinguish those unique to John Wesley, the founder of The United Methodist Church and the church of today.

If you have experienced the first class you can easily imagine how no two years of study are ever the same. In the course of 34 weeks you discover things about yourself, your faith and each other. The format for the class is designed toward the transformation of those who participate rather than giving information. Each participant helps shape and transform the class as the class shapes and transforms each individual. I would love to share this experience with each of you and to be intentionally shaped and transformed by you.

See you Sunday,

Jim

August 28 is Education Sunday

The new school year is upon us and it is an exciting time for the church. Children and youth will be promoted to their new classes. A new adult class is forming. Disciple graduates will be honored. All types of teachers and education staff will be prayed for. And we want you to be a part. Sunday school starts fresh. Maybe you used to be in a Sunday school class. Maybe you have never been in a class before. Maybe you are in a class you love and never miss. There is a class for you. JOIN US AUGUST 28!

St. Paul's

The Rev. Dr. Marcus Freeman, senior pastor of St. Paul's UMC will be in the pulpit at Laurel Heights for both services on Sunday, Aug. 21 while Rev. McClain preaches at both services at St. Paul's. For the 11:00 service on Aug. 28 our Chancel Choir will go to St. Paul's and their adult choir will come here.

CLOSING THE BOOKS ON SUMMER

Summer in the Story Sunday School classes for children and youth come to a close this Sunday, August 21. Concluding their adventures with Joseph, pre-school meets for Art in Room 105, K-2 has Drama in Room 320, 3rd-5th grade has Games in Room 312 and 6th-12th grade youth have Science in Room 313-A. More information is available online at <http://www.mylhumc.org/summerstory.html>.

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DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

- » Would you like to learn more about the Bible but have felt daunted by the task?
- » Would you like to be in a safe place to bring your hard questions?
- » DISCIPLE Bible Study may be the tool you've been looking for.

Whether you have always been in church and known God your whole life or your journey being a Christian has just begun, DISCIPLE will meet you where you are.

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood.

DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church and affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding the Bible.

DISCIPLE is based on the model of Jesus and the 12 disciples. This small-group study works best with 8 to 14 members including the leader. Group members may come from all walks of life, may or may not be members of the church, or may be first-time or experienced students of the Bible. Regardless of their background, groups covenant together in terms of commitment of time, daily and weekly preparation, and attendance at all weekly sessions. It is a 34-week commitment for 2½ hours each week. It is a big commitment that people always affirm was well worth it.

If you are interested, simply fill out the registration form below and return it to the church office. We will then use your input to form classes at the times that work best for those who are interested. We will notify you as to the popular times and days requested and then form the classes.

Name _____

Address _____

Best Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

I am interested in (circle one)

- **Disciple 1** (overview of entire Bible; led by Rev. Jim McClain, starting September)
- **Disciple Green**, after completing Disciple 1 (Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts; led by Rev. Barb Kurtz, starting in October)

Best Day (circle one)

M T W Th F Sat Sun

Best Time of the Day (circle one)

Morning Afternoon Evening

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Dr. Marcus Freeman) - *Sanctuary*
 9:30 *Fellowship Time-*Dining Rm.*
 10:00 *Sunday School for adults
 10:00 Summer in the Story for children & youth - *For room #s, see article on page 1A*
 10:00 LHUMC leads worship @ Chandler Center
 12:00 Youth Ministry Council - 319
 5:00 Youth Back-to-School Fashion Show - *Dining Room*

Monday, August 22

3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Thu.) - *Gym*
 6:00 San Antonio Choral Society - *Choir Room*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, August 23

8:45 Yoga Class - 305
 10:00 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B
 10:45 San Antonio Tobacco Prevention Coalition - 312
 11:30 Church Staff Birthday Lunch
 12:30 MELD Parenting Group -DR
 5:30 Bexar County Detention Support Groups - *Dining Room*

Wednesday, August 24

4:30 Line Dancing - 312
 5:30 *Supper - *Gym*
 6:15 *Worship / Holy Communion - *Scott Chapel*
 7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, August 25

8:30 Blood Pressure / Sugar Checks - *Dining Room*
 9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
 9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Saturday, August 27

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
 9:00 San Antonio Choral Society - *Choir Room*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

EDUCATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY
 PROMOTION SUNDAY

8:30 *Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
 9:00-11:00 Blood Pressure / Sugar Checks - *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
 10:00 *Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 *Worship with St. Paul's UMC Choir - *Sanctuary*
 4:00 Middle School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 5:30 High School Student (UMYF) - 319
 6:30 Emmaus - *Scott Chapel*

Monday, August 29

3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
 5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC Advisory Council - *Laurel Room*

6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
 6:00 San Antonio Choral Society - *Choir Room*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, August 30

8:45 Yoga Class - 305
 10:00 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B
 12:30 MELD Parenting Group -DR
 5:45 Missions - *Laurel Room*

Wednesday, August 31

4:30 Line Dancing - 312
 5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
 6:00 SA Youth Parents' Mtg. - 305
 6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*
 7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, September 1

8:35 Parents & Pastries - *Parlor*
 9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
 10:00 Positive Parenting Promotions (new parents) - 313A
 RSVP to Christina, 733-7156
 6:00 Church under the Bridge - *Leave from Woodlawn Lot*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

Friday, September 2

6:00 Panevianco / Campbell Wedding Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
 7:05 United Methodist Night at the Missions, 554-1544 for tickets. Contact Clyta Coder for ride in Church Van

Saturday, September 3

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
 6:00 Panevianco / Campbell Wedding - *Sanctuary*



AUGUST

- 21 Deborah Douglas; Thomas Romo, Jr.
 22 Teegan James Thomas
 23 Bill Celaya
 24 Mary Alphin; Young Langston; Betsy Bouton Puentes
 25 Leona Records
 26 Alyza Zandrea Medellin
 27 Winston Robert Brooks
 28 Nancy Dugger; Mary Frakes; Marjorie Hardy; Letty Jones; Sarah Mercado; Lisa Townzen
 29 Cathy Ann Pereira
 30 Geraldine Douglas; Mary Louise Dwyer; Lisa Vaughan
 31 Wayne Brooks

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Christie Cerda; Ashleigh Wilson
 2 Tori Hartson; Helen Moseley
 3 Irene Ojeda; Zane Yancey



Welcome to **Barbara Miller** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on July 31 by letter of transfer from another denomination.

Welcome to **Emma Elizabeth Rodriguez** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on July 31 by infant baptism. Emma Elizabeth is the daughter of Rick and Holly Rodriguez.

Welcome to **Rick Rodriguez** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on July 31 by letter of transfer from another denomination.

Welcome to **Keith Spading** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on July 24 by letter of transfer from another denomination.

Welcome to **Deb Cowles** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on July 24 by letter of transfer from another denomination.



email at Bonnie.vancamp@gmail.com.

MEET AND GREET

Would you be interested in meeting new people and helping make our church extra welcoming for members and guests alike? We are looking for people to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Bonnie Scott at 544-7646 or by



Feed My sheep

After seven of the disciples caught nets filled with large fish, Jesus appears to them and suggests they sit and have breakfast together. After they were satisfied Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter answers, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus responds, "Feed my sheep."

Perhaps Jesus is asking Peter to express that love in some tangible, out-of-the-ordinary way. For several years a group from the church has helped feed and clothe the homeless through Church under the Bridge, a ministry in downtown San Antonio. They are always in need of sandwiches, cookies, and fresh fruit to take. Sandwiches and cookies should be placed in individual serving size zip lock bags. If you want to help prepare the food and load vehicles, be at the church by 4 pm on a first Thursday. (The next date is Sept. 1.) The group leaves from the Woodlawn parking lot at 6 pm. For information, contact Julie Mazel, Diane Boehme, or the church office, 733-7156.

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Vacation Bible School
KERCIDA MCCLAIN
 AND ALL
VBS VOLUNTEERS
 by
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ojeda

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Bell Tower
HAROLD SOUDER
 by
 Lucille and Jim Travis

Music Fund TO THE

GLORY OF GOD
IN THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF
ELISHA ADDISON
SHARP
 by
 Leana Turbeville

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.



Healing: Annalynn Jackson; Mindy Lanoux; James Verette; Roxane Darnell; Thomas Romo; Fred Vaca; Ed Pendleton; Ellen Berky; Geraldine Douglas; Margaret Bich; Max Healy; Jean Ockenfels; Patti Vaughan; and Ruth Nielsen.

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



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