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Faith in Action

Faith in Action Sunday will be observed in October this year. I know this article is early but I want to encourage you to be in prayer about this event. The objective of this worship experience is to remind ourselves and people in the community that we are not just interested in going to Church each week but being the Church in our community.

Many times with programs like this we search for services we think we might be able to offer and then find someone who needs that particular service in a way we think we can offer it. This is not true when communities of faith are first formed. It is often hard to separate where the congregation begins and the community ends when congregations are new. The two are so co-mingled they are difficult to distinguish. Many times, different denominations or faiths will join forces to meet a particular community need.

As the congregation begins to take shape and define itself in the community they may not see themselves as closely related to the community. The distinction between the congregation and community becomes more clearly defined. Congregations begin to identify needs of the community around them and see themselves in ministry *in* the community but not *with* the community as they were when they began. Given more time to establish a unique identity, the congregation will sometimes begin to operate as if their ministry is something they do *to* the community around them rather than “with” or even “in” the community that makes up the congregation.

I would begin by asking you to pray a form of the question asked of Jesus in Luke 10:29, “Who is my neighbor?” What would the people living around our building identify as their greatest need or concern? I was surprised when I visited a neighborhood community meeting where there was a major concern about loose dogs. There was also an interest in taking care of San Pedro Park. Ask around and find out what needs people have. Also, what communities do the members of our congregation represent? What would it look like to be in ministry with those communities?

The next thing I would ask you to pray about is what is the passion God has given you for being the church with our community? People open to hearing God’s direction in their lives will have enough other people in the congregation to support that call. God is already doing ministries with our community and offering multiple opportunities for people of faith to participate. Let’s discover what God is doing and join in. There are many expressions of the Spirit present in the members of this congregation: some may provide physical ability, some skill, some experience, some resources, some prayer, some worship, and some encouragement. What is the passion God has placed in your heart? Where is the Spirit leading you?

People have already come forward to help with reflection material and study groups to help you discern your calling. Others have agreed to connect people who have identified a project God has called them to with people called to support that call. I believe God is leading me to work with a project as part of the larger community that Sunday and will call on new people to do the work of hospitality: welcoming guests, music, proclaiming the Gospel, and fulfilling the covenant that only a faith community can fill -- the covenant of faithful worship.

See you Sunday,
Jim

Don't forget - bring school supplies by Aug. 8 for youth center kiddos

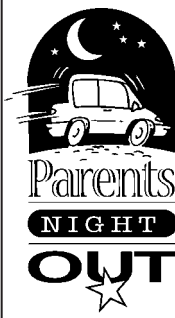
Thanks to many of you the yellow cardboard school buses are filling up with school supplies. The Health Cabinet will present the supplies to the children in the SA Youth @ LHUMC youth center before school starts. If you haven't already done so, jump on the bus and bring your cache of supplies or cash (check) if you prefer that we do the shopping for you. The “needs list” is posted in the dining room. Or, call Christina Galvan, 733-7156.

SAVE LIVES CHANGE THE WORLD IMAGINE NO MALARIA

EVENT: Imagine No Malaria Party
PLACE: LHUMC Gymnasium
DATE: Saturday, August 13
TIME: 5:00 pm
DINNER: Eat a bite and STOP the mosquito bite that kills children. (Meal donations accepted.)
GUEST SPEAKER: SILVER STAR Ruth Riley
RSVP: Deaconess Judy Davis, judy@mylhunc.org or Church Receptionist, 733-7156



DOOR PRIZES and ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



PNO Resumes August 5

Parents' Night Out resumes Friday, August 5th. PNO provides certified childcare for ages 3 months to fifth grade. The cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Reservations must be received by 12 noon on the Friday of PNO. Call the church receptionist, 733-7156.

TIMES WITH JOSEPH END SOON

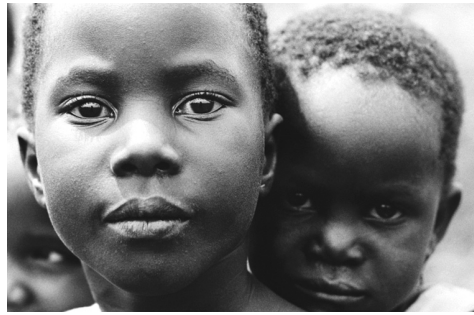
Children and youth Summer in the Story Sunday School classes come to a close on Aug. 21 with regular classes resuming on Aug. 28 (Christian Education Sunday). Each week classes rotate to a different center to experience the story in a new way: **Science = Room 313-A, Cooking = Room 219, Art = Room 105 Drama = Room 320, and Games = Room 312**

Clip and save the Schedule below. More information is available online at www.mylhunc.org/summerstory.html.

	PS	K-2	3-5	6-12	Joseph
7-Aug	Games	Science	Cook	Art	
14-Aug	Drama	Games	Science	Cook	
21-Aug	Art	Drama	Games	Science	

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

Save lives - Change the world



"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20 Common English Bible

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa by 2015. With a goal to raise \$75 million to improve health infrastructure and empower a sustainable victory over the disease, Imagine No Malaria is our opportunity to rethink how we reach beyond our church, opening to those who need it most. Through Imagine No Malaria United Methodists are joining hands with Africa on a personal mission of healing by supporting this comprehensive approach to defeating malaria through prevention, education, communication and treatment.

Come on the night of August 13th to learn about fund raising efforts for Imagine No Malaria occurring within our congregation and find out how your donation could be doubled to help rid the world of malaria. Monies received during the event will be matched in an amount up to the matching funds ceiling.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA -- then make it real. Childcare available. RSVP to Deaconess Judy Davis, judy@mylhumc.org.

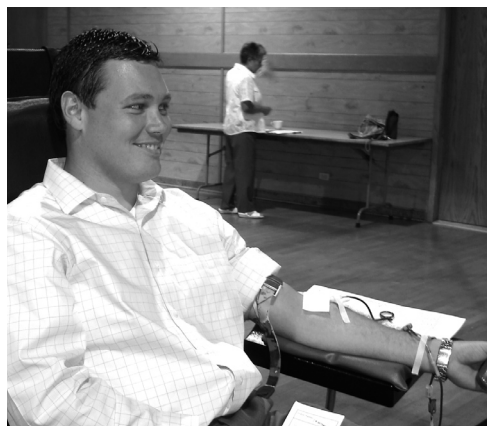
HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO...

7 Jordan Jopling	14 Paul Seeman
8 Lorrie Garcia; Rogene Green; Sharon Rardin; Nicole Swientek	15 Sue Hall; Maurice Mazel; Valerie Morton; Henry Samuel Taylor
10 Johnny Pickett	16 Karen Bowerman; Don Hammer; Dan Seilheimer; Robin Seilheimer
11 Michael Barr; Richard Chandler; Sydney Davis; Drew Jackson; Sandra Ojeda Medina; Charlotte Parsley; Carol Tilson	17 Suzie Barrows; Kristen Pratt
12 Abigail Sanders; Breanna Swientek; Reanna Swientek	18 Jerry Brown; Susie Dvoracek; Hugh Lindsey
13 Nona Brooks; Myrle Deaton; Pat Moss	19 Kellis Dibrell; Beverly Smith
	20 Robbie Grzymek; Michael Pratt; Jeannie Salony

LHUMC blood donors help 51

by Wesley Nurse Christina Galvan, RN, BSN

Thank you everyone who participated in July's blood drive! Thanks to you we were able to collect **17 units of blood to help 51 lives** of our fellow South Texans. Giving blood is truly a selfless gift. The Bible refers to blood being the life of the flesh (Lev. 17:11). It is amazing that we are able to give the gift of life. Statistics show that only 5% of those eligible to donate blood do. Thanks, Laurel Heights, for your selflessness in stepping up! I



know that even more of you will want to get involved in the next blood drive.

2012 BLOOD DRIVES

MARCH 18
JULY 8
DECEMBER 2

SAVE THE DATES

Positive Parenting Promotions for new parents

On Thursday, Aug. 18 Christina Galvan will begin teaching classes on positive parenting for new parents. The classes are self-contained each week and offer a video presentation followed by discussion with questions and answers. Wesley Nurses at other locations are doing classes on the basics of parenting. Class size is limited, so RSVP to Christina, 733-7156.

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Bell Tower JERRY HODGES

by
Aleene Block

ALEXIS JONES

by
Aleene Block

by
Dinah Tanner

BENSON MCGLONE'S GRADUATION

by
Aleene Block

Bus Ministry SARA ELIZABETH HOLLOWAY

by
Loving Friend

Imagine No Malaria JUDY DAVIS

by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

KERCIDA MCCLAIN

by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

Pastor's Discretionary

Fund DON STILL'S BIRTHDAY

by
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

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.



Welcome to **Abigail Catherine Ford** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on June 26 by infant baptism. Abigail Catherine is the daughter of Kyle and Leila Ford.

Welcome to **Troy and Dawn Socwell** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on July 3 by letter of transfer from Christ UMC, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Welcome to **Sara Elizabeth Holloway** who joined Laurel Heights UMC by infant baptism on July 17. Sara Elizabeth is the daughter of Stephen and Carrie Holloway.

LETTER OF THANKS FOR VBS

"Dear Laurel Heights UMC,

On behalf of the Vacation Bible School unit with the United Methodist Publishing House, we would like to say thank you for all your many efforts during this test church process. Thank you for the months of planning and preparation for VBS. After looking at the pictures of your decorations, it is evident that many hours went into your set designs and building. The use of the blue cellophane paper created an underwater universe for the children and leaders. What a fun and safe learning environment you provided for the children!

Thanks to all the teachers who dived in during Operation Overboard and taught children how to go deep with God. Thanks to all of you who guided children during craft time, recreation, music, missions, snacks, assembly, and discovery time. We would like to say a special word of thanks to Kercida and Jim McClain. What a joy it is to have a pastor who values the children of the church and the ministry of VBS. Know that we appreciate Kercida and her commitment to quality Christian education. Her love and passion for the ministry of VBS is evident. Thanks again for all your work. God will bless all these efforts. Keep up the great job as you continue to build strong biblical foundations for faith development for the children of the church and community. Cokesbury VBS Unit"

A NOTE OF



Our family wants to express

thanks to the church for the many, many things you did to show your love when Harold died. Friends who attended his memorial service told us that you were so wonderful to prepare a feast in his honor after the service. They told me how beautiful the church was, how the beauty showed how much the church means to the people who call this their church home, and how friendly you were to them in such meaningful ways. Harold loved you and the church, and he was so much a part of this congregation. You tell me you miss his presence, and you let me tell you how much we miss him in our lives. For all of your many ways of loving and helping us, we give thanks. May the bells toll in the future, and may God bless all of you.

Juanita Souder

On the menu for Imagine No Malaria

On Saturday, Aug. 13, join us at our Imagine No Malaria party for a tasty evening meal prepared in the style of Africa. On the menu is Frango à Cafreal (Mozambique BBQ chicken), Jollof rice, Vegetarian Moroccan Stew, and pineapple and mango salad. The children's menu is chicken strips, green beans, and fruit. Please RSVP to the church receptionist, 733-7156. Meal donations are accepted.

Gifts to

United Methodist Women Mary Blackford Scholarship Fund

In Memory of
TALITHA HOLLOWAY
and
MARY MCDAVID
by
Trudy & Paul Kinnison

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship Service & Holy Communion - *Sanctuary*
 9:30 *Fellowship Time-Dining Rm.
 10:00 *Sunday School for adults
 10:00 Summer in the Story for children & youth - *Rooms vary; see chart on page 1A*
 10:00 LHUMC leads worship @ Chandler Center
 4:00 Middle School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 5:30 High School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319

Monday, August 8

8:00-5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
 9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - 312
 10:00 Super Adult Books & Conversation - *Parlor*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, August 9

7:30 Health Cabinet - *The Foundry*
 8:45 Flow Yoga Class - 305
 9:00-12:00 Church Women United Assembly Workday - *Parlor*
 10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - 305
 10:00 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B
 11:30 Stephen Leaders- *Laurel Rm.*
 12:30 MELD Parenting Group -DR
 5:30 Bexar County Detention Support Groups - *Dining Room*
 6:00-9:00 SAAEYC Training - 312

Wednesday, August 10

10:00 Super Adult Steering- *Parlor*
 11:30 Let's Eat Out - *Church Bus*
 4:30 Line Dancing - 312
 4:30 Property Committee - *Library*
 5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
 6:00 Youth Bible Stories - 319
 6:00 Women's Book Group - *Laurel Room*
 6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Jim McClain) - *Scott Chapel*
 7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, August 11

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
 6:30 Education Committee - *Parlor*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Friday, August 12

6:30 Parents' Night Out - RSVP by 12 noon to 733-7156

Saturday, August 13

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
 10:00 MOPS at Museum of Art - Katie Myers, 545-0312
 5:00 Imagine No Malaria - *Gym*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship- *Sanctuary*
 9:30 *Fellowship Time-Dining Rm.
 10:00 *Sunday School for adults
 10:00 Summer in the Story for children & youth - *Rooms vary*
 4:00 Middle School Student Ministries (UMYF) - 319
 4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- 313-B
 5:30 High School Student (UMYF) - 319

Monday, August 15

8:00-5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
 9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*
 9:00 Youth River Trip - *Church Van*
 5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, August 16

8:45 Flow Yoga (tentative) - 305
 10:00 Gentle Yoga (tentative) - 305
 10:00 Church Staff Meeting- 313-B
 12:30 MELD Parenting Group -DR
 5:30 Finance Committee - *Parlor*
 6:15 Stephen Ministry - 313-B

Wednesday, August 17

7:30 Executive Comm. - *Foundry*
 4:30 Line Dancing - 312
 5:00 Book Club - *Library*
 5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
 6:00 Youth Bible Stories - 319
 6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Jim Carr) - *Scott Chapel*
 7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, August 18

2-Day Jr. High Youth Camping Trip - *Church Bus*
 9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
 9:00 MOPS to San Antonio Zoo Riverbank-Katie Myers 545-0312
 10:00 Positive Parenting Promotions (for new parents)
 RSVP: Christina, 733-7156-313A
 5:30 Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)- *Laurel Room*
 6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
 7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Friday, August 19

8:00 Super Adults to Luling & Lockhart - *Leave from Sears lot*
 7:05 United Methodist Night at the Missions, 554-1544 for tickets

Saturday, August 20

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
 9:00 Program Council - 312
 10:30 Board of Stewards - 312

United Methodist Night at the Missions

Friday, Aug. 19 is United Methodist Night at the Missions. Meet me at the ball park and hear Rev. Jim McClain sing *The Star Spangled Banner*. Game starts at 7:05 pm. A portion of each ticket for that night supports camperships for children and youth within the San Antonio District. Tickets are \$8.50 each; children under 2 years are free. Order tickets together if you wish to sit as a group. Mail your check, payable to San Antonio Missions, to San Antonio Missions, 5757 Hwy. 90 West, SAT 78227. To pay by credit card or for more information, call Bill Gerit, 554-1544.



Altar Flower donors

Altar flower donors have the unique opportunity of beautifying the sanctuary while honoring or remembering someone special. A few 2011 dates are still open. To check availability, contact Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 ext. 12.

August Mission: Native American Children's Fund, Advance # 583581

The mission is headquartered in Oklahoma and its goal is: 1) to provide school clothing assistance for low-income Native American children and youth so they can have better esteem when they go back to school in the fall and 2) to provide for all their churches that cannot afford to purchase VBS materials but still want to serve the children and youth so they can have the materials and supplies needed for a meaningful VBS experience.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Altar Guild

PEARL ROBINSON
by
Emmaus
Prayer Bears Group

Bell Tower

GACE BAILEY
by
Aleene Block

TALITHA HOLLOWAY

by
Aleene Block

by
Mrs. Marie Campbell

MARY MCDAVID

by
Aleene Block

HAROLD SOUDER

by
Aleene Block

by
Mrs. Marie Campbell

by
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Colson

Building Fund

HAROLD SOUDER
by
Dr. & Mrs. Reeves Smith

Church Mice

HAROLD SOUDER
by
Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Grier
by
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ojeda

Columbarium

HAROLD SOUDER
by
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kinnison



English Oak

Parlor Table
NANCY FASSNIDGE
by
2011 Property Committee

General Memorials

SAM DIBRELL
by
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

TALITHA HOLLOWAY

by
Dr. & Mrs. Henry Perkins

HAROLD SOUDER

by
Margaret Gorton

by
Mrs. Jerry Hodges

by
Helen Moseley

by
Harold Snyder

Music Fund

TALITHA
HOLLOWAY
by
Phoebe Hardy

Pastor's Discretionary

SARAH JEAN
ANDERSON
by
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

School Supplies

SISTER SUSIE
by
Deborah Cowles

Trustee Building Management

HAROLD SOUDER
by
James Moffett



Healing: 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.

Those Who Mourn: Family of Don Donaldson who died June 16; family of Helen Shepler who died Jan. 16.

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



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 Youth Director
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