



Extravagant Generosity

“Our love for the church includes a multitude of things: the traditions, the building, the music, the wonderful children. Most of all we love the people, our church family – *you* who prayed and in your unique way sustained us through a difficult journey; but ultimately it was *you* who again showed us what God’s church really is – an extravagant generosity of grace and love!!” *Harold and Juanita Souder*

This is one of hundreds of notes shared during our “Extravagant Generosity, A Matter of the Heart” teaching last fall. As a direct result of joining together

to share our stories and to prayerfully consider our church, its ministries and our hearts, a generous gift of \$10,000 has been given to place a bell in Moore Tower. I must say my heart was warmed when the donor of the gift shared with me that he “received a burr under his saddle” during one of the Extravagant Generosity teachings. He felt he was faithful but had never done anything above and beyond what he felt was expected. He told me he had been praying and listening for something in which he could participate in an extravagant way.

For thousands of years the pealing of bells after weddings and the tolling of bells after funerals have been ways for congregations to announce to others the “extravagant generosity of [God’s] grace and love”. The conversation of adding bells to our presence in the community was begun many years ago and concerns were raised over being a good neighbor and local ordinances. While real bells are more expensive than the system proposed before, they are much more acceptable and often permitted by local ordinances. This extravagant gift is the beginning of the realization of bells in the bell tower.

The church has many needs but none as important as making disciples of Jesus Christ. Buying a bell or making a large contribution to something does not make a person a disciple. Prayerfully listening for God’s guidance and counsel and responding extravagantly does. The gift mentioned above will not be enough to purchase and install bells of a size that are respectful of this building or significant enough to announce God’s presence with the authority and depth this congregation has exemplified over the years. But because someone listened for God’s still small voice and responded in a significant way with the authority of God’s call and the depth of God’s love, at least one life will be changed forever.

Praying for someone during a difficult time, preparing a meal for someone who is hungry, sustaining someone during a difficult journey or any other extravagant response to God’s placing a burr under our saddle moves us closer to God in a way that merely doing what is expected cannot. They say every time an angel gets their wings a bell is rung.

See you Sunday,

Jim

VBS Registration underway

by *Kercida McClain*

How can you help?

Pray! Pray! Pray for each person helping to make VBS a success. Pray for the many children that will be in our care during the week. Pray for the families of all who are involved. Pray we may be the light of Christ to all we meet.

Tithe. When we all tithe and give our offerings to God, it makes events such as VBS possible. If you would like to contribute above that you may do so by noting VBS in your contributions.

Donate Materials. When you are going deep you can never have too much

- Blue material (especially rolls of blue cellophane)
- Dive gear – like fins and snorkels and wet suits and tanks.

If we can borrow yours for the week that would be great. Simply mark them with your name so we can return them after VBS.

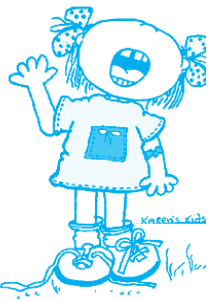
Invite and PRE-REGISTER – Make sure your friends and neighbors have been invited and are registered. There are blue registration cards all over the church or you can download one at www.mylhumc.org/events/vbs.html. When you turn in your registration form you will receive a CD of the music for your family.

Volunteer - Come, join the fun.

• We will have inventory day on **June 4** at 9:00 am to go through closets and corners.

• First workday is Tuesday, **June 14** starting at 9:00. Come paint and plan and paint some more. We will be busy on each Tuesday after that. If you want to help and can’t come during the work week look for the Saturday that will be coming soon.

Oh yeah, and PRAY!



TALK ABOUT BOOKS!



This summer the Women’s Book Group will be discussing two books and the well-regarded film version made from each of them. Women, join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Laurel Room (second floor outside the dining room).

- **June 8:** *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- **July 13** (film): *Atonement* (2007)
- **August 10:** *Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer
- **September 14** (film): *Everything is Illuminated* (2005)

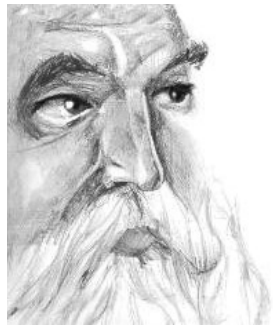
Women’s Book Group is sponsored by MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) at Laurel Heights UMC. Open to all women; you do not have to be a mother to participate.

Be sure to call the church, 733-7156, by noon the Tuesday prior to make meal reservations for the supper. Suggested meal donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

Summer in the story

Our great, great, great, great, great, great...



Grandparents in Faith

Children and Youth
(Pre-school-12th Grade)

Session 1: Abraham

June 19-July 17

Session 2: Joseph

July 24-Aug. 21

Each week classes rotate to a different center to experience the story in a new way.

Cooking... Room 219

Art...Room 313-A

Drama/Theatre...Room 320

Games...Room 312

Science...Room 105

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

	PS	K-2	3-5	6-12	
19-Jun	Cook	Art	Drama	Games	Abraham
26-Jun	Art	Drama	Games	Science	
3-Jul	Drama	Games	Science	Cook	
10-Jul	Games	Science	Cook	Art	
17-Jul	Science	Cook	Art	Drama	
24-Jul	Cook	Art	Drama	Games	Joseph
31-Jul	Art	Drama	Games	Science	
7-Aug	Drama	Games	Science	Cook	
14-Aug	Games	Science	Cook	Art	
21-Aug	Science	Cook	Art	Drama	

C.U.B. feeds the homeless

Members of our church continue to help the homeless at Church under the Bridge by bringing food once a month and/or going with our group on the first Thursday of the month to help serve the homeless. With some people taking vacations in the summer, these months tend to need a more workers and food providers. If you would like to help, please leave your food items with the church receptionist by the first Wednesday evening of the month. If you would like to help prepare and load vehicles, be at the church by 4 pm on a first Thursday. The group leaves from the Woodlawn parking lot at 6 pm if you would like to go.

Items that are always needed are sandwiches, cookies, and fresh fruit. Bringing your sandwiches and cookies in individual serving size zip lock bags helps make the work go faster for us before we go. Questions? Contact Julie Mazel or Diane Boehme.

NEW LHUMC LIBRARY HOURS

STAFFED LIBRARY HOURS	WEDNESDAY 10 AM - 12 PM & 5 - 6 PM
COMPUTERS AVAILABLE ONLY DURING STAFFED HOURS	FRIDAY 10 AM - 12 PM
SUNDAY 9:30 AM - 11 AM	SELF-HELP LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY 10 AM - 12 PM	MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 - 5 PM
	Search the Library Catalog online at http://66.196.195.10:8080 .

Welcome to **Jay and Socorro Fontaine** who joined Laurel Heights UMC May 14, 2011 by letter of transfer from another denomination.

JUNE
 5 Patricia Dapeer; David Saylor; Chad Wood
 6 Stacy Campbell; Katie Hazlewood; Katina Huron; Lisette LaFortune
 7 Kim Grossett
 8 Lydia O. Powell; Michael Trodden
 9 Hannah Jane Bull; John Evans; Benjamin Reed
 10 Mary Sandoval; Mrs. Dick Thiesen
 11 Jack Thomas Youngblood
 13 Rex Bailey
 14 Sara Bunch; Jessica Douglas-Beckham; Maggie Parsley
 16 Mary Eng; Stephen Holloway; Savannah Jolene Ricks; Rena Watson
 17 Erica Medellin
 18 Josh Adams; William Beuhler; Richard Jackson

Summer meal hosts needed!

You haven't called the church office to sign up yet, have you? We still have plenty of Wednesday night supper dates open for this summer. If your class or group would like to host a meal this summer, contact Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 ext. 12. Dates are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please be prepared to provide your complete menu when you call to reserve your date.

Your group will be responsible for any condiments (lemons for tea), as well as juice for the children, if desired. You will not, however, be responsible for setting tables, washing dishes, or providing coffee and tea.

Mayor Julian Castro and Texas State Demographer Dr. Lloyd Potter to speak at Neighborhood Conference

The Neighborhood Resource Center, a non-profit organization, welcomes San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro to discuss neighborhood roles in the SA2020 Vision project. Texas State Demographer Lloyd Potter Ph.D. will present an analysis of Census 2010 demographics and what they mean to Texas, Bexar County, the City of San Antonio and our neighborhoods. It happens at the 22nd Annual Neighborhood Conference to be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 8 am to 1 pm at the church.

The NRC Conference is open to the public. Copies of the Mayor's SA2020 report will be provided free to the first 200 Conference attendees.

As recently released census data has confirmed, San Antonio neighborhoods are changing, growing in population, and shifting in density. These changes have major implications for area neighborhoods from adjustments in traffic patterns to neighborhood businesses, to strains placed on city and county services and infrastructure. Keeping up with these changes is necessary so that we are not swept away by them.

Morning Workshops include: 1) Neighborhood Legal Issues, 2) Leadership Development, 3) Volunteer Opportunities, 4) Updates on City-wide projects, and 5) How to Create Fun Things to Do in Your Neighborhood. Workshops will be followed by the luncheon plenary session with Mayor Castro and Dr. Potter.

The NRC will sponsor "Shred-it Mobile Paper Shredding and Recycling" to provide on-site DOCUMENT SHREDDING beginning at 7:30 am for anyone in the congregation or the neighborhood wishing to safely dispose of large or small amounts of documents.

Laurel Heights will have an exhibit table along with exhibit tables in the fellowship hall for businesses and organizations. Call 735-0586 or email nrcsa@swbell.net to RSVP or for more information. Lunch will be reserved with your RSVP. While registration is free, a \$10 donation for lunch is suggested. Find out more online at www.nrcsa.org.



Youth, are you ready?

Have you signed up yet for the Youth Mission Trip? Have you filled out and returned the necessary forms? Are you ready to work... and have fun and fellowship and do lots of cool things? But, did we mention that it's "not so easy in the Big Easy"?

The youth will leave for the work site in New Orleans right after the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, June 26 and return to the church by 9 pm on Friday, July 1.

Here's what you will need for the trip: pillow, sleeping bag, work clothes, after-work clothes, jeans, t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, pants, shorts, closed-toe shoes, cotton socks, hat, ear plugs, work gloves, safety glasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, toiletries, swimsuit, water bottle, Bible, box of favorite cereal, snack to share, money for lunch/supper on the way there and back, and don't forget your Stock Folder (with mailing addresses of certificate holders).

Take stock in our youth

"Stock" certificates to help fund the youth going on the mission trip next month are available in various denominations. You can give online at www.mylhumc.org/onlinegiving.html or contact Paul Seeman, 733-7156 ext. 17, for more information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 *Worship / Communion
- Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time - Dining Rm.
9:45 Confirmation Class - The
Tower, Room 201
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship @
Chandler Center
11:00 *Worship / Communion /
Wynne Bradley Jones Baptism
- Sanctuary
12:30-2:30 Youth Mission Trip
Orientation - Dining Room
3:00 Children's Choir Party -
The Rollercade, 223 Recoleta
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle
School) - 319
5:30 Student Ministries (High
School) - 319

Monday, June 6

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - 312
1:00 Knitpickers - Laurel Room
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC
(Mon. & Tue.) - Gym
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, June 7

8:45 Flow Yoga Class - 312
9:30 UMW Executive Committee
- Parlor
10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - 312
6:15 Stephen Ministry - 313-B

Wednesday, June 8

8:00-5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC
(Wed.-Fri.) - Gym

10:00 Super Adult Steering -Parlor
11:30 Let's Eat Out - Church Bus
4:30 Property Committee - Library
4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:30 *Supper - Dining Room

6:00 Women's Book Group -Laurel
Room
6:15 *Worship /Communion - Scott
Chapel

7:00 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 9

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, June 10

10:00 Church Women United
Executive Board Meeting -Parlor
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP
733-7156 by 12 Noon Friday)

Saturday, June 11

7:00-7:00 Bond Election Runoff
- Choir Room
8:00-1:00 Neighborhood
Conference - Dining Room, Gym
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

PENTECOST / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time - Dining Rm.
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle -313-B
5:30 Youth Summer Fun Night

Monday, June 13

8:00-5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC
(Mon.-Fri.) - Gym

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

10:00 Super Adult Books &
Conversation - Parlor
1:00 Knitpickers - Laurel Room
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

Tuesday, June 14

7:30 Health Cabinet - The Foundry
8:45 Flow Yoga Class - 312
9:00-12:00 VBS Work Day - 312
10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - 312
11:30 Stephen Leaders - Laurel Rm.
5:30 Bexar County Support Groups
- Dining Room

Wednesday, June 15

7:30 Executive Comm. - Foundry
11:00 Staff Meeting - 313-B
4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:00 Book Club - Library
5:30 *Supper - Dining Room
6:00 Youth Bible Study - 319
6:15 *Worship / Communion -
Scott Chapel

7:00 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 16

9:00 Church Mice meet for
fellowship and to do repairs
around the church
12:00 Youth Girls' Day-Church Van
5:30 SPRC - Laurel Room
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
7:00 Worship Committee - Parlor

Friday, June 17

12:00 Youth Boys' Day - Van
6:30 Parents' Night Out (RSVP
733-7156 by 12 Noon Friday)

Saturday, June 18

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B
9:00 Program Council - 312
10:00 Adoption Workshop - 105
10:00 Super Adult Annual
Volunteer Lunch - Dining Room
10:30 Board of Stewards - 312

Wednesday Night Menus Online

[www.mylhunc.org/events/
wednesdaynightmenus.html](http://www.mylhunc.org/events/wednesdaynightmenus.html)

Leave your checkbook at home.

**Laurel Heights
United Methodist Church**
accepts
**Electronic
Giving**

- EFT (Checking/Savings)
- Credit/Debit Card

A Simple, Generous Choice.

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Contact the church office, 733-7156, to learn how you can participate.

GIFTS IN HONORARIA

Music Fund

SARA ELIZABETH
HOLLOWAY

by
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Crockett

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Bell Fund

BONNIE HILLS

by
Dr. William J. Hills

General Memorials

BONNIE HILLS

by
Dr. Al & Shirley O. Sanders

TALITHA HOLLOWAY

by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

BIRDIE TOWERY

by
Carl Samuelson

Music Fund

TALITHA HOLLOWAY

by
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Crockett

Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Davis

BIRDIE TOWERY

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Trustee Property

Committee

NANCY FASSNIDGE

by
Aleene Block

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.

June Mission: Imagine No Malaria

With Imagine No Malaria as our Mission of the Month for June, our church has the unique opportunity to make an extraordinary impact on the lives of children, families and entire villages in Africa, where malaria takes a child's life every 45 seconds. The success of Nothing But Nets has lifted us to a place where a sustainable victory over malaria is possible.

Imagine No Malaria is more than just a campaign against a disease that kills children and destroys families. It is a movement, marching steadily toward making real change in the world, and particularly in Africa. The goal is four-fold: 1) *Prevention* by using bed nets, improving sanitation and draining standing water, 2) *Treatment* through infrastructure by equipping the hundreds of churches, schools, hospitals and clinics operated by The United Methodist Church in Africa with diagnostic test equipment and medicines to treat the disease, 3) *Education* by training local residents to inform others in their communities how to prevent malaria, and 4) *Communication* upgrades to include more ways for people there to learn how to prevent and treat malaria.

Together, we can begin to imagine a world without malaria. With God's help, the dream can become a reality by 2015. This is who we are; this is what we do as United Methodists - *we save lives!*



Healing: Max Healy; Mindy Lanoux; Doug Semmes; Harold Souder; Fred Vaca; Patti Vaughan; Roxane Darnell; Joe & Shelley McMullen; Ruth Nielsen; Geraldine Douglas; Bill Magavern; Martha Hamil.

God's Presence: Cherie Burt.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.

**June 26 -
July 2 Youth
Mission Trip**
Sign up @ 733-7156



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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Gracie Huron, Supervisor

2011 DATES

June 10 & 17
July CLOSED
Aug. 5 & 12

TIME

6:30 PM - 11 PM

Call 733-7156

for more information and reservations. Reservations are required by Friday at Noon.

RATES

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

CERTIFIED CHILDCARE

Ages 3 months to 5th Grade

