



Graduation

I remember a college professor saying in class one day, “Someday you will look back on these days with some of your fondest memories.” I remember thinking at the time that he needed to get out more. Now I think he was right.

High school graduation for most middle-class youth of North America is the closest they will ever get to a formal ceremony celebrating the right of passage from childhood to adulthood. Getting your license to drive is close in that it symbolizes a greater freedom but it doesn't give the person a feeling of greater self-determination and responsibility. Turning 21 adds additional freedoms to a person's

life but the core responsibility, of making good choices and paying the consequences or reaping the rewards of those choices, does not change significantly since graduating or moving out on your own.

Sunday, May 15 we will be celebrating our graduating seniors. We don't celebrate any other non-spiritual milestones of peoples' lives. Births, deaths, confirmation, marriage, sickness, communion and repentance are all spiritual milestones or significant spiritual events in a person's life. Mother's Day, Father's Day, Independence Day and other secular days may be mentioned during the year but they do not mark spiritual or temporal events in an individual's life.

The youth and those being recognized will be asked to learn and reflect on the different aspects of worship. They will then choose to write each part, or find one already written, that honors God and reflects their relationship with God. Then the parts will be offered as a part of the corporate worship of the congregation. How do we proclaim “Now is an acceptable time of worship?” What words will they choose? How will they be presented? Why do we need to confess our sins and what does it mean to confess early in the worship service and does it change if the confession is later in the service? Where does the offering belong in the order? Why does it belong there? Why do we do it? If we just sat a basket next to the back door, would that be the same? These are some of the questions they will be asked to think about as they prepare for this Right of Passage.

Once a child leaves home, no one wakes them up and makes them go to class, work or church. They have to decide on their own the value of each activity. You can rest assured that they will not oversleep or forget about a trip to the lake, ski slopes or a friend's party if it is something they are excited about doing. I asked my children to treat school like a job. Most colleges now cost more each year than the parents of the students make combined in that same year. Fortunately with grants, scholarships, loans and gifts from places like the church and people who care, students can go to college or other training programs. If they see school like a great job, they will be making more per year than most of their parents. If they were raised tithing, then giving 4 hours out of the 40 dedicated to school will be no problem. If they give 40 hours to school and 4 hours to church they should make great grades, stay spiritually grounded, be able to sleep in and still have time to make memories that will be some of the “fondest memories of their lifetime.”

See you Sunday,

Jim



July 11 - 15
9 AM - 12 PM
Age 4 years
through 6th grade

To enroll your child, he or she must be at least four years of age *before* July 11, 2011 and may be entering up to the sixth grade in the fall of 2011-12. Register by completing a Registration Form and faxing it to the church or dropping it off with the church receptionist. Download the form online at www.mylhunc.org/images/vbs2011.pdf. Questions? Want to help? Call Kercida, 733-7156.

Graduating seniors honored Senior Sunday

Please join us at both of the Sunday morning services on May



15th as we honor our graduating seniors: Christian Campbell, Joshua Hudson; Caitlyn Hughes, Pierce Peck; Benjamin Reed, and Zane Yancey. The youth will lead us in worship and then following the 11 o'clock service we will celebrate our seniors at a catered lunch and program in their honor in the dining room. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Let us know you are coming by calling the church receptionist, 733-7156, or signing the attendance pad.

May 9 is final Book Review for the season

The final Book Review of the season is Monday, May 9, followed by lunch in the dining room. The morning begins at 10:00 with coffee and snacks in the choir room. At 10:30 in Scott Chapel Susan Holloway reviews the new novel by Fannie Flagg, *I Still Dream About You*. Maggie Fortenberry is a former Miss Alabama. Still beautiful, she is now a successful real estate agent in her hometown of Birmingham, Alabama. To others her life seems ideal, but Maggie knows how empty her life has become. She decides on a plan to solve all her problems, but life keeps interrupting, causing her to delay her plans. The eventual resolution comes in a way she could never have predicted. This novel is a perfect combination of comedy and old-fashioned wisdom that only Fannie Flagg could write. Admission for the Review is \$3 at the door or by season ticket.



If you plan to attend the luncheon afterwards, the cost for lunch is \$7. Please RSVP for the lunch to 733-6482. On the menu is: artichoke appetizer, garden salad with apple and blue cheese, beef tenderloin, potatoes Romanoff, green peas with mushrooms, dinner roll, and raspberry angel cake.

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

Clyta Coder: New hire with familiar face

Clyta Coder joined Laurel Heights UMC in June of 2000. She hit the ground running and hasn't slowed down yet! Clyta has been a member of Everywoman's Sunday School class, taught Sunday School for third through fifth graders for about six years, is a member of the United Methodist Women Elizabeth Circle, serves on the Missions Committee, belongs to an Emmaus Reunion Group, and has gone on several mission trips to Mexico, one to Guatemala in 2010 and now plans to go on a mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa in June of this year. Clyta began helping with church receptionist duties in October of 2010 as a volunteer. She was hired as a part-time receptionist in February of 2011. Clyta works at the reception desk Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 2 pm. She has two daughters, Ruth and Jeanne who both live in Austin.



Clyta Coder



Welcome to these new members who joined Laurel Heights UMC on April 3, 2011: **Jo Anne Barker** by letter of transfer from First UMC of Marfa, Texas; **Sam Grant** by letter of transfer from another denomination; and **Rudy Lopez, Jr.** by letter of transfer from another denomination.

Native American Ministries Sunday

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 within the 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.

For your convenience, a giving envelope will be provided in the May 8 bulletin.

Stock up!

The youth are selling "stocks" to raise funds for their mission trip planned for June 26 to July 1 in New Orleans. Denominations are \$20, \$50, \$75 and \$100. To donate, or for more information, contact Youth Director Paul Seeman, 733-7156. You can also give online at www.mylhmc.org/onlinegiving.html.

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.

Welcome to new Wesley Nurse

Laurel Heights UMC welcomed a new Wesley Nurse in April. But Christina Galvan is not new to Laurel Heights. She was first introduced to LHUMC through her community class while pursuing her RN, BSN degree at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She also did clinicals under Elizabeth Woods. "I fell in love with community nursing and Laurel Heights during that time" Christina recalls.



Christina Galvan, RN, BSN

At UT Health Science Center Christina was a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, an honor society for nursing program students. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from UT Health Science Center in December 2009. The following month Christina began working as an RN at the main Methodist Hospital in the medical/surgical unit. She worked there for a little over a year before hearing about the opening at Laurel Heights and "jumping on the opportunity".

Christina became an LVN in 2004, working in a family practice, a nursing home and a pediatric clinic. She is originally from Seguin, Texas.

Stop by and get acquainted with Christina. Her office is on the first floor at the Woodlawn entry, next to the Super Adult office. You can also reach Christina at 733-7156 ext. 37.



Dr. Anne Wier

Weekday School Director Recognized

On April 13, 2011, Dr. Anne Wier was awarded "Administrator of the Year" by the San Antonio Association for the Education of Young Children. The award recognizes dedication and efforts invested in young children and their families. Nominations are from another early childhood professional and are accompanied by parent and peer reference letters.

LHUMC LIBRARY HOURS

STAFFED

LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY

5 - 6:15 PM

SELF-HELP

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9 - 5 PM

Search the Library Catalog online at <http://66.196.195.10:8080>.

Gifts to United Methodist Women Mary Blackford Scholarship Fund

In Honor of
LAUREL HEIGHTS
UMW'S
LENTEN LUNCHES
by
Dinah Tanner

In Memory of
MARY MCDAVID
by
Marie Campbell
Daniel & Gloria Doerr, Jr.
Patricia A. Lundberg
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Shirley Peterson
Mr. & Mrs.
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<p>GIFTS IN HONORARIA</p> <p>Emmaus JILL CALDWELL by Anne Sadler-Godwin</p>
<p>General Budget MY FATHER, SERGIO SHEARER by Andrea Lee</p>
<p>Heifer International DR. ANMARIE MACFARLAND by Dinah Tanner & Aleene Block</p>
<p>Property Committee LAY LEADERSHIP OF THE LHUMC BUILDING & REMODELING PROJECT: WENDELL & JANICE DAVIS PAUL & TRUDY KINNISSON HAROLD & JUANITA SOUDER REEVES & BEVERLY SMITH by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Crockett</p>
<p>Stephen Ministry ANNA LOWERY by Doris Wise Hoffman</p>



CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *106*
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - *313-A*
9:45 Confirmation Class - *The Tower, Room 201*
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle School) - *319*
5:30 Student Ministries (High School) - *319*

5:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- *313-B*
Monday, May 9

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
10:00 Super Adults Pre-Review Coffee Fellowship - *Choir Room*
10:30 Super Adults Final Book Review for Season - *Scott Chapel*
11:30 Super Adult End-of-Season Lunch - *Dining Room*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

5:30 Stephen Minister Training-*312*
6:00 Emmaus Reunion Group - *DR*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, May 10

7:30 Health Cabinet - *The Foundry*
9:30 UMW General Mtg. - *Parlor*
11:30 Stephen Leaders- *Laurel Rm.*
1:45 Body & Spirit (Tue./Thu.) *312*
5:30 Bexar County Support Groups - *Dining Room*
7:00 VBS Leader Training - *Parlor*

Wednesday, May 11

10:00 Super Adult Steering- *Parlor*
11:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
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 *Taize Worship Service (Rev. Valli Seilheimer) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
6:30 Disciple I - *Parlor*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 12

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

Friday, May 13

10:00 Church Women United Executive Board Meeting- *Parlor*
6:30 PNO (RSVP 733-7156 by 12)

Saturday, May 14

7:00-7:00 Bond Election-*ChoirRm.*
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
10:00 Confirmation Celebration @ Colonial Hills UMC
10:00 MOPS Gathering - *105*

SUNDAY, MAY 15

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY
8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *106*
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - *313-A*

9:45 Confirmation Class - *The Tower, Room 201*
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship at Chandler Center
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*
12:00 Seniors Recognition Lunch - *Dining Room*
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle School) - *319*
5:30 Student Ministries (High School) - *319*

Monday, May 16

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
9:00 Super Adults Games Day - *DR*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*
6:00 Emmaus Reunion Group - *DR*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

Tuesday, May 17

1:45 Body & Spirit (Tue./Thu.) *312*
5:30 Finance Committee - *Parlor*
6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, May 18

7:30 Executive Comm. - *Foundry*
11:00 Church Staff - *313-B*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*

Thursday, May 19

5:00 Book Club - *Library*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
6:30 Disciple I - *Parlor*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Friday, May 20

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
5:30 SPRC - *Laurel Room*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Saturday, May 21

5:30 Stephen Ministry Training Retreat - *312*
6:30 PNO (RSVP 733-7156 by 12)
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
9:00 Program Council - *312*
9:00 Stephen Ministry Training Retreat - *Dining Room*
10:30 Board of Stewards - *312*
3:00 Disciple Retreat - *TBD*

Scholarships

The Laurel Heights UMC Scholarship Committee is accepting scholarship applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Anyone seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree may apply. Scholarships do not auto-renew; current recipients must re-apply. The deadline is May 31, 2011. Pick up an application in the church office or contact Dave Gannon, 852-9932, or dave_gannon@msn.com.

MAY BIRTHDAYS THIS ISSUE

8 Catherine Anne Geerdes; John David Griffin; Riley Lanoux; Rebecca Martin Rowland	Jeanette Morton; Tom Youngblood
10 Vicki Bartel; Roy Frese Smith	16 Eleanor Elizabeth Dibrell; Harrison Hedgepeth; Chris Parsons
11 Gerald Lee	17 Kenneth McFarland; Marilyn Moore
12 Hilda Arevalos; Hannah Victoria Hughes; Elizabeth Jackson	18 Karen Gish; Evalyn Grantham
13 Sam Dibrell	19 Matthew Scott
14 Jackie Kingsland	20 Jerry Geerdes; Irene Vaca
15 Gina Campbell; Rebecca Castro; Thomas Guggolz;	21 Alexander Jacobs

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Easter Offering

NANCY FASSNIDGE

by

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller

MICHAEL MIKLAS, III

by

Mary Ann Miklas

LELIA C. ROMO

by

Larry & Sandra Good

LELIA C. ROMO & SUE COLE

by

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Romo

General Memorials

GRACE BAILEY

by

Shelley Bentsen

Genie Edgar

David Harris

Lucille Hegar

Rebecca Hegar

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Souder

Mrs. J. G. Threadgill

Colleen Williams

NANCY FASSNIDGE

by

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wright

REV. JACK HOOPER

by

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

BARBARA LUMSDON

by

Mrs. Betty B. Cashin

Ms. Cathy Walter

MARY MCDAVID

by

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

General Memorials

BILLIE RICE

by

Mr. & Mrs. Andrw Spillman

WAYNE TANNER

by

Dinah Tanner

BIRDIE TOWERY

by

Friendship Forum / Aldersgate Class

Gardner Peavy

Kandice & Tiffany Samuelson

Service Mechanical Group, Ltd.

Water Works Plumbing & Irrigation, Inc.

MRS. DOTTY TRENTON

by

Marjorie Hardy

Organ Fund

NANCY FASSNIDGE

by

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Miller

GLADYS HARDIN

by

Darla Peek

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

NANCY FASSNIDGE

by

Dr. & Mrs. Reeves Smith

MARY MCDAVID

by

Dr. & Mrs. Reeves Smith

BIRDIE TOWERY

by

Sue Hall

Dr. & Mrs. Reeves Smith



Healing: Ruth Nielsen; Mindy Lanoux; Roxane Darnell; Shelley McMullen; Paul Roberts; Geraldine Douglas; Faye Fox; Jo Anne Barker; Martha Hamil; Patti Vaughan; Harold Souder; Clay Skinner; Myrle Deaton.

Thanksgiving: Safe return of Jose Garcia from Afghanistan.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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