



Rev. Jim McClain

THANKS!

Thank you for your wonderful welcome to Laurel Heights United Methodist Church and San Antonio. Kercida, Lancy and I have felt a warm and genuine embrace from all we have met so far and we look forward to meeting many more. Ann McGlone, Chair of the Board of Stewards, is working with several hosts to offer cluster meetings around the community. We want to hear about your love and passion for Laurel Heights as well as your hopes and dreams. It is our hope that everyone will find a time and location that works well for them.

Some of you may not be able to attend because of distance or physical limitations. If this is your situation, please contact the church office and let them know so we can set up an alternative. I have met a great number of you after Sunday worship, through Super Adults, and The Connection. While these are great times, they are often full of distractions and conversations are short or limited. I want to be able to listen and give everyone the attention they deserve.

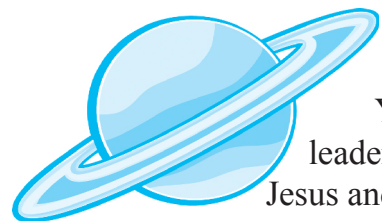
I know everyone is busy. I hope you can find the time to attend one of the many cluster meetings being offered. You can call the church office if you need dates, times, places, or have any questions. Call some of your friends and invite them to come with you. We want to hear from you. John Wesley believed it was important to take the church to the people and to go outside the walls to where the people are. Let a host, or the church office, know you will be attending so we can be prepared. Wouldn't it be great if we had to add additional meetings because of the tremendous response?

Summer is a difficult time to make meetings because of vacations, trip and family visits. I want to encourage you to stay in touch with your congregation. With all the new ways to communicate, it seems easier for relationships to slip away. When you travel, log on to the website and download the mp3 of the sermon. If possible, attend worship where you are. Stay in touch through prayer if you are unable to be in worship. You can read the newsletter online and keep up with your friends, events and prayer needs. Many of you have introduced yourself to us through social media. There is a Facebook page dedicated to Laurel Heights where people share their stories, dreams, failures and desires.

This is a wonderful congregation and I know only a small portion of the ministries God is providing here. I am excited about the direction I see us heading and the enthusiasm I have witnessed. Well done good and faithful servants.

See you Sunday,

Help VBS Blast off



You don't need to be a science major to be a science leader at Cosmic Blast VBS, July 12-16. You just need to love Jesus and want to share God's love with kids. We need one more science leader and three tour guides. For details, contact Bonnye Cavazos or Benson McGlone, 733-7156 ext. 37.

Let's get personal



Jim & Kercida McClain

Cluster meetings are being planned to give the congregation an opportunity to meet and talk with Rev. and Mrs. Jim McClain in a small, informal setting. If you would like to host a meeting, please contact Ann McGlone or Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156 ext. 12.

Ramp building project needs helpers

You can help build wheelchair ramps for persons in our neighborhood and you don't even need to know how to drive a nail. We need volunteers who can supply water and lunch for the workers at the work site. And, of course, we need people with basic carpentry skills.

Our first project was Saturday, June 26 from 8:00 am until 1:00 or 2:00 that afternoon. If you missed it, don't fret. Other Saturdays are being scheduled for this summer and fall. For more details, contact Jerome Malek, 495-4252, or jeromemalek@sbcglobal.net.



BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY
JULY 11
8 AM - 12:30 PM
Gymnasium



ALL BUILDINGS & OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5

Other LHUMC News on Pages 4A & 8A

Stephen Ministry featured on PBS

The PBS "Religion and Ethics" news program recently aired an eight-minute feature on Stephen Ministry that vividly describes the life-changing ministry happening in thousands of congregations. To view the feature and watch other videos on Stephen Ministry, including a nine-minute interview with Stephen Ministries' founder and executive director, Kenneth C. Haugk, visit www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/april-9-2010/stephen-ministry/6044/.



June is "Home Safety Month"

Home Safety Month is a perfect time to prepare for an emergency. Planning ahead can keep you and your family safe if a flood, fire, flu pandemic, terrorist attack, or other public health emergency strikes. Take these steps to prepare for an emergency:

- Do a walk-through of your home. Check your smoke alarms, child safety locks, and first aid supplies.
- Get an emergency supply kit.
- Make a family emergency plan.
- Stay informed.

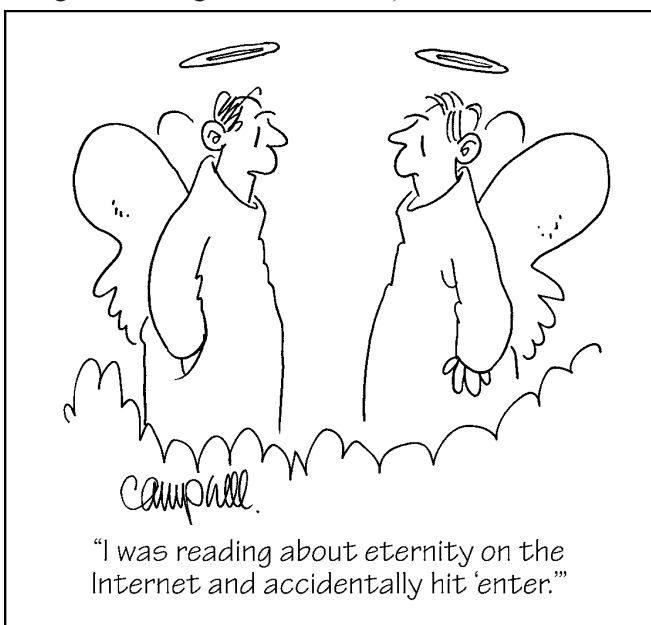
UMW collecting birthing kits

The goal of the United Methodist Women's 2010 "Hands on Mission Project" is to provide birthing kits to benefit disaster victims worldwide through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Members of our United Methodist Women group will take assembled kits to Mount Wesley in mid-July. You can help by providing completed kits to Molly Walden or Liz Hughes by Sunday, July 11.

Alternately, you may leave completed kits or items to create birthing kits with the Church Receptionist by Wednesday, June 30. (Please mark the outside of your bag "UMW.")

In preparing a single birthing kit, these items should be placed inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. (Or, provide individual items and UMW members will assemble the kits.)

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting (available in paint departments)
- 3 pieces of clean string that is 12 inches long (may be 100% cotton worsted weight yarn)
- 1 clean single-use razor blade in paper or plastic to protect the blade and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard (store bought receiving blankets are ok)



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.



Teddy Bear Picnic for MOPS

The first "play date" for MOPS was Friday, June 25 – a "teddy bear picnic" with snacks, a blanket and teddy, of course, on the grounds of Landa Library.

If you missed it, our next play date is an Un-birthday Party at Cupcake Cabin on Friday, July 30 at 2:00 pm. You don't have to be a MOPS member to come. Summer play dates are open to all mothers of preschoolers, making this a good time to invite friends and introduce them to the fun we share in MOPS.

Contact Katie Myers for more details, 545-0312 or visit us online at www.mylhumc.org/events/mop-scalarofevents.html.

Coffee Cup Bible Study Series begins

On Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 Super Adults are hosting a Bible study in the parlor that will give you fresh insight into Bible characters. The Rev. William Brown will teach the study, which is open to anyone. Nevertheless, each participant should have a study book, which is \$11.69 payable with your registration. Send your check to the Super Adult Office, 227 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78212. Indicate "Cappuccino" in the memo field on your check.

The first in the series is "Cappuccino with Colossians." Author Sandra Glahn leads the reader back to the New Testament to see Paul's letter through new perspectives, using her research and knowledge of ancient history to bring to life Paul's message to the church in Colossae.

For details, call the Super Adult office, 733-6482.



Welcome to Mrs. **Jim (Kercida) McClain** and daughter **Lancy McClain** who joined Laurel Heights UMC by letter of transfer from Elgin UMC on June 13, 2010.

Welcome to **Max Fey Hedgepeth** who joined Laurel Heights UMC on June 13, 2010 by infant baptism. Max Fey is the son of Shaun and Dawn Hedgepeth.

Welcome to **Isabella Rose Ann Lowry** who joined by infant baptism on June 6, 2010. Isabella Rose Ann is the daughter of Paul and Elaina Lowry and the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jon Lowry.

Welcome to **Henry Samuel Taylor** who joined Laurel Heights UMC by infant baptism on May 30, 2010. Henry Samuel is the son of Elaina Taylor and the grandson of Richard and Nancy Dugger.

June 8, 2010

Dear Friends at Laurel Heights:

There's just no way we could thank you enough, not only for the events of our last Sunday with all the expressions of love and gratitude, but also for the most wonderful seven years of ministry at Laurel Heights.

As I said in my farewell speech at Annual Conference, God saved the best for last, and Laurel Heights is surely the best appointment I have served. I agree with Anna when she says Laurel Heights is "the most Christian congregation of our ministry."

We will miss you and will pray for you and your new pastor, Jim McClain, as he "runs the next lap" of ministry there. He is a fine man and Kercida is a wonderful "preacher's wife." I know they will grow to love and appreciate you as we do.

We especially thank all those who contributed in so many ways to make our "roast" so much fun and got our retirement off to such a good start. We will always remember and thank God for our ministry together.

God bless,
Jon

Summer cutbacks for Messenger

Deadlines for upcoming *Messenger* issues have changed. The amount budgeted for 2010 is less than the amount needed to continue our current bi-weekly schedule. Therefore, in July and August there will be only one issue.

MESSENGER DEADLINES

Issue Date	Coverage	COPY DEADLINE
7/9	7/11 - 8/7	6/23/10
8/6	8/8 - 9/4	7/22
9/3	9/5 - 9/18	8/19
9/17	9/19 - 10/2	9/2

CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jim McClain) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:45 Sunday School
2:45 Children's Ministry Team - *Parlor*
6:30 Emmaus - *Scott Chapel*

Monday, June 28

8:00-5:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
12:00 Summer Nutrition (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
5:30 Stewardship - *Parlor*
6:00 Cluster Meeting (*Sue Hall*)
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 MPG for Youth Boys - *319*

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
10:30-12:00 Wesley Nurse Team Meeting - *Parlor*
7:00 GAL for Youth Girls - *319*

Wednesday, June 30

4:00 Cluster Meeting (*Liz Hughes*) - *Palor*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:15 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC Parents' Meeting - *Gym*
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 *Service of Healing with Communion - *Scott Chapel*
7:00 Wack Wednesday for Youth - *319*
7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, July 1

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
6:00 Faith in Action Task Force - *Laurel Room*
6:00 Church under the Bridge - *Leave from Woodlawn Lot*
6:30 VBS Meeting - *Dining Room*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, July 2

Weekday School Closed

Saturday, July 3

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group - *Laurel Room*

SUNDAY, JULY 4

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*

Monday, July 5

HOLIDAY
All buildings & offices closed

Tuesday, July 6

8:00-5:00 San Antonio Youth at LHUMC (Tue.-Fri.) - *Gym*
10:00 Altar Guild - *Parlor*
10:00 Super Adult Bible Study - *Laurel Room*
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
12:00 Summer Nutrition (Tue.-Fri.) - *Gym*

6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*
7:00 GAL for Youth Girls - *319*

Wednesday, July 7

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 *Worship / Holy Communion - *Scott Chapel*
7:00 Wack Wednesday for Youth - *319*

7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, July 8

8:30-4:30 Super Adults to Fredericksburg - *Regent Coach*
9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)
5:30 SPRC - *Parlor*
6:30 VBS Meeting - *Dining Room*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*



We still need commitments for altar flowers. You can order the flowers yourself or the church office can order 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.



JUNE

27 Hal Guggolz; Stella Wilkinson
28 Nick Campbell
29 Vicki Moler
30 Christian Morales

JULY

1 John Ewing; Doug Parsley
2 Colette Lanoux
3 Aleene Block; Shelley McMullen; LaRhesa Pollock
5 Ann Beuhler
6 Robert Barrows; Patricia Weatherly
7 Tommy Barrows; Marie Campbell; Andrea Lee; Cole Dean Reed
9 Marjorie Parrigan; Cheri Riddle
10 Ben Williams

July Mission: CAM

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40 NRSV

The mission for July is Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM), an ecumenical, non-profit charitable corporation that was founded in San Antonio in 1977. CAM provides immediate, temporary assistance to individuals in crisis situations and enables those in need to move toward independence. CAM is made up of 63 member churches and 40 support churches. Your mid-week table offerings and communion rail offerings in July go to help support CAM.

Every person who comes to CAM regardless of his or her belief, is considered a child of God. Help is extended in a Christian manner to all clients – which may sometimes be as simple as providing a caring "ear" or praying together.

Through licensed social workers, administrative staff and over 300 volunteers, CAM (downtown and northwest location) provides a variety of basic essentials to sustain life, as well as Bible study, counseling, referrals, and limited financial assistance.

CAM relies on the support of its volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering a three-hour to four-hour shift in the morning or afternoon each week, contact Volunteer Coordinator Dalia Trevino, 223-1553.

Non-perishable food and men's, ladies' and children's clothing and shoes are always needed. To learn more, visit their website at www.christianassistanceministry.org.

Your communion rail offerings and Wednesday night table offers help support this local outreach ministry.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Care & Concern

SAM & HORTENSE

OJEDA

by
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson
and
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Carvalhinhos

Columbarium Fund

ROY R. CAMPBELL, JR.

by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson
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VIRGINIA KINNISON
MATTHEWS
by
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson
and
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Carvalhinhos

Music Fund

VIRGINIA KINNISON

MATTHEWS

by

Mr. & Mrs. William Beuhler
.....
NEYSA SOMMERVILLE
by
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson

Organ Fund

JOHN J. TAYLOR

by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson



GIFTS IN

HONORARIA

Baskett Music Fund

HENRY HOLLOWAY

by

The Family of
Virginia Kinnison Matthews

Border Ministry

REX BAILEY'S

90TH BIRTHDAY

by

Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes

Chancel Choir

CHANCEL CHOIR

by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson
and
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Carvalhinhos

Organ Fund

JEROME MALEK

by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson
and
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Carvalhinhos

Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

JON & ANNA LOWRY

by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson

Stephen Ministry

JON & ANNA LOWRY

by

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz



Healing: Mary Elizabeth Boazeman; 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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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.