



Rev. Jon D. Lowry
Senior Pastor

Letter of Jon

“To all God’s beloved in Rome (Laurel Heights) who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
(Romans 1:7)

Last month I wrote Bishop Dorff and our Staff Parish Relations Commit-

tee chair, Alice Gannon, that I plan to retire at this session of our Annual Conference in June. This is my decision, and I had no pressure from anyone to make it.

My goal when I came to Laurel Heights seven years ago was that I would stay through our Centennial Year. I’ve done that and altogether I have now served 42 years under appointment as United Methodist Clergy. Mostly it has been good, and most of that good has been spent right here with you at this wonderful old church.

I’m looking forward to spending more time with my family. Our grandchildren are growing too fast and I want to be able to spend more time with them than I do now.

I don’t know who will be appointed to take up the reign here at Laurel Heights, but his or her first Sunday in the pulpit here will be on June 13. My last Sunday here will be June 6 and Raquel’s last Sunday here is Confirmation Sunday, May 23.

After the S.P.R. Committee learned that Raquel and I would both be leaving, they voted to do away with the associate pastor position so that they could offer more pay to the new pastor. That move should help bring in someone with experience.

Also retiring this spring is Jerome Malek. His last Sunday as choir director here is April 25. Geoffrey will move into Jerome’s office and take over many of his duties, as well as continue to be the church organist.

Changes are ahead for all of us. May God’s grace sustain us through it all as we continue to do God’s will.

God’s peace,

Jon

Charity Messiah, March 28

The choirs of Christ Episcopal Church and Laurel Heights United Methodist Church will present a Charity *Messiah* (Handel’s *Messiah*, Part III with highlights from I & II) at Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place on March 28 (Palm Sunday) at 3:30 pm. Proceeds will go to Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) and SAMMinistries of San Antonio.

Conducting the choirs will be Owen Duggan and Jerome Malek. Soloists are Larry Amos, Laura Grindle, Jennifer Halteman, Carr Hornbuckle, Angela Malek, Gail Wettstein and special guest, former New York City Opera and Covent Garden bass-baritone Naymond Thomas.

Advance-purchase tickets are \$18 for adults and \$6 for students. Tickets at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$8 for students. There is also a special donor level called the Composer’s Circle for \$40 per ticket which includes reserved seating and a special reception with the artists following the concert.

For advance online purchases go to www.cecsa.org. (Use the “online giving and events” tab). For more details, call Christ Church, 736-3132.

Scholarship money awaits – *Have you applied?*

The Laurel Heights UMC Scholarship Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Anyone seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree may apply. Current scholarship recipients must re-apply as scholarships are not auto-renewing.

Applications are available in the church office or may be obtained via email from Dave Gannon, Committee Chair, at dave_gannon@msn.com.

Deadline for applying is April 30, 2010. Awards will be made by June 15, 2010. If you have any questions, call Dave Gannon, 852-9932.

Children & Youth News

by Sandra Jones

Please plan to be in worship on April 11 as the youth and children bless us in word and song with their performance of “The Easter Tree.” In this production, the children go not on an Easter hunt but on a hunt for Easter. They find the true meaning of Easter in the Living Water of Jesus. Bring a friend to share in the joy of Easter as seen through the eyes of our children.

LHUMC Youth will be going to lunch and a movie on March 18. If you are interested in joining, meet us in the church dining room at 11:30 am. Bring \$20.

The 2010 Laurel Heights Youth Mission Trip will be June

LHUMC Youth...
making a difference

13-19. We will join with Group Workcamps Foundation of Austin, Texas. The youth will learn through a week of hard work that real people

live behind what seems to be the immovable barriers of poverty. This mission trip is designed to enhance the teenager’s faith and provide them with the opportunity to experience the empowerment that comes with making a difference.

On Sunday, March 28 and May 2, the youth will take up a special collection at the end of each service and will also be available to accept donations during Fellowship Time. The money raised will be used for costs of the mission project, lodging, travel and related group building activities.

The Children’s Ministry Team is sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt for all the children on Saturday, April 3 beginning at 10:00 am in the gym. We will hunt eggs inside for the smaller children and on the Weekday School playground for the older children (up to fifth grade.) We expect in excess of 200 children and guests! So, we need lots of wrapped candies and plastic, colorful eggs, plus small novelty items. Approximately one dozen eggs for each child is needed. Suggested candies for all ages are gummy bears, marshmallow bunnies, chocolate kisses and M&M’s. Please drop off your donated items with the Receptionist by March 31.

Fun activities hosted by our youth include a face painting booth, cupcake walk and an “Easter craft” art-zone. The children are encouraged to bring their favorite basket . . . “rabbits” will have prizes for the prettiest and most creative Easter baskets!

A hot dog plate will be served for lunch. Help us by making your reservations with the Church Receptionist, 733-7156.

Volunteers to assist with the hunt are also greatly needed.

Please see Sandra Jones or Kim Sadler to sign up!!

The Children’s Ministry Committee thanks you very much!

CHURCH CALENDAR



**Daylight Saving
Time begins
Sunday, March 14**
Set your clocks AHEAD one
hour Saturday night before
going to bed.

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev. Jon
D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *Children's Chapel*
9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Efrd Study on Revelation-312
12:00 Kairos Cookie Bake- *Kitchen*
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
4:00 UMYF "Sloppy Green" at
Windcrest UMC - *Church Van*
4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- *313-B*
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 *Worship: Connection - *DR*
7:00 FUMC Plugerville Youth
(Sun.-Wed.) - *318*

Monday, March 15

7:30-5:30 WDS ACE (Mon.-Thu.)
8:00-5:00 Learning Center (Mon.-
Fri.) - *Gym*
9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
5:30 Trustees - *Parlor*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
7:00 Emmaus Reunion - *313-A*

Tuesday, March 16

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
11:30 Executive Committee - *Luby's*
5:30 Finance - *Parlor*
6:15 Stephen Ministry - *313-B*

Wednesday, March 17

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:00 Book Club - *Library*
5:00 Evangelism Ministry Team
- *Parlor*

5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*

6:15 *Worship/Communion (Rev.
Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*
7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, March 18

9:00 Church Mice meet for
fellowship and to do repairs
around the church (open to all)
11:30 UMYF Lunch & Movie- *Van*
5:30 Library Committee - *Library*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 Worship Committee - *Parlor*

Friday, March 19

Weekday School Closed

Saturday, March 20

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
9:00 Program Council - *312*
10:00 Adoption Workshop - *105*
10:30 Board of Stewards - *312*
10:30 Children & Youth Easter
Program Practice - *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship (Rev.
Raquel C. Feagins) - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones-*Children's Chapel*
9:30 Joyful Noise - *313-A*
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Efrd Study on Revelation-312
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*
3:00 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
4:00 UMYF - *319*
4:30 Children's Ministry Team
- *Parlor*

5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*
6:00 *Worship: Connection - *312*

Monday, March 22

1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-
Thu.) - *Gym*
5:30 Stewardship - *Laurel Room*
6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
7:00 Emmaus Reunion - *313-A*

Tuesday, March 23

10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
11:30 UMW Lenten Lunch - *DR*
7:15 Neighborhood Ministries
- *Parlor*

Wednesday, March 24

4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 *Supper - *Gym*
6:15 *Worship/Communion (Rev.
Jon D. Lowry) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:15 Bible Study - *Library*

Thursday, March 25

9:00 Church Mice meet for
fellowship and to do repairs
around the church (open to all)
9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
7:00 *Messiah* Dress Rehearsal
- *Christ Episcopal Church*

Friday, March 26

7:30-6:00 Super Adults to Painted
Churches - *Regent Coach*
8:45 WDS Parent Council - *Parlor*

Saturday, March 27

8:00-10:00 Angel Food Distribution
- *Woodlawn Hallway*
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*
10:30 Children & Youth Easter
Program Practice - *Sanctuary*
2:00 *Messiah* Dress Rehearsal
- *Christ Episcopal Church*
4:00 Borg Bunch Study Group
- *Laurel Room*

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.*

Special Sunday, March 14

One Great Hour of Sharing on March 14 is one of six Special Sunday offerings that United Methodists support each year with their financial gifts. This year, your gift to UMCOR through One Great Hour of Sharing truly makes a world of difference.

After recent destructive earthquakes in Haiti and Chile destroyed homes and businesses and took, injured or left homeless the lives of countless Haitian and Chilean citizens, UMCOR stepped in with emergency personnel and supplies.

These are just two places where your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars go. There are many programs in several nations that UMCOR sponsors. The need has never been greater.

Just think, if every person on March 14 gave just one dollar to this Special Sunday offering you could be helping save lives and rebuild communities for about the cost of a cup of coffee or soft drink. Nothing goes for administrative costs; 100% of your gift goes to UMCOR for on-going programs around the world.



MARCH

14 Jerry Crockett
15 Eleanor Katherine Jones;
Molly Walden
16 Stephen Bailey; William
Hurt; Lorraine Paul;
Sidney Thompson
18 Rosa Northway
21 William Alexander
Geerdes
22 Jose Gonzalez
23 Andy Spillman
24 Leana Turbeville
25 Michael Jones

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

Library

JOHN J. TAYLOR

by

Chancel Choir - LHUMC

by

Elizabeth Hughes

Music Fund

TESS SLATER

by

Chancel Choir - LHUMC

Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

KENNETH GENTRY

by

Elizabeth Hughes

MESSENGER DEADLINES

Issue Date	Coverage	DEADLINE	Comments
3/26/10	3/28 - 4/10	3/11/10	<i>Palm Sunday/ Easter. Space available only.</i>
4/9/10	4/11 - 4/24	3/25/10	
4/23/10	4.25 - 5/8	4/8/10	
5/7/10	5/9 - 5/22	4/22/10	
5/21/10	5/23 - 6/12	5/6/10	
6/11/10	6/13 - 6/26	5/27/10	

Order Easter Lilies Here

Easter lily plants for Easter Sunday services in the sanctuary are available for purchase as a memoriam or honorarium at \$15 each. The deadline is Sunday, March 28, or whenever the maximum of 75 plants is reached. Complete this form and mail it with your check made payable to Laurel Heights UMC to: LHUMC, Attn: Easter Lilies, 227 W. Woodlawn, SAT 78212. Please write "Easter Lilies" in the memo line on your check and on the outside of your envelope.

Donor: _____
Phone: _____

PLEASE SELECT

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



Healing: Bob Riddle; Mindy Lanoux; Harold Souder; Clay Skinner; Cora Nell Fournier; Roxane Darnell; Nancy Fassnidge; Fred Vaca; Roy Kosaka; Charles Ferguson.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.

"Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them." Psalm 32:6



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