



## Fill a pew on Sunday



Do you remember a time when you got out of the habit of going to church, or a time when you moved to another city and didn't know which church to attend? It is likely that it was a neighbor, co-worker or other friend who invited you to church and introduced you to people who could help you in your spiritual journey.

The Evangelism Ministry Team encourages you to bring a friend with you to church on Sunday, and especially on May 16.

It's amazing how appreciative many people are when you express an interest in them. You don't have to hog-tie people to get them to come to church. Just invite them and see what God does. If they say, "No," ask someone else. Just be warm and friendly and treat others with the same respect that you appreciate from them.

Let's not expect God to fill our pews by some divine act of heaven. That's *our* job! If *we* don't take responsibility for inviting to church those like-minded people who we call "friends," *who will?* Be a true friend to someone this week and invite them to church.

## Bishop invites congregation to write letters of appreciation

*Don't you love these pastors?*

Reverend John McMullen was senior pastor at Laurel Heights from 1985 until 1994 when he was transferred to First United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. Then, in 2003, Rev. Jon Lowry came to Laurel Heights from First United Methodist Church in New Braunfels, Texas. Now, in 2010, both ministers are retiring and we want to celebrate them and let them know how much they (and their wives) mean to us.

Bishop James Dorff is inviting members of churches who have been served by retiring pastors to write a letter of appreciation to each. These will then be given to the retirees at Annual Conference this June. Your letter should be enclosed in a separate envelope with the outside envelope addressed to Rev. Leighanne Brechin, P. O. Box 858, Somerset, TX 78069. On the inside envelope be sure to indicate to whom your letter goes. **The letters should be received by Monday, May 24, 2010.**



Rev. Jon D. Lowry  
2003 - 2010



Rev. John H. McMullen  
1985 - 1994

## Appreciation for children's leaders

On Sunday, May 16 during the children's time at the 11 o'clock service we will recognize all of our children's leaders and honor them for their hard work and dedication over the years. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." (*1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*)

## Lunch follows season book review finale

On Monday, May 10 Susan Holloway will review the final book review of the season. Susan has chosen "Saving Cee Cee Hunnicutt," a humorous account of how Cee Cee is saved from the unhappiness and confusion of her past through the wonderful hospitality and generosity of the people she finds in the South.

The book review is open to anyone, not just Super Adults. Admission is by season ticket or \$3 at the door. Coffee and treats will be available in the Choir Room at 10:00 am; the book review begins at 10:30 am in Scott Chapel.

The annual luncheon to celebrate the close of the season will follow at 12:00 noon. The menu is: Cup of Consommé with cheese crackers, pear and cottage cheese salad, ham salad, pasta salad, French bread and strawberry-orange shortcake tart. The meal is \$7. **Please RSVP to 733-6482 by 12:00 noon Friday, May 7.**



Rev. Jon D. Lowry  
Senior Pastor

## Letter of Jon

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (*Romans 1:7b*)

One of the most important and effective ministries here at Laurel Heights is our Wesley Nurse program.

Several years ago, Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital had a merger agreement with

Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), a hospital holding company by which all of their hospitals in San Antonio would become "Methodist" hospitals with one-half of their proceeds going to the newly established "Methodist Healthcare Ministries" (MHM), which provides the ministry of healing throughout our service area. This year, that will amount to about \$27 million!

One of MHM's first programs was the Wesley Nurse program, where MHM recruits, hires and places Registered Nurses mostly in local United Methodist churches. Judy Davis was one of the first Wesley Nurses and was assigned to Laurel Heights about 12 years ago. Today, there are 80 Wesley Nurses all over South Texas.

When Judy heard the call to become a Diaconal Minister, MHM sent Elizabeth Woods to us. Judy is still here, but her ministry now is as our Neighborhood Minister.

We have a Health Cabinet which plans the Wesley Nurse's activities and coordinates them with our church programs. Dr. Tom Romo is chair of the Health Cabinet and would consider any health-related programs or projects for his Cabinet and/or our Wesley Nurse to do.

Elizabeth has been on maternity leave for a few months, but will be back on the job here beginning May 10. Her new baby, Brady, will be baptized here on May 30. She and her husband Bryan are actively involved in our church.

We have really missed Elizabeth, and look forward to having her back. She is a wonderful part of our staff, as well as being a super nurse. You can call her here after May 10 at extension 36.

We have such a wonderful staff at Laurel Heights. I ask you to show them your respect and appreciation.

God bless,

Jon

## Youth Notes

On Sunday, May 23 the youth will be going to a "destination unknown." The goal of this mystery trip is to link our community's locations with Scripture and faith issues. The destination of the trip is a secret, but read Psalm 33:18-21 for a clue.

There is a mandatory youth mission trip meeting at 12:00 noon in the dining room on May 30, 2010. Youth, parents of youth going, and all other persons who plan to go on the youth mission trip **MUST** attend this meeting.

We are still in need of one male adult volunteer to join us on the youth mission trip to Austin, Texas June 13-19. If interested, e-mail Sandra Jones, [sjones@mylhumc.org](mailto:sjones@mylhumc.org).

## "Cosmic" helpers needed

Have a cosmic blast preparing for, helping during or assisting after this summer's Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School. Volunteer sign up sheets are located at Welcome stations around the church. Sure, we need *lots* of volunteers *during* VBS, but there are *many* ways you can help outside the week of VBS (July 12-16). Please fill out a volunteer form and turn it in to the Church Receptionist, Sandra Jones or Bonnye Cavazos.

Questions? Call Sandra, 733-7156 ext. 37.

## VBS is coming and we need "cosmic" wares



Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010 runs July 12 to 16, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and is for children, kindergarten through fifth grade, who want to experience a cosmic adventure in praising God! You can help young cadets in their voyage through "outer space" by donating (or loaning) any of these items:

artificial plants/flowers	space theme toys or decorating items	poster board of all colors
large pieces of felt in light blue, dark blue, black, brown & green	aluminum foil ( <i>lots!</i> ) and aluminum pie pans	crepe paper streamers in red and yellow
spotlight	brown grocery bags	newspaper
bandanas	flashlights	sticky notes
modeling clay	magnifying glasses	hand mirrors
zip-lock sandwich bags	old tennis balls (cut in half)	Velcro
beanbags	space theme stickers	<i>snacks*</i>



For more details on Galactic Blast VBS, go to [www.mylhumc.org/events/vbs.html](http://www.mylhumc.org/events/vbs.html).  
\*Snacks - For specifics, contact Margaret Parsons, Bonnye Cavazos or Sandra Jones.

## MESSENGER DEADLINES

Issue Date	Coverage	COPY DEADLINE
5/21	5/23 - 6/12	5/6/10
6/11	6/13 - 6/26	5/27/10
6/25	6/27 - 7/10	6/10/10
7/9	7/11 - 7/24	6/23/10
7/23	7/24 - 8/14	7/8
8/13	8/15 - 8/28	7/29

## World premiere of *Seven Last Words*, May 16

On Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 pm the 90 voices of the San Antonio Choral Society will celebrate its 45th Anniversary with the world premiere of *Seven Last Words* by Jerome W. Malek. The cantata is scored for choir, five soloists and orchestra. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for senior adults. Tickets available at the door or contact the Church Receptionist. Admission is free to students with student ID.

A brief session of meet-the-composer will begin at 4:30. The event will take place at the Recital Hall at UTSA.

## Parents, I'm here for you!

Sunday mornings are busy and usually a difficult time for Children and Youth Ministries Director Sandra Jones to spend quality time with parents. If you have a question or concern or just want to chat, please make an appointment during Sandra's office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Beginning in June, Sandra will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.



### MAY

10 Vicki Bartel  
11 Gerald Lee  
12 Hilda Arevalos;  
Elizabeth Jackson  
14 Mary Hamilton  
15 Gina Campbell;  
Rebecca Castro;  
Thomas Guggolz;  
Jeanette Morton  
16 Harrison Hedgepeth  
17 Kenneth McFarland;  
Marilyn Moore  
18 Evalyn Grantham  
19 Matthew Scott  
20 Jerry Geerdes;  
Irene Vaca

## Geoffrey Waite named new Director of Music

Geoffrey Waite has changed hats at Laurel Heights after accepting the Staff Parish Relations Committee's job offer to become the church's full-time music director following Jerome Malek's retirement. Geoffrey will also continue as church organist. Geoffrey began his music ministry at Laurel Heights on March 26, 2008 as music associate and organist.



Geoffrey Waite



Healing: Roxane Darnell; Harold & Juanita Souder; Richard Jackson; Clay Skinner; Larry & Sidney Thompson; Mindy Lanoux; Gary Rine; Cora Nell Fournier; Nancy Fassnidge.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.

## End-of-life Decisions

Dr. Henry Perkins will speak on "The False Promise of Advance Directives" Tuesday, May 18 at 6:15 pm in Room 312. All are welcome. Dr. Perkins is a long-time LHUMC member and a medical ethicist. The event is sponsored by our Stephen Ministry.

## Hygiene kits needed for Mexico mission trip

by Clyta Coder

May 14 and 15 I am once again going on a medical mission trip to Cross Health Ministries Clinic in Piedras Negras, Mexico. We could use more volunteers if you are interested. I would like Laurel Heights to join with University and Universal City UMCs in providing about 100 hygiene kits. If you can help with any of the items below, it would be most appreciated. Please bring your items to the basket in the dining room or you can give it to me on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. If you have questions, call Clyta, 523-7612, or e-mail me at [clyta.coder@gmail.com](mailto:clyta.coder@gmail.com).

Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Mouthwash	Bath soap
Washcloths	Shampoo
Hand lotion	Combs
Brushes	Band-aids
Fingernail clippers	Gallon-size bags

Your presence is requested at a reception to celebrate the ministries of Reverends John McMullen and Mimi Raper on Sunday, May 16  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
First UMC Family Life Center  
13th and Lavaca, Austin, Texas  
Parking available in the garage across the street.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

\*Childcare available.

## SUNDAY, MAY 9

### **MOTHER'S DAY**

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  
4:30 UMW Elizabeth Circle- *313-B*  
6:00 \*The Connection- *Dining Rm.*

## Monday, May 10

7:30-5:30 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Mon.-Thu.) - *WDS*  
8:30-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences (M-W-F)- *313-A*  
9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*  
9:00-4:00 Clergy Women (Mon.-Thu.) - *322*  
10:00 Book Review Coffee Social - *Choir Room*  
10:30 Book Review - *Scott Chapel*  
11:30 Book Review Lunch - *DR*  
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*  
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

## Tuesday, May 11

8:30-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Tue.,Wed.)- *323*  
9:30 UMW General Mtg. - *Parlor*  
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*  
11:30 Executive Committee - *Luby's*  
12:00-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences - *313-A*

## Wednesday, May 12

10:00 Super Adult Steering- *Parlor*  
11:00 Stephen Leaders - *313-B*  
11:30 Let's Eat Out - *Church Bus*  
12:00-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Wed. & Thu.) - *105*  
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*  
4:30 Property Committee - *Library*  
5:30 Supper - *Dining Room*  
6:15 \*Worship / Communion (Rev. Raquel C. Feagins)- *Scott Chapel*  
6:15 Handbells - *Sanctuary Balcony*  
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*  
7:15 Revelation Study - *Library*

## Thursday, May 13

9:00-2:00 Super Adults on San Antonio River - *Regent Coach*  
9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)  
10:00 Building & Grounds - *306*  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

## Friday, May 14

8:00 Mexico Medical Mission Trip (Fri.-Sat.) - *Contact Clyta Coder*  
8:30-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences - *105*  
10:00 Church Women United Executive Board Meeting- *Parlor*  
6:30 Parents' Night Out (733-7156 for Reservations)

## Saturday, May 15

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 16

### **BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY**

8:30 & 11:00 \*Worship (Rev. Jon D. Lowry) - *Sanctuary*  
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*  
9:45 Sunday School  
9:45 Efrd Study on Revelation-312  
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship - *Chandler Center*  
11:00 Recognition of Children's Church Leaders - *Sanctuary*  
12:00 Teacher Training - *Parlor*  
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - *319*  
3:00-5:00 San Antonio District Pre-Conference - *St. Mark's UMC*  
4:00 UMYF - *319*  
6:00 \*The Connection- *Dining Rm.*

## Monday, May 17

8:30-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences - *313-A*  
9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*  
9:00 Super Adult Games Day - *DR*  
9:00-4:00 Clergy Women (Mon.-Thu.) - *322*  
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*  
3:00-7:00 Learning Center (Mon.-Fri.) - *Gym*

## Tuesday, May 18

8:30-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences - *105*  
12:00 SAYC Annual Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon - *DR*  
10:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*  
6:15 Dr. Henry Perkins on End-of-Life Issues (open to all) - *312*

## Wednesday, May 19

8:30-4:00 WDS Parent/Teacher Conferences - *323*  
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*  
5:00 Book Club - *Library*  
5:30 \*Supper - *Dining Room*  
6:15 \*Worship/Communion (Rev. Barb Nardi Kurtz) - *Scott Chapel*  
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*  
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*  
7:15 Revelation Study - *Library*

## Thursday, May 20

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

## Friday, May 21

11:00 Weekday School Lunch - *DR*  
6:30 Parents' Night Out (733-7156 for Reservations)

## Saturday, May 22

8:00-10:00 Angel Food Distribution - *Woodlawn Entry*  
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*  
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.

## GIFTS IN HONORARIA

### **General Budget**

JEROME MALEK  
by  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Spillman

### **Organ Fund**

THE ROY & MARIE  
CAMPBELL CHILDREN  
AND GRANDCHILDREN

by  
Marie Campbell  
SEAN COWAN'S  
GRADUATION

by  
Henrietta Hopper

HENRY & SUSAN  
HOLLOWAY

by  
Bill & Ellen Myers

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Parrigan

### **REV. JON LOWRY**

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Souder

JON & ANNA'S MINISTRY  
TO LAUREL HEIGHTS  
AND TO ALL OTHER  
METHODIST CHURCHES  
THEY HAVE SERVED

by  
Dinah Tanner

JEROME MALEK

by  
Reginald "Rex" Bailey

by  
Henrietta Hopper

by  
Dr. & Mrs. Henry Perkins

by

Gloria Sparkman

by

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Trodden

JEROME'S RETIREMENT

by  
Rev. & Mrs. Jon Lowry

JEROME & SHARON  
MALEK

by  
Bill & Ellen Myers

MEMBERSHIP CARE  
COMMITTEES OF  
LAUREL HEIGHTS

by

Dinah Tanner

KATIE, WEBB, MOLLY  
AND ALLEN MYERS

by  
Bill & Ellen Myers

## GIFTS IN HONORARIA

### **Organ Fund**

THE OJEDA & MEDINA  
FAMILIES

by  
Dinah Tanner

GEOFFREY WAITE

by  
Bill & Ellen Myers

### **Imagine No Malaria**

FERGUSON /  
CARVALHINHOS  
WEDDING

by  
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Arredondo

### **Pastor's**

### **Discretionary Fund**

JEROME MALEK  
by  
Barbara Hurt

## GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

### **Pastor's**

### **Discretionary Fund**

ERMINE ARMSTRONG  
by  
Jim Gentry

### **Pastor's**

### **Discretionary Fund**

ERMINE ARMSTRONG  
by  
Bill & Ellen Myers

SAM OJEDA

by  
Jim Gentry

by

Michael & Nancy Levine

by

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