



TWEET

As I finished praying with her I asked if I could share her prayers with the congregation. She very humbly asked if I would please do that. I try to always be careful to ask people before I share a request for prayer. It's not just the confidentiality I am concerned about. People need to be able to make decisions, especially as to what they share and what they keep. For some it is the only decision they can truly make. It is my desire to honor each person as a child of God with the dignity and respect deserving any child of the King. As I left the hospital I realized it would be next Sunday before I

could share her request.

To those of you who have cell phones or internet access, I would like to ask a favor. If a person wants prayer they can notify the church office and Annalynn Jackson will add it to the prayer chain, the staff will include it in their prayers and it is published in the bulletin for the congregation to lift in prayer. However, if I want to share prayer concerns or pastoral information with the congregation on behalf of someone, these methods can take several days. I would like to use a service called Twitter to share with those who would be willing to set up an account. I will be the only person able to send information to you through this account. To receive alerts from me on your cell phone, send the text message "Follow RevMcClain" without the quotes to 40404 from your phone. You can send "Off RevMcClain" if you change your mind and want to turn off this feature. On the very rare occasion when I think it best to ask for prayer sooner than traditional methods allow I will send you a "Tweet" asking for prayer.

During Lent we are reminded that the mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are learning how to fit this larger mission into our daily lives in a practical way. Radical Hospitality is the ministry of making people feel welcome and at home in a way reflective of God's hospitality towards us. Once we join a congregation, we agree to serve as hosts for those whom God calls. Jesus' hospitality goes far beyond a casual welcome and slight smile towards those we chance to encounter. Regardless of how far you are willing to extend hospitality to others, it begins with prayer. "Texting" or "Tweeting" is just one form. It may be new to some but to others it is as comfortable and hospitable as enjoying a special meal with close friends.

Over and over the disciples were ready to draw boundaries and point out differences that kept people at a distance. Offering another type of communication is one more way to invite people in as we care for those who have asked for prayer. "Hospitality has us seeing people as Jesus sees them and seeing Jesus in the people God brings before us" *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, p13. If you feel really bold, check out our Facebook pages: Youth at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/LHUMC-YOUTH/436478250225> and church at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=58116997404>.

See you Sunday,

Jim

Newest church members to be honored March 27

Following the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, March 27 the Evangelism Committee will host a new members lunch to honor members who have joined Laurel Heights since Dec. 5, 2010. The meat will be furnished, so bring a ready-to-serve salad, dessert, vegetable, or bread. Please make a reservation so that the proper number of tables and chairs can be set up. Call 733-7156 or use the attendance registration in worship this Sunday. New members since Dec. 5 will be our guests, so please plan to be at the lunch to greet them and get acquainted.



Lenten Opportunities March 20 - April 2

MARCH - Food and Clothing Drive for CAM

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- Labyrinth up in Room 312 (through April 24), 8 am - 8 pm

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- Lenten Reflection, 10 am Tuesdays in Lent, in Laurel Room
- Body and Spirit Class, 1:45 pm in Room 312, Tuesdays and Thursdays through Lent

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- Compline (evening prayers), 8:30 pm Wednesdays through Lent

20 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

- Worship, 8:30 am & 11:00; Rev. Jim McClain preaching

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- Worship, 6:15 pm in Scott Chapel (Rev. Valli Seilheimer)

27 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- Worship, 8:30 am & 11:00; Rev. Jim McClain preaching

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- Lenten Lunch, 11:30 am in the Dining Room, prepared by United Methodist Women - No charge; open to all

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- Worship, 6:15 pm in Scott Chapel (Ann McGlone)

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- Super Adult Lenten Pilgrimage, 9 am - 4 pm by Regent Coach; \$49.99, RSVP to 733-6482

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CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:00-8:00 Labyrinth - 312
8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time - Dining Rm.
9:30 Tiny Tones - 106
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - 313-A
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
10:00 Confirmation Class - The Tower (Room 201)
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship at Chandler Center
12:00 Youth Ministry Council - 319
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle School) - 319
5:30 Student Ministries (High School) - 319

Monday, March 21

9:00 Super Adult Games Day - DR
1:00 Knitpickers - Laurel Room
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Thu.) - Gym
5:30 Stephen Minister Training-312
5:30 Trustees - Parlor
6:00 Emmaus Reunion Group - DR
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B
7:00 "5 Practices" Study - Parlor

Tuesday, March 22

10:00 Lenten Prayer & Reflection - Laurel Room
1:45 Body & Spirit (Tue. & Thu.) - 312
5:30 Bexar County Support Groups - Dining Room

6:30 Missions & Neighborhood Ministries - Parlor

Wednesday, March 23

11:00 Staff Meeting - 313-B
1:45 NESA Board Mtg.-Laurel Rm.
4:15 I'm 3rd (K-5th Grade) - 105
4:30 Line Dancing - 312
5:00 Book Club - Library
5:30 *Supper- Dining Room
5:30 Scope & Sequence Group - Laurel Room

6:15 Worship / Communion (Rev. Valli Seilheimer) - Scott Chapel

6:15 Handbells- Sanctuary Balcony

6:30 Disciple I - Parlor

6:30 Professional Tour Guide - 312

7:00 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

8:30 Complines - Sanctuary Foyer

Thursday, March 24

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church (open to all)

3:30 MOPS Around Town at Landa Library Playground - Katie Myers, 545-0312

5:30 Library Committee - Library

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - 313-B

7:00 Worship Committee - Parlor

Friday, March 25

8:00-5:00 Super Adult Mystery Trip to Texas Wildflowers - Regent Coach

6:30 Parents' Night Out - RSVP by 12 noon Friday: 733-7156

Saturday, March 26

8:00-3:00 Labyrinth - 312

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 Fellowship Time - Dining Rm.

9:30 Tiny Tones - 106

9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - 313-A

10:00 Sunday School for all ages

10:00 Confirmation Class - The Tower (Room 201)

12:00 New Members Lunch - DR

4:00 Student Ministries (Middle School) - 319

5:30 Student Ministries (High School) - 319

6:30 Emmaus - Scott Chapel

Monday, March 28

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

6:00 Weekday School Board - WDS

6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

7:00 "5 Practices" Study - Parlor

Tuesday, March 29

10:00 Lenten Prayer & Reflection - Laurel Room

11:30 Lenten Soup & Cornbread Lunch by UMW (open to all) - DR

1:45 Body & Spirit (Tue. & Thu.) - 312

5:30 Bexar County Support Groups - Dining Room

7:30 Tuesday Musical Club Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 30

11:00 Church Staff - 313-B

4:15 I'm 3rd (K-5th Grade) - 105

4:30 Line Dancing - 312

5:30 *Supper - Gym

5:30 Scope & Sequence Group - Laurel Room

6:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC Parents' Meeting - 305

6:15 *Worship / Communion (Ann McGlone) - Scott Chapel

6:15 Handbells- Sanctuary Balcony

6:30 Disciple I - Parlor

7:00 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

8:30 Complines - Sanctuary Foyer

Thursday, March 31

Deadline for April 15 Messenger

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

Friday, April 1

9:00-4:00 Super Adult Lenten Pilgrimage - Regent Coach

6:30 Parents' Night Out - RSVP by 12 noon Friday: 733-7156

Saturday, April 2

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- 313-B

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.

Ramp building

Handicap ramp builders will do another project on Saturday, March 26, 8 am to 12 noon. No experience is needed; tools are provided. For details, email Jerome, jeromemalek@sbcglobal.net.

Overcoming homelessness

SAMM will host a seminar on homelessness 9 am to 3 pm Saturday, March 26. Topics are: 1) challenges in medical care, education, and spirituality for the homeless, 2) what resources exist, and 3) ways to connect as a volunteer or by collaborating to make a difference. Speakers include Dr. Richard Pimentel and the Rev. Jim McClain. To register, contact Annie Reeves, 321-5642 or email areeves@samm.org.



March

- 20 Abigail Kinnison
21 William Alexander Geerdes; Meredith Ostos
22 Jose Gonzalez
23 Andrew Spillman
24 Leana Turbeville
25 Joan Dibrell; Michael Jones
27 Paul Hughbanks
28 Benson McGlone
29 Jackson Fey Hedgepeth; Abigail Reed
30 Leona Coker
31 Emily Cavazos; Cleo Ellis; Mike McGlone

April

- 1 Margaret Dobbs; Sharon Durham; Judy Geerdes; Eric Ramirez; Katherine Patton
2 Larry Aguilar; James Gentry

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

General Memorials

BARBARA LUMSDON
by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

NANCY FASSNIDGE

by
Mrs. Betty B. Cashin

by
Mrs. Pat Dorsey

by
Betty Ann Janert

by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kurtz

by
Mattyjane Mayfield

by
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Parrigan

by
Lee Rose

by
Janet Smith

by
Ms. Cathy Walter

Music Fund

NANCY FASSNIDGE
by
Epworth Class

by
Ann Uecker

Organ Fund

NANCY FASSNIDGE
by
Darla Peek

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

NANCY FASSNIDGE
by
Marie Campbell

Stephen Ministry

NANCY FASSNIDGE
by
Doris Wise Hoffman



Healing: Roxane Darnell; Birdie Towery; Truman Smith; Geraldine Douglas; Mary McDavid; Patti Vaughan; Ginger McKay; Shelley McMullen; Harold Souder; Mindy Lanoux; Cece Adams; Clay Skinner; Faye Fox; Richard Jackson; Martha Hamil; Larry Mooney; Rebecca Mayes; and James & Mary Verette. Bill Myers & family in loss of his cousin, Bobie Bremond.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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Pastor

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Kercida McClain x37
Christian Education Director
Paul Seeman x17
Youth Director
Geoffrey Waite x19
Director of Music
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Order Easter Lilies Here

Easter lily plants for Easter Sunday services in the sanctuary are available for purchase as a memorial or honorarium at \$15 each. The deadline is Sunday, April 10, 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.

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