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You will be able to pick up your carnations on Mother's Day. **Order forms** are available now until May 5.

YOU CAN HELP



Meal A Month Program

This Laurel program is designed to encourage ongoing giving to meet the increasing problem of hunger. A menu, consisting of four or five non-perishable food items, is planned for each month. Small and large sizes of each item are welcome. Next time you go grocery shopping bring the items to church and place the bag(s) in the wood box near the office doors. **The Meal-A-Month menu for May: Pasta & Pasta Sauces
Green Beans, Jello products
Dry milk, soap, laundry or dish detergent is always welcomed.**

Caring Thoughts

from the Parish Visitor- Gail Lehmann

A riddle for you:

Why is life like a game of tennis?

The player who serves well seldom loses.

Remember this as you go about your daily routines. No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Seek to serve.

LAUREL'S NEWEST STEPHEN MINISTERS ...

Larry Bapst is a retired lawyer who worked for the state. He now keeps busy with family obligations, including 2 dogs. When he can get away, he likes to go fishing. He is a faithful church van driver and now is ready to serve you as a Stephen Minister.



Jane Bradley is also retired and enjoys doting on her husband, son, and dog. In her spare time, she likes to tend to her plants. You will see her and her husband at our 8:30 service every Sunday.

Jane Chard is an educator who worked for Springfield District 186 and has retired from there. She now does consulting work with other districts around the state. She enjoys boating, working in her yard, reading, and spending time with her family.



Carol Dyson is recently retired from her position with an engineering firm. Now that she has free time, she would love to serve someone as a Stephen Minister. She enjoys taking care of her grandsons, walking, and reading. She is very faithful member of Laurel's Book Club.

You may have heard Michael Knight perform special music for our summer church services. He is a very talented musician who enjoys singing and theater. He is recently retired from a state job and is ready to meet with someone as a Stephen Minister.



Cindy Nagle first became a Stephen Minister back in 1993. She was active for a while and later decided to take a break to concentrate on work and family. Cindy graciously agreed to retake the training classes to refresh her skills and now is looking forward to being active again as a Stephen Minister. She and husband Dick love to travel and take great pictures.

Bill Williams can be seen in the same spot every Sunday morning at 8:30 service. He is the person who embroiders the towels that we give out at baptisms. He is a great listener who often helps his neighbors. For pleasure he likes hopping on his motorcycle and taking a ride. Bill is ready to serve as your Stephen Minister.



Caring Prayer List

May 5 - 11

Steve, Lisa & Garrett Beebe and Nicole and Stephanie Dentzman; Donnie Beebe; Roger & Christy Blickensderfer; Ina Woodworth; Lori, Bill, Kelsey & Ryan Cour; Bob & Lori Cox; Carissa, Jason & Violet Filipiak.

May 12 - 18

Shirley Distlehorst; Howard Hennessey; Gene & Lisa Kamp; Tom, Lacy & Lauren Michael; John Summers; Vicki Witter.

May 19 - 25

Jane Bertoglio; David, April, Jessica & Peyton Cook; Kelley & John Davidson; George O'Ravis; Lisa, Mackenzie, & Sean Rowden; Robin & Jeff Small; Meghann Small & Alex Starnes.

May 26 - June 1

Bradley Livingston; Bill & Phyllis Suiter; Dorothy Mann; Donna Means; Tom & Barb Needham; Dereatha Pratt; Ken & Vickie Smith; Megan, Mike, Clayson, & Dirkson Strohm.

Our Sincere Sympathies to the families of Barbara Hartman and Marilyn Israel.

Congratulations on the Birth of Rowan Everett Petty born on Easter Sunday to Rusty & Tara Petty, and big brother Finnegan.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Bill and Donna Grove who will be married 66 years on May 24th.

2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS



2019 Confirmands (left to right) are: Elise Miller, Samantha Gleckler, BeiLee Wilham, Pastor Kent, Madison Hermes and Elizabeth Sievers

On Easter Sunday, April 21, Pastor Kent joyfully confirmed Laurel's 2019 Confirmation Class during the 10:45 service. Laurel is truly blessed to receive and welcome our five confirmands as professing members of our family of faith. Congratulations to our wonderful Confirmation Class!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, April 4, **Ron Tennis** became a member of Laurel during the 10:45 service. Pastor Kent received Ron into the Laurel family by profession of faith. Welcome, Ron, to your new church home!

SOUND QUAKE

Thank you from the S.S. Hope

PARENTS—You have wonderful kids! Thank you for sharing them with us each Wednesday and on Sunday mornings. Thank you for encouraging them to share their talents, dedication and most of all their faith with our Laurel family. We are very proud of this group and know you are too.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed props and to those who helped behind the scenes for our musical.

THANKS to all who helped the youth learn lines and music. The group did a great job!

A SPECIAL THANKS to our instrumentalists: Deb Elliott, Mary Myers, and Gabe Cowan

We will not practice on May 1!

We will practice and Party on Wednesday, May 8 with a short practice and then food and games!

We will sing on Sunday, May 12!

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

The Laurel Scholarship Book Sale is scheduled for September 7 & 8, 2019

Please save all the books you have enjoyed and are now ready to part with. The Laurel Scholarship program is designed to benefit the youth of our church as they enter college and work to complete their education. Each year any student in our Laurel family who is entering college or has at least one more year before graduating is eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Start saving those books! You may begin bringing them on September 1.

Thank You's ...

- * **Thank you to everyone who helped with Laurel's Easter celebration.** We greatly appreciate those who served as greeters and ushers, our musicians and choirs, and those who generously provided food for the Easter Coffee Fellowship. Thanks to all who helped with Coffee Fellowship serving and clean up. It was a beautiful morning, and it would have not been possible without you!
- * **Thank you to Doug and crew** for the awesomeness of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.
- * With your help, **Laurel's Lights rummage sale** on March 29-30 raised \$9,255 to benefit the American Cancer Society!! A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who donated items, the more than 75 volunteers who helped before and throughout the week of the sale as well as with clean-up, all the shoppers, those who brought in food to keep the workers going, and for the wonderful encouragement that you gave us in so many ways. Your incredible work and outreach truly blesses folks far beyond the sale itself!! A special thank you to Jack and Mavis Shook who helped plan and manage the sale, and along with the rest of the Laurel's Lights team and friends, made the sale possible. - Marty Dahlquist, 2019 Sale Chairman

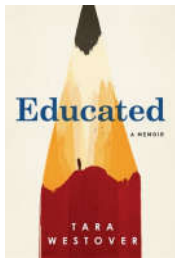
UM Men's Fellowship Group Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall

After dinner and devotions, we will hear a program by John Elliot, Laurel's evening ambassador. John will be sharing some of his life's faith journey. Because John is sharing a special program, the meeting is open to all Laurel members, men and women. Cost is \$8 for dinner. You may come after dinner for just the program if you wish. Please be sure to sign up on the Sunday registration so we have an accurate count for dinner.

LAUREL BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Parlor**

The book for May is ***Educated a Memoir*** by Tara Westover. We welcome all to our book club!



Stitch N Go will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 28 from 9:30-2:00.** Please come and go as your schedule permits. Hope to see you! We will have a morning snack, but bring your lunch if you would like! There are tasks for

those who sew and the non-sewers! Join us in our mission efforts, meet some new friends, and have a few laughs!

We have a special need for old pillowcases. They can be put in the Stitch N Go tub for fabric in Fellowship Hall

DINNER WITH OUR PASTOR

Wednesday, May 29th

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Our guests in worship and new members are invited to join Pastor Kent for dinner with a Spring Garden theme. This special evening is our gift to you. We are delighted you are worshipping at Laurel and would welcome the opportunity to know you better! Plan to join us and share a meal together, meet others new to Laurel, visit with Pastor Kent and receive helpful information about Laurel's groups, classes, ministries and activities. Please let Alyce Foster know you plan to attend by calling 793-6464 (Alyce), 525-1866 (church), or sign up on the Sunday attendance form.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE BACK

The Laurel Scholarship program is designed to benefit the youth of our church as they enter college and work to complete their education. Each year, any student in our Laurel family who is entering college or has at least one more year before graduating is eligible to apply. Applications can be found in the pocket on the secretary's office door or through JoAnn Overholt. Points are earned in part by activity level at Laurel and in the community. **Completed forms are due back by May 5th.**

Mark your Calendar for "To Mars and Beyond" VBS Mini Camp



To Mars and Beyond is a Space Travel Adventure to explore Where God's power can take you! Along the journey, Voyagers will discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God

When: June 25, 26 and 27

From 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**"To Mars and Beyond" VBS Mini Camp will need lots of volunteers!!!
Adult and Youth volunteers—mark your calendar and come volunteer!!**

This is a great opportunity!!!

Did you know---according to a recent survey of people who volunteer...68% say it makes them feel physically healthier, 73% say it lowers their stress level, 92% say it enriches their sense of purpose in life, and nearly 100% of people who serve, feel enriched.

With those numbers---you have to say yes!!!!

WAYS TO SERVE AT "TO MARS AND BEYOND"

Serve before Mini Camp by:

- Praying for our children and those working with them.
- Providing ingredients for snacks.
- Creating decorations

Serve by leading groups during Mini Camp:

- Recreation leader
- Snacks/Mission leader
- Craft Room
- Puppet skit readers
- Puppeteer
- Science lab leader
- Be one of the story tellers
- Small group guide

Serve after Mini Camp

- Taking down decorations
- Sending follow-up post cards

Volunteer to serve by calling JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866 (Laurel) or 566-3821 (home) or e-mail her at:

joverholt@laurelumchurch.org

____ Yes, I serve at "To Mars and Beyond"
How I would like to serve - - -

My phone # is _____

cell # _____

my e-mail address is _____

the best time/way to reach me is _____

We are going to BEREA, KENTUCKY

Laurel Habitat for Humanity Mission Team Sought

Date we leave Laurel: Sunday, July 28th and return Sunday, August 4th

The Orientation meeting will be Sunday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m.

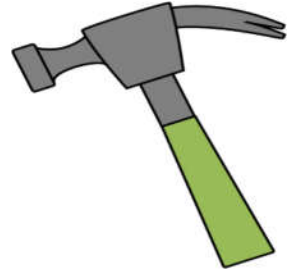
We are looking for an ALL CHURCH TEAM of adults and high school youth this year. We are His hands, His feet and His eyes of compassion in a world of need. By going on this mission trip, you allow God to use your hands to build hope for the future.

Take the call --- sign up today! Fill out the registration form and return with \$100.00 to JOIN the TEAM! As always, scholarship money is available as needed upon request.

If you have questions, contact Doug Rothe at 217-741-7667 or e-mail

Doug_Rothe@sbcglobal.net or contact JoAnn Overholt at 217-525-1866 or e-mail joverholt@laurelumchurch.org

Prayerfully consider joining this Summer's Mission Team. It's Faith in Action!



**Yes, I plan to serve on the 2019 Habitat
for Humanity Mission Team.**

Name _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____

Address _____

_____ zip _____

e-mail _____

Return to Laurel UMC with your \$100.00 fee.

If you have questions, contact Doug Rothe at 741-7667 or

JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866 (Laurel) 652-8137 (cell) or e-mail joverholt@laurelumchurch.org

Come join the team!!!

Theology of the Hammer

Everyone can use a hammer as an instrument to spread God's love.

*"...And you also are among those who are called to
belong to Jesus Christ." (Romans 1:6)*



TEENS GATHER IN FAITH

TGIF
May 2019

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class. It was a fantastic day!



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

If you will graduate high school this year or are still in college...pick up an application in the main office at Laurel or from JoAnn Overholt. Completed forms are due by May 5.



WE still need YOU!
LAUREL HABITAT FOR

MISSION TRIP **HUMANITY MISSION TEAM Sunday, July 28—August 4**
All High School Youth....hear the call to missions! By going on this mission trip you allow God to use your hands to build hope for the future of others. We need commitments! Scholarship money is available. The cost is \$100. If you have questions, contact Doug Rothe at 741-7667 or at Doug_Rothe@sbcglobal.net, or contact JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866 or at joverholt@laurelumchurch.org.

Come Sunday mornings for conversation and Bible study!



Exodus 12; Matthew 8:1-3; John 13:4-15; 1 Peter 2:24a; Luke 22:41-44, 47-53.

"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." - Exodus 3:5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 23 is Photo Sunday

VBS Mini Camp
is June 25, 26, 27

Senior High Youth
Make plans now to attend
Baby Fold Camp
July 14—19

Habitat for Humanity Build
July 28—August 4

Double Edge

Senior High Youth
(9th—12th Graders)

The youth groups meet at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and unless otherwise noted, a snack supper is served when activities are at Laurel.

- May 5—Let's go to Knight's Action Park
- May 10—Mother's Day —no youth group
Do something nice for your Mom!
- July 14-19—Baby Fold Camp
- July 21—Mission trip orientation at 6:00 p.m.
- July 28-August 4—Mission Trip

Riot

Junior High Youth
(6th, 7th and 8th graders)

- May 5—Park Day
- May 10— Mother's Day —no youth group
Do something nice for your Mom!

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May 12 - **Mother's Day**/Pick up your carnations

May 18 - **Laurel's Combined Choirs Concert** - at 4:00 p.m.
"Schubert Mass in G"

May 19 - **The Capital City Men's Chorus Concert** - at 4:00 p.m.
"It's All Rock and Roll to Me"
\$10.00 at the door

May 26 - **Music/Worship Appreciation Sunday**

May 27 - **Memorial Day**/Church Office is closed

June 5 - **Listening Group Cook Out** at 6:00 p.m.