

August 1, 2007

Issue 8

Sunday Worship

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m. worship offers
Holy Communion

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
for all ages

Welcome new members!

Glenn & Debbie
Johnson

Jan Anderson

Our Mission

- † Serve as the hands and feet of Christ
- † Reach out to the community in witness and mission
- † Grow by embracing new members and new ministries
- † Care for our church family and community
- † Celebrate Christ's love through prayer, study and worship



Dear Friends,

One certain joy in serving this congregation is serving with your leaders. As a Protestant church we believe strongly in the "Priesthood of All Believers," an accent in our fellowship that recognizes and calls out the gifts all of the people of God have for serving God and neighbor. We do not leave ministry up to the ordained clergy! We celebrate that baptism is an "ordination" of all members into "the royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2: 9).

Your pastors and staff enjoy a marvelous relationship in ministry with all of you, but especially with the leaders and members of our various committees and ministry teams. I think and feel that we truly work together for our church and for our ministries. Whether we are having fun, facing a difficult decision or sharing in a tragedy, we care for one another through such times. Sometimes the pastors or staff lead, sometimes the lay members lead, but we all work at following God's lead and praying "Thy will be done." Sometimes as the "senior pastor" and "chief administrative officer" I sit back, smile and watch the lay leaders take the lead and accomplish something I know nothing about - or have no need to be involved in as an active participant. I watched as Finance Committees members negotiated with 5 banks to find the best value for our building loan- and simply blessed what they did. I watched the Missions and Finance Committee work on our new Angel Food project- and had nothing to do with any of the details.

Such cooperative ministry is a strength of our church. It is what makes living out our vision and mission possible. It takes continued effort though "to build the team." To this end we have scheduled a training time for leaders and members called "Partners in Ministry." I hope YOU will join us. Carol Loeb, a well-known lay leader in our Annual Conference, will guide us through the training Friday, August 10, from 6:30-10:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 11, from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact Bill Cain, Lay Leader, or Helen Novielli in the church office for more information and to register.

Among other team-building and communication training exercises we'll focus on

Leading From the H.E.A.R.T.

- **Hear and understand me.**
- **Even if you disagree, please don't make me wrong.**
- **Acknowledge the greatness within me.**
- **Remember to look for my loving intentions.**
- **Tell me the truth with compassion.**

The "Heart Principles" are a simple way of listening and leading in a way that reflects the "love commandment" of Christ.

With such training we'll continue to build up our ministries together here at Northwest Hills. Please join us, or pray for us!

Yours in Christ,
Bill Henderson

Men, Find Out How You Can Support Your Pastors

ALL men are invited to the Austin District Men's Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, August 25, 2007, at Wesley UMC (1160 San Bernard Street). As part of our goals for growth in all areas of men's lives, our purpose at this gathering will be for men to discover ways to grow their relationships with senior pastors and associate pastors. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Austin Frederick, Assistant to the Episcopal Office of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Enjoy a great time of worship in Word and song! Fellow-

ship is a key part of meeting together. Renew acquaintances or make new friends in Christ and enjoy a wonderful breakfast.

- Registration and coffee at 7:30 a.m.
- Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- The morning's program will conclude with Holy Communion

Please bring white socks for the support of A.R.C.H. (Austin Resource Center for the Homeless)

We would be pleased if you would join us on August 25 and bring a friend! Mark your calendar now!

"DINNER GROUPS" FALL REGISTRATION



We have a new name but the same wonderful food and fellowship once a month that you've enjoyed in the past! The fall session of **Dinner Groups** will begin in September. Registration will take place two Sundays: August 19 and 26. "Dine-In," where groups of 8 will take turns hosting and meeting in each other's homes, will remain the same. "Dine-Out," with participants choosing restaurant settings for dinner, will include 6 "regulars." These groups are a combination of couples and singles from our church family that will be active from September through December. Both members and visitors are encouraged to participate.

Look for the registration table in the Narthex if you would like to be a part of this fun social event! You can also call Ken and Bonnie Moyer at 452-6889 or send an e-mail to brmoyer@austin.rr.com.



Flower Arrangers Needed

Members of our Flower Ministry create the floral arrangements used in worship each Sunday. We are still in need of a few more people to help us arrange flowers. You would be part of a team of 2-3 people and would do arrangements for one Sunday each month or you could serve as an occasional substitute.

Everyone is welcome regardless of experience. We provide complete training.

If you are interested please contact Catherine Bailey (346-4516, catherineb@flash.net) or Chris Cavner (345-4237, cccavner@aol.com).



Help Stock the Food Pantry

We are in need of some items for the food pantry. Currently we have many, many cans of vegetables! We need canned fruit, tuna and soups. Granola bars, small fruit

cups and individual cracker packs are also very helpful. The people we help are very often homeless and these individual packs are more useful to them than canned vegetables and pasta. Thank you for all your donations in the past. We couldn't keep this ministry going without your generous and thoughtful help. Thanks!

Adult Children of Aging Parents Support Group

Find Balance and Time for Self

When: Wednesday, August 15, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Where: Education Building
Who: Carol Marak
WorkingCargivers.com

What are my most important values? Am I honoring my needs, values and priorities? What can I de-clutter (delete or delegate) from my schedule to make room for ME Time? What am I doing, on a regular basis, for my physical, emotional and spiritual well-being? What support can I get from my family, friends, co-workers, or other help professionals?

Self-Care is NOT being selfish and it's NOT a luxury, but rather an essential practice for your survival and overall well-being. It's especially critical if you are in a nurturing role, either in your personal or professional life. It's like

putting on your own oxygen mask FIRST before you help others put on theirs when the plane hits turbulence in mid-air.

Like most family caregivers, you could end up stressed out, burned out, or have dis-ease.

Carol Marak lived in Texas most of her life. Six years ago she returned to Texas. She scaled down her high stress job in software sales to help care for her mother. Her illness demanded a lot of medical maintenance and Carol chose to be available for her mom's needs. Shortly after her mom's passing, her dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Carol helped with her father as she continued to work full-time and travel 125 miles each way to help oversee his care. Carol's first hand experience as a long distance caregiver prepared and prompted her to develop WorkingCaregiver.com- a website designed to help working family caregivers balance work, life and elder care.

This is a forum to *nurture and recharge* concerned Adult Children caring for their loved ones as they age. If you have questions, please call Nancy Nickerson at 837-3741.

Travel News

Come with us to worship with Dana at her new church, Island in the Son UMC, on Mustang Island!

We will leave on Saturday morning, October 20 and return Sunday afternoon, October 21. The price per person is \$135.00 and includes transportation, overnight stay and 3 meals. The only additional cost for you will be one lunch. We will be staying at the Mustang Island Conference Center, an Episcopal retreat center located on the beach on Mustang Island. Rooms are double occupancy. Sign up with a roommate, or we'll try to match you with someone.

A \$40.00 deposit is due at time of sign up with the balance due by October 10. Deposits are non-refundable after August 20. For more details, check the sign up folder at the front desk in the church office. Call the office, 345-1743, to make your reservation as soon as possible as rooms are limited. If you have questions, please call Janet Hertel at 310-7857.



Paper Recycling Program

Northwest Hills UMC began participating in the Abitibi Paper Retriever program early last year. This program places green and yellow recycling bins, called Paper Retrievers, at hundreds of Austin area churches and schools. Our retriever is located at the top of the Village Center Drive parking lot. Under the program, everyone in the neighborhood can help reduce landfill space, conserve natural resources and clean up the environment while earning money for our Church's activities.

Recyclables for the program include all clean and dry: newspaper, advertising inserts, magazines, shopping catalogs, office paper and unwanted junk mail.

Abitibi now pays on an increasing sliding scale. The more recycled in a month, the higher the per ton payment.

Please help us grow this program! It has already been successful, but we can save so much more! The next time you're at church or My Friend's House, bring your paper and drop it in the bin! Thanks!

*August***Sunday****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

For the most current listing of events, please visit the church calendar on the website. Go to <http://www.nwhillsumc.org> and click on "Calendar."

NWHUMC Financial Status June 2007

	June		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$77,856	\$89,920	\$555,963	\$557,119
Expenses	\$91,894	\$91,746	\$515,264	\$552,277
Net Income	(\$14,038)	(\$1,826)	\$40,698	\$4,843
	Dec.31	June 30		
Mortgage and Building Loan	\$2,488,286	\$2,423,705		

Our receipts for June are below budget and expenses are slightly above budget. Year to date our receipts are slightly below budget, but our expenses are well below budget giving us a positive net income so far this year. Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>

Join the Yahoo! News Group

Would you like to be one of the many Northwest Hills members who gets news updates via the Yahoo! News Group? These updates are usually comprised of immediate news, reminders and outside events of interest to church members. Joining this growing group is fast and easy! On the church website (<http://www.nwhillsumc.org>) you just have to click on the Yahoo! Groups link under the News heading. This leads you to a list of all the Northwest Hills groups that you can join, including the news group, prayer alerts, youth news group, Emmaus news group and more! Follow the directions on that page and you'll be receiving updates in no time at all!

Receive the *Herald* Via Email

Would you like to receive the *Herald* as a PDF in your email? We have started this service and over 50 members and visitors are taking advantage of it! This electronic format is ideal for use as a tool to promote church events and to share articles with your friends and family.

If you are interested in receiving the *Herald* in this manner instead of getting a hard copy in the mail, please email (hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org) or call Helen with your email address.



Not only will you love the convenience of the electronic format, you'll be helping us save a little bit of money! Call or email to sign up now!

Keys to the Kingdom Praying

Do you want more peace in your life? Come pray with us in the Family Life Center Chapel on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. We will be praying for our church, our ministers and for your joys and concerns. We are all disciples of Christ. He is beside us, in front of us, behind us and over us! We all have the keys to the kingdom through Jesus Christ! (Matthew 16:19) Come experience more of His divine love and His healing Power.

HELP WANTED: Holy Folders

We're looking for more volunteers to help fold our weekly bulletin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and the monthly newsletter on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. If you're looking for a fun way to volunteer at the church, this is the job for you! It's okay if you can't make it every week or every month. We'd love to have your help whenever you are available!

Name Tag Rack

The church is currently in need of someone to straighten up the name tag rack every week. This is an easy, quick, once-a-week volunteer job. And, it can be done on your schedule at your convenience! On Sundays, people drop their name tags into a basket on their way out of the sanctuary. All you have to do is take those name tags and put them back in the name tag racks in alphabetical order. It's that simple!

To volunteer for either job, or for more information, please call Helen at the church office, 345-1743, or email her at hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org.

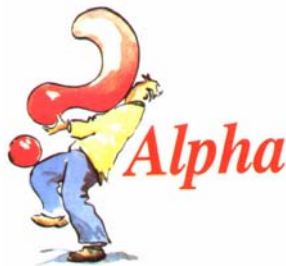
Alpha is Coming

Whether you want to renew your faith or discover the Christian faith for the first time, Alpha is for you.

- **11 weeks of fun, food, laughter, fellowship, learning and friendship**
- **No need to cook; dinner is provided each week**
- **Awesome music that will connect you to the Spirit**
- **A safe place to openly and honestly discuss your faith**
- **Friends who are looking for the same things you are**
- **Great weekend retreat**

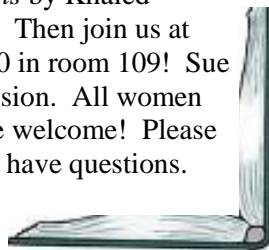
One attendee stated, "Alpha helped me reaffirm my faith and refocus my energy in the right direction." Another said, "I thought I was pretty far along on my faith walk, but Alpha moved me even further." A graduate of the class commented, "As I took the course, I realized that my heart was softening and I was more open to allowing God to love me." Still another said, "In my experience, Alpha provides a comfortable environment that encourages an open discussion of serious issues such as faith, sin, truth, grace, God, Christianity and the Church." He went on to say, "In short, Alpha is a "heart" thing that breaks down barriers that keep us from a deeper relationship with our Creator." Most people that have done Alpha have grown in their faith and become more comfortable talking about their hope in Jesus to other people. You might be surprised where it will lead you.

Alpha meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 p.m., September 4 through November 13. To ask questions or sign up, look for the ALPHA table in the narthex beginning Sunday, August 12. You can also contact Tim Martin at tmartin2@metlife.com or 331-5010 or Jody Willingham at jody@austin.rr.com.



Women's Book Group

Please read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*. Then join us at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 10 in room 109! Sue Present will lead a review and discussion. All women of the church, friends and visitors are welcome! Please call Jan Broomall at 250-0177 if you have questions.



Sunday Flowers

Flowers for Sunday worship are provided by members of our church family to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. The cost of an arrangement is \$35.00. We are in need of flowers for the following dates:

- * **September** **9, 23**
- * **October** **21, 28**
- * **November** **4, 18**

To order an arrangement, please look for the bright yellow "Sunday Flowers 2007" order forms in the narthex and church office or contact Chris Cavner (345-4237 cccavner@aol.com) or Catherine Bailey (346-4516 catherineb@flash.net).



North Hills Gallery presents

Songs of Our Souls

August 1 - September 2

Opening reception: Sunday, August 5
at 12:30 p.m.

Lost and Found

September 5 - 30

Opening reception: Sunday, September 9
at 12:30 p.m.

29th Annual Fall Juried Exhibit

October 8 - 28

Opening reception: Sunday, October 14
at 12:30 p.m.

Sue Bishop & Pam Lamoureux

October 30 - November 26

Opening reception: Sunday, November 4
at 12:30 p.m.

August Birthdays

August 1	Glee Chaney, Jim McComb, Tyler Cline, Randy Humphrey, John Tuttle, Mark Boyle	August 15	Garland Gray, Bruce Stuckman, Belinda Avey, Laurel Sanders
August 2	Jack Eddins, Maurine Atwood, Tyler Avey, Kelly Wray	August 16	Walt Lengel, Spencer Seyfarth
August 3	Jerry Dike, Bonita Campbell, Lori Lucas, Alison Norman, Jacob Brewer, Elizabeth Rogers	August 17	Bonnie Phillips, Nancy Nickerson, Don Dudley, Amy Maletta, Walter Dance
August 4	Nancy Kimsey, Carolyn Hare, Jackie Pinckard, Kilie Payne	August 18	Jewell Newman, Carlene Wooley, Jean Leonard, Darryn Fleischman
August 5	Don Hammond, Jessica Martens, Erin Shafto, Alaina Goss	August 19	Tom Watson
August 6	Millie Shimfessel, Tim Martin	August 20	Bob Baumgartner, Catherine Bailey, Jason Ringgenberg
August 7	David Zane, Randy Nutt, Darcy Hamilton, Amy McPherson	August 21	Ashley Spickelmier, Kristen Valdez, Kyle McElroy, Kiara Ringgenberg
August 8	James Bradford, Fred Fuchs, Kristen Hudgins, Lisa Christian, David Bistline, Zach Waggoner, Kyle Hammond	August 23	Dick Holfus, Anne Marie Webster
August 9	John Hudachek, Jane Walters	August 24	Mike Wilfley, Galen Fischer, Mary Rogers
August 10	Cindy Vaden, Megan Church	August 25	Jim Trulove, Dennis Cavner, Shawn Dennis, Zach Crawford, Kelly Mullins
August 11	Pat Seyfarth, Mark Kimsey	August 26	Julie Arnold, Lauren Watson
August 12	Herb O'Steen, Jody Henderson, Barbara Speer, Tim Payne, Jessica Moynihan, Ava Rose Newton	August 27	Weston Breazeale
August 13	Bonnie LaBoon, Steve Houston, Sally Henly, Elizabeth Scheller, Carol Demler	August 28	Jean Schmidt, Becky Clarkson, Lindsay Willoughby
August 14	Johnny McPherson, Elisabeth Fischer	August 29	Jerrene Dishongh, JoAnn Brown
		August 30	Joyce Reynolds, Harvey Doerr, Jo Ann Welles
		August 31	Nancy Smith, Laura Landsman, Allen Woelke, Carl Gusler, Tisha Brown, Daniel Dance, Bill Wentworth

Memorials

In Memory of Dan Davidson

Harold & Lynne Cline, Traxel & Maxine Stevens, Ken & Bonnie Moyer, Randall & Beverly Grimshaw, Tom & Bev Baker, Neill & Donna Gruver, Clark & Rosalind Johnson, Phyllis Davidson, Marcia Lind, Linda & Greg Judd, Gray & Pat Bryant, Joe & Shirley Jerkins, Trema & Bill Berry, Jo Burgh, Barbara Anderson, Ron & Donna Lantz, Muriel Westbrook, Allen Kemp, Jean & Gary Hanson, Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Ken Glasgow

In Memory of Violet Campbell

Harold & Lynne Cline, Millie & Connie Shimfessel, Marcia Lind, Linda & Greg Judd, Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Bible Adventurers Sunday School class

In Memory of Harold Baker's mother

Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

In Memory of Juanita Painter's husband

Robbie & Bruce Kuemmel



Frieda Coughenour, Carrie Wheatley, Sara Moise, Robbie Kuemmel, Emmitt Wieruscheske, Jo True, Trey Whiddon, Lexie Christian, Carol Bruney, Our Troops

Those we love who are in nursing homes
Vernen Liles, Mary Alice Smith, Billie Stout, Virginia Thomason, Lilian A. Curd

Prayer concerns may be submitted to our Yahoo! Prayer Group by sending an email prayer request to:

NWHillsUMCPrayers@yahoo.com

For confidential prayer requests, contact the church office or email PC Coordinator, Sharon Donley at: martindonley@msn.com

Offering God's Love... Building Believers.

Important Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, August 20, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, August 29, 2007

Deadline: Monday, September 17, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, September 26, 2007

The Bulletin

The **deadline** for the weekly Sunday bulletin is

8:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please send articles to: hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

For information or questions, please call the church office at 345-1743.



Marriage Announcements

Prayers of Celebration for the Marriage of

Tim Payne & Mandy Chandler
In a private ceremony in Dallas, Texas
On July 7, 2007

Tim and Mandy will reside at
625 Cowboys Pkwy #2001
Dallas, TX 75063



Northwest Hills United Methodist Church
7050 Village Center Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

Offering God's Love... Building Believers

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Austin, Texas
Permit No. 2189

The Herald