

June 1, 2007

Issue 6

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!

Lynn Wiggins

**Jackie Burson
& her son Arlen**

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

From the Pastor

Her name is Madeline Carrasco. You have been wondering, I know. About who would be our new associate pastor. It's official now; we are announcing that Bishop Joel Martinez is appointing Madeline to join us in our ministries here at Northwest Hills.

Those of us who have met her (the PPR Committee and staff) are quite excited that she has accepted her appointment and that she is excited about beginning her ministry with us. She will bring strong gifts for ministry and an excitement and enthusiasm into serving with us.

Who is she? Well, come and meet her. Details will follow, but I suspect that something special will happen June 17, her first Sunday with us.

Madeline is a native of the Rio Grande Valley (like Dana and me). She grew up in Harlingen, attended college at Southwestern in Georgetown and is now graduating

from Duke Divinity School, Duke University. She has served in a number of churches as a seminary intern. However, her appointment to us will be her first full-time church assignment.

Madeline will become the youngest church staff member at 25! She is married to David Hennes, a British subject immigrating here for the purpose of being with Madeline! He is a certified architect coming to the US this year from his home in Liverpool.

Again, those of us who have met her are excited about her being with us. She comes highly recommended by those who know and love her. We think she'll bring new opportunities to reach and help us grow our congregation with younger members.

Pray for her and David, and plan to offer these two the wonderful, caring hospitality for which Northwest Hills is known!

Yours in Christ,
Bill Henderson

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

WOW what Sundays the 13th and the 20th were! "Thank You" are two of the smallest words in the English vocabulary and they don't come even close to the joy in my heart. But, they are the only two words I know to tell each of you what an awesome congregation you have been and are.

The reception was beautiful and so festive. I was very impressed by the "beach wear" many of you have- guess you'll have to come to Island in the Son so you can wear it to worship again. Seriously, the hugs, cards, well wishes and special mementos will be treasured forever. I will keep you in

my prayers daily and expect some pop-in visitors. Have a safe and blessed summer and continue the faithfulness and love of God that are so characteristic of Northwest Hills UMC.

In staff several weeks ago, Bill said "we need to set a date for Dana's kiss off." Well, it certainly was just that! I loved the hugs and kisses from each of you. And always remember, "Sometime this week God's gonna call **you** to be the Church. So go out and be the hands and feet of Christ known as the Church!"

Blessings and Shalom,
Dana

Beth Moore's *Believing God*

Do you believe God, or simply believe in Him? Do you take God at His Word? Do you believe that God exists? Or, do you believe in and want the salvation He offers?

Please join us for this class beginning Thursday, June 7. We will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday mornings through August 16 in room 111. The registration fee is \$25.00 to cover the cost of class materials. Childcare is available, but you must call ahead to make a reservation.

Contact Lynne Cline to register, or if you have any questions: reclines@sbcglobal.net or 345-8066.



Travel Group News Umlauf Museum and Sculpture Gardens

On Thursday, June 14th we are going to the Umlauf Museum and Sculpture Gardens. We will have a docent-guided tour of the Museum and the Gardens that feature sculpture by Charles Umlauf. Mr. Umlauf is an internationally known artist with works on display at the Smithsonian and the N.Y. Metropolitan among others. The Gardens are located on the property adjacent to the home where he lived with his family here in Austin. After the tour there will be some time to wander on your own. We will then go to Romeo's for lunch. When you call the church office (345-1743) to make your reservation, be sure to make your menu selections from the many choices the restaurant has offered. We will leave the church by church van at 10:30 a.m. and will return by 2:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$16.75 per person. Please make your reservations and payment no later than Friday, June 8th.

An Attitude of Gratitude

About 20 years ago I heard the Rev. Zan Holmes preach a sermon based on this phrase "We are called to live and serve out of our gratitude for what God has done for each of us." The congregation and staff of NW Hills displays this gratitude in so many ways and I am blessed to be a recipient. Thank you for the grace-filled remembrances of me during the past weeks. I look forward to serving with you, as together we are the hands and feet of Christ.

Blessings,
Beth

North Hills Gallery presents

All Creatures Great and Small

May 9 - June 24

10 Off The Edge

June 27 - July 29

Reception: July 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Songs of Our Souls

August 1 - September 2

Reception: August 5 at 12:30 p.m.

Lost and Found

By Joseph Hammer and Cynthia Clerc

September 5 - 30

Reception: September 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

June 2-9	Sr. High Mexico Mission Trip
June 14-16	Chrysalis
June 17-22	Sr. High Urban Mission Trip
June 24	Round Rock Express
July 1-5	Jr. High JAM Camp
July 8-12	Volunteer at VBS

July 15-19	River Camps
July 22-26	Sr. High Quest Camp
July 26-30	Jr. High Texarkana Mission Trip
September 3	District Dodgeball Tournament

To donate money for Youth Mission Trips, make checks payable to NWHUMC, and write "Youth Stock" in the memo line. For more information on Youth Ministry or to volunteer, contact Youth Minister Jenny Terry Roberts at 577-9247 or youth@nwhillsumc.org. Thanks!

Summer Cake & Ice Cream Social

Your Fellowship Committee wants to revive this middle of summer Fellowship event. We will gather Sunday afternoon, July 1st, for a good old fashioned cake and ice cream party. Weather permitting, we will have tables and awnings set up in the courtyard. Families and kids of all ages are invited to join us. If you have a favorite recipe for home-made ice cream you are invited to show off your expertise and share with other Church members. There

might even be prizes in several categories. Don't have an ice cream machine? Then bring cake, pie or cookies! The Fellowship Committee will provide punch, lemonade and iced tea as well as all the paper goods.

If you are interested in helping out with this event, contact Charley and Julie Gallia at CRGallia@sbcglobal.net or 331-9547. Look for more details soon.



Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible School is July 8th-12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God." Children will learn how to reach new heights in their relationship with God. Each day's Flight Plan will guide them as they

- experience a panoramic view of God's love
- discover "Power Prayer" Bible verses to fuel their journey
- rally with Jesus, their friend and Savior
- launch into serving others

Registration can be accomplished in many ways. E-mail jmarinus@nwhillsumc.org or use the form below or call the church office or pick up a form on Sunday mornings.

Parent's Night Out will not be held in June or July. The next PNO Saturday will be August 11th.

Summer Sunday school is called "Live Big." Children that

have completed the 2 year old class through those that were in fifth grade will meet together in the children's music room of the Worship and Education building at 10:00 a.m. We will start with a DVD that has the song of the month and children in mission. We will then break into age groups (2's, 3's, 4's and kindergarten; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; 4th and 5th) in classrooms 103, 105 and 106 for Bible story, crafts and more. Children will learn three BIG TRUTHS:

1. God is a great big God who is always with us, and we can trust God. We praise and worship God.
2. God loves us with a great BIG LOVE. God loves us unconditionally, and God changes us through God's love. We can love God and follow Jesus because He shows us how much God loves us.
3. God is the creator of this awesome world, and we can care for God's creation. We belong to the faith community and can show God's love to others.

Looking forward to a blessed Summer, *Miss Jean*

Vacation Bible School 2007 "Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights With God"

July 8th-12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Child's Name: _____ Age (DOB): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration fee is \$15.00 per child. Child must be 3 years old as of September 1st.

_____ Sign me up to help with VBS. (training is June 24th at 10:00 a.m.)



June

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

For the most up-to-date calendar, please visit our website at [Http://www.nwhillsumc.org](http://www.nwhillsumc.org) and click on "Calendar."

Correction: The May calendar was mistakenly included in the June edition of the Herald. Please disregard that calendar and check the website for the most current listing of events at the church.



Sixty-four Watchful Eyes

The moon shines down brightly on a cool Spring night, while the heavens find themselves, once again, filled with the bright, shining brilliance of the stars of thirty-two new guardian angels, looking down on us, so as to guide us in completing, with faith, grace, hope, and yes, even joy, the unfinished, untravelled paths they so intently had begun.

Each path chose was different, each motivation inspired by a person, happening, action or interaction from the past... but... on that Spring day, Our Father met with each of these souls to bless them, welcome them, comfort them, and empower them, so that they each would know that from that day forward, their legacy would be fulfilled by those who remained. While their steps were cut short, each set of footsteps... like ripples in a pod... leading out in a myriad of directions... will now be followed by a “partner in faith,” reverently, with a new angel by their side, and the Holy Spirit, like the wind at their back.

Many, with the help of their new guardian angel will retrace the footsteps of the past, in order to understand, hold-safe, and comprehend the dreams, hopes and paths of faith these angels had begun. Knowing that the paths they began will not remain untravelled, each new guardian angel can hold fast to the hand of a “faith follower,” and, with the grace and faith

of Our Father, know that their dreams, hopes and strength for a “positive future” will be fulfilled.

Our Father has given the world thirty-two new guardian angels of hope, whose footsteps will lead us to many paths, unfinished goals, dreams yet to be achieved, and hopes still to be fulfilled. It becomes, now, our direction and task in life to continue in those footsteps cut short, and choose the untravelled paths to thirty-two grace-filled goals yet to be reached. Each step along the way, these paths will not be taken alone, but with the unseen guidance and mindful direction of these special guardian angels, who came to be such a short time ago.

Their days were cut short, but their spirits inspire... their journeys were not completed, but their footsteps left many paths... paths of courage... paths of optimism... paths of hope... paths of grace... paths of honor... paths of sacrifice, and paths of faith... forged steps to a future that will be better for their selfless guidance. Through their eyes, we know the future will be brighter... more full with hope and optimism because their eyes will be looking down through the clouds of heaven, walking with us into the future.

As we follow in the footsteps of the faith- and grace-filled guardian angels of Virginia Tech, each path will take different directions...

each path will be completed... and each completed path will lead to a star shining brightly at the end of the journey.

Thirty-two new guardian angels look down upon us each day- quietly reading down from the heavens to redirect lives, interactions, discussions, hopes, dreams, to help find their destination. As we awake to start each day... and we view each new day’s horizon, the colors spur our energy... our beliefs... our faith... our hopes... and, our trust that we will reach those goals unattained. We grasp this energy also to give us the strength to walk these new steps of faith we are faced with each day... these steps of faith are guided by these newest angels- leading us each in separate directions. These new directions will take us down many avenues of faith and grace, challenging opportunities through which to share our faith-driven ideals, care, hopes and joys we’ve been given from Our Father with the many different people we’ll meet as we travel these uncompleted paths.

Our goals, as we traverse these unfinished paths, are to share with others the hopes... dreams... loves... faith... strength... grace... personalities... and humanity these individuals displayed and shared while they were amongst us; and, now we are each charged with the faith and grace-driven gift of continuing these uncompleted journeys... pick up

the charge... and, choose to continue down the less traveled paths... step-in-step with a newly born and gifted guardian angel... to complete goals and dreams that require more effort and resolve to insure success.

The roads less traveled are those that require more work... more concentration... more energy... more faith... more grace. The path less traveled may not be easy, but the end results are well worth the pain... effort... giving... sacrifices... and, frustrations... but, the end results brighten the night sky thirty-two fold!

Each of us can find our hearts swell up with faith, hope, strength, wonderment, and grace as we take on the journey inspired by completing theirs. As we put our pains, frustrations and discouragements aside, we each, with the help of these guardian angels, can find a true gift from Our Father, a release from the hurts and pains that weigh us down each day, and, put in their places the Father’s true gifts of hope, faith, joy, love, and grace.

In that cool Spring morn, God gave us the gift of thirty-two new, bright stars win the sky- guardian angels to insure our future gifts from God... by grasping their hands... walking and completing their paths... we will find the beauty and wonderment of a world of grace- and faith-filled tomorrows.

Robbie Kuemmel

NWHUMC Financial Status

April 2007

	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$105,189	\$91,920
Expenses	\$84,713	\$91,534
Net Income	\$20,477	\$386

	December 31	April 31
Mortgage and Building Loan	\$2,488,286	\$2,444,919

We continue to do better than our budget in receipts for April and are also doing better than the budget for expenses for the month.

Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>.

Building Program - March 2004 to March 2007

Previous Loan	\$957,470.08
Building Construction	\$2,908,591.97
Reserve for sound equipment	\$30,000.00
Interest on TMF Loan	\$409,233.32
Total Expense	\$4,305,295.37
Contributions	\$1,341,336.60
Debt Service Payments	\$512,077.17
TMF Interest Earned	\$2,841.81
Total Income	\$1,856,255.58
Loan at Compass Bank	\$2,449,039.79

Singles Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 2

7:00 p.m.

NWHUMC Youth Center

The Austin District Singles Council is hosting an old fashioned ice cream social on Saturday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center at NWHUMC. Come and bring a friend to enjoy fellowship, music and ice cream sundaes. The suggested donation is \$3.00 and the bands will be playing for tips that night. Childcare is available with prior registration and a small donation. If you have questions, or would like to RSVP, please call Diane Wade at 246-6479 or email social.umcadsc@yahoo.com



Angel Food Ministry

The NWHUMC Missions Committee will begin participating in the Angel Food Ministry this summer. This is a mission that everyone can benefit from— there are no qualifications. For \$25.00 per month, clients receive a large box of food. The Missions Committee is looking for volunteers to assist on committees to promote, organize and distribute food for this ministry each month. For more details, please visit the Angel Food website at www.AngelFoodMinistries.com. To volunteer with the Missions Committee, please contact Krista Payne at 873-0609.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you, our Congregation, for all the prayers, the prayer chain, the beautiful prayer shawl, and the visits while I was in the hospital having my artificial knee replaced. My faith is the heart of my soul, and during difficult times, I hold fast to the Responsive Reading Prayer #531 from our Methodist Hymnal, "For Overcoming Adversity"-

"Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations my cease; we pray for thy spirit and thy love, that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity."

Your constant prayers and faith, and this simple prayer of strength and trust, kept me in God's hands during a very difficult period, and helped me recover and return home. God bless each of you for holding us in your hearts, and for being our strength, our anchor and our courage.

Your prayers kept me centered on getting well, and I'm now walking with only a cane, just seven weeks after "revision" surgery. Through it all your strength as a congregation kept me focused on a special saying I repeat each day, "Remember always, you are in God's hands, and focus on not letting yesterday or tomorrow use up the gift of today."

Thank you again for your prayers.

Strength in Christ,
Robbie & Bruce Kuemmel

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	James Barron, Katy Martens, Angela McComb, Vivek Chanmugam	June 19	Shapiro, Muriel Westbrook, Emily Yarbrough
June 2	John McElroy, Andrew Rodriguez, Diane Thomas, Craig Watson	June 20	Jason Amacker, Mitch Brown, Ann Elise Gondran, Kay Kurio, Carolyn Patterson
June 3	Linda Adkins, Bob Foster, Audrey Hare	June 21	Dan Dewberry, Jessica Dunn, Avery Ross, Marty Sloan
June 4	Mary Alice Smith	June 22	Larry Biggert, Cheryl Stallworth, Jay Willingham
June 5	Grayson Alex, Walter Foxworth, Haleigh Smith, Aidan Trulove	June 23	Dylan Beason, Sharon Bistline, Violet Campbell, Haley Crane, Gracie Karabinas, Patti Oehring, Jim Patterson
June 6	Lindsay Barclay, Lane Moore	June 24	Brandon George, Kelly Jackson, Stephen Stokes, Jo True
June 8	Jeff Bowers, Carol Hering, Cindy Martin, Lucy Milliron	June 25	Kathy Brown, Barbara Davidson, Scott Davidson, Barbara Landers, Aaden Thomas
June 9	Shelby Barnett, Jeannine Dixon, Marcie Goulet, Ivy McQuiddy	June 26	Ethan Brown, Madeline Brown, Jack Collier, Caroline Fischer, Jane Fuchs, Alex Kirkendall, Meredith Sanders
June 10	Cole Dennis, Dave McKallip	June 27	Rickie Eddins, Colton Hoffman, Ana Menchaca
June 11	Carolyn Humphrey, Terry Maletta, Shana Pate, JoEllen Peterman, Leslie Walters	June 28	Lou Gardner, Alexa Hansford, Debbie Martin, Rainer Mueller, Julie Petrus, Andrew Smith, Timmy Willingham
June 12	Blake Bouffard, Jean Eddins, Leahana Haberman, Doris Haertig, Megan Jones	June 29	Jill Belohlavy, Jacob Mercer
June 13	Sonja Keever, Ken Payne, Tia Thomas	June 30	Vera Cline, Pat Dowling
June 14	Joshua Barker, John Eddins, Paul Harwood, Kimberly Krebs, Donna Lantz, Nancy Penner, Katie Waggoner		Joe Jerkins, Myra Rattan
June 15	Peter Ellis		
June 16	Laura Jefferson		
June 17	Clifford Beckman, Nancy Byrd, Sharon Callison, John Shanks		
June 18	Jessica Bedoya, Dawn Longacre, Teri		

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.

Memorials

In Memory of Pat and Marvin Cousins

Joe and Glenda Callaway

In Memory of Pat Cousins

Dick and Nancy Smith
Kay and Hank Schmuellen



Frieda Coughenour, Carrie Wheatley, Sara Moïse, Robbie Kuemmel, Emmitt Wieruscheske, Trey Whiddon, Dan Davidson, Lexie Christian, Beth Watson, Carol Bruney, Our Troops

Those we love who are in nursing homes
Vernen Liles, Mary Alice Smith, Billie Stout, Virginia Thomason, Violet Campbell

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

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Important Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, June 18, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Deadline: Monday, July 16, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Thursday, July 25, 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.

Sunday Flowers

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

* July	15, 22
* August	5, 26
* September	9, 23, 30
* October	7, 14, 21, 28
* November	4, 18

To order an arrangement, please look for the bright yellow "Sunday Flowers 2007" order forms in the narthex and the church office or contact Chris Cavner at 345-4237 or cccavner@aol.com.



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