

Sunday Worship

8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Worship offers
Holy Communion

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
for all ages

Welcome new members!

Erin Cravey

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

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

To help us prepare for Easter, weekly Lenten worship services with communion will be held on Wednesdays. This year's focus is *Treasures of the Transformed Life: Satisfying Your Soul's Thirst for More* by John Ed Mathison. Please join us for prayer and worship.

Wednesday, March 7

6:30 p.m. Worship

"Jumping In With Both Feet"

Rev. Bill Henderson

Psalm 116:12 What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?

Wednesday, March 14

6:30 p.m. Worship

"Pennies in the Fountain"

Rev. Dana Hamilton

Matthew 20:28 I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.

Wednesday, March 21

6:30 p.m. Worship

"Offering a Drink to Others"

Rev. Bill Henderson

Colossians 2:6-7 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong, and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 p.m. Worship

"Filling the Bucket to Overflowing"

Rev. Dana Hamilton

Matthew 22:37-40 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.



Holy Week Ecumenical Services

Northwest Hills UMC joins neighboring congregations for ecumenical worship services during Holy Week. Highland Park Baptist church is hosting the services this year. They are located at 5206 Balcones Drive.

Monday, April 2

Tuesday, April 3

Wednesday, April 4

Worship 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Special music at 12:15 p.m.

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.



What a joy it was to gather together to celebrate our 40th birthday, the anniversary of our founding by a young pastor and 72 pioneering members!

Standing in the bottom of this rock quarry I look around and, with amazement, see how much is now here around us as we gather – buildings, the clutter of activities, memories, a rich heritage and an amazing legacy. So much has changed since ground-breaking 40 years ago on 3 acres of rock. How different the place looks now! So much has happened here in the lives of so many. We have around 1160 members now, but I'm sure several thousand more have passed through our congregation. How many baptisms, weddings, funerals, "revelations," conversions, courtships have taken place here? And how much love has been given and received?!

Our celebration (provided by Mary Frances Markley and her committee) brings excitement and gratitude into my heart.

How much different the place looks now! But... how much more will be here in another 40 years? There is, in my heart again, excitement and a challenge to accomplish for God in the same manner as our friends have

accomplished here in the last 40 years.

I'm not taking anything for granted – about what has been done OR what can be done.

Let us begin now – or actually continue what we are doing! This year? We've already made a great beginning. We finished the year 2006 in a wonderful way financially. We began with a financial challenge, but that has been met! We are beginning in a wonderful way financially. Our ministries are off to a great beginning with experienced and new leadership in places of service.

There is a new worship format coming? A change? Yes, but we pray God will make of this change a wonderful thing. It is a new opportunity to come together, to forge a stronger fellowship, a richer worship life and a wider outreach into the community with all that has been handed down to us.

On Solid Rock is the name Traxel Stevens gave to his history of our church. He pointed to the solid rock of faith in Jesus Christ upon which the foundation of our church was built. The SOLID ROCK still remains the basis of our life, our faith and our witness together. Praise God.

Peace,
Bill

Adult Children of Aging Parents

"The Frailty Syndrome in Older Adults"

When: Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Education Building
Who: Tom Parker, MD FACP
Medical Communications/Consulting
Community Cardiovascular Consultants

Dr. Parker will share new information and approaches based on research done at Johns Hopkins. The Frailty Syndrome is an increasingly common problem of aging, associated with increasing dependence and multiple other adverse health outcomes. Dr. Parker will talk about strategies to prevent and actively treat older adults with frailty.

Dr. Parker, an author and public speaker, has been a principal investigator in many clinical research studies. He is

currently involved in Clinical Nutrition/ Pharmacology working to develop an interactive program to manage the Metabolic Syndrome and prevent cardiovascular complications of diabetes. He served until recently as Director of Cardiovascular Services for the nation's largest geriatrics practice and is continuing the same activities (geriatric cardiology) in 2007 here in Austin.

"Dr. Parker is considered by many a gifted communicator, able to translate complicated medical concepts into everyday lingo, using humor, anecdotes and analogies. He has been a top national speaker for several major pharmaceutical product launches and a favorite of many regional audiences."

-Quote from director of a major national medical communications firm

This is a forum to *nurture and recharge* concerned adult children caring for their loved ones as they age. Please contact Nancy Nickerson, 837-3741, with any questions.

Notes from Beth

CONCERTS GALORE! Have you seen the newest Music and Arts brochure? There are **seven** concerts in our sanctuary **this month** and you won't want to miss any of them!

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 7:30 p.m.: Kathie Fink, solo handbell ringer, Legacy Tour concert. This will be a multi-media production! FREE

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 7:30 p.m.: Ralph Webb, former interim and frequent substitute organist at NWHUMC, will present a recital entitled "In a Monastery Garden: Lyric Interludes for a Spring Evening." FREE

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 8:00 p.m.: Conspirare Vocal Ensemble, 2007 Grammy award nominee, "Blue Guitar." Tickets: 476-5775

SATURDAY, March 24, 8:00 p.m.: Austin Classical Guitar Society featuring Paul Galbraith. Tickets 300-ACGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 7:30 p.m.: Our own handbell choirs in concert! FREE

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 8:00 p.m.: Austin Vocal Arts Ensemble concert of music by American composers. Tickets: 719-3300

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 4:00 p.m.: Balcones Community Orchestra concert. Tickets at the door.



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. For more information call Martha Blomquist at 343-2429.



Easter Lily Delivery

Would you be willing to coordinate the delivery of leftover Easter lilies to those in our congregation who are ill, homebound or hospitalized? The lilies will be delivered the week after Easter. The job would require about 4-5 hours before Easter (anytime in March) to get things organized and about 1 hour the week after Easter. A simple system for recruiting drivers and delivering the lilies is already in place. You would not need to deliver lilies yourself unless you want to.

For more information please contact Chris Cavner at cccavner@aol.com or 345-4237.



Children's Ministries



Lenten family ideas: The practice of waiting is hard for young children. Tour your house and count the number of clocks, watches and calendars.

- Create a special mealtime prayer and then take turns saying it.
- Talk about something as a family you will give up as a special reminder of Lent. (Chocolate, movies, and sodas area few ideas.)
- Decorate a special box to put your donations of the money you would have spent on these items in. After Lent is over use the money for a special family project.
- Make a covenant with your children to attend Sunday school and worship.

Sunday March 4th is Zilker Park's Kite Festival. After church, plan a fun family outing. Remember to talk with your children about God's special creation as you enjoy the sun and fun.

Parent's Night Out is March 10th from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. Send a sack dinner for your children. Daylight savings time begins so we will have time to play outside.

Easter Sunday school for all children will be in the Activity Center.

April 29th at 4:00 p.m. CELEBRATION will present the musical *Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet*. The children have been working hard on this production and would love the support of the congregation in attendance.

Camp Tejas for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be May 18th and 19th. Look for a special mailing with more information.

Vacation Bible School will be July 8th through July 12th in the evening. The theme this year is "LIFT OFF – Soaring to New Heights with God."

Yours in the waiting for the mystery of Easter,
Miss Jean

MARCH CALENDAR

**For the most current calendar of events,
please click on “Calendar” on the
church website: <http://nwhillsumc.org>**

Terry Teykl is Returning to Austin!

Terry Teykl will be leading a Prayer Encounter in Austin! Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road in NW Austin.

More than the usual prayer seminar, this will be a day of prayer encouragement, an experience where... most people LAUGH... a few CRY... the majority will LEARN... many will WORSHIP... some PRAY... ALL are prayed for... some GIVE ministry... some RECEIVE ministry... AND if you come expecting, you WILL hear God. Dr. Teykl will speak from his books *The Presence-Based Church* and his soon-to-be-published companion book, *Divine Strongholds*.

The cost of this event is \$25.00 which includes lunch and

a workbook (\$30.00 after 3/10/07). Childcare is available if requested in advance. Registration forms are available in the church office or can be requested by email to J.Saufferer@att.net or hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org. This prayer encounter is open to all Christian denominations – bring a friend!

Since 1980, Dr. Terry Teykl has been actively teaching and preaching on one topic – mobilizing the local church to pray. He has a burden to produce quality prayer resources that teach people how to pray with purpose and understanding, how to make prayer exciting, and practical and specific helps for the local church. Dr. Teykl sparked an explosion of church prayer rooms with his book, *Making Room to Pray*, which outlines a plan for building a prayer room in the local church. He's written multiple other books on prayer including: *Your Pastor, Preyed on or Prayed For*, *Acts 29*, and *The Presence Based Church*. There will be a book table of Dr. Teykl's resources at this event. He has been a pastor for 30 years and works with pastors from all denominational backgrounds.

Fun - Food - Fellowship Annual Jody Damron Golf Tournament

The Tenth Annual Jody Damron Golf Tournament will tee off Saturday, April 14th, 2007 at Lion's Municipal Golf Course. We need women, youth and men to register before or after any Sunday worship service (or in the church office). Youth can play for \$35.00 and adults for \$75.00. Join us for an all-you-can-eat Fish Fry Dinner and dessert auction at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center after the golf tournament. Hole sponsorships are available for \$50.00 or two for \$90.00. All money earned from this event supports other church activities and needs. Come join us!



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Would you like to receive the Herald as a PDF in your email? We have started this service and over 50 members, visitors and friends are taking advantage of this convenience! This electronic format is ideal as a tool to promote events that are advertised 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.

Northwest Hills 101

Are you new to Northwest Hills UMC? Are you aware of the awesome ministries going on in and around this place? Are you new to the United Methodist Church? Well then this is just the place to begin to get to know us. For 5 Sunday mornings, come and spend time with our pastors, Rev. Bill Henderson and Rev. Dana Hamilton, as they introduce our local church and the General Church. Class will begin on Sunday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Upper Room. The cost of the class is \$10.00.

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m.

Join us for an Easter egg hunt, games, face painting and a moon walk. Bring your friends and family!



NWHUMC Financial Status January 2007

	Actual	Budget
Receipts	\$91,799	\$85,700
Expenses	\$82,948	\$86,767
Net Income	\$8,852	(\$1,067)

	December 31	January 31
Mortgage and Building Loan	\$2,488,286	\$2,475,436

We started the new year with good news -- receipts ahead of budget, expenses below budget and a positive net income for the month. Our increased pledge income and end of year carryover will enable us to revise our 2007 budget and we plan to do that and present it to the Church Council meeting on February 27.

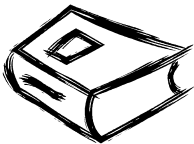
Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>.

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet Monday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. for a review and discussion of *Firstlight* by Sue Monk Kidd. Sue Monk Kidd is the award-winning author of two best-selling novels, *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Mermaid Chair*, as well as three highly acclaimed spiritual memoirs, *God's Joyful Surprise*, *When the Heart Waits* and

The Dance of the Dissident Daughter.

Please join us in room 109. All women of the church, visitors and friends are invited. Please call Jan Broomall at 250-0177 if you have any questions.



Community Volunteer Opportunity

On behalf of Literacy Austin, NWH UMC will soon be offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Anyone interested in tutoring for this outreach ministry should plan to attend a training seminar on Wednesday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Office Building, room 114. For further information contact Rev. Dana Love Hamilton at 345-1743. Lunch will be provided.



Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Worship Sanctuary
"The Living Last Supper" with Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Supper

Make your own Tacos/Taco Salad

Good Friday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Taize Worship Service Chapel
A contemplative service of prayer, scripture readings and music.

Easter Sunday, April 8

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service
Murchison Middle School Hill
(At Far West Blvd.)

7:30 a.m. Breakfast following Sunrise Service
Family Life Center
All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Traditional Worship

9:30 Sunday School
All Children meet in the Activity Center

Easter Lilies

We are now taking orders for the Easter Lilies that will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may order one or more lilies simply as a donation from you or your family, or you may dedicate it in memory or in honor of a loved one. The list of donors and dedications will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Look for order forms in the Sunday bulletin or in the church office. The cost of each Easter Lily is \$10.00. We can only accommodate a limited number of lilies, so please order early.



March Birthdays

March 1	Gene Bradford, Jane Sasser	March 18	Sue Harris, Jean Alexander, Beth Watson, Lyle Beavers, Maren Biel, Amy Davidson
March 2	Ken Holfus, Grady McPherson,	March 19	Edna Herzberg, Kay Harrison, Dorothy Dewberry, Connie Ellis, Dan Whiddon, Matthew Jones
March 3	Virginia Thomason, Sherry Garza, Tracy Shahan, Becca Kimsey	March 20	Billie Stout, Dusty Rhodes, Marcia Lind, Chuck Crane, Charley Merriweather
March 4	Jan Decovic, Douglas Webster, Carl Biel	March 21	Cathy Painter, Niki Mercer
March 5	Beryl Bergschneider, Susan Gusler, Jennifer Payne, Brian Henly-Shepard, Jake Scott	March 22	Brian Wood, Carol Bruney, Gayla Kendell, Debbie Reed, Trey Whiddon III, Chase Eastman, Michael Foster
March 6	John Henry Mejia	March 23	Sabina Baumgartner, Lea Moody, Lacy Jones
March 7	Jeff Davidson, Jennifer Brewer	March 24	George Brown, John Morris, Abby Penner
March 8	Pat McElroy, Casey Collier	March 25	Betty Caywood
March 9	Vivian Simmons, Penny Brushwood	March 26	Darla Nicholson, Harper Clarkson
March 10	Charles Bailey	March 27	Emogene Tracy, Buzz Gondran, Stephen Sloan
March 11	Emily Hoover, Katy McElroy, Tyler Hamilton, Cara Brown	March 28	Traxel Stevens, Wallace Pellerin, Mary Catherine Moyer, Emily Brown
March 12	Vernen Liles, B.J.Fletcher, Eddie Mast, Douglas Powell,	March 30	Madison Manning
March 13	Sharie Chiles, Mary Lengel, Noah Longacre, Chloe Crosby		
March 15	Steve Adair, VJ Barre, Cristina Carpenter, Brian Belohlavy		
March 16	Teena Edwards, Bonnie Harper, Robin Nelson, Blake Davidson, David Vaden		
March 17	Helen Posten, Pat Norton		

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Julia Inge

Jim & Pat Stubblefield, Mrs. Lee Meyer

In Memory of Betty Karr

Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

In Memory of Grace Evans

June Graf Jones

In Memory of Michelle Ellis

Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

In Honor of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Frank & Bonnie LaBoon



Jerrene Dishongh, Frieda Coughenour, Carrie Wheatley, Robbie Kuemmel, Angela McComb, Emmitt Wieruscheske, Trey Whiddon, Dan Davidson, Our Troops

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 send an email to:

PC Coordinator, Sharon Donley at:
martindonley@msn.com

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Important Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, March 19, noon

Publish date: Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Deadline: Monday, April 16, noon

Publish date: Wednesday, April 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.



My family and I would like to say "thank you so very much" for all the prayers, calls, and caring during my Mother, Marj Nicholson's, recent illness. The prayers were very much felt and heard. We are most grateful that she is healing and feeling better. She would tell all that came to see her about her beautiful prayer shawl and where it came from. We feel very blessed. I am thankful to be a member of this church and part of this wonderful church "family." Thank you and God Bless!!

Darla Nicholson

North Hills Gallery presents

The Palette Club

February 28 - April 1

Please join us for a reception Sunday, March 11 at
12:15 p.m. in the gallery.



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