

October 1, 2007

Issue 10

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!

Brian & Sarah Miller,
Jacob and Reba

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



Is it “Fall Forward” or “Fall Back?” I enjoy teasing the staff as we approach the time changes twice a year. And they tease me. There usually appears a couple of dozen reminders everywhere in my office to remind me of the “correct wording” for the season. I won’t say who I think is the culprit organizing this torment, but she waves her hands around a lot every Sunday morning.

Our Fall, however, is definitely “Fall Forward” as we “move forward” with many of our ministries. Summer, with all its diversions and travels, is over. We seem to have settled into the frantic pace of September quickly and we are off and running with mission projects, studies and fellowship times. A crowded narthex is a sign of this. There appears every Sunday a gauntlet of invitations ranging from free offers of T-bone steaks to opportunities to serve needy school children in East Austin. Visitors begin to arrive more as summer moves bring changes in their lives.

Open House Month has been, once again, a re-opening of many of these activities and a hopeful outreach to newcomers. We hope our members and visitors see a church alive, and a church alive with more than busyness. We pray to be

alive in the Spirit, rejoicing together in our praise of a God who lifts up our own spirits day by day, and looking together for all the ways in which we can serve Jesus Christ.

I pray that our life together on Village Center Drive prepares us all to live better all around Austin. There are many challenges to our Way of believing and living. We live in a world full of those who do not believe in the power of love, who do not wish to consider the implications of justice or fairness in society and too many whose attitudes contribute not to peace but to strife for the soul and for the world. We believe we know The Way that would lead the world to abundant life together, but sometimes we are challenged to translate that belief into specific “solutions” in the life we share. Our witness everyday needs to translate the Word into the language of Austin, our lives need to reflect the transforming power of a humble love and our fellowship needs to reflect the forgiveness God offers us even as we struggle with our faith.

Together... how important that word is! May we “Fall Forward” together as we support one another in the struggle to live with trust in God! “Come let us reason together,” implores the prophet Isaiah, even as we worship our God.

Grace and peace,
Bill Henderson

Women's Book Group

The next book group meeting will be October 1, at 9:30 a.m. in room 109. Marcia Lind will review *A Song to Sing, A Life*

to Live by Don and Emily Saliers. All women and friends of NWHUMC are invited. Note the change of date and time. Please call Jan Broomall at 250-0177 with questions.

Training in Faith Sharing

Presented by Rev. Sue White
Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Northwest Hills UMC Family Life Center

Your faith story is important because it is *yours*. It is personal. By telling your story, you can give someone something no one else can give: *your* story.

According to Henri Nouwen, "That which is most personal is most universal." Your personal faith story can strike a chord in someone who faces issues like those you have faced. Your telling someone what Jesus has meant in your life can help that person deal with issues he or she faces. Your story can change a life. It can save a soul.

Rev. Sue White will be training Austin United Methodists in how to tell our faith stories from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, on November 3, in the Northwest Hills UMC Family Life Center. Bishop Joel Martinez has named Sue the Conference Evangelism Consultant. She is a dynamic personality and an experienced preacher. She can inspire and she can inform. By attending this training session, you can learn to tell your faith story so that it will inspire others.

To learn more about Sue, check out the following link:
<http://www.umcswtxprograms.org/evangelize/>.

Annual Men's Retreat

The annual Men's Retreat will be held at the Well Spring Conference Center this year from October 12 to 14. Mark your calendars for a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, singing, relaxation, hiking, biking, golfing, exploring and good eating. The Center is located between Wimberley and Blanco in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, about 1 ½ hours away from Austin. Registration will begin this month. For more information, contact Gary Johnson (797-6918) or Don Dudley (680-0498).

Everyone's Job; Everyone's Joy

When was the last time you heard someone say, "That is the Pastor's job," when referring to some aspect of ministry? Ministry is not just the job, or better yet, the opportunity, of the clergy. The opportunity and responsibility for ministry has been given to all Christians. Talk to any of our Stephen Ministers (the ones with the blue badges). They will tell you that it is a joyous thing to share Christ's love with others.

Is this chance for ministry the one for you? Think about it, talk to a Stephen Minister, talk to Rev. Henderson, or a Stephen Leader. Or better yet, pick up an application form in the church office, fill it out and schedule an interview to find out more. The Class of 2008 (the best class ever) will begin on Monday, January 7.

NWHUMC Financial Status August 2007

	August		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus				
Carryover	\$81,198	\$89,920	\$752,873	\$736,959
Expenses	\$88,200	\$90,455	\$690,562	\$733,274
Net Income	(\$7,002)	(\$535)	\$62,311	\$3,685
	Dec. 31	August 31		
Mortgage and Building Loan	\$2,488,286	\$2,412,458		

Our receipts for August are below budget, but our receipts year-to-date are still well above budget. Our expenses for August are below budget and year-to-date are well below budget. Note that we have paid down our mortgage/building loan \$75,828 so far this year because of continued building fund contributions. Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>.

North Hills Gallery presents

29th Annual Fall Juried Exhibit
October 8, 2007 - October 28, 2007
Opening reception: Thursday, October 11
at 5:00 p.m.

Sue Bishop & Pam Lamoureux
October 30, 2007 - November 26, 2007
Opening reception: Sunday, November 4
at 12:30 p.m.

The Capitol Art Society
November 28, 2007 - January 1, 2008
Opening reception: Sunday, December 2
at 12:30 p.m.

Children's Ministries

I'm sitting in my office looking at the calendar and wondering in ninety degree weather how I can get the children and parents excited about getting ready to celebrate Christmas. Yes it is that time and this year we are going to do something new for the children's pageant on December 2nd. It is called **"Someone Has a Birthday."** Children age 3 and 4 will learn the music on Sunday mornings; those in kindergarten and older will learn the music and lines in Celebration. Pre-school children from My Friend's House will learn the music at chapel. Look for more information next month on dress rehearsal times, your child's part, sign up sheets and much more!

Parent's Night Out in October is the 13th. We start with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a sack supper for each of your children. Then we head outside for some fun on the playground. Afterward, we come back in for a snack and movie. Pick up time is 9:30 p.m.

Come support My Friend's House Fall Festival on Friday October 19th at 5:00 p.m. Joins us for an evening of fun, food, laughter and games!

Live your life for God and He will bless your days.

Miss Jean



Notes from Beth

New Daytime Handbell Choir

A new daytime handbell choir is forming and you are invited to be a part of it! We will select a rehearsal time that is good for everyone interested in ringing. A nursery will be provided for those with children. Are you interested? Please contact Beth at the church.

Concerts

The Austin Classical Guitar Society will feature the internationally known Spanish guitarist, Pepe Romero, in concert on Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call the Society at 300-ACGS.

On Saturday, October 27, the Austin Civic Chorus will feature a performance of the Mozart "Requiem" and "Regina Coeli," with soloists and orchestra. Tickets may be obtained by calling ACC at 719-3300.

Each of these performances are a part of Northwest Hill's ongoing mission to reach out to the community by sponsoring concerts in our beautiful sanctuary. Performing ensembles are grateful for the use of such a wonderful acoustical facility and for the welcoming spirit shown through our **Friends of the Arts** program, and provide the church with income for each performance. We hope you will take advantage of these concert opportunities.



Adult Children of Aging Parents

The Sandwich Generation

How Hospice Can Help Ease the Stress

When: Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Education Building
Who: Patricia Morris, sfcc, Vista Care Hospice

If you are a caregiver and your loved one has a life limiting disease maybe hospice can help. Nurses, social workers, chaplains and personal aides work as a team to help make life easier and more fulfilling for you, the caregiver, and for your loved one. Patricia will share her experience with hospice both as a Chaplain and as a caregiver receiving the benefits of the hospice program. Come hear this

message. Even if you don't think this is something you need, the knowledge will be useful for the future or just to pass on to others who may have this need.

Patricia Morris, sfcc, is a Chaplain for Vista Care Hospice. She has worked in the hospice field for the last seven years. Patricia has a degree in Business Administration and in Theology. She has had a variety of experiences working in the business world, in hospitals, in churches and in her own business. She cared for her aging father for two years before he died and has experienced first hand the beauty and support hospice can be.

This is a forum to *nurture and recharge* concerned Adult Children caring for their loved ones as they age. Please call Nancy Nickerson at 837-3741 with questions, or for more information.

October Birthdays

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| 1 Janet Jones, Janna Hansford, Tim Webb, Megan Heath | 17 Dixie Houston, Terri Smith, Adam Longley, Bill Longley |
| 2 LaVera Cornwall, Alice Spoons, Chris Petrus, Michael Petrus | 18 David Norton, George Brabham |
| 3 Sherry Wilkison, Stacy Saxon, David Hennes | 19 Elaine Whiddon, Norma Larson, Margaret Arnold, Vikki Warren, Cameron Holland, Sam Woelke, Abigail Boyle |
| 4 Jessica Biggert, Ken Glasgow, Mike Trulove | 20 Betty Greene, Alyssa Fleischman |
| 5 George Hare, Robert Cummings, Ray McEachern, Lou Dove Wirht, John Harrison, Michael Nutt | 21 Dick Lillie, Bill Allen, Pat Hall, Becky Schломann, Kari Cain, Colleen Borst, Arlen Burson, Jr., Judith Ross |
| 6 Michael Loeffler, Aaron Hulse, Brian Nowotny, Jessica Arnold | 22 Gary McKenzie, Dale Williams, Brianna Frugeschmidt |
| 7 Burta Dahlheim, Taylor Hight, Josie McGray, Kendall Payne | 23 James Rogers |
| 8 Sterling Hays, Rorie Arnold, Nancy Irvin, Mike Riepen, Steve Bryant | 24 Mary Lengel |
| 9 Dick Hamilton, Nancy Woelke, Jamie O'Mary, Jessica Mercer | 25 Ellen Wood, Doug Crosby, Kathryn Loeffler, Sarah Gusler, Audrey Blair |
| 10 Leslie Johnston, Bill Biel, Kathy Wilfley, Sally Blacksmith, Anne Gusler, Wyatt Krieg | 26 Donna Eastman, Libbie Dallas, Leah Judd |
| 11 Ella Wilkins | 27 Marian Moore, Melissa Barker, Chris Coffee, Ashley Peterman |
| 12 Trace Hight, Katherine Stuckman | 28 Karen Bowker, Andrew Woelke, Ray Anthony, Morgan Shafto, Cade Wilson, Grayson Gunter, Johanna Gunter |
| 13 Joyce Meyer, Judith Guy, Julie Kirby, Scott Willingham, Wade Lindstrom, Hanna Tyson | 29 Bonnie Moyer, Bill Black, Allison Lay, Sterling Baker, Charlie Shanks |
| 14 Marie Hamm Coleman, Stephen Jarman | 30 Thomas Darr, Nancy Kurio, Cissy Rodriguez |
| 15 Vernon Wattinger, John Robertson, David Longacre, Wheeler Breazeale, Dalton Bowker | 31 Ed Kopas, Iain Watson |
| 16 Lu Juana Zane, Laura Hendrickson | |

Memorials

In Memory of Dan Davidson
Steve & Dixie Houston

In Memory of Tom Moody
Steve & Dixie Houston



Frieda Coughenour, Carrie Wheatley,
Robbie Kuemmel, Emmitt Wieruscheske,
Trey Whiddon, Lexie Christian, Carol Bruney,
John Eddins, Our Troops

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

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

Keys to the Kingdom Praying

Do you want more peace in your life? Come pray with us in the FLC Chapel on Fridays at 11:15 a.m. We will be praying for our church, our ministers and for your joys and concerns. We are all disciples of Christ. We all have the keys to the kingdom through Jesus Christ! (Matthew 16:19) Come experience His divine love and healing power.

Offering God's Love... Building Believers.

Important Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, October 22, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Deadline: Monday, November 19, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, November 28, 2007

The Bulletin

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

10:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please send articles to: hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

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

Study Opportunities

Grief Recovery

October 4 - November 8, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Office Building 110

Fee: \$10.00

Companions in Christ- The Way of Forgiveness

October 7 - December 2, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Office Building 111

Fee: \$15.00

Living the Good Life Together- Hospitality

October 11 - December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Office Building 109

Fee: \$25.00

Advent Study: Hail the Heaven Born

November 25 - December 23, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Family Life Center 102

Fee: \$10.00

Please call the church office or stop by the front desk in the church office to sign up for these classes.



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