

September 1, 2007

Issue 9

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

**It's time to sign
up for Fall
classes!**

**See inside for
details.**

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,

The offering Sunday was wonderful. Thank you!!!

Oh, I don't mean the money in the plates. I don't know how we did with that. It was counted, deposited and I'll hear about that later.

I mean the "ministry" offering - the many slips of paper you put in the plates indicating what you had done "to be the church" the week before. I had underscored in my sermon (in the 3 week series on Partners in Ministry) that "Yes, I Mean You" is a word addressed by God in the Word. The Scripture for that day was 1 Peter 2:9-10:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

I had asked that each worshipper be conscious and deliberate about how, in the coming week, they could "be the church" or make real the presence of God's grace for someone. Our worship service then would be a celebration of God's presence with us and through us!

What a joy it was to sift through and play with all the offerings, a thrill to see how many of you could claim to be part of the Body of Christ. I was not surprised by some of them, because you claimed what I rejoice in seeing every week in your lives. I am gratefully aware of what missions and ministries are accomplished every week by our church. You have two pastors and a fine staff. However, we are not sufficient to do all that needs to be done for God's sake on our campus or in our community.

Sometimes, for various reasons, pastors "hold onto ministry," hold back on empowering lay persons in a church's ministries. Whether it be control issues, or insecurity issues or ... I don't know. I just know it is a waste of God's good gifts to all who follow Jesus, it is a huge diminishment of the ministries that could be accomplished, and it is a theft of wonderful blessings from those who would enrich their lives in ministry.

Your pastors, staff and lay leaders are committed to the notion that every member be in ministry, all of us "partners in ministry." Would it be that every Sunday worship be a celebration of what God has done for us in Christ Jesus! Yet may it also be a celebration of what God is doing with us, as we are a part of the Body of Christ, to re-present Good News and gracious love to those all around us hungry for the Bread of Life.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Henderson

A Well Kept Secret- Until Now!

Faith In Action Caregivers- West Austin: A wonderful mission and outreach program offered and supported by our church!

NWHUMC is part of a consortium of 17 religious congregations which sponsor Faith In Action Caregivers- West Austin (formerly known as West Austin Caregivers). The main activity of FIA Caregivers- West Austin is to provide rides to appointments and other necessary local activities for those 60 years and older who are no longer able to drive. It's a way we can assist them to continue living independently in their own homes or apartments. The rides are provided free to the clients by all-volunteer drivers.

There are three ways you can participate: 1) **Be a driver.** Your time would be a blessing to folks without wheels. And the number of clients we can serve is directly proportional to the number of drivers who volunteer. You can decide how often you drive- once a week, or once or twice

a month. All drivers are appreciated.

2) **Be a client.** You may be eligible to request this valuable service. There are 7 Faith in Action caregiver groups in collaboration to provide rides throughout the metropolitan area. Contact Jeanie Teal or Sue Stanford at the Faith In Action Caregivers- West Austin office, 472-6339, if this service can fill a need in your life.

3) **Offer financial assistance.** Unlike many of our projects, this is a unique, ongoing Mission and Outreach Program. Our church is committed to its support year-round. The Communion offering the entire month of September has been designated for Faith in Action Caregivers. When you kneel at the altar with your offering or place an envelope marked "Caregivers" in the offering plate, you will truly be the hands and feet of Christ.

For more specific information, please contact Myra Rattan, 989-5127 or Bonnie Moyer, 452-6889, your Board representatives for NWHUMC. The secret is out! Spread the word!

Beth Moore Bible Study

Join us for another Beth Moore Bible study, *Living Beyond Yourself*, exploring the Fruit of the Spirit. Now that we truly believe God, we are ready to learn how to live like believers. We will meet from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Thursdays beginning September 13. The class fee is \$25.00 and will cover the student books and the training materials. Child care will be provided by prior appointment. For more information or to sign up call Lynne Cline at 345-8066 or Jody Willingham at 346-7606 or sign up in the church office.



Upper Room Disciplines

It's time to order 2008 Upper Room Disciplines. For those not familiar with this book, it is a daily devotional printed by the Upper Room. Millie Shimfessel will be ordering the books for us in November.

The books will cost about \$10.00. Place your order by calling the church at 345-1743 or by calling Millie at 926-8402. You can also stop by the church and sign up at the front desk. Payment will be due when the books are picked up at the church later this year. You will receive a call from Millie when the books come in so be sure to leave your phone number when you place your order.

Grief Recovery Seminar

Please join us for this six-week seminar dealing with issues surrounding the loss of a loved one. We will explore coping skills and ways to help one grow through this experience into a new level of wholeness. The program begins on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. The registration fee is \$20.00. Please call the church office to sign up for this seminar led by Diane Coleman and Kathy Ridout.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of NWHUMC will meet Tuesday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. in room 109, for "A Day at the Movies." We will view a film depicting the life of Gladys Aylward, a dedicated missionary in China. All women of the church are invited, as well as visitors and friends. Please contact Millie Shimfessel at 926-8402 if you have questions.



Children's Ministries



“What are we to teach?” This was the title of an article I read today in a magazine I receive called *Christians in Education*. I was affirmed in our choices of curriculum for our children. They are United Methodist materials using sound educational principles and teaching methods. Sunday School classes will start September 2. Additional teachers for teams are still needed. Following are the classes and locations:

Two Year Olds	Toddlers & Twos	FLC 122
Three Year Olds	Exploring Faith	FLC 120
Four Year Olds	Exploring Faith	FLC 118
Kindergarten	Exploring Faith	FLC 116

First Grade	Exploring Faith	W & E 106
Second Grade	Way of the Child	W & E 103
Third Grade	Learning My Bible	W & E 101
Fourth and Fifth Grade	Season's of the Spirit	W & E 105

The next Parent's Night Out is Saturday, September 8 from 5:00-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for 1 child; \$15.00 for 2 children; \$20.00 for 3 or more. Please send a sack dinner with each child.

Celebration begins Sunday, September 9.

As we did this summer, keep lifting off and soaring with God!

Miss Jean

Notes from Beth

Friends of the Arts

One of our outreach ministries could use your help. Do you enjoy attending concerts? Do you enjoy showing off our church to others? If so, then it's time you became a **Friend of the Arts**. **Friends** greet and assist visitors at concerts in our sanctuary given by one of the many arts groups in Austin. And **Friends** attend the concerts for free! If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Beth at the church or George Brown at George.Brown@SEMATECH.org.

“All God's Children Got a Place in the Choir!”

There is a musical opportunity for all ages in music ministry at Northwest Hills. You need to share those gifts that God has given you and all you have to do is contact Beth or Corey at the church to become involved!

Celebration Begins Again!

CELEBRATION begins on Sunday afternoon, September 9, for children in K-5th grades. This terrific program combines music, Bible activities and fun games as the children learn about worship. Highlights of the year include the Christmas pageant and the musical held at the end of April each year.

A Date for Your Calendar

Ken Medema, a well-known Christian singer, will be performing in our sanctuary on Sunday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. He will also lead music for our worship services on February 3. This outstanding singer will make you laugh and cry, will touch your heart and make you just a bit uncomfortable in your complacency. Plan to attend because you don't want to hear from all your friends that you should have been there!



Disciple: Old Testament

A series has been created in response to requests for a shorter Disciple program. This is a high-commitment Bible study of The Old Testament based on the basic design of Disciple Bible Study. Participants are invited to listen to the various narrators of stories from the Torah, the Law, the Prophets and the Wisdom writings. Thirty minutes per day preparation is required of participants.

Please join us Tuesday, September 11, for this 8-week Disciple series led by Paulette Payne. The class will meet at 7:00 p.m. in room 105. Call Paulette at 343-1877 to

register. The cost is \$10.00 for class materials.

Each session will focus on a different part of the Old Testament:

1. The Making of the Hebrew Bible
2. The Creation Story of Israel
3. Out of Bondage
4. Promise and Problem in the Land
5. Israel Has a King
6. Division and the Rise of Prophecy
7. Exile and Response
8. Restoration and Renewal



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

For the most current calendar of events, please check the church calendar by visiting <http://www.nwhillsumc.org> and clicking on "Calendar."

NWHUMC Financial Status July 2007

	July		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$115,713	\$89,920	\$671,676	\$647,039
Expenses	\$87,325	\$90,543	\$602,446	\$642,820
Net Income	\$28,388	(\$623)	\$69,230	\$4,219

	Dec. 31	June 30
Mortgage and Building Loan	\$2,488,286	\$2,417,120

Our receipts for July are well above budget and expenses are below budget. Year-to-date our financial status is the best it has been for a July in recent times. Note that we have paid down our mortgage/building loan \$71,166 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>.

Open House Month is Coming

Yours Are the Hands of Christ

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ is to look out on a hurting world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless now." Teresa of Avila

September 9: Touching Hands

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. Mk 1:41

Ministry Focus: Report of Youth Mission to Mexico and Urban S.A.

Learning Opportunity: Prof. Andy Dearman lectures a two-part series on *Israel and Palestine* during Sunday school.

Deadline: On September 14 orders are due for Angel Food Ministry!

September 16: Holy Hands

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. Jn 8:6

Ministry Focus: My Friend's House and NWHUMC Children's Ministry

Learning Opportunity: Prof. Andy Dearman lectures a two-part series on *Israel and Palestine* during Sunday school.

Deadline: September 16 is the last chance to register for the Blood Drive!



September 23: Feeding Hands

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. Jn 6:11

Event: September 29- Angel Food distribution, 8:00-9:30 a.m. in FLC.

September 30: Healing Hands

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by the four of them. Mk 2:3

Event: September 30- Blood Drive in courtyard from 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Event: September 30- Youth Ministry Dinner at 5:30 p.m., FLC AC

Fall Study Opportunities

Israel and Palestine

Professor Andy Dearman

September 9 and 16, 10:00 a.m.

Location: FLC AC

Israel-Palestine

Rev. Madeline C. Henners

October 9, November 13, 9:30 a.m.

Location: Office Building 109

Alpha

Tim Martin

September 4 - November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Youth Center

Fee: \$10.00

Northwest Hills 101

Rev. Bill Henderson

September 9 - 30, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Office Building 111

Fee: \$10.00

Beth Moore: A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place

Joy Robertson, Sandra Allen

September 13 - November 15, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Office Building 109

Fee: \$25.00

Companions in Christ- The Way of Forgiveness

Rev. Bill Henderson, John Robertson

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

Location: Office Building 111

Fee: \$15.00

Advent Study: Hail the Heaven Born

Rev. Bill Henderson

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

Location: Family Life Center 102

Fee: \$10.00

Please call the church office (345-1743) to sign up for any of the classes listed above, or for those listed earlier in *The Herald*. You can check the most current class offerings and descriptions on the church website and calendar at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>.

News from My Friend's House

Believe it or not, summer is over. School starts on August 27, and we at My Friend's House are getting ready for the new year. After 12 weeks of fun-filled field trips, swimming and activities, we are working on cleaning, rearranging and setting up our new classrooms. August 22, we will have a full day of training on literacy, professionalism and best practices in infant, toddler and preschool classrooms. August 23 and 24, the teachers will work in their classrooms to be ready for the first day of school. August 30, we will host a Meet the Teachers night. Feel free to join us, as we show off the wonderful teachers and classrooms at My Friend's House.

Annual Men's Retreat

The annual Men's Retreat will be held at the Well Spring Conference Center this year from Friday to Sunday, October 12-14. Mark your calendars for a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, singing, relaxation, reading, hiking, biking, golfing, exploring and good eating. Well Spring Conference 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).

Keys to the Kingdom Praying

Do you want more peace in your life? Come pray with us in the FLC 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. We all have the keys to the kingdom through Jesus Christ! (Matthew 16:19) Come experience His divine love and healing power.

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 Sunday flowers for the following dates:

* September	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 Caverner (345-4237 cccaverner@aol.com) or Catherine Bailey (346-4516 catherineb@flash.net).



North Hills Gallery presents



Lost and Found

September 5 - 30

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

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.

September Birthdays

2	Allison Cline, Drew Lyerly	19	Hannah Cummings, Mary Helen Nutt, Tim Hill
3	Marty Dillon, Dee Susong, Hannah Smith	20	Catherine Biggert, Kathy Hudachek, Penne Phillips, Devon Beavers, Jane Posten
5	Phyllis Smith, Joe Bass, Frank Willis	21	Jan Broomall, Brad Hoffman, Angela Kimsey, Andy Mueller, Scott Ross, Vanna Wise, John Oliver
6	Ryleigh Bowker, Mike Wray, Betty O'Steen, Lee Easter, John Moody	22	Britt Cain, Cole Hewett
7	Terri Sloan, Ross Chiles, Katherine Kinniell, Richard Moynihan, Chap Newton, John Gray	23	Ervin Thomas, Samantha Pobst, Traci Vencl-Davis, Cathy Lobash
8	Willy Maletta, Andy Kever, Holden Clarkson	24	Adra Kreiling, Nathan Hammond, Tom Hall, Jessie Thomas, Will Newton
9	Ben McKallip, Nathan Breazeale	25	Anais Glock, Renee Landers, Jackie Gardner, Skyler Reed, Zach Dallas, Lynne Cline, Diane Millar
10	Jeff Arbuckle, Mark Dudley, Bob Zane, Janis O'Mary, Shirlene McComb	26	Maxine Pittman, Don Grider, Tyler Tesch
11	Ann Streetman, Drew Wise	27	Joey Shanks, Brian Anthony, Bob Bowker, Chris Peterman
12	Josh Fuchs, Scott Riepen	28	Kyndal Krebs, Patrick Woelke, Brooke Anthony, Sandra Jones
13	Grant Means, Charlene Palmer, Jenna Kever, Mike Shepherd, Dakota Garza	29	Spencer Christian, Karen Amacker
14	Kevin Gandt, Claudia Biel, Tracey Ann Brown, Jessica Bowers	30	Larry Crawford, Nancy Gates, Gary Gunter, Christy Nisbett, Linda Judd, Jennifer Owens, Chip Pinckard, Gary Krieg, Rae Ann Krieg, Robbie Kuemmel, Robert Myers
15	Sean Terry, Tom Mast, Boots Montgomery, Andy Jones		
16	Florence Olsen		
17	Lori Place, Jeanne Acton-Shanks, Jean-Marie White, Wes Allen, Nelda Lillie, Wanda Kuehler		
18	James Martin, Sonia Merubia, Bill Dewberry		

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dan Davidson

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Simons, William & Dorothy Penn, Dan & Nelda Taylor, James & Diane Howard, Dick & Nancy Smith, Anne & Jerry Winn, Hollis, Wade & Sheila McGinnis, Gaylord & Joann Jentz, Mr. & Mrs. John Scurlock, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Potts, the Family of Edward, Elizabeth & Nash Horne and Nash Phillips, Jody & Marvin Townsend, Terrell Blodgett, Nancy & Kerry Merritt, Bradley McGrew, Beth Gillham, William & Betty Blair, Joyce Meyer, Ron & Sandra Allen, Peg & Bob Gerrie, John & Joy Robertson, Barbara & Terry Collier, Gary & Elizabeth Gunter, Clark & Christy Nisbett

In Memory of Rev. John Gibbs

Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

In Memory of Tom Moody

Nancy Richter

In Honor of Elaine Larson

Bruce & Robbie Kuemmel



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

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Important Deadlines

The Herald

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

Publish date: Wednesday, September 26, 2007

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

Publish date: Wednesday, October 31, 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.

Library Notes

The Library Committee is trying to locate missing books. Some of them have been checked out since 2003! We are missing adult, teen and children's books.

It is time to think about adding new titles to our collection, but before we buy more, we would like to know how many of our current books are gone forever or have simply been mixed in with home libraries and forgotten.

If you have ever checked books out of our church library, please search through your books at home and see if you have any of ours. If so, please return them. No fines will be assessed!

Thanks for your help!



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