

October 1, 2008

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

Kay Kleeber

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

In recent prayer petitions and sermons I have mentioned our brothers Barack, John, Joe and sister Sarah. These friends in Christ are in contention for the highest offices of our nation, campaigning against one another with efforts to persuade our votes. Some of us are drawn like moths to light in following their campaigns. Others are disinterested or disillusioned, avoiding the news and commercials like the plague.

I'm like one of the moths drawn to the light. I know that the campaign is not much more exalted than watching Worldwide Wrestling. So much is fake, so much is staged, so much is managed and perhaps set-up to manipulate our minds and hearts. Yet so much is at stake for our nation, and given our nation's world-wide prominence, for the whole world.

As so many are watching I just wish the Christians would behave better. That is a bit naïve, I know. Christians are sinners, always have been, always will be and this campaign we'll behave as wretchedly as we have since the election of George Washington. And every four years since.

I just pray that I won't and that you won't join in, in ways that embarrass the Lord.

We sing "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love." However, listen to our coffee shop conversations, the jokes we share, the emails we pass along. I hear and see lots of anger, fear, prejudice, gossip, and lots of distortions and lies, not to mention an enormous amount of intolerance for diversity of opinion. We are not "guarding each one's dignity and saving each one's

pride," as the song goes. Too often we get caught up in the brutal and ruthless ethics-free pursuit of power by the political parties and candidates.

In the first letter of John he writes:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ... Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another... No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us... We love because he first loved us... Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen... The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

May these words guide our thoughts, our prayers, our actions and our words as we speak of our three brothers and sister and of those with whom we disagree- for Christ's sake. If we don't then others certainly won't. If we do perhaps, especially through our prayers, we might help shape our own souls during these next 60 days and shape the mood for those around us.

Yours in Christ, *Bill*

North Hills Gallery presents

The Inner Image

October 6 - November 2
Reception October 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Bike Ride for Nicaragua

Come and help us support the second poorest nation in the western hemisphere. The women and children of Nicaragua need the support of committed people like you with a heart for missions. The 25 mile charity bike ride for Nicaragua will be held on November 1, 2008. We will leave from the Northwest Hills United Methodist Church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Come early to enjoy some breakfast tacos with us. We will ride a 25 mile route that goes

through Austin and stops in Zilker park for refreshments. Please register for the ride by emailing Nancy Richter at nleerich@sbcglobal.net or Claudia Biel at claudiabel@hotmail.com. The registration fee is \$25.00 and donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to NWHUMC. Don't forget to put Nicaragua Bike Ride in the Memo section of the check. There will be a registration table in the narthex every Sunday in October. Sign up early and spread the word to your family and friends so we can show the poorest of the poor that they are loved by God.

Murals by Martin

Church member Cindy Martin has created two beautiful murals to grace our church. In the Family Life Center hall, beside the Prayer Room, you will see "Grace Harbor," a series of seven panels depicting the many ways we separate ourselves from the love and grace of God. Throughout the panels we are reminded that God's salvation is always available to us. The description of the

panels is printed beside the murals. Cindy's most recent work is the set of painted banners across the back of the sanctuary that incorporate the image of the beautiful stained glass window from the front of our sanctuary. That window, designed by church member Carolyn Patterson, is the background in Cindy's banners for the vision statement of Northwest Hills UMC; "Offering God's Love... Building Believers." Be sure to take time to view each of these meaningful murals and to tell Cindy thank you for gracing our church with her wonderful gifts.

NWHUMC Financial Status August 2008

	August		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$83,082	\$94,193	\$713,642	\$758,344
Expenses	\$88,447	\$94,658	\$718,469	\$751,850
Net Income	(\$5,365)	(\$465)	(\$4,827)	\$6,494

	12/31/07	8/31/08
Mortgage #1	\$1,500,000	\$1,491,024
Mortgage #2	\$874,601	\$798,133

Our income so far this year is \$44,700 below our budgeted amount. Fortunately our expenses are about \$33,000 below budget. We will need to keep our expenditures at the same reduced levels we have been experiencing so far this year in order to reach the end of the year without a large deficit unless our income increases to the budgeted level. We are proposing to the Church Council at their September 23 meeting a \$30,000 reduction in our annual budget in order to achieve this. We started paying principal on both of our mortgages in April. We have reduced our total principal over \$85,000 so far this year with a combination of payments on both mortgages from the operating budget along with continuing contributions to the Building fund plus new contributions for the Capital Debt reduction program. We note that we have supported the various mission efforts of the church with almost \$90,000 so far this year, 11.8% of our total operating and missions expenditures! We encourage everyone to help us catch up to our budgeted income level by increasing your giving if you are able. Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>

Better Neighbor Extravaganza and Blessing of the Animals

Come join the Missions Committee as we welcome members of the NWHUMC neighborhood and investigate ways to be better neighbors. Opportunities will include blood donations, basic CPR, how and when to use a fire extinguisher, ECO bags, demonstration of Personal Energy Transportation (P.E.T.), vehicle registration engraving, Angel Food sign-up, pet adoption info and much more. This will be an opportunity to be with our neighbors as we all learn many things we can do to be better neighbors to each other. The event will begin with a blessing of the animals at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until 1:00 p.m. on the church campus. If you own a canopy



that you are willing to loan for the event, please contact Debbie Johnson at djohnsonart2006@yahoo.com.

Adult Children of Aging Parents Support Group

Respite: It's not just a break, it's a necessity!

When: Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Education Building
Who: Annette Gracy Juba, LMSW

Caring for an aging parent is a relentless job. Often times, the joys that can come from this relationship are hidden amidst the day-to-day, practical needs that must be met. Respite breaks are invaluable for their rejuvenating charge, but often difficult to incorporate into the caring relationship for reasons practical and emotional. October's meeting will focus on the benefits of respite for you and your parent, offer suggestions for incorporating respite

into your daily routine, and highlight sources of respite available in the community. Come armed with questions and suggestions of your own, and we will put together a "care package" of respite tips to carry with you on your caregiving journey.

Annette is the Executive Director of Greater Austin CARES, a collaboration of faith-based dementia respite programs, and is the Assistant Director of New Connections, a support program for persons in the early stages of memory loss. Each of these programs is generously supported by the St. David's Community Health Foundation. In addition, she works as a social worker in the Health Care Center at Westminster Manor.

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

Life Matters!

We invite you to join us during the month of October in celebrating our life together as a church family as we live out the abundant Life in Christ. Our fall Stewardship Campaign will focus on the theme "Life Matters!" We take our scriptural guidance for this from Christ's words in John 10:10, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

"Life Matters" will be our focus for the entire month of October. Each week we will highlight one of these aspects of our abundant life together in the Body of Christ. That Life in Christ includes our Life in Prayer, our Life in the Presence and Fellowship with each other, our Life in Giving and our Life in Serving.

We encourage each of you to pray for our church and its ministries and to pray about your part in the future of God's church here at NWHUMC. We invite you to celebrate how our ministries are changing lives and unite with us in funding even greater ministries for 2009.

Please mark the date, **Sunday October 25**, and plan to be part of our Celebration Sunday Service that day. We will have *one combined morning worship at 11:15 a.m. followed by a free catered Celebration Lunch* in the Family Life Center. During that service all of us will present our responses to fulfill our vision of "Offering God's Love... Building Believers." These gifts will define our ministries in 2009 and determine what we can do to serve God at NWHUMC and make a difference in our lives and the lives of others... "Life Matters."

Prayer Corner

NWHUMC is a praying church. We celebrate our Prayer Ministries which include a Prayer Team, Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Friday Morning Group, Wednesday Morning Men's Breakfast, Prayer Sisters and the Prayer Academy which begins in October. Watch for the *Prayer Corner* in future issues of *The Herald* as we focus on these Prayer Ministries. Our focus for October is the Prayer Team.

Did you know the Prayer Team has been meeting every third Thursday of the month for three years? We meet in

the Prayer Room which is open daily for anyone to use for prayer or meditation. There are guides for prayer, books for reading and meditation, prayer cards with concerns from the congregation, community and the world. The Team has prayed for, and continues to pray for, our church, campus, pastors and staff, leaders, committees and their work, Sunday School teachers, music leaders and choirs, and each member of our congregation. They created the booklets used in the Capital Campaign and distributed to the congregation. They are present and praying during worship services, church council meetings, special projects and with individuals. They meet at 6:30 p.m. in the prayer room to pray and then lead a Prayer Service in Wesley Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m. *Continued on page 6*

Power of the Sun

Rainer Mueller

In *The Herald* we often read about the Power of the Son, but there's another Sun that's powerful as well, one we're all very familiar with at the end of yet another long, hot summer here in Central Texas. But just how much power do we actually get from the sun? Amazingly, every hour of sunlight that reaches the earth is greater than the amount of energy used by every person on the planet in an entire year. One way of tapping into this enormous power source is to use photovoltaic (PV) solar panels to convert sunlight into electricity- without any moving parts, noise, or pollution, and requiring almost no maintenance. In fact, an array of solar panels 93 miles x 93 miles, using current technology could, in principle, meet all of North America's energy needs.

So why do we not see more solar panels on homes, businesses and public buildings such as churches? Because when compared to electricity from a power plant, PV technology is still about twice as expensive, requires a large area with an unobstructed exposure to the sun, and, without an efficient and inexpensive way to store the generated electricity, is useful only when the sun is shining.

However, due to increased environmental concerns, large investments are being made to improve solar technology and in about a decade, solar energy should cost the same as power produced by coal, natural gas and nuclear plants. It is forecasted that the global solar cell market will exhibit breathtaking growth- from a market volume of 5.6 GW in 2008 to 79.5 GW in 2015.

The growth in solar energy technology is driven in part by subsidies from the government and utility companies,

which not only encourage the necessary investment for the advancement of the technology, but also reduce the number of power plants required to meet peak demand. Austin Energy offers one of the country's best solar photovoltaic rebates, at \$4.50 per watt. This pays between 45% and 75% of the cost of installing a system. In addition, a \$2,000 federal tax credit is currently available to individuals installing solar systems on their home.

Photovoltaic technology will likely become significantly cheaper in coming years. It is tempting to wait to install a solar system. However, the most promising technology currently for reducing costs are *thin-film* solar devices, which, though cheaper, are only half as efficient and thus will require twice the area for the same amount of power. Also rebates, like the one from Austin Energy, are likely to be reduced as prices come down, keeping out of pocket expenses the same.

Many people that are interested in offsetting a part of their carbon footprint through solar power are unable to do so, because they may be renting, do not have a roof suitable for a solar installation, or don't have the financial means to install a complete solar system. One possibility is for these people to pool their resources and use public buildings, like NWHUMC, which provide large, unobstructed roof areas that are ideal for solar panels (our sanctuary roof faces directly south and has an almost ideal roof angle). However, a shared solar system on NWHUMC is difficult to justify strictly on financial grounds, because while the Austin Energy rebate is available to churches, churches cannot take advantage of the federal tax credit (which is 30% for businesses). Nevertheless, I'm certain that the time will come when I will walk out of HEB, look over at our church and be thankful for the power of both the Son and the sun.

The Way of Prayer

The Way of Prayer is a 10-week study resource designed to help people expand their understanding of the nature and practice of prayer. Many Christians grow up with a limited vision of what prayer is and how to pray. *The Way of Prayer* offers many forms to explore and practice, both individually and as a group. People with different temperaments, spiritual types and learning styles will each find expressions of prayer that draw them closer to God. They will also learn to integrate body, mind and spirit in prayer, and to live a more creative rhythm between the inner life and the outward journey of service. This re-

source can help bring greater scope and vitality into the prayer life of the congregation.

This study is part of the opening of the Northwest Hills UMC **Prayer Academy**. Please join us for this course offered by Rev. Bill Henderson, Greg Judd and Gail Parsons beginning on October 5 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The study will meet in the Wesley Chapel in the Family Life Center. There is a class fee of \$12.00 to pay for the cost of course materials. Please call the church office at 345-1743 or email Bill at bhenderson@nwhillsumc.org to register.



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Children's Ministries

Nursery workers needed! Sunday daytime and evenings available. Contact Jean in the church office if you are interested.

Parent's Night Out was cancelled in September. It is on for October! Join us October 11 from 5:00-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the narthex on Sunday, October 5 or e-mail Jean at jmarinus@nwhillsumc.org.

Children will be learning the music for the Christmas Pageant "Someone Has A Birthday" in Sunday School, at Celebration and at My Friend's House Chapel during October and November. The Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets during November.

Join us on Friday, October 24 for the My Friend's House annual Fall Festival.



Blessings, *Miss Jean*

Notes from Beth

Friends of the Arts

Special thanks to George Brown for his excellent leadership of the Friends of the Arts program. George successfully staffs over 25 concerts per year in our sanctuary with 6-8 volunteers from the congregation. These volunteers serve as a warm and friendly face representing the church to the 300-550 people who attend each concert in our sanctuary. If you are interested in volunteering, contact

George at geaxel@aol.com.

Concerts

Saturday, October 4, Austin Classical Guitar Society presents Eliot Fist and Angel Romero in concert at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: 300-2247

Sunday, October 5, Grammy Award nominated Conspire in concert at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: 476-5775

Saturday, October 11, Chorus Austin presents a concert at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: 719-3300



Adult Mission Trip to Aid Hurricane Dolly Victims

The Missions Committee is sponsoring an adult mission trip to the Harlingen area October 29-November 2. The purpose of the trip is to do clean-up and light construction for victims of Hurricane Dolly. The team is investigating the possibility of going into the towns on the border in Texas where the need is always great and has become a crisis with the rains and floods left after Dolly went through. The approximate cost of the trip per team mem-

ber should be no more than \$100-125. The team will leave at noon on Wednesday and return by mid-afternoon Sunday. However, those who cannot take that much time away from responsibilities in Austin may join us for whatever portion of the trip is workable (Southwest Airlines does fly there). This is a great opportunity for someone who has been interested in a mission trip but is hesitant to commit to a whole week away from family or work or is a little apprehensive about whether this type of mission is something they would enjoy. Come join us and find the joy of serving others in a full-time capacity for a few days. For more information or to join the team, contact Debbie Johnson at djohnsonart2006@yahoo.com or 657-4275.

Help Make PETs November 8!

PET (Personal Energy Transportation) is a \$250 hand cranked, wood/iron, three wheeled vehicle designed for those without use of legs. PET Texas-Luling is one of 15 affiliates world-wide (<http://www.PETinternational.org/>). Come to the Better Neighbor Extravaganza on October 4 to see adult and child PETs from Luling! Saturday, November 8 we will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. to drive to Luling to help build PETs for a day. For more information, contact Charlie Sauer, sauer@technologists.com.

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Rev. Madeline Henners will begin leading this service which will include music, devotional, prayers and communion. At the conclusion of the service anyone may remain to pray or request prayers. All are invited to attend the Prayer Service and anyone interested is welcome to become part of this team. Current members of the Prayer Team are Carol Fullerton, Martha Blomquist, Talka Carlisle, Nancy Richter, Jack Collins, Marty and Sharon Donley, Gary Johnson and Gail Parsons. Contact Marty or Sharon Donley at 512-868-8702 for more information or to get involved in the Prayer Ministry.

October Birthdays

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

Memorials

In Memory of Joyce Austin
Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Margaret Legge

In Memory of Elsie Markley
Jennifer, Wade, Shelby & Laney Owens,
Gordon & Betty Hamilton, Pat Damron,
Donald & Linda Wisthuff,
Jim & Shirlene McComb

**In Memory of Karen Bowker's mother,
Thelma Schmitt**
William & Marcia Pridgen

In Memory of Ed Moore
Bruce & Robbie Kuemmel

In Memory of Jim Eddins
Ed Smith, AVNET

In Memory of Winnie Berquist
Jim & Shirlene McComb



Carrie Wheatley, John Eddins, Trey Whiddon,
Robbie Kuemmel, Lexie Christian, Carol Bruney,
Karen Green, Patti Bizzell, Sue Present,
Sharon Bistline, Our Troops

Those we love who are in nursing homes
Vernen Liles, Mary Alice Smith, Billie Stout,
Virginia Thomason, Sara Moïse, Clara Mae Mann

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, October 20, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, October 29

The Bulletin

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

10:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please send articles to: hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

Prayer on Fridays at 11:15 a.m.

Please join us in praying for our pastors, staff, teachers, members and their joys and concerns on Friday mornings at 11:15 in the FLC Chapel. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our whole church family so that we may live our lives to the glory of God through Christ Jesus, our only redeemer and Savior! For further information please call Martha Blomquist at 343-2429.



United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet Tuesday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. in room 109. Rev. Madeline Henners will present the mission study *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*. All friends, visitors and women of the church are invited. Call Myra at 989-2157 for more information.



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 9 at 7:00 p.m. in room 110. The registration fee is \$10.00. Please call the church office to sign up for this seminar led by Diane Coleman, assisted by Eyvonne Williams.



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