

March 1, 2009

Issue 3

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!

Michael Haynes
and
Patches Pace

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

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near- Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Joel 2

Across the globe Christians will gather on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent. Most will hear the calling of the prophet Joel as the Old Testament reading is presented. His ancient words were the calling of his people to worship their God of unrelenting, steadfast love. We'll use those same words in our Ash Wednesday worship as we begin our Lenten journey together. I'll pray we hear them as a calling to observe this season of preparation for all of the good news that comes to us on Easter morning.

There is a wondrous love found victorious on that Easter morning. God's glory is revealed so very strongly, with death transcending the grave and hope rising with new life. Yet there is a price to pay. It comes at the cost of God's own son.

Lent is a season of our life together now when we watch the deliberate journey of Jesus on his Way to offer the fullness of

God's love with more than his teaching, with even his own life. Week after week we'll watch the drama.

On Wednesday nights Madeline and I will preach out of the great Servant Song of Isaiah found in chapters 52 and 53. "By His Stripes" will be the title of our focus on these words that the ancient church saw as a description of the life and dying of Jesus. Join us for disciplined reflection upon these words describing the ways in which the world receives the offering of God's love.

You can study, pray and worship in these 40 days in many ways, but may your own devotions draw you closer to the story and to the Lord. I'll invite you to hear the invitation of the Missions Committee as they "proclaim a fast." Consider joining us in a "Fast for Hunger," a weekly discipline of foregoing a meal or a day's meals. May the disruptive change in diet cause you to consider the deeper hungers of your life satisfied only by the Bread of Heaven. And may your savings and Lenten offering feed the hunger of someone in our community.

In whatever way you journey through this Lent may it deepen your awareness and your gratitude of the Way taken by Jesus to allow us the Way to joy and peace.

Yours in Christ, *Bill Henderson*

Notes from Beth

Share the Good News! This is the name of the musical that our choirs are preparing for worship on May 3 at both services. **You** may still join the fun by coming to rehearsal on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:15 in the choir room. No prior experience is necessary and there is a space just for you! The

musical is based on the Holy Week narrative and concludes with an upbeat singing of "Spread the Word." Come and share your gifts as we share the Good News!

CELEBRATION and Youth Handbells: Just a reminder that we will **not** have CELEBRATION or youth handbells on Sunday, March 15. Enjoy your Spring Break!

Adult Children of Aging Parents “Medicare and the Hospice Benefit”

When: Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Education Building
Who: Rhonda Prince, Hospice Community Educator

Join us as we untangle the misconceptions and myths regarding the benefits and services of hospice as provided for under the Medicare Part A benefit. We will also discuss physician selection and ancillary services provided under the benefit that will assist us as we work through the maze. There are many “end stage” diagnoses that qualify a person to receive the hospice benefit. Benefits that not only care for the ill but ease the day-to-day routine of the caregiver. We will gain an understanding of how the admission process

works and how length of stay on the program is determined and by whom.

Rhonda Prince earned a degree in Secondary Health Education (BS in Ed.). She has worked in the healthcare industry for over 20 years in a variety of setting: physician office, clinic, nursing facility, assisted living community and now, hospice education. Prior to coming to Odyssey Hospice in 2005, Rhonda was the Regional Director of Operations for a national company that owned and managed senior living communities across the country. Rhonda managed 8 communities in Texas. At Odyssey Hospice, Rhonda serves as a Community Educator.

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

Attention Cookie Bakers!

In appreciation for their work with children we want to honor the staff of our neighboring school, Murchison Junior High. We believe 75 dozen homemade cookies will do the job.

Needed: 1 or 2 dozen cookies from you!
When: Sunday, March 22

We will be assembling individual gift bags on Monday, March 23 for delivery that afternoon. Come play with us!

United Methodist Women

“Walking the last mile together: The why and what of hospice”
 Rev. Sonja Dalglish, Presbyterian Minister and Chaplain of Hope Hospice in New Braunfels, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. in room 109. Rev. Dalglish was named 2005 Chaplain of the Year by the TX/NM Hospice Organization. NWHUMC United Methodist Women invite anyone interested to join us in learning how hospice can provide caring, compassionate help to the patient, family and friends. Please contact Millie Shimfessel (926-8402) or Bonnie LaBoon (345-2230) to reserve your place or for more information.

NWHUMC Financial Status January 2009

	December		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$102,106	\$98,973	\$102,106	\$98,973
Expenses	\$85,153	\$102,408	\$85,153	\$102,408
Net Income	\$16,953	(\$3,435)	\$16,953	(\$3,435)
	12/31/08	1/31/09		
Mortgage #1	\$1,477,054	\$1,474,958		
Mortgage #2	\$322,946	\$322,488		
Mortgage #3	\$377,556	\$369,429		

Our income for the first month of 2009 was \$3,133 above our budget and our expenses were \$17,255 below the budgeted amount, getting us off to a good start for the year. We paid down the principal on our mortgages \$10,681 in January, \$3,075 from our operating budget and the remainder through continuing contributions to our building fund. Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>

Travel News

How do they know whodunnit? Join us to find out on Wednesday, March 25, when we visit the Austin Police Department forensic lab. We'll tour the DNA and drug analysis labs, and learn about firearms, and crime scenes. Following the tour, we will have lunch at Nuevo Leon restaurant. We will meet at church at 9:15 a.m., depart by church van at 9:30, and return to the church by 1:30 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$8.50. Sign up and make your lunch menu choices by calling the office (345-1743) or stopping at the front desk. Make your reservation and payment no later than noon on Monday, March 23.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM KUMC Choir Practice 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM KUMC Worship 11:30 AM KUMC Youth 12:00 PM KUMC Fellowship 2:00 PM Youth Praise Band 3:00 PM Redemption Ringers 4:00 PM CELEBRATION 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Northwest Hills 101</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Soccer Shots-MFH 9:00 AM Tally Team 9:30 AM Fitness class (LL) 9:30 AM MusiKids- MFH 11:00 AM Rotary Club 1:00 PM ESL Tutoring 5:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM Joyful Praise Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorus Austin 7:00 PM Trustees Committee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 AM KUMC Service 7:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM MFH Chapel 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM Egypt (LL) 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM ESL class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 AM KUMC Service 7:00 AM UMIM Breakfast 9:30 AM Mexican Train Domino Game 10:00 AM Fitness (LL) 10:00 AM German (LL) 1:00 PM Religion (LL) 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Youth Dinner & Bible Study 6:30 PM Lenten worship 7:00 PM Library Committee 7:00 PM Open Door ERG 7:00 PM Quilters 7:30 PM KUMC Service 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 AM KUMC Service 9:30 AM MusiKids- MFH 9:30 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 1:00 PM Esther (Beth Moore study) 3:00 PM Giggles-bites-MFH 6:00 PM ESL class 6:00 PM Way of Forgiveness 6:30 PM Ring of Faith</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 AM KUMC Service 8:30 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 10:00 AM Dance- MFH 11:15 AM Prayers in FLC Chapel 1:00 PM Friday Friends ERG 5:30 PM Judd/Todesco Wedding 7:30 PM Gilbert & Sullivan Society rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group (offsite) 9:00 AM District Laity Celebration with Bishop Jim Dorff 9:30 AM Mission meeting 1:00 PM KUMC Youth Group 5:00 PM Judd/Todesco Wedding</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>Youth Spring Break Trip 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM KUMC Choir Practice 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM KUMC Worship 11:30 AM KUMC Youth 12:00 PM KUMC Fellowship 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 4:00 PM The Way of Grace 9:00 PM Custer UMC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Youth Spring Break Trip 7:00 AM Custer UMC 9:00 AM Soccer Shots-MFH 9:00 AM Tally Team 9:30 AM Fitness class (LL) 9:30 AM MusiKids- MFH 11:00 AM Rotary Club 1:00 PM ESL Tutoring 5:00 PM Angel Food Order Deadline 5:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM Joyful Praise Rehearsal 7:00 PM PPRC meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mission trip to the Valley Youth Spring Break Trip 6:00 AM KUMC Service 7:00 AM Custer UMC 7:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM MFH Chapel 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM Egypt (LL) 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM ESL class 7:00 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mission trip to the Valley Youth Spring Break Trip 6:00 AM KUMC Service 7:00 AM Custer UMC 7:00 AM MFH Pizza Pick-up 7:00 AM UMIM Breakfast 10:00 AM Fitness (LL) 10:00 AM German (LL) 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Ring of Faith 6:00 PM Youth Dinner & Bible Study 6:30 PM Lenten worship 7:00 PM Library Committee 7:00 PM Open Door ERG 7:00 PM Quilters 7:30 PM KUMC Service 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mission trip to the Valley Youth Spring Break Trip 6:00 AM KUMC Service 9:30 AM MusiKids- MFH 9:30 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 1:00 PM Esther (Beth Moore study) 3:00 PM Giggles-bites-MFH 6:00 PM ESL class 6:00 PM Way of Forgiveness</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mission trip to the Valley Women's Retreat Youth Spring Break Trip 6:00 AM KUMC Service 8:30 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 10:00 AM Dance- MFH 11:15 AM Prayers in FLC Chapel 1:00 PM Friday Friends ERG</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Women's Retreat Youth Spring Break Trip 8:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group (offsite) 1:00 PM KUMC Youth Group</p>
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Prayer Corner

This month our focus is on the Prayer Sisters. This group was formed last year after a suggestion from the Women's Brunch. Those interested in having someone to pray with on a regular basis signed up and were paired with a Prayer Sister. Prayer Sisters are paired for 6 months to a year. At the end of the year they are paired with a new Prayer Sister or may request to remain with their current partner.

Prayer Sisters keep in touch with each other weekly via e-mail, telephone, cards or in person. They meet at least once a month face to face for coffee or a meal. The Prayer room or garden, library or Wesley Chapel are a few sites on our campus that are often used. This ministry is an opportunity to meet and get to know our sisters in Christ. It is also a blessing and comfort to know that you have a Prayer Sister that is

praying for and with you daily. Contact Sharon Donley 512-868-8702 to sign up or for more information.

Thursday Night Prayer Service: The March service will be held on the fourth Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Bill Henderson will lead us through a labyrinth experience of walking with Christ to the Cross. Rev. Henners will lead communion and prayer and Steve Clarkson will provide music. Join us in this special time of worship and prayer in Wesley Chapel. In April we will return to our regular schedule of the third Thursday of the month.

Prayer Spaces: The Prayer Room and Garden are located in the FLC, room 100. Both are open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. These spaces are maintained by the Prayer Team and contain many prayer resources such as books and pamphlets. Please visit and take advantage of these quiet, inviting places to pray.

Volunteers Needed!

Your help is needed to run the projections for the 9:00 a.m. contemporary service. We currently have several volunteers who are able to do this, but are in need of others so that each

volunteer is only responsible for one Sunday a month. If you are interested in learning more, Corey Candler is hosting a training session Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 a.m.-noon. To sign up for the training please email Corey at coreycandler@nwhillsumc.org. All are welcome to attend, just be sure to reserve your spot.

A Brief Green House Guide

David Henners

Building a house that responds to an ever increasing awareness of climate change can be a very exciting yet challenging task for homeowners. During the early design stages, the orientation and shape of a house should be considered to ensure that many spaces receive adequate amounts of natural light. Emphasis should be placed on locating common areas e.g. living room, dining room and kitchen due south. In addition, the installation of large, well proportioned windows will help reduce the need to switch on a light during the day. This conserves energy.

Large, complex houses consume more energy than smaller, less intricate houses. Thus, a simple layout will reduce the demands placed on lighting, heating and cooling. Once the design of a house has been finalized and all the appropriate permits obtained, the construction process can be begin.

Choosing the most appropriate construction method is not as simple as we might think. There are many factors that will influence our decision e.g. ground conditions, timescale, cost, quality control, availability, flexibility, durability and recyclability.

Most houses are fabricated from wood, steel and concrete.

Large quantities of energy are required to manufacture steel and concrete. By comparison, wood requires very little energy and can be obtained from sustainable sources. However, steel is more durable than wood, does not rot, is less prone to warping and can be recycled. Therefore, in areas prone to infestation, steel might be the preferred choice of construction. Unlike steel and wood, concrete has the ability to store energy, which in turn, can help to reduce the amount of energy required for heating and cooling.

Choosing construction materials is only part of the solution. Houses can be built in a number of different ways e.g. on site, on site with some prefabrication occurring in a factory or almost entirely prefabricated.

Prefabrication techniques offer several advantages over more traditional construction techniques e.g. on site construction time is reduced because the components of a house are delivered to site in their finished state with only minimal work required, quality control tends to be higher because the components of a house are fabricated in a controlled environment, less energy is consumed in the manufacturing process and there is less waste, which in some cases, can be recycled.

This article represents the tip of the iceberg when it comes to building green, however, it demonstrates that we all have the ability to create a house whose beauty is more than just skin deep.

March Birthdays

March 1	Gene Bradford, Jane Sasser
March 2	Ken Holfus, Grady McPherson
March 3	Sherry Garza, Tracy Shahan
March 4	Jan Decovic
March 5	Beryl Bergschneider, Susan Gusler, Laine Perez, Jake Scott, Kate Morton
March 6	John Henry Mejia
March 7	Jennifer Brewer
March 8	Carolyn Ford, Pat McElroy, Casey Collier
March 9	Vivian Simmons, Penny Brushwood
March 10	Charles Bailey
March 11	Emily Hoover, Katy McElroy, Vivian Chen
March 12	Vernen Liles, Eddie Mast, Doug Powell
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, David Vaden
March 17	Helen Posten, Pat Norton
March 18	Jean Alexander, Beth Judd, Lyle Beavers, Dan Whiddon
March 19	Edna Herzberg, Dorothy Dewberry, Kay Harrison, Connie Ellis, Matthew Jones
March 20	Billie Stout, Marcia Lind, Chuck Crane, Charley Merriweather
March 21	Cathy Painter
March 22	Brian Wood, Carol Bruney, Debbie Reed, Trey Whiddon III, Jackie Burson, Chase Eastman, Michael Foster, Michelle Huang
March 23	Lea Moody
March 24	George Brown, John Morris
March 25	Betty Caywood
March 26	Darla Nicholson, Harper Clarkson, Sidone Dance
March 27	Emogene Tracy, Stephen Sloan
March 28	Wallace Pellerin, Emily Brown

Focus on Hunger

NWHUMC is involved in several ministries to alleviate hunger. One ministry that supports alleviation of hunger in an indirect way is Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin. Through this program the elderly are able to maintain an independent life in their own home with the help of volunteers who provide rides to the doctor, the pharmacy and the grocery store. Without someone to take them to shop for food, program participants would not be able to survive on their own. To be one of these volunteers, contact Teri Shapiro at terilyn6@gmail.com.

Russian Visitors at NWHUMC

NWHUMC is privileged to be one of the sponsoring congregations for a delegation of 7 young adults from Good News UMC in Vologda, Russia, this March. Some of them will be in the 9:00 a.m. worship service on March 8. They will attend UMW and UMM meetings that week on March 10 and 11, respectively. They will take part in a panel discussion on youth ministry with Jenny Roberts and other district youth workers. Beth Judd will give them a bellchime workshop as well as share info on the Arts Ministry. Jim and Bonner Landrum will introduce them to Comfort House and the ministry to the surrounding neighborhood. Terry Townsend is taking them to a UT baseball game.

The Missions Committee, with help from Revelations Sunday School class and James Starr and the Fellowship Committee, raised funds to take care of their needs while in Texas by catering the Choir Workshop in January. Debbie and Glenn Johnson are on the committee that is organizing the Russian's trip to Texas and thank all of you who are working on this project and making it possible.

Communion Offering

The communion offering for March will benefit the NWHUMC Youth Mission trips this summer.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Carrie Wheatley, Trey Whiddon, Robbie Kuemmel, Lexie Christian, Carol Bruney, Karen Green, Patti Bizzell, 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, January 19, 12:00 p.m.

Publish date: Wednesday, January 28

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

Publish date: Wednesday, February 25

The Bulletin

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

10:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please send articles to: hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet in room 109 on Monday, March 2, at 9:30 a.m. to plan books for the coming months. Please join us and bring your favorite book(s) for us to discuss and decide our future reading. Please call Jan Broomall at 250-0177 with questions.

Monthly P.E.T. Trips This Spring

A group from NWHUMC will be traveling to Luling on Thursday, March 12 to build personal transportation devices (P.E.T.). These devices navigate uneven terrain better than wheel chairs and will be sent to third world countries to be distributed to the disabled. If interested, please contact Charlie Sauer at sauer@technologists.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On March 22, NWHUMC will join Methodists across the world in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) as we give through One Great Hour of Sharing. The funds collected March 22 will be used to cover the administrative costs of UMCOR so that all monies given for UMCOR programs and disaster relief go directly to the designated fund. The One Great Hour of Sharing funds provide the strong foundation on which all other UMCOR programs are built. Envelopes for giving will be in the bulletin on March 22.



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