

October 1, 2009

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

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## 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

## Our Treasure to Share

We invite you to join us during the first three weeks of October in celebrating our life together as a church family as we live out what we hope are faithful and fruitful means of serving God. Our fall Stewardship Campaign will focus on the theme "Our Treasure to Share!" We take our scriptural guidance for this from Christ's words in Matthew 5: 21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"Our Treasure to Share" campaign will explore the treasures we have received from God and the call and joy of sharing the grace of God with others. We'll count our blessings and celebrate the ways in which we share them with one another and with those in the broader community around us.

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 2010.

Please mark the date, **Sunday, October 18**, 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 2010 and determine what we can do to serve God at NWHUMC and make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Let's plan to share our treasures, our life enriched and strengthened by the love of God.



My daughter held on to her "dink" for more than 4 years. From birth she had a baby blanket (actually 3 almost identical ones). She slept with her "dink" (never knew where that term came from, except from the mouth of the babe) long before she was attached to it. Then it became her treasure! She wanted it all the time. For bed, for travel, for most everything. It was precious. Torn, tattered and dirty, it was still very special and very necessary for her to have if there was to be peace in our world.

Don't we all have treasures like that? Some totem, something so very valuable we won't part with it even when it has lost all "earthly value?" A picture? A shirt? Purse or baseball glove? Maybe an old pair of shoes? That's one of my treasures. I would hate to wear my treasured loafers in public where I might meet someone I know. They are quite worn. Even though I have a new pair "just like them" they aren't the same. I wear these old shoes almost exclusively around the house and kicking around town.

What treasures do you have?

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I hope one or I even pray you have one that you value the most- the Good News of God's love for you. I hope you hold on to that, take it with you wherever you go, sleep and wake up with it every night and day. The Good News is just that the Kingdom of God has come to us, that the gracious love and strength of God has come into our midst and we can live in the joy and hope this brings. Matthew (13:44) remembers Jesus saying "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." The Good News can shape each of us into stronger, healthier people and can do the same for our congregation of friends here.

This Good News is also something we are excited to share. We don't have to hold on to it just for ourselves. In fact, we are called to share! Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4: 5-7, "For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay

jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

"Our Treasure To Share" is the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign- our time of looking ahead to the New Year in hopes of building up our ministries. Over the next several weeks we'll invite you to think about the Good News that has come to you, the ways God has blessed you with grace and truth. We'll invite you to commit with us to the sharing of who you are and what you have in the challenge of our caring for our congregation and our community.

We truly pray to share the treasure of God's love with one another. Let us begin to pray about just how we do that by strengthening this church with our prayers, presence, service... and gifts.

Grace and peace,  
Bill Henderson



### Financial Status August 2009

	August		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$83,470	\$84,473	\$712,376	\$693,781
Expenses	\$81,229	\$82,596	\$668,115	\$690,087
Net Income	\$6,241	\$1,877	\$44,261	\$3,695
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	12/31/08	8/31/09		
Mortgages	\$2,177,556	\$2,104,244		

Our net income for August was a positive \$6,241 with income \$2,997 above our budget and expenses \$1,367 below the budgeted amount. Our income year-to-date is \$44,261 above our expenses thanks largely to expenses well below budget and the added income we are receiving this year from pledges redirected from building to operating pledges. We paid down the principal on our mortgages \$73,312 so far this year; \$29,659 from our operating budget and the remainder through continuing contributions to our building fund. Thanks to the early payoff from contributions to the building fund, we have saved \$3,000 in interest so far this year and applied that to principal! Check the financial report on the church's web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org>

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Carrie Wheatley, Trey Whiddon, Robbie Kuemmel, Lexie Christian, Carol Bruney, Cathy Troutner, Sharon Bistline, Katherine Kinniell, Charlene Warren, JoAnn Brown, Marshall Stogner, Our Troops

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

Prayer concerns may be submitted to our Yahoo! Prayer Group by sending an email request to:

[NWHillsUMCPrayers@yahoo.com](mailto:NWHillsUMCPrayers@yahoo.com)

For confidential prayer requests, contact the church office or email PC Coordinator, Sharon Donley at: [martindonley@msn.com](mailto:martindonley@msn.com).

## Prayer Corner

What a great list of opportunities for Bible Studies and Spiritual Formation this fall. I hope you have found something that encourages you to learn more and seek God's guidance for your life. As we learn more and apply it to our lives, we are enabled to love and serve others. The more we learn and grow the more we want to know of God and how to live our lives for His purpose. I also encourage you to be in prayer for our church, for those leading us; our pastors, class leaders, Sunday School teachers, music leaders, youth and children leaders, committee leaders and volunteers serving on our committees, prayer teams and Stephen Ministers. God has richly blessed our congregation with caring, loving and very creative and capable individuals. Each of you contribute so much with your presence and prayers in the life of this family that makes up Northwest Hills and its unique hospitality and spirit for God.

In addition to the many studies that began in September, the Anglican Prayer Bead Seminar will be offered on October 24 and Advent Devotional Studies on Hunger will be provided by the Missions Committee beginning in November. A Journey to Bethlehem Labyrinth experience takes place December 17 as part of the Thursday Night Prayer Service and will help us focus on the purpose of the season.

Opportunities for prayer include, the Prayer Chain, the Prayer Team, Friday Morning Prayer Group, Prayer Sisters, Men's Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Men's Saturday Morning Group, the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Thursday Night Prayer Service that meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Family Life Center Chapel. To learn more about any of the groups contact the church office, pick up a Prayer Ministry brochure or contact Gail Parsons at [nay4397@aol.com](mailto:nay4397@aol.com) or Marty or Sharon Donley at [martindonley@msn.com](mailto:martindonley@msn.com) with your questions.

## A Staff Change

It is with deep regret that the Pastor Parish Relations Committee has had to make a change in the status of Jenny Roberts, our Director of Youth Ministries. Because of our financial condition, we have changed her position from full to part-time status. Our church, obviously, has been affected by the world-wide economic recession. The Committee has worked with the Finance Committee all year to face these issues and to keep our Church Council and congregation informed.

The Committee has asked Rev. Henners to assist Jenny in seeing that our youth program is not overly affected by

this change. The group understands that this creates a financial burden for Jenny, but also strains the work of volunteers who make our youth activities strong.

The change comes about because of lowered projected pledges and income for 2009, with similar concerns for 2010. We began this year with a large budget deficit. Our pledge commitments fell about \$100,000 short for 2009, a condition helped by a one-time diversion of people's donations to our building fund. This generous diversion of building pledges has made possible our continued ministries and the continued employment of staff members who help make our ministries happen

Please keep Jenny and our youth program in your prayers!

## Upper Room Disciplines

It's time to order new Upper Room Discipline devotional books. If you are not familiar with this book, it is an annual daily devotional book printed by Upper Room Ministries. Millie Shimfessel will order these books for us in November. The cost of the book is \$11.00. Sign up for the books by calling the church or by stopping by and signing up on the sheet at the front desk.

Payment is due when you pick up the books at the church. You will receive a call when the books come in so be sure to include your phone number when you request your books. The last day to order is November 7. The books will arrive sometime in December. Questions? Call Millie at 926-8402 or 825-3846.

## My Friend's House Fall Festival

Come enjoy an evening of fun, food and games for the whole family. MFH is having their annual Fall Festival Friday, October 30 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. There will be a train, moonwalk, and other attractions to keep your little ones busy. Hope to see you there!



## Adult Children of Aging Parents

### Life-Changing Financial Instruments: The Power of Reverse Mortgages

**When:** Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Education Building  
**Who:** Pat Hall, Certified Reverse Mortgage Consultant, Wells Fargo Bank

Are your parents retired, but feeling financially insecure? If they have equity in their home, condo, duplex, or town-home, a reverse mortgage might be the answer! There are no payments on the reverse mortgage until they leave their home by either selling their home or passing away. Title

to the property remains in your parents' names and, upon their passing, it goes to their heirs. There are no credit or income requirements for a reverse mortgage. Want to learn more about the many benefits of these life-changing financial instruments, and how they have opened difficult dialogues in many families with aging parents?

Pat is a Certified Reverse Mortgage Consultant and a child caring for her mother. She has had this discussion with her mother and has seen firsthand how it has helped her mother. She offers much compassion and understanding to the process of the financial dialogue with our parents.

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.

## Carnival Is a Success Despite Rain!

Well, after months of planning on hot, dry conditions on carnival day, we were all surprised when we were deluged with rain instead! We quickly changed gears and moved everything inside the Family Life Center. Despite the rain, we still had a good crowd of 250 people with over 80 new visitors to our campus and 20 returning visitors.

Thank you to everyone who made this day possible whether you baked a cake, worked a booth, or grilled a hot dog! We couldn't have pulled off this event without your help and the support of our sponsors!

Davis and Wilkerson, P.C.  
 Lori Place, CPA  
 NWHUMC Choir  
 Dr. Gary Payne, Podiatrist  
 Martha Blomquist/Moody Family  
 Joshua Sunday School Class  
 Sons of the Salt Fork  
 Hawaiian Kona Isle Dancers

United Methodist Men  
 My Friend's House  
 Dick and Nelda Lillie  
 Jim McComb, McComb Construction  
 Revelations Sunday School Class  
 Central Chiropractic  
 Contemporary Cloggers  
 Evangelism Committee



Thank you for being such a hospitable congregation and exhibiting God's love to everyone in our community!

## Memorials

**In Memory of Mike Vaden's mother**  
 Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

**In Memory of Jean Eddins**  
 Chip, Carol & Jack Pinckard, Martha & Wayne Rogers,  
 Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Nancy Gibson, Joe Reuss, Steve  
 & Dixie Houston, Gray & Pat Bryant, Maxine Stevens,  
 Bob & Sue Present

**In Memory of Sonia Merubia's mother**  
 Frank & Bonnie Laboon

**In Memory of Dennis Ellis' mother**  
 Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

**In Memory of Charles Johnson**  
 Don & Susan Hammond

**In Memory of Britt Cain's brother**  
 Frank & Bonnie LaBoon

Sunday

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Friday

Saturday



1 6:00 AM KUMC Service 1:00 PM Deeper Still 5:30 PM Nominations Committee 7:00 PM Disciple I 7:00 PM Grief Recovery	2 6:00 AM KUMC Service 10:30 AM Prayers in FLC Chapel 1:00 PM Friday Friends ERG 4:00 PM Flu shots	3 8:00 AM Churchwide Work Day 8:00 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group (offsite) 10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals 10:00 AM Praise Team Retreat 1:00 PM KUMC Youth
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## Join us for Friday Prayer Service!

I have done a lot of searching over the years; searching for my purpose in Christ, trying to find His perfect will for my life. Few things in my life have enriched me more than prayer. I don't often get too specific in my prayers. I somehow know that God has all of our best interests at heart, so lifting family, church leaders, missionaries, friends and others up in prayer is one aspect of my prayer life. I do also pray for the world and the people of other countries. I sometimes feel that we Americans don't really understand the state of the persecuted Church around the world. So my prayers often extend to God's will for all the world through Christ. God is the creator and is perfect and knows what He's doing, so again my emphasis is placed on His power and His direction.

Recently, I have had the feeling that I need to bring in the scope of my prayers- to pray more for NWHUMC and Austin. Being a regular member of the Friday morning prayer service has been wonderful. We really feel a sense of the Spirit when we gather. I would recommend and encourage you to attend. We meet 10:30-11:30 every Friday morning in the FLC chapel. When two or more are gathered in His name, the power of prayer becomes even more directed and enriched. I often play mandolin at this service which I think adds a unique dimension to the time spent together. I hope each of you has an active prayer life. Prayer can be done while walking, cleaning up the house, or while driving (I don't listen to the radio that much in the car- instead I often lift up to God the areas I am driving through or just marvel at the beauty of God's world). You don't need to be a monk to pray effectively. You just need an open heart ready to be of service to God and Christ.

## Music Staff Change

Dear Friends, It is with sadness that I inform you that Corey will be leaving us to take a job at the Catholic Cathedral in downtown Dallas. His last Sunday with us will be October 18. Corey has been seeking a position where he could concentrate more on organ performance and his new position will do just that with multiple services each weekend. Corey is a part of our family and he will always be so. While we are grieved by his leaving, we send him out with God's richest blessings and with our gratitude for his ministry among us. There will be a time of recognition

for Corey in the near future.

I am working with Bill and others to be certain that during this interim time we maintain the high quality leadership for the 9:00 a.m. contemporary service as well as the 11:15 traditional service that Corey has provided. In the meantime, please keep Corey in prayer as he finishes this part of his life and moves to a new and exciting challenge. And please keep Bill and me and other leaders of the church in prayer as we begin the work of shaping the future of music ministry.

Blessings, *Beth*

## The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- . . . after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- . . . after the divorce papers are served.
- . . . after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- . . . after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- . . . after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- . . . after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away- and the house suddenly seems empty.

- . . . after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- . . . after the baby arrives, demanding more than you ever dreamed possible.
- . . . after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you- or your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives- and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

The next training class at NWHUMC is in January 2010. Contact Kathy Bouldin (345-5967, [kmbouldin441@yahoo.com](mailto:kmbouldin441@yahoo.com)) or Lynne Cline (345-8066, [reclines@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reclines@sbcglobal.net)) for more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, or to find out more about meeting with a Stephen Minister.

## October Birthdays

October 1	Janet Jones, Tim Webb
October 2	Chris Petrus, Michael Petrus, Alice Spoons, Nancy Tuck, LaVera Cornwall
October 3	Sherry Wilkison, David Hennes
October 4	Mike Trulove, Jessica Biggert, Ken Glasgow
October 5	Robert Cummings, Michael Nutt, Lou Dove Wirht, George Hare
October 6	Jessica Arnold, Michel Loeffler
October 7	Kendall Payne, Burta Dahlheim
October 8	Sterling Hays, Mike Riepen, Nancy Irvin
October 9	Jamie O'Mary, Nancy Woelke
October 10	Anne Gusler, Bill Biel, Kathy Wilfley, Wyatt Krieg, Sally Blacksmith
October 11	Ella Wilkins
October 12	Katherine Stuckman
October 13	Joyce Meyer, Judith Guy, Scott Willingham
October 14	Marie Hamm Coleman, Stephen Jarman
October 15	Dalton Bowker, John Robertson, Wheeler Breazeale
October 16	Lu Juana Zane, Laura Hendrickson
October 17	Dixie Houston
October 18	George Brabham, David Norton
October 19	Pat Pound, Abigail Boyle, Margaret Arnold, Sam Woelke, Norma Larson, Elaine Whiddon
October 20	Betty Greene, Joan Berry
October 21	Kari Cain, Bill Allen, Dick Lillie, Judith Ross, Pat Hall
October 22	Gary McKenzie
October 23	James Rogers
October 24	Mary Lengel
October 25	Sarah Gussler, Kathryn Loeffler, Ellen Wood, Doug Crosby
October 26	Leah Judd, Donna Eastman
October 27	Marian Moore, Spencer Watsham
October 28	Morgan Shafto, Andrew Woelke, Ray Anthony, Grayson Gunter, Johanna Gunter, Karen Bowker
October 29	Bonnie Moyer, Bill Black, Sterling Baker, Charlie Shanks
October 30	Nancy Kurio, Kathryn Stephens, Thomas Darr, Cissy Rodriguez
October 31	Iain Watson, Sarah Ghormley, Hanna Tyson



## Children's Ministry

What do you think of when you hear the word worship? This is a question asked of children in James H. Ritchie, Jr.'s book *Always in Rehearsal*. The one word answers were: God, church, congregation, Sunday school, choir, praying, Communion, band, pastor, sermon, singing and Jesus. What do the children at NWHUMC think of when they hear the word worship? Do we help our children to verbalize their understanding of worship? Celebration is one of the mediums available to practice this act. Children in kindergarten-fifth grade have an opportunity to revisit the morning's worship through fellowship, song, games crafts and Bible memorization. They are also involved in the practice of being a part of our worship services. **CELEBRATION meets on Sunday afternoon, 4:00-5:15 p.m.** Speaking parts for the children's Christmas Pageant are assigned to those attending Celebration.

**Blessing of the Animals** is Saturday October 3 at 10:00 a.m. Come and bring your cat, dog, snake, mouse, goat and they will clap their hands or paws or anything they've got. Reminds me of a song- "All God's Critters."

**Parent's Night Out** is October 10, 5:00-9:30 p.m. Make your reservations by e-mail [jmarinus@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:jmarinus@nwhillsumc.org) or sign up in the Narthex on Sunday October 4.

**My Friend's House Fall Festival** is Friday evening October 30. Wear a costume and join in the fun!! There will be games, food, a train and much more.

Yours with a loving heart, *Miss Jean*

## United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women members will meet in room 109 at 9:30 a.m. on October 13 for the first session of our annual mission study. This year, the subject is "Food and Faith." Come participate in a lively discussion of how food and our faith practices are closely connected. Please call Bonnie LaBoon at 345-2230 for more information.





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## Offering God's Love... Building Believers.

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### Important Deadlines

#### The Herald

**Deadline: Monday, October 19, 12:00 p.m.**

Publish date: Wednesday, October 28

**Deadline: Monday, November 16, 12:00 p.m.**

Publish date: Wednesday, November 23 (Monday)

#### The Bulletin

The **deadline** for the weekly Sunday bulletin is  
**10:00 a.m. every Wednesday.**

Please send articles to: [hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org)

### Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. in room 109 on Monday, October 5 to discuss *The Color of Lightning* by Paulette Jiles. This book is available in Austin libraries. Please call Jan Broomall at 250-0177 with any questions.

### North Hills Gallery

The September show, *Visual Journeys, Messages from Six Lifetimes*, features works of the Third Coast Artists from October 1-November 1. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, October 4.