

Sunday Worship

8:50 AM Contemporary
Worship with Communion

11:15 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

Mission

Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

God's vision for Northwest Hills UMC is that we be the active presence of the Kingdom of God in our community. We will live out that vision by offering the life-changing love of Jesus Christ through energetic outreach, vibrant worship, compassionate service, and intentional faith development.

Vision

Lent

Much goes in to assembling, sorting, editing, and uploading (plus printing, folding, labeling, and mailing) the monthly *Herald*, so the articles are prepared well in advance. As I write this we have just experienced the second Sunday in Lent. By the time you receive it, there will be only two Sundays remaining in Lent before Easter. But even then, it's not too late, for we still have Wednesday evening worship plus the times of worship during Holy Week.

For many, the season of Lent is viewed as a "downer;" a time of somber moods and long faces. Although it *may* be a time of mourning for our sinfulness, that is only a part of the overall experience of Lent. I think it would be *better* to view Lent as a time of heightened spiritual sensitivity. Lent can be a time in which we make ourselves more available and open to God so He can work within us to transform us more and more into the image of Christ. After all, that is the goal of every Christian (or at least it should be). So, Lent is a time of great potential for *growth*.

It also is a time of great potential for *freedom*. As we are intentional about opening ourselves to God, His Spirit will reveal to us those things that are keeping us from being all He wants us to be. He will reveal those behaviors or desires that bind and control us; whether pride, anger, fear, unforgiveness, etc. And this really is a *good* thing. For God will reveal those things to us so we can turn from them and allow Him to remove them from our lives. This,

then, truly frees us to live life more fully, more abundantly. And *that* is good news indeed! We then will be better able to burst into celebration over the Good News of Easter Sunday; for we too will have experienced a taste of the new life that Christ gives.

See you in worship, as we continue our life-giving journey through Lent!

Carrie



Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 pm
Palm Sunday, April 13, 8:50 am & 11:15 am
Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm
Good Friday, April 18, 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20, 7:00, 8:50 & 11:15 am

Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, April 21, 12:00 pm

Publish date: Wednesday, April 30

Please send articles to hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

The Bulletin

The **deadline** for the Sunday bulletin is **10:00 am every Wednesday**.

Financial Status February 2014				
	February		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$110,706	\$82,003	\$196,567	\$179,505
Expenses	\$70,865	\$83,286	\$143,841	\$166,672
Net Income	\$39,841	(\$1,283)	\$52,726	\$12,833

	12/31/12	2/28/14	YTD Paydown
Mortgages	\$1,480,035	\$1,464,487	\$15,548

The budget numbers are from the approved budget that does not fund most of the benevolence part of our apportionments. Our receipts for the month are \$28,703 above this reduced budget, but this is misleading since seven members paid over \$36,000 to fully pay the increase in their pledges in response to our plea for added pledges to help us approach a balanced budget that fully funds our ministries for 2014.

We paid down our mortgages \$15,548 so far this year: \$7,448 from our budget and the remainder from continuing contributions to our building fund and reduced interest payments due to our early principal payments.

Check the financial report under the members tab on the church web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org/members.html>.

North Hills Gallery

North Hills Gallery presents *Creative Musings* by Betty Jameson and Carolyn Patterson. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 pm.



Easter Cross

Please bring garden or purchased flowers to adorn the cross for all three services on Easter Sunday. There will be a special processional for this presentation.





Kairos Ministry

Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you visited me." You can visit those in prison through volunteering with the Kairos Ministry which is holding a Kairos weekend at Bartlett State Jail May 1-4. We are very appreciative of any help you can offer in the following ways:

- Baking cookies (use quart size baggies-1 dozen per bag). We need a total of 2,000 dozen cookies for the weekend, but any amount that you can bake will be a blessing.
- Praying for a 30 minute period during the weekend. A prayer chain is made that stretches all the way around the room and this is the first time participants realize that people they don't know are actually praying for them. This brings about many emotions and often tears. It is one of the most special moments of the weekend.

- Serving on the Outside Kitchen Team which prepares lunch and dinner for three days. Without the support team we could not function inside the prison. We are in need of help on the outside team. Volunteering one or each day would be a blessing for the weekend.
- "Sponsor an Inmate" (as the inmates have no money). There will be 42 inmate participants and it costs \$125.00 per inmate which covers food and utensils for the weekend. Any amount is accepted and put toward sponsorships. The cost for this mission is approximately \$8,000.00.
- If you would like to come to closing it will be a memorable experience. Closing is at 2:30 pm on Sunday, May 4 at Bartlett State Jail.

Please remember that green agape of any amount is a way to visit Jesus in prison. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Gary Payne (gpayne44@flash.net, 343-1877). Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM MFH Chapel 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:00 PM Egypt (LLI) 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 6:30 PM Trustees Committee	2 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:30 AM German (LLI) 9:30 AM Mexican Train Domino Game 1:00 PM Dance Rehearsal 3:30 PM After School Program 3:45 PM French Class 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 5:00 PM Carol Gorda 6:00 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	3 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 10:00 AM MFH Rehearsal 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM World History (LLI)	4 7:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 9:00 AM Church Women United 9:00 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 9:30 AM Kinderdance MFH 10:30 AM Friday Lunch Bunch 10:30 AM Mommy and Me 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 3:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 23	5 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM Journey 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 9:00 AM French Classes 2:30 PM Troop 3 Court of Honor 6:30 PM African Band rehearsal
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Library Corner

The books below, part of the Prayer Collection, can be found in the new book section of the church library for a two-week checkout. Please renew items as needed.

The Power of a Praying Wife by Stormie Omaritian: Every woman who desires a closer relationship with her husband will appreciate this refreshing look at the power of prayer in marriage. Along with real-life illustrations, Omaritian includes sample prayers and “power tools—” verses that inspire and encourage wives to rest in the assurance of God’s promises for their marriage. Topics include his spiritual walk; his emotions; his role as a father, leader, and decision maker; his security in work and finances; his health and physical protection; and his faith and future.

The Power of a Praying Husband by Stormie Omaritian: You love your wife and you want nothing more than to see her happy, flourishing, and growing together with you. There’s no better way to love her than to pray for her. Here you will find the excitement and hope that come from inviting the God who hears and answers prayer into your marriage. Personal stories from well known Christian men, prayer ideas, words from Scripture, and a prayer and study guide can help you go deeper into this important aspect of your marriage. He will lead you and your wife into greater fruitfulness, fulfillment, and happiness.

The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omaritian: Why leave your child’s life to chance when you can give it to God? Learn how to put your child’s life in God’s loving hands in areas such as his or her safety, character development, peer pressure, school success, walk with God, friends, family relationships, teenage years, gifts and talents, and wise choices. It is never too late to discover the joy that comes from being a part of God’s work in your child’s life.

The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children by Stormie Omaritian: Perhaps you are watching your adult children step out into the world and wishing you could do more to support them while giving them the freedom they crave. You can! In this important follow up to a *Power of a Praying Parent*, Omaritian addresses the unique concerns of parents of grown children. When we take our concerns to the Lord it means that our prayers have power to effect change in the lives of our children. This gives a peace that cannot be found any other way.

Lead Me Holy Spirit: Longing to Hear the Voice of God by Stormie Omaritian: Omaritian focuses on the Holy Spirit and how He wants you to hear His gentle leading when He speaks to your heart, soul, and spirit. As you trust in the Holy Spirit and His great love for you, you will be filled with His mind, knowledge, and wisdom. You will grasp a vision for the special calling in your life and you will sense His guidance in the way you should go.

Prayer Corner

Mark your calendars and plan to join a new study beginning Tuesday, May 6, in room 109 from 7:00-9:00 pm. *Breakthrough Prayer: the Power of Connecting with the Heart of God*, by Jim Cymbala, will be our text, and you will want to read it before class begins. We will have the study guide, *When God’s People Pray*, also by Jim Cymbala, for you in class. The text is available in most Christian book stores and also on Amazon.

In the text Cymbala explains the principles of faith filled, mountain moving prayer that can transform circumstances, change lives, and draw you closer to God than you’ve ever imagined. The participant’s guide will help you understand, personalize, and apply the powerful, life changing concepts described in the six video sessions of *When God’s People Pray*. This study will be led by Paul Arismendez and Gail Parsons. Register by calling the office or emailing Gail (nay4397@aol.com).

In a recent daily devotional Max Lucado talks about grace: “When grace happens, Christ enters. Christ in you, the hope of glory! For many years, I missed this truth. I believed all the other prepositions: Christ for me, with me, ahead of me. But I never imagined that Christ was in me. You can’t blame my deficiency on Scripture. Paul refers to the indwelling Christ 216 times. John mentions his presence 26 times. No other religion or philosophy makes such a claim. No other movement implies the living presence of its founder in his followers. Influence? Instruct? Yes. But occupy? No! The mystery of Christianity is summarized in Colossians 1:27: ‘Christ is in you!’ The Christian is a person in whom Christ is happening! Little by little a new image emerges! All because of God’s Grace.” One of the ways we get in touch with his presence is through prayer and quiet time resting in that presence. We can come to him any time, in all circumstances; He is always there waiting for us. Praise God!

Blessings, *Gail Parsons*



April Birthdays

- 1 Bill Graham, Sandy Pobst, Maggie Mueller
- 2 Gorton Hamilton, Kay Kleeber, Michelle Cummings
- 3 Kim Hoffman, Daniel Fuchs
- 4 Marcia Driskill, Michael Caywood, Stefanie Boyle, Juliann Gardner, Ethan Hudgins
- 5 Page Fullerton
- 6 Jo Burgh, Andrew Kurio
- 7 Richard Wilkison, Ann Blasdel, Debbie Welles
- 9 Pat Bryant, Carol Fullerton, Lauren Einhorn, Jayden Shafto
- 10 Ray Bennett, Betty Jameson
- 11 Mike Rhodes
- 12 Kelsey Pobst
- 13 Wood Bouldin, Anne Elizabeth Barnett
- 14 Barrie Cogburn, Kailyn Filipponi
- 15 Susan Powell, Liz Cline
- 16 Shanda Breazeale
- 17 Harold Cline, Barbara Peach
- 18 Priscilla Pomarici, Leslie Kay Smith
- 19 Janet Hertel
- 20 Carol McCoy
- 21 Allecia Remington
- 22 Claude Welles, Katherine Lowrey, Drew Means
- 23 Daphne Koch-Hetz, Whitney Fullerton
- 24 Carol Wratten
- 25 Jim Beck, Paulette Payne
- 26 Ron Bruney
- 27 Marisa Payne
- 29 Kaitlyn Rodriguez
- 30 Sam Anderson, David Gardner



Women's Walk to Emmaus

Please think about your new friends, or some of your old friends or family who haven't yet gone on a Walk and talk to them about attending Women's Walk 1749 April 24-27 at Camp Young Judaea. Registration forms and more information can be found at www.austinemmaus.org.

Children's Ministry

Come join us on Saturday April 19 at 9:00 am in front of the Family Life Center as we **Search for Easter**. Hear the story of Holy Week, make a craft to be given away, hunt for eggs both with candy and symbols of the week. Remember to bring a basket!

Registration for **Camp Tejas** is due by April 14. Children in 3rd-5th grade, youth junior counselors, and adult counselors are welcome. Ask a friend to join us! Camp Tejas is in Giddings. We will leave Friday, May 2 at 4:00 pm and return on Sunday, May 4 at noon.

Blessings,
Miss Jean

**CHILDREN'S
CAMP**



Memorials

In Memory of Joe Jerkins
Charles Elmo & Kathleen W. Brown;
George & Pat Brabham; Tom & Leslie Stephens;
Blaine, Nelda, Jeff, & Jill Lee

In Memory of Nancy Tuck
Muriel Westbrook

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Any contribution given in memory or honor of a person will be placed in the NWHUMC Memorial Fund. Please know that the use of these funds will go to benefit the Church and congregation. The distribution of funds will be at the discretion of the Memorials Committee.

## Receive the Herald via Email

If you are interested in receiving the *Herald* via email as a PDF attachment instead of getting a hard copy in the mail, please email or call Helen with your email address (512-345-1743, [hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org)). Over 200 members and friends are currently taking advantage of this service and receive the *Herald* in color on the day it is published!

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## Lent

### Wednesday Evening Worship

March 12-April 9

6:30 pm          Worship in Sanctuary

## Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:30 pm

Dinner- Activity Center

6:30 pm

Worship in Sanctuary

### Good Friday, April 18

6:30 pm

Worship in Sanctuary

## Palm/Passion Sunday

### Palm Sunday, April 13

8:50 am          Contemporary Worship

10:00 am        Sunday School for all ages

11:15 am        Traditional Worship

## Easter

### Easter, April 20

7:00 am        Son-rise Worship in courtyard

8:00 am          Easter reception in FLC

8:50 am          Contemporary Worship

10:00 am        Sunday School for all ages

11:15 am        Traditional Worship