

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



A Note from the Pastor

One of the great joys of being a pastor is that I often have the privilege to see and hear of ways in which God is working in the lives of people. That includes both those who are active in this church and those who are affected through the ministries of this church. Quite often only a handful of people are aware that anything meaningful has taken place.

Recently, Audrey and I have been relating some of those experiences in worship, because we want others to experience the joy of knowing how God is working in our midst. The stories have involved people from this congregation, people who are not members here but who are participating in one of our ongoing ministries, and even members of the community who have come to various public events, such as the Blessing of the Animals.

As Christians, most of us readily would agree that God is present with us. In the Season of Advent we recognize the coming of Emmanuel which means "God with us." Most of us also would agree, not only that God is *with* us, but that He can do incredible things among us. However, even though we believe He *can*, sometimes we seem less con-

vinced that He *will*. We typically go about our daily lives, not really expecting God to act in either our life or the lives of those around us. And *because* of that, we often miss out on what He *is* doing.

But as we have heard through the stories we have been sharing in worship, God truly *is* actively working in the lives of many folks all around us. He is revealing Himself to people in subtle, yet significant ways. However, He is not just interested in the folks around us. He's quite interested in *us* as well!

So, let me encourage you to be looking, expecting, *anticipating* God to do some amazing things in your life and in the lives of your family and friends. Not just during this Season of Emmanuel, but all the time. And the more we *expect* to see, the more we *will*!

It's a joy to be serving alongside you in ministry. I hope to see you in worship!

In Christ's love,



New Year's Eve Worship

New Year's Eve at church? What a great idea! There is no better place to begin the new year than in the presence of our precious and mighty Lord! Please join us at 11:00 pm on New Year's Eve in the Sanctuary for a great time of worship and reflection. Following worship, come to the Activity Center for a continental breakfast and fellowship. Begin the new year right- with Jesus!



Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Friday, December 12, 12:00 pm

Publish date: Tuesday, December 23

Please send articles to hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

The Bulletin

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

Financial Status October 2014

	October		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus carryover	\$67,782	\$82,003	\$823,628	\$835,525
Expenses	\$71,222	\$83,452	\$785,339	\$832,626
Net Income	(\$1,440)	(\$1,450)	\$38,288	\$2,899

	12/31/13	10/31/14	YTD
Mortgages	\$1,480,035	\$1,417,803	\$62,232

The budget numbers are from the approved budget that does not fund most of the benevolences part of our apportionments. Our receipts for the month are \$12,221 below this reduced budget and our expenses are \$12,230 below the budget putting us \$9 ahead of the budget for the month. Year-to-date we are \$35,389 ahead of the budget thanks to seven members who paid over \$36,000 in February to fully pay the increase in their pledges in response to our secondary effort for added pledges to help us approach a balanced budget that fully funds our ministries for 2014.

We paid down our mortgages \$62,232 so far this year: \$41,100 from our budget and the remainder from continuing contributions to the building fund and reduced interest payments due to early principal payments.

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

North Hills Gallery

North Hills Gallery presents *Season's Jewels* by the Capitol Art Society, December 3-January 4. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, December 7 at 12:30 pm.

Upper Room Daily Devotional

The Upper Room is a daily devotional magazine. The writers are interdenominational laity and clergy from around the world. The publishers look for "meditations that show real people struggling to live faithfully in real-life situations, with the Bible as the touchstone for and measure of faithful living."

Copies of the magazine are available in the narthex and church office. Anyone is welcome to pick one up. There is no charge, but we gladly accept donations to offset the cost of this publication. Please use the donation envelopes provided and place the envelopes in the church offering. Pick one up and see what insights it holds for you!




December Birthdays

- 3 Bonner Landrum
- 4 Pat Brabham
- 5 Mary Lang
- 6 Terri Loeffler
- 7 Greg Gitcho, Susan Cardwell
- 8 Pat Markley, Susan Hammond
- 9 Marty Donley, Layden Louderback
- 10 Jack Collins, Tanda Rasco, Roz Johnson, Kellie Ghormley, Pam Jones
- 11 Mary Nell Hall, Cathie Trider, Daniel Dodson, Steve Brown
- 12 Alan Hansford, Larry Stephens
- 13 Diane Coleman, Scott Arnold, Bess Wirht
- 15 Claudia Sydney
- 17 Michelle McPherson
- 18 Jim Landrum, Clyde Barre, Jacqueline Hello
- 19 Elizabeth Gunter, Antonio Lopez
- 20 Mary Kurio, Leanna Bergschneider, Maxine Zeigler, Bev Baker
- 21 Jim Blacksmith, Steve Garza
- 23 Shirley Irvin, Gary Payne, Matt Painter
- 24 Kendall Montgomery, Chris Painter
- 26 Judy Johnson, Steven Hemmeline, Emma Garza
- 28 Willena Bedoya
- 29 Kelsey Hansford
- 30 Kevin Brown, Audrey Loeffler, Caitlin Gardner, Megan Shepherd, Nicholas Gitcho
- 31 Joan Allen

Sanctuary Servant Team

The Sanctuary Servant Care Team is in need of additional volunteers for this important behind-the-scenes ministry which keep God's house neat and tidy. We spend 1-2 hours every week ensuring that the cards and hymnals are in place and the Sanctuary is neat, tidy, and ready for Sunday services. Each volunteer is responsible for one day a month and teams are welcome to volunteer to work together if desired. It is light work and can be done according to your schedule. Please consider this opportunity to assist. If you are interested, please contact VJ Barre (512-454-6578).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	7 Children's Christmas Pageant 8:30 AM Free Store pickup 8:50 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee with the Pastors 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Gallery reception 2:30 PM Cub Scouts 2:30 PM Dance rehearsal 2:30 PM Handbells 3:00 PM Cub Scouts 3:30 PM Youth Gathering	8 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Troop 3	9 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 AM MFH Chapel 9:30 AM UMW 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 7:00 PM Missions Committee 7:00 PM Troop 3	10 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:15 AM Basketball MFH 1:30 PM Dance rehearsal 3:30 PM After School Ministry 6:00 PM Carol Giora 7:00 PM Nite Owls Quilters 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	11 9:15 AM Chinese MFH 10:00 AM Women's Advent Study 3:00 PM Daniel Evans	12 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Giora 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 4:00 PM Northwest Montessori 7:00 PM Paul Arismendez
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Children's Ministry

The children have been working extremely hard to prepare for this year's **Christmas Pageant**, "Miracle at the Christmas Café." The children will be presenting their production during both services on December 7 so please plan to attend. The dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 6 from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



neighborhood to share Christmas joy. We'll gather in the Family Life Center at 6:30 pm (after the Gingerbread Party), carol for about an hour, and then join back up in the Family Life Center for fellowship. You need only bundle up, bring your friends and family, and a flashlight. If you would like to donate cookies for fellowship, please contact Audrey (audrey@nwhillsumc.org).



The **Gingerbread House Party** is Saturday, December 13 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Join us for this intergenerational event as we meet to decorate gingerbread houses and share a meal. The cost is \$20 per house for this wonderful event. Please make reservations early by emailing gingerbread@nwhillsumc.org as there are a limited number of houses! Please tell us how many houses you would like and how many people plan to attend. And don't forget to bring a couple bags of candy to share for decorating!

The next **Parent's Night Out** is Saturday, December 20 from 5:00-9:30 pm. We would love all kids age 1 (must be walking) through 5th grade. We'll provide a pizza dinner and a night of fun-filled events. Early registration is \$20 for one child, \$25 for two children, and \$30 for three children of the same family. Late registration has an additional \$5 charge. To receive the early registration cost, please email Amanda (children@nwhillsumc.org) by noon on Friday, December 19. Invite your friends and family to register! We are always looking for volunteers to help out with the crafts during PNO. If any youth or adult is interested in helping out, please contact Amanda.

Caroling in the Neighborhood is Saturday, December 13. Join other families as we walk to apartments in the

Receive the Herald via Email

If you would like to receive the *Herald* via email instead of getting a hard copy in the mail, please contact Helen with your email address (345-1743, hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org). Over 250 people currently take advantage of this service and receive the *Herald* in color on the day it is published!

Memorials

In Memory of Bonnie LaBoon

Pat & George Brabham, Elaine & Ward Goessling, Pat Bryant, Jane Schaible, Shirley Irvin, Jean & Gary Hanson, Nancy Richter, Bible Adventurers SS Class, Jean Alexander, Claudia Biel, Jo Burgh, Joyce Meyer, the Pinckard family, Bob & Carolyn Ford, Ronald Crosby, Jeff & Donna Eastman, Walter Foxworth, Berthie & Franklin Weirich, George & Theo Bush, Diane & Brian Busby and family, Clark, Rosalind, Matthew & Ella Johnson, Roger & Carmen Pena, Marcia Lind, Shirley Shaw

In Memory of Frank LaBoon

Elaine & Ward Goessling, Nancy Richter, Jeff & Donna Eastman, George & Theo Bush

In Memory of Joanne York
Walter Foxworth

In Memory of Ed Coleman

Pat & George Brabham, Myra Rattan, Pat Bryant, Nancy Richter, Martha & Roger Blomquist, Joseph & Joyce Porch, Jean Alexander, Bob & Carolyn Ford

In Memory of Barbara Jarman
Janice Gandt



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.



Library Corner Advent and Christmas Materials

The *Star of Bethlehem* DVD explores the exciting truth of scripture and reveals the evidence for God as seen in the stars. Using Starry software, first century manuscripts, and the Bible, Frederick Larsen ascertained the critical date of King Herod's death, the nine characteristics of "The Star," and information on the blood moon. He carefully shares his evidence and makes an excellent case for how the heavens announce the birth of the Messiah, mark the arrival of the Magi for the first Christmas, and mark His passing with a lunar eclipse on the day of his crucifixion. It shows how God forecast his glory in the heavens!

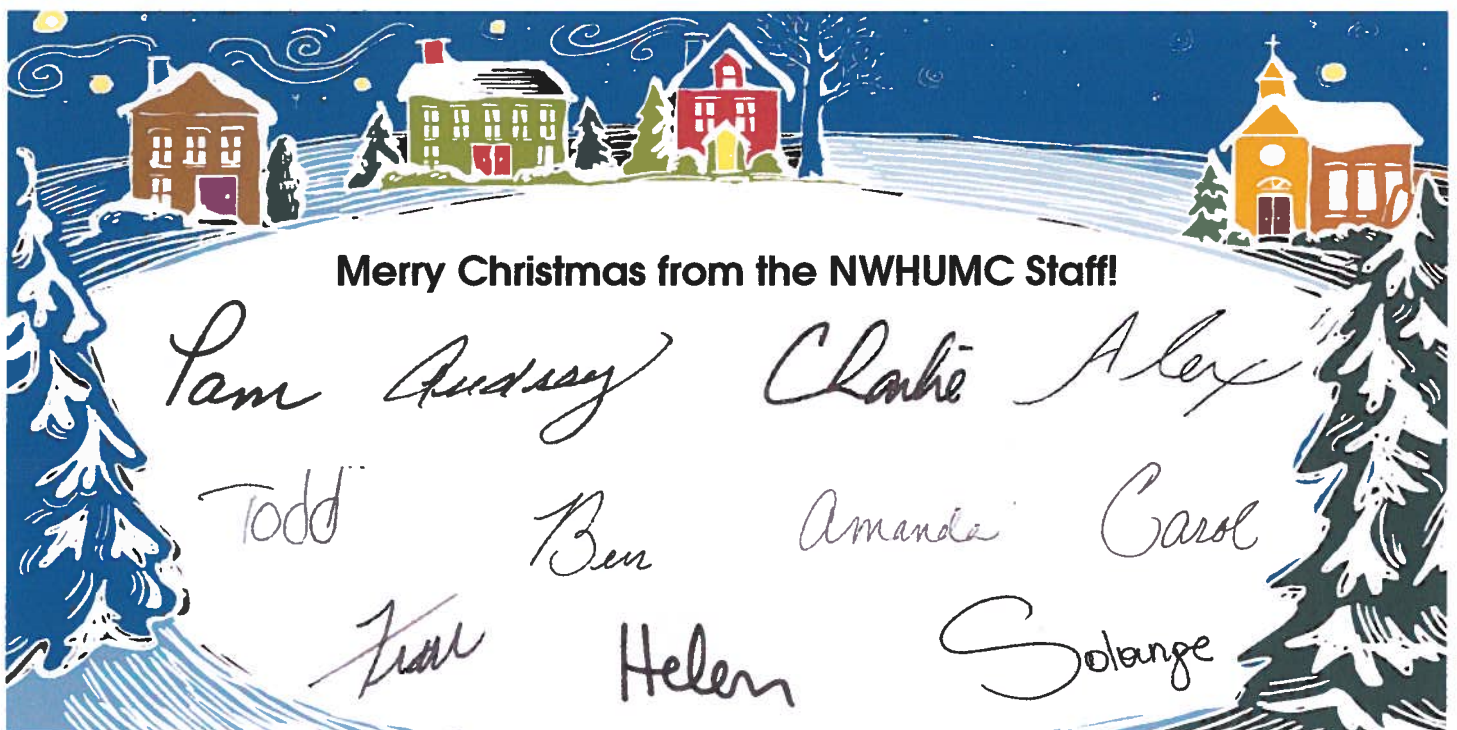
The Nativity Story DVD tells one of the most beloved stories in scripture of how Jesus came into being through the spoken word of God and how a young couple was willing to accept His will and put aside their own desires. This is the beloved story of the birth of our Lord and savior.

The Christmas Angel DVD: Olivia makes a Christmas wish for her mom to find a husband. And though this movie contains some romance (slowly budding and heart-stirring) it is more about the discovery of God's hand behind the scenes and the amazing way He works. The Christmas Angels' message is very simple, one the whole family can relate to in that all things are possible when you believe and trust in God.

Christmas with a Capital C: In this DVD, God's love triumphs over political correctness with a gentle reminder that without Christ there would be no Christmas. A new person in town takes offense to the town nativity scene. Reacting to Mitch Bight's encroachment on their comfortable nativity tradition, the townspeople get nowhere. But, when they allow themselves to be humbled and seek God's grace and guidance, things turn around.

In the Max Lucado story, *Christmas Child*, Christmas is a time to share faith, laughter, tears, and belief. Its gifts are not always those that can be unwrapped under the Christmas tree. In this movie, life-changing events are viewed as they are "unwrapped" as the movie progresses. Sometimes life is not perfect and we need to search for the truth. Stephen Curtis Chapman, Megan Follows, and William Moses make the true spirit of Christmas come alive in this heart-warming film about love and redemption.

God Came Near, by Max Lucado, is the story of God's perfect son, Jesus Christ. "The glory of the Lord was shining around the shepherds, and they became very afraid." Good thing the shepherd's lingered, otherwise they might have missed the glorious birth. Travel back in time and encounter Christ, the Son of God, whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. Join Max Lucado as he brings to life the most important event in history: when God came near.





ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



December 1, 2014

Poinsettias

Each year during the Christmas season we decorate our sanctuary with poinsettia plants donated by *you*, our church family. You may order one or more poinsettias and dedicate them in memory or in honor of a loved one. The list of donors and dedications will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletins. You may then take your poinsettia home with you following any Christmas Eve service. The cost of each plant is \$12.00. Additionally, for every plant sold this year, \$1 will be donated to support Youth Missions. Order forms can be found in the narthex and church office. The deadline to order and have your dedication included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is Monday, December 8.

