

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

What are the women up to?

Glad you asked! The women of NWHUMC are earnestly striving to seek God in all aspects of life through study, prayer, and community. This can be a huge challenge with all the demands a woman has on her life. We love our families, our children, our grandchildren, and friends, but where does this leave room for seeking God?

Introducing "Gleam: seeking to reflect God's light through study and community." Gleam is a place for women to examine their lives in the bigger context of God's story, study the Bible together, and be in community with each other. Have you ever thought, "Is this all there is?" Or do you feel a restlessness you can't quite explain? We have too.

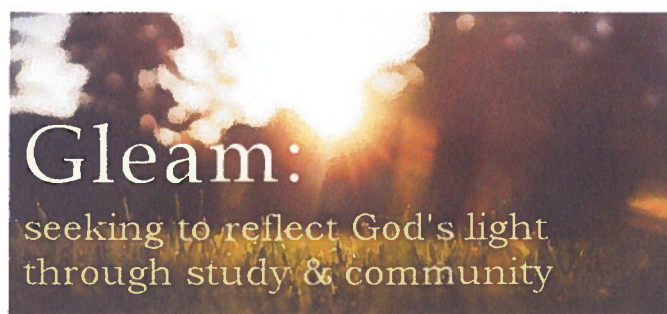
Every woman we know has at some point looked around at her life and asked, "Is this it?" That's usually followed by a flash of guilt: how could I be so arrogant, so ungrateful, so self-centered? So, we push that question aside, chalking it up to being tired and frustrated and we ask God to forgive our petulance. This works for a while, but inevitably that same question creeps back in, again and again.

Maybe we have it backwards. What if instead of hiding in shame we celebrated that question? What if we embraced it? What if that restlessness, that desire for more, is actually God speaking to us, pushing us to look a little deeper? What if it's him saying, "Yes, faithful daughter of mine, you are living a good life and I love you, but, is your life about you or me? Are you searching the scriptures and sermons and praise music and women's groups only to find

the answers for *you* and *your life* or are you embracing these things as a way to *know me*? Who are you living for?" Ok, now this is something we can get on board with. God's asking us to really dig deep and discern his plan for our life. There has to be a book or a program or a prayer practice to figure this out. We are fired up and determined. There's just one problem; we're still stuck on "me." That's not what God asked. He asked us to know *him*.

Only by knowing him can we begin to understand what he wants for us. If we want to be conformed to him, to his image, we must first know his image. To worship God, we must know God. It's a parallel journey, knowing God and knowing ourselves, but it must start with God. He gave us the perfect tool: his word. The Bible. A book all about him. Let us pore over it. Let us know God through it. Let us fall in love with him and see how through that love the strongholds of this world start to fall away. As his story unfolds before us let us start to see the answer to the "Is this it?" question he placed in our hearts. Join us on this journey as we seek to know God as the first step toward living the life he's set before us.

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Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, November 17, 12:00 pm

Publish date: Wednesday, November 26

Please send articles to hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

The Bulletin

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

Financial Status September 2014

	September		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus carryover	\$82,742	\$82,003	\$753,663	\$753,523
Expenses	\$93,360	\$83,452	\$716,276	\$749,173
Net Income	(\$10,617)	(\$1,450)	\$37,387	\$4,349
	12/31/13	9/30/14	YTD Paydown	
Mortgages	\$1,480,035	\$1,421,934	\$58,101	

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 \$740 above this reduced budget and our expenses are \$9,907 above the budget putting us \$9,168 below the budget for the month. Year-to-date we are \$33,038 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 \$58,101 so far this year: \$36,775 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 website at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org/members.html>.

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So, to accommodate busy schedules we are using an alternative format for this study. There is a daily online Bible study and discussion plus we'll host a monthly face-to-face gathering. We are following an online Bible study hosted by IF:Equip. We will be jumping into their 3 month study of Genesis.

1. There is a registration link on the church webpage, or email Denise Cornell (denise.cornell@gmail.com) directly to register.
2. Subscribe to IF:Equip at <http://www.ifequip.com/>
3. Invite a friend to join you!
4. Mark your calendar for our first Open Table, November 19, 7:00 pm

Join us at *any time*. Jump right in! See you soon.

Your Sister in Christ, *Pastor Audrey*



Women's Bible Study

November Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Einhorn
- 2 Tom Waggoner, Mike Shafto, Bradley Bizzell, Kyle Norman, Danny Moynihan
- 3 Harold Pate
- 4 Audrey Spencer, Hal Taylor, Lisa Staigerwald
- 5 Dave Henners, Isaac Aldridge
- 7 Britta Garza
- 8 Anna Wilkins
- 9 Janey Moore, Nancy Richter, Brenda Barron
- 11 Dirk Jameson, Steven Brewer, Alexandria Moulton, Torrey Wilkins
- 12 Geneva Clardy
- 15 Gary Zeigler
- 17 Bob Mettlen
- 18 Juan Cosio, Marcy Hello, Paolo Lopez
- 19 Phyllis Davidson
- 20 Kelly Hemmeline, Colin Campbell, Christian Brewer
- 21 Dot Perkins, Jackie Eddins
- 22 Jonell Clardy, Grant Jones
- 23 Ken Moyer, Autie Doerr, Teddy Philippus
- 24 Sue Abold, Bob Ford, Dennis Ellis, Jeff Lofley
- 25 Jean Hanson
- 28 Sue Bennett
- 29 Judi Mettlen
- 30 Amelia Ratcliffgardy, Grant Ratcliffgardy



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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1>						1 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM EFA French classes 9:00 AM Carol Giora 2:00 PM Ed Coleman memorial 3:00 PM Cub Scouts
2 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 2:30 PM Dance rehearsal 3:30 PM Youth Gathering 4:00 PM The Way of Grace 4:30 PM Pageant Rehearsal	3 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 9:30 AM Fitness (LLI) 9:30 AM Women's Book Group 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM YoungLife 7:00 PM Troop 3	4 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 AM MFH Chapel 10:00 AM India (LLI) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 7:00 PM Troop 3 8:00 PM Cub Scouts	5 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:30 AM Domino Game 9:30 AM German (LLI) 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 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Troop 3 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	6 9:15 AM Chinese MFH 3:00 PM Daniel Evans Meeting	7 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 7:00 PM Paul Arismendez	8 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM EFA French classes 9:00 AM Carol Giora 3:00 PM Indian Percussion Concert
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Prayer Corner

Max Lucado has a new book, *Before Amen*. He offers a challenge to pray for four minutes every day for a month. He offers a simple prayer, "Father you are good. I need help. Heal me and forgive me. They need help. Thank you, in Jesus name, amen." "Before amen comes the power of a simple prayer. God will teach you to pray. When we talk to Him, he listens. When we listen, He answers. Prayer is not a privilege for the pious, nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and His child. When we invite God into our world, He brings a host of gifts: joy, patience, resilience. Anxieties come, but they don't stick. Fears surface and then depart. I'm completing my sixth decade, yet I'm wired with energy. Happier, healthier, and more hopeful! Struggles come for sure. But so does God. He wants to talk with you. Even now as you hear these words. He taps at the door. Open it. Welcome Him in, and let the conversation begin."

"This much is sure. God will teach you to pray. Don't

think for a minute that he is glaring at you waiting for you to get your prayer life together. Just the opposite. In Revelation 3:20 Jesus says, 'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you and you will eat with Me.' To pray is the hand of faith on the door handle of your heart. The happy welcome to Jesus that says, 'Come in, O King, come in! The kitchen is messy, but come in.' Before amen comes the power of a simple prayer! God changes His people through such moments."

I know from my own experiences that He hears our prayers, He longs to be in relationship with us, a part of our lives in a very real and tangible way. Our words and phrases don't matter. Jesus sits on the right hand of God and intercedes for us! Just one of the many gifts bestowed upon us. What an assurance and comfort! His love for us is enormous and unchanging. He loves us as we are and enough to transform us continually. We are entering the season of Thanksgiving and of remembering our many blessings. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Gail Parsons

Roadrunners Travel

Join us on Saturday, November 22 on a trip to the Georgetown Palace Theater to see *Shrek the Musical*. We will leave the church by bus at 5:00 pm and have dinner at Tony and Luigi's before the performance. The price for dinner and the play is \$44 for adults, \$36 for students 10 and older, and \$18 for youth under 10 years old. This is a performance for the whole family, so bring your children and grandchildren! Sign up in the church office before November 7.



Memorials

In Memory of Frank LaBoon

Mesa Oaks Garden Club, Betty & Gordon Hamilton, Dennis & Connie Ellis, Gale & Ruth Copeland, Janice Gandt, Betty Caywood and Mike Caywood, Ray & Sue Bennett, Doris Haertig, Martha & Roger Blomquist, The Pinckard Family, Mary Ann Oehring, Jean & Gary Hanson, Bonner Brown

In Memory of Bonnie LaBoon

Ken Glasgow, Neill Gruver, Patti Bizzell, Leslie Kay Smith, Nancy Gibson, Connie & Millie Shimfessel, Kathy & Wood Bouldin, Myra Rattan, Doris Haertig, Bonner Brown, Dennis & Connie Ellis, Elaine, Trey, David and Dan Whiddon,

In Memory of Ken Payne
Martha & Roger Blomquist

In Memory of Ed Coleman

Neill Gruver, Leslie Kay Smith, Nancy Gibson, Connie & Millie Shimfessel, Kathy & Wood Bouldin

In Memory of Joanne York
Martha & Roger Blomquist

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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.





### Stephen Ministry

Who me, a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministry is a program for enabling people to participate in a caring ministry. Stephen Ministry will offer a new training series beginning in January 2015. The training will take place on Monday evenings with three Saturday retreats. Do you care deeply about people? Do you desire to pass on to others the love and grace shown to you by God? If so, you should consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Applications are available in the church office or you can contact Kathy Bouldin (512-345-5967).

### Afterschool Ministry

The afterschool ministry here at Northwest Hills UMC has been an inspiration to me as a youth leader. There isn't a week that goes by without a surprise from God while serving in this ministry. The kids I meet every week and those I have known for a couple of years now challenge me to put my belief in God. Since the start of this ministry I have seen God work in people's lives in a way that I cannot explain. I always tell youth in Sunday School that whatever situation they are going through right now is to prepare them for what God has in store.

You know, I did not really believe that God could use my past to minister to the youth in our afterschool ministry today. I am much more humbled by the fact that when kids share stories about the challenges of being from broken homes, being shot at at a young age, feeling hopeless, losing faith, I can identify with them. I am grateful that the struggles I went through earlier in life are becoming a testimony of hope in God for the kids I minister to.

*Wednesday Night Live* is a spirit-filled, fun gathering for youth that takes place from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Activity Center. Gatti's Pizza is donating pizza every Wednesday evening for the entire school year. So please stop by Gatti's Pizza on Far West Blvd. for lunch or dinner and let the manager, Heather, know how much we appreciate their generosity.



### Children's Ministry

**Parent's Night Out** is Saturday, November 15 from 5:00-9:30 pm. Reservations are due by noon on November 14 (children@nwhillsumc.org).

**Christmas Pageant, *Miracle at the Christmas Café***, will be performed on December 7 during both worship services. We would love all Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade kids to participate in this opportunity to be a part of worship. We will start practice for the pageant on November 2 and will practice every Sunday from 4:30-5:45 pm through November. The dress rehearsal for the pageant is December 6 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets will be passed out during Sunday school or you can register via email (children@nwhillsumc.org).



**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 family event, with dinner included. Make your reservations early (gingerbread@nwhillsumc.org) as there are a limited number of houses!



### 2015 Upper Room Disciplines

It's time to order the 2015 Upper Room Disciplines, a daily devotional book printed by Upper Room Ministries. The book costs \$12. You can order by calling the church office, Millie Shimfessel (926-8402), or signing up in the church office. Payment is due when the books are picked up. You will receive a phone call from Millie when the books are available so please be sure to leave your phone number. The order deadline is noon on Friday, November 7.

### North Hills Gallery

North Hills Gallery presents a show by the Austin Pastel Society from November 5-30. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, November 9 at 12:30 pm.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



November 1, 2014

## Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is Sunday, November 23, from 4:00-7:00 pm in the FLC Activity Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to help us welcome our community as our guests for Thanksgiving.

**Please bring the following according to last name. Please bring enough to serve at least 15 people.**

A-C: vegetables                      D-J: stuffing/rice/potatoes  
K-O dessert                            P-Z: salad (fruit or veggie)

We will need 15 turkeys for this year's Thanksgiving potluck. If you are willing to cook a turkey, please call the church office at (512) 345-1743 by Wednesday, November 19 so we have an accurate turkey count. It would be helpful if you could carve and slice the turkey before you bring it. If you cannot, please bring your whole, cooked turkey to the FLC Kitchen by 2:30 pm on Sunday, November 23. Please contact Susan Hammond with any questions or for more information (512) 388-2734.

