

## 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**

## An Introduction from the Children's Ministry Director

Dear Northwest Hills church family,

I would like to introduce myself and let you know a little bit about me and my family. I was born in Texas, but I moved state to state as I was growing up. As soon as I had a chance, I hightailed it back to Texas to go to college at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. I met my husband Barry there, and we have been married for seventeen years. We have two wonderful girls, Elora and Nicolette. Elora is a junior at Anderson and is involved in the theater tech program. Nicolette is in eighth grade at Murchison and is in athletics. Barry is a restaurant manager for Salt Grass Steakhouse in Round Rock, so be sure to stop in and say hello to him.

We moved to the Austin area two years ago from Fort Worth where I was in the education field. I taught both elementary and middle school for ten years and then moved into curriculum and instruction for three more. Being raised

in the church, faith has always been very important to me. I am a PK (preacher's kid) and church was always my second home. It has been the foundation for my family and my life.

I am excited about the future of the Children's Ministry program. My dream is that we can grow the program through creative teaching materials and through family activities. I believe that family plays a critical role in the development of a child's faith, so I would love to give you tools that can be used during your time with your kids.

My door is always open; please don't hesitate to stop by and chat! I am excited to meet everyone, and we are all excited about becoming a part of the NWHills family.

Peace,  
Amanda Ronalds



## Educational Cruises in the Caribbean

Educational Opportunities Tours is again offering us the chance to spend time next winter seeing the sights of the Caribbean and learning from some of the best Christian teachers. This year, we are promoting two cruises. The longer one leaves Fort Lauderdale on January 5, 2015 and visits Aruba, Bonaire, Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, and Antigua before returning on January 16. The lecturer is Dr. James Moore, preacher, teacher, and author. The shorter one is a Women's Retreat leaving Fort Lauderdale on February 2, 2015 and visiting Cozumel and Key West before returning on February 7. For information, contact Rev. Sue Abold (833-6656, sueiabold@aol.com), or pick up a brochure in the church office.

## Deadlines

### The Herald

**Deadline:** Monday, September 15, 12:00 pm

Publish date: Wednesday, September 24

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

### The Bulletin

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

## Financial Status July 2014

	July		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus carryover	\$73,857	\$82,003	\$587,870	\$589,518
Expenses	\$76,221	\$83,452	\$547,662	\$582,269
Net Income	(\$2,365)	(\$1,450)	\$40,207	\$7,248

	12/31/13	7/31/14	YTD
Mortgages	\$1,480,035	\$1,439,903	\$40,132

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 \$8,146 below this reduced budget and our expenses are \$7,231 below the budget putting us \$915 behind the budget for the month. Year-to-date we are \$32,959 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 \$40,132 so far this year: \$28,714 from our budget and the remainder from continuing contributions to our building fund and reduced interest payments due to early principal payments.

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

## Worship Team

The worship team is looking for large boxes, appliance size or similar. The boxes should be in good shape and need to be able to close. Please contact Terri (terriksloan@gmail.com) for more details or to arrange pick up.

## Stephen Ministry

"The Good News is that God sent the Holy Spirit to live in us. We are not alone in this ministry; we have the power of God in us! I believe that God works through me and enables me to minister to those in need. God will provide the results: I just concentrate on the process. What a relief to know that God is guiding me!" Is God calling you to serve our congregation as a Stephen Minister? A training class will begin soon. For more information about Stephen Ministry contact one of the pastors, Kathy Bouldin (512-345-5967), or Marsha Gray (512-343-8546).

## September Birthdays

- 2 Allison Cline, Patches Haynes, Grace Aldridge
- 3 Dee Susong
- 4 Mami Lopez
- 5 Frank Willis, Phyllis Smith, Quinn Schwierterman
- 6 Lee Easter, Mike Wray, Jon Mathers, Ryleigh Bowker
- 7 Richard Moynihan, Terri Sloan, Julie Borders, Chap Newton, Kara Brown
- 8 Willy Maletta, Holden Clarkson
- 9 Nathan Breazeale
- 10 Shirlene McComb, Bob Zane, Angie Smucker, Mark Dudley
- 11 Sally Shaw
- 12 Josh Fuchs
- 13 Mike Shepherd, Jenna Keever, Dakota Garza, Grant Means
- 14 Claudia Biel, Hadra Brown
- 16 Heather Taylor
- 17 Nelda Lillie, Jeanne Acton-Shanks
- 18 Bill Dewberry, Sonia Merubia
- 19 Hannah Cummings
- 20 Catherine Biggert, Devon Beavers
- 21 Jan Broomall, Steve Brock, Brad Hoffman, John Oliver, Scott Ross, Andy Mueller
- 22 Britt Cain, Noah Perkins
- 23 Brandi Gitcho, Samantha Pobst
- 24 Will Newton, Nathan Hammond, Chanler Dickerson
- 25 Lynne Cline, Anais Glock, Jackie Gardner, Skyler Reed
- 26 Maxine Pittman
- 27 Bob Bowker, Brian Anthony, Joey Shanks
- 28 Patrick Woelke, Brooke Anthony, Brooks Taylor, Elise Castleberry
- 29 Joe Hello, Karen Amacker
- 30 Larry Crawford, Nancy Gates, Gary Gunter, Chip Pinckard



## North Hills Gallery

North Hills Gallery presents *Visual Journeys of 4 Lifetimes* by the Third Coast Artists from September 4-October 2. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, September 7 at 12:30 pm.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Church Office Closed MFH Closed 9:30 AM Dance rehearsal 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>2</b> 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 6:30 PM Trustees Committee	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:30 AM Mexican Train Domino Game 1:30 PM Dance rehearsal 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 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 6:00 PM All Nations Christian Church	<b>6</b> 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM All Nations Christian Church 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 2:00 PM Troop 3
<b>7</b> 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 11:00 AM Youth Band rehearsal 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Gallery reception 3:30 PM Dance rehearsal 3:30 PM Youth Gathering	<b>8</b> 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 9:30 AM Women's Book Group 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Troop 3	<b>9</b> 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 AM UMW 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Joyful Praise	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 1:30 PM Dance rehearsal 3:30 PM After School Ministry 6:00 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:00 PM Troop 3 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 3:00 PM MFH	<b>12</b> 7:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 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	<b>13</b> 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 10:30 AM Community Carnival
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## Prayer Corner

The Prayer Ministry and Spiritual Formation team has many opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth: study, praying with our pastors before services and with any coming for prayer during worship, Prayer Warriors, intercessory prayer chain, Yahoo prayer group, the prayer team and retreats, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. I am excited to let you know we will have a formal training for anyone interested in participating in prayer. Donna McNeill with Light House Healing Rooms and Barbara Bucklin, President of Vision Luke 4:18 Ministries, will come and share their training for intercessory prayer volunteers for the Healing Room. The Light House Healing Room is open once a month and offers intercessory prayer for anyone who comes in.

The training uses DVDs from the Healing Rooms Ministries team training. Topics include provision for healing, faith for healing, roadblocks to healing, intercession, authority of the believer, and the anointing just to name a few! Healing takes many forms and includes inner as well as physical healing. All are welcome to attend. You will learn that miracles and wonders exist today. God's Kingdom is not something far off and for later, it is here and now, we just don't claim it. It will challenge you and ex-

cite you and deepen your faith. If you are seeking to enrich your prayer life join us for this training. If you want to gain confidence and boldness to pray with and for others, join us for this training. If you are just curious about the possibilities, join us for this training and you will be blessed!

The training will be on Saturday, September 27 from 9:30 am-4:30 pm, in the FLC Activity Center. Bring a sack lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Donna McNeill ([donnamcneill@austin.rr.com](mailto:donnamcneill@austin.rr.com)) to register. There is no charge for the day but we need a head count to adequately prepare.

The good news is that Jesus is resurrected, he is alive and among us and within us. He leads us and walks with us. He sits on the right hand of the Father and intercedes for us with signs too deep for words! He hears our prayers, no matter the words we speak. He knows our hearts, he seeks our relationship with him. We pray "thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven." It is here. Don't forget to join others at noon in praying The Lord's Prayer!

Blessings, *Gail Parsons*



## Stories from the Road

Drive A Senior-West Austin's annual "Stories From the Road" celebration will be Sunday, October 26, from 4:00-6:00 pm. The event will be held at the lovely home of Robin and Gene Shepherd.

This year the board will be honoring Mitchell Brown with the 2014 John C. Scurlock Volunteer of the Year Award. Mitchell has been a valuable member of the board for many years and has played an integral role in this fundraising event since its inception.

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church has been a supporter of Drive a Senior-West Austin (formerly Faith in Action Caregivers, West Austin) for more than twenty years, both in its mission budget and with volunteer drivers. In addition to volunteer drivers, we have some members of our church enrolled as clients.

Tickets for "Stories from the Road" are available for purchase at \$75 per person. For questions regarding the event, call the Drive a Senior office (472-6339) or one of your board members, Marjeanne Rutt (345-3911) or Connie Ellis (342-2606).



**Drive a Senior**

## We Need Your Help!

Office Angels volunteer in the office for a few hours each week answering the phone, greeting visitors, and helping with different projects. We would love to have you join this special group of volunteers!

Currently, we are in need of a regular Office Angel on

- Mondays 9:00 am-noon
- Wednesdays 9:00 am-noon
- Thursdays 9:00 am-noon

This is a fun, easy volunteer opportunity. The phone is simple to operate, projects are never difficult, and we have a pretty good time in the office. Contact Helen if you're interested ([hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org), 345-1743). We can't wait to work with you!

### Children's Ministry Update

Where has the time gone? It is time to start the new year of Sunday school. We would love as many people as possible to help in the classes, as we teach in teams. The more we have, the easier it is for everyone. Please email me with your age preference if you are interested in teaching for the new year. There will be a training so you are very prepared for this important role in the children's lives. Just send an email to [aronaldes@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:aronaldes@nwhillsumc.org) and I will add you to the list.



It's time again to sign up as acolytes. If your child is in fourth grade or older and is interested in being a part of this, please email me at [aronaldes@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:aronaldes@nwhillsumc.org). There will be a training during Sunday school time so everyone is very comfortable with their role.

My Friend's House is opening a new library. They are in need of new or gently used children books for babies through elementary age children. You can drop donations off in the church office and I will get them to the school.

### United Methodist Men Steak Dinner

All men are invited to a free mouthwatering T-bone steak dinner on September 21. We will meet in the Family Life Center at 6:00 pm for fellowship and entertainment. The purpose of this event is to discover how important we each are to each other, our church, and Christ. We will hear a presentation by Matt Mitchell, KVUE sportscaster. You don't want to miss this event!

Registration is a must for this dinner. Please call the church office, register in the narthex or contact Ken Moyer (512-452-6889) or Bob Callison (512-345-4796).

### 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, [hnoviel-li@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:hnoviel-li@nwhillsumc.org)). Over 200 people currently take advantage of this service and receive the *Herald* in color on the day it is published!

### Afterschool Ministry and Wednesday Live Wednesdays 3:30-7:00 pm

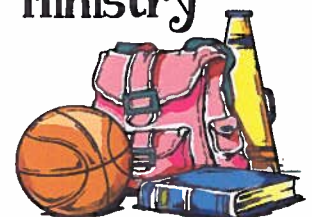
As I write this article to keep you up to date on what God is doing here at Northwest Hills UMC, I remember the words of God in 1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Last year I saw God doing amazing work among youth through the engagement of the elders that gave two hours of their Wednesdays to serve young people as faithful stewards of God's grace.

As you might have heard the afterschool ministry here at Northwest Hills UMC that serves youth in 6th-8th grade is in great need of your talents, gifts, listening ears, and whatever else God is calling you to do. We are looking for people, who can lead small groups of youth doing crafts, playing basketball, playing video games, doing homework, and setting up food. Whether you have some experience working with youth or you are a person that feels uncomfortable opening up to youth, we desperately need your help. I am convinced that the Lord that has given us this ministry and will provide you with whatever skill you need to help these young people come to a special relationship with Christ.

The Afterschool Ministry will start on Wednesday September 10, from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Youth Building. Beginning Wednesday September 17, we will implant a new pilot project called Wednesday Live from 5:30-7:00 pm which will be the worship and fellowship component of our program. During this time we will serve youth dinner, conduct a short worship, and have speakers that will address some of the tough questions that our teens are struggling with right now.

If you feel a calling to join and empower this ministry please contact Solange Woodson ([swoodson@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:swoodson@nwhillsumc.org), 345-1743) and we will plug you in.

### Afterschool Ministry



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Memorials and Honorariums**

*In Memory of Barbara Jarman*

Alice Weatherby, Tana Bonner, Willadene Faulkner, Seekers SS Class, Bible Adventurers SS Class, Terry & Barbara Collier, Ken & Nancy Einhorn, Tom & Carolyn McAninch, Bob & Carolyn Ford, Beverly Shepherd, Harold & Lynne Cline, Mei Beth & Mike Shepherd, R. J. Frink, NW Austin Sewing Group

*In Memory of Joanne York*

Neill Gruver, Myra Rattan, Les & Jan Broomall, Wanda Anderson and Family, Jim & Shirlene McComb, Pat & George Brabham, Harold & Lynne Cline, Athena Shawell, Mickey Manos

*In Memory of Ken Payne*

Jim & Shirlene McComb, Pat & George Brabham, Harold & Lynne Cline, Kathy & Santiago Mejia

*In Memory of Melvin Crawford*  
Jim & Shirlene McComb

*In Honor of Carol Giorda*  
Tracy Kuhn

*In Honor of the 2x2 SS Class*  
Kathy & Santiago Mejia

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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.

