

## 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

## No Time to "Camp Out"

"Then Peter said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Mark 9:5

As I am writing this article, I am still enjoying the "afterglow" of our Easter worship celebrations. A number of people commented to me about how wonderful our worship celebrations seemed this year, a comment with which I readily agreed! (Of course with the good news that Easter brings, how could it be anything *other* than wonderful?!)

Easter is such a great time- and especially so because of the wonderful news of Christ's resurrection and the endless implications that holds for us. The news is so good we want to hold onto it for awhile. And there certainly isn't anything wrong with *that*; our faith essentially is an Easter faith. I think that sometimes we can tend to not hold onto it *enough!*

Yet, with that said, we also need to resist the temptation to just *remain* there. The Scripture verse given above comes from Mark's account of Jesus' transfiguration. Peter, James, and John had accompanied Jesus up the mountain when that

phenomenal event took place. Thus, one could say that the three had a *significant encounter* with God. So, understandably, Peter wanted to "hang around" there for awhile. But Jesus led the three back down the mountain to what awaited them there. It's not that He wanted them to leave that experience *behind*, but He wanted them to take it *with* them. That encounter would uplift and encourage them in the work that lay ahead. That's one of the great things about encounters with God: they're portable. We can take them with us wherever we go.

So, even as we bask in the wonderful experience of Easter, like Peter, we can't just "camp out" there. There's more to be done... and certainly much more to be *experienced* with this One who leads us.

So, as the Easter season continues to unfold, let us not be content to stay where we are in our faith. May we continue to seek, to follow, to *grow* in our faith as we follow Jesus.

It is a joy to share in this journey with you.

See you in worship!



## Women's Retreat

This year's retreat will be held at Wesley UMC with the ladies of Wesley. We look forward to a great time of fun, fellowship, and reflection. The theme will be "God's Masterpiece... Seeing your life through His Eyes." Tatiana Nikolova-Houston will be our guest speaker. Tatiana has a powerful

story of her journey with God, and my hope is that we will glean insight into our story through hers. Register by contacting Pastor Audrey at [aspencer@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:aspencer@nwhillsumc.org).



## Herald Deadline

Article Deadline: Wednesday, April 20, 4:00 pm

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

Publish date: Friday, April 29

## Financial Status February 2016

	February		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus carryover	\$83,000	\$84,872	\$160,245	\$169,744
Expenses	\$79,146	\$85,212	\$153,721	\$168,510
Net Income	\$3,854	(\$340)	\$6,523	\$1,234

	12/31/15	2/29/16	YTD Paydown
Mortgages	\$1,346,926	\$1,338,429	\$8,496

Both income and expenses were below the budget for February and for the year-to-date, but expenses so far are significantly below budget leaving us \$5,289 above the budget for the year so far.

We have paid down our mortgages \$8,496 so far this year.

Check the financial report on the church web site at [nwhillsumc.org/finances.html](http://nwhillsumc.org/finances.html).

## Stephen Ministry

Are you, or do you know someone who is going through a crisis in life? Crises happen in all of our lives at one time or another; such as depression, the loss of a job, illness, and grief at the death of a loved one or a relationship. When crises come, it is helpful to have someone who cares to help you through it. This is the Ministry of Stephen Ministry at Northwest Hills UMC. A Stephen Minister can make a difference and can really help by encouraging those in need to talk to someone, the pastors, or a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening and helping people in strict confidence as people face inevitable changes in their life. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is in need of a Stephen Minister.

## North Hills Gallery

North Hills Gallery welcomes Austin artist Beatrice Baldwin's "Whimsical Magic" exhibit from April 4-29. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, April 10 at 12:15 pm.

## Parents' Night Out

Saturday, April 16 5:00-9:30 pm

We welcome all kids age 1 (must be walking) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will provide a pizza dinner and a night full of fun crafts and events!

Early registration: \$20 for one child, \$25 for two children, and \$30 for three children of the same family. E-mail Amanda ([aronaldes@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:aronaldes@nwhillsumc.org)) to reserve your spot, as they are limited and fill up quickly. Tell all of your friends and family to register for this exciting night!

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Amanda to let her know.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Damron-Davidson Golf Tournament

April 23 Lions Golf Course

Women, youth (with accompanying adult), and men please join us for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Damron-Davidson Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 23. The tournament will be followed by dinner and a dessert auction in the NWHUMC Family Life Center from 5:30-7:00 pm. Tickets for non-players: \$10 for adults, \$4 for kids (12 and under). Hole and tee sponsorships are available. We also need donations of desserts for the dessert auction following dinner.

Please registration after Sunday morning worship, in the church office, or from any member of the United Methodist Men. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for this fun event full of good food and fellowship!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 7:45 AM Praise Band Set-up 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 3:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30 PM Youth Gathering - Squad Meeting	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM NWHUMC Resource Team 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 9:30 AM Women's Book Group 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM Young Life 7:00 PM Troop 3	<b>5</b> 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 AM MFH Chapel 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 AM Heather Taylor 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Grp 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Canyon Vista MS Basketball 6:00 PM Praise Team 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 7:00 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Walk through the Bible	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:00 AM DE - Chinese Exercise Class 9:30 AM Domino Game 10:00 AM MFH Celebration of Children Rehearsals 3:30 PM After School Program 6:00 PM Carol Girda 6:00 PM MFH Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM DE - Chinese Exercise Class 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM MFH Celebration of Children Rehearsals 6:00 PM Canyon Vista MS Basketball	<b>8</b> 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Girda 9:00 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 9:30 AM Kinderdance MFH 10:00 AM Cool Panda 10:30 AM DE - Mommy and Me 10:30 AM DE - Navigators Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>9</b> 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM EFA French Classes 9:00 AM Carol Girda 9:00 AM Cool Panda Chinese 9:45 AM DE - Youth Choir 6:00 PM Troop 3
<b>10</b> 7:45 AM Praise Band Set-up 8:50 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Pray for Me Event 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 12:15 PM Cafery Reception 2:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 2 3:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Special Time of Worship	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM NWHUMC Resource Team 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM Young Life 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Troop 3	<b>12</b> 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 AM MFH Chapel 9:30 AM UMW 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 10:30 AM Heather Taylor 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Grp 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Canyon Vista MS Basketball 6:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Scouts - Venture Crew 7:00 PM Wak through the Bible	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:00 AM DE - Chinese Exercise Class 10:00 AM MFH Celebration of Children Rehearsals 10:00 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 3:30 PM After School Program 6:00 PM Carol Girda 6:30 PM Nite Owls Quilting Bee 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM Troop 3 (planning meeting) 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM DE - Chinese Exercise Class 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM MFH Celebration of Children Rehearsals 6:00 PM Canyon Vista MS Basketball	<b>15</b> 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Girda 9:00 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 9:30 AM Kinderdance MFH 10:00 AM Cool Panda 10:30 AM DE - Mommy and Me 10:30 AM DE - Navigators Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM HEB Retirees Annual Meeting 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>16</b> Missions - Hands on Housing Painting Day Women's Retreat 7:00 AM HEB Retirees Annual Meeting 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:30 AM EFA French Classes 9:00 AM Carol Girda 9:00 AM Cool Panda Chinese 9:45 AM DE - Youth Choir 5:00 PM Parents' Night Out
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### An Easter Prayer

Heavenly Father, no matter how many times we hear the Good News of Easter, whenever we truly allow it to penetrate our hearts, we're awestruck. And it is difficult for us to put our feelings into words. Jesus is alive! As with the disciples, quite often we do not expect to find Him. That is, we don't expect to encounter Him in our daily lives. But then He surprises us with His presence! It's not that we would have *forgotten* Him. We were determined to hold Him in our memory and cherish His

example, but now He is not merely a remembered friend; He is someone who meets us and guides us still. Father, we praise you for His resurrection- an unexpected gift of a new creation. And because of that, *everything* has been made new.

Because you have raised Him from death, you have breathed new life and new possibilities into what was a dying world. And because of that we are moved, encouraged, overjoyed at the great prospect of what the future holds. Continue to fill us with the joy of believing. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

### Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers, and by preschoolers we mean kiddos birth through kindergarten) is a grassroots movement that believes moms are world influencers. We also believe that incubating hearts and giving just-because-hugs can change the course of history. That's why we connect moms to a community of women in their own neighborhoods who meet together to laugh, cry, and embrace the journey of motherhood. MOPS groups are rally-

ing women to be more honest, to feel more equipped, and to find our identity by journeying along side one another. We are moms, and we believe that better moms make a better world. Please join us at Northwest Hills UMC in Room 106 for MOPS gatherings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Amanda at [arodaldes@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:arodaldes@nwhillsumc.org).

