

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

Vision

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



On Sunday, September 17, 15,552 meals were packaged at our second annual Rise Against Hunger event. A big THANK YOU to the 150+ volunteers who joined together to scoop, dump, weigh, seal, label and pack the dehydrated meals. The pallet of boxes from NWHills UMC will make its way to the Caribbean, helping to feed the people affected by the recent hurricanes.

Upbeat music played as everyone steadily focused on their tasks. Actual packaging time was about two and a half hours -- many hands made light work! Progress was measured by a loud "gong," which was rung by enthusiastic children after every 1,000 meals were boxed. Our contact at Rise Against Hunger, Catherine Mayfield, travels from Houston to Austin frequently to promote, organize, and execute meal-packaging events. Catherine's goal is to package 300,000 meals in one year, at which point an Austin warehouse can be established!

To do this, she is working toward reaching more Austin organizations who may be interested in holding a meal-packaging event. If you know anyone or work for an organization who might like to help end world hunger by 2030, please contact Catherine at cmayfield@stophungernow.org.



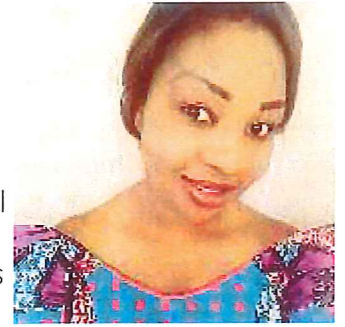
YOUTH MINISTRY

A FAREWELL FROM SOLANGE WOODSON

Dear Northwest Hills Family,

What a joy it has been for me to be a part of this great community. I remember coming here about 5 years and 4 months ago with just one baby. During my time here, the Lord was great to me by blessing me with 2 more children that call Northwest Hills UMC their home and can't wait to come to church every Sunday. This has been an amazing journey for me in that I have seen God in many places at this church throughout these years. I have seen God move in the Youth Ministry from a couple high school students to a Full class of 10-14 high school students in Sunday School. I have seen a couple of our youth teach Adults Sunday school class, help lead VBS, lead worship during youth Sunday, going from 7 kids in the afterschool to 25-35 weekly and many more. I have learned a lot from my time here and I received my call to nursing school at this church as well. I remember engaging in the discussion with afterschool students during Wednesday Night Live about Science and Religion. Students were so into evolution that to them the existence of a creative God was so absent. I became motivated to learning more about the complexity of the human body to teach students about the complexity of our bodies and how a Creative God needed to be the one that made us. This journey took me to taking an Anatomy and Physiology class and before I knew it I had finished all the pre-requisites for nursing school. So, church my journey here at Northwest Hills UMC has truly touched my life. I am grateful for all those that worked alongside me in Sunday School. Afterschool Ministry, Retreats, Mission Trip, UMYF, Lock ins and more. I can not finish this article without apologizing for anything I might have done to hurt anyone at any point during my ministry and time at Northwest Hills. Please forgive me for any wrong I may have done to anyone knowingly or unknowingly. I will finish by quoting 1 Corinthians 3:4-11: 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings? 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. I truly believe that God will be taking Northwest Hills to a higher level, and I hope that you will work with Taylor to continue growing the Youth Ministry both in faith and in numbers. May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Love, Solange Woodson



NORTHWEST HILLS WELCOMES NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR- TAYLOR MCLEAN

Hello Northwest Hills UMC! I'm Taylor McLean and I'm so excited to serve your congregation as the new Youth Director. I'm originally from Newport News, Virginia and in fact Austin is now the farthest west I have ever lived. I graduated from Elon University in North Carolina in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and after graduation I spent a year serving in the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Boston concentrating on Food Justice. I'm now working on a Masters in Divinity and a Masters in Social Work through the dual-degree program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and UT. I have a strong passion for mission and outreach, as well as Christian Education. I like to keep busy with yard work and gardening, running my 1.5 year old hound-mix Mickey, and cooking. The fastest way to my heart is with a cup of coffee or a puppy. I'm so excited to get to know each of you so please come introduce yourself!



UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Save these dates!

- ✠ October 8: 12:15pm to 1:15pm
North Hills Gallery Reception
- ✠ October 8: 5:30pm
UMM Free Steak Dinner
- ✠ October 10 9:30am
UMW Meeting
- ✠ October 15: 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Poverty Simulation
- ✠ October 28: 9am to 4pm
Hands on Housing Citywide Paint Day
- ✠ October 29: 3pm/Sanctuary
Church Conference
- ✠ October 31: 5:30pm to 6:45pm
Trunk or Treat | Village Center Parking Lot
- ✠ November 11: 10am to 12pm
Clean Out Challenge
- ✠ November 12: 5pm to 7pm | FLC Gym
Community Thanksgiving Meal
- ✠ December 2: 4pm to 6pm
Gingerbread House

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We love our animals! And we want the community to know that we love theirs also.

October 1st at 4:00 – 5:30 we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals in the church courtyard. Pet Acupuncture—Dr. Clay Bernard, local pet store: Just for Pets, Central Texas Veterinary Clinic and Austin Pets Alive will be on hand to answer questions about the care of your sweet companions. Mark your calendar and bring your furry friends!!



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31 5:30PM TO 6:45PM

What is Trunk or Treat? During Trunk or Treat our church members will line up their cars in the church parking lot and the trunks of those cars will be filled with candy and other treats. Children can Trick-or-Treat from one car to the next. Other highlights will be a Costume Contest at 6pm, Austin Firefighters and a great Raffle with Prizes. If you would like to participate with your vehicle, please call 512-345-1743 to sign up.



CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

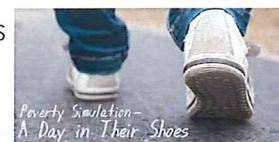
A Month in the Lives of Our Neighbors

Sunday, Oct 15, 2017

1:30pm-4:30 pm

NW Hills Family Life Center - Gym

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families, but unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to understand. It may not even be what you expect. To be able to meet our neighbors where they are, NW Hills is sponsoring a professionally facilitated interactive immersion experience, The Community Action Poverty Simulation ©. The event is not a game. It is based on real families and situations. It is free and appropriate for adults and youth 6th grade and over. Friends and neighbors are welcome. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/GhVEmQJ>. For more information contact Jackie Gardner at jackiegillargardner@gmail.com. Be prepared to have your assumptions challenged!



NORTH HILLS GALLERY*October 4—29, 2017*

Artists: Members of Waterloo Watercolor Group present their Annual Fall Juried Membership Show. The juror is Mary Ann Beckwith, art teacher and nationally recognized water media artist.

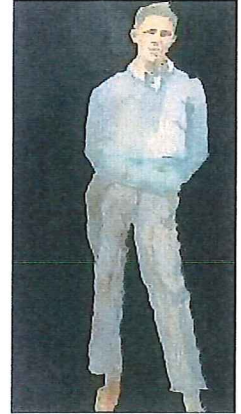
Title: Waterloo Watercolor Group's Annual Fall Juried Membership Show

Reception: October 8, 12:15p-1:15p

Venue: North Hills Gallery 7050 Village Center Drive (off Far West)

Time: Monday-Thursday 10 AM-4 PM, Friday 10 AM- 12 PM,
Sunday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
Closed Saturday

Website: www.nwhillsumc.org

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**UMW MEETING — October 10, 2017**

The United Methodist Women unit of Northwest Hills UMC will meet in room 109 at 9:30 am. This month's topic is the 2nd in a three - month study on "Living as a Covenant Community, by Evy McDonald." This is one of several studies published by the United Methodist Women each year and recommended for use in local units. It is not necessary for participants to have a copy of the book, but if desired it can be obtained from Cokesbury.com for \$10.00. All women are invited.



BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH BASH A SUCCESS! August 20, 2017



YOUTH SUNDAY August 20, 2017



UMM FREE Steak Dinner / October 8

The Northwest Hills United Methodist Men are proud to announce former Texas Longhorn Sportscaster RON FRANKLIN has accepted our invitation to be the featured speaker at our UMM Fall Steak Dinner. Put Sunday October 8th on your calendar and be at the Activity Center in the Family Life Center at 5:30 PM for a Dinner of T-Bone steaks, baked potatoes, salad and dessert. Make your reservations in advance by putting your name on the Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex any Sunday, or emailing KenMoyer1@att.net. Come and bring a friend.



PRAYER CORNER

Along with millions who were captivated by the first total solar eclipse to sweep the US coast-to-coast in 99 years, I was in awe of this rare ethereal sight.

Keen to connect in some way with this cosmic event, I tuned in to watch the eclipse in real time on TV. I wanted to be totally present. I sat as still as a mouse – rare for me – and paid close attention to my thoughts and feelings. I put all else on pause.

"Mystical Poetic," I said to myself. I was reminded of the sacred nature of the planet we inhabit in this unimaginably-vast universe. Watching the moon move over the sun to the center, I felt my heart pounding. When the moon broke from totality, the light of the sun was revealed once again. At that moment, I realized I'd observed the union of darkness and light. I felt connected to God.

For me, this was a spiritual experience that took on an introspective quality. It demonstrated the importance of revering the Divine Power that extends beyond our finiteness. It showed me the majesty and beauty of God's creation.

Let us ask ourselves what we can do to unify our minds and hearts for the betterment of others. Let us be grateful for being alive to witness this celestial phenomenon and remind ourselves that the light does shine through in those bleak times in our lives. That when all seems plunged into darkness, the light of God always returns to brighten our way.



PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

Pastor Audrey prays for the church family over the course of the year.

Carol Pinckard
Pittman Family
David & Pat Pound
Randall Family
Myra Rattan
Kevin & Debbie Reed
Bill & Joyce Reynolds
Mike & Jan Riepen
Arron Robertson
Kim & Harriet Royer
Gail Runyan
Marjeanne Rutt
Susan Sanders
Charles & Caroline Sauer
Dixie Saxon
Kathy & Terry Schneider
John & Jeanne Shanks
Michael & Mei Beth Shepherd
Connie & Millie Shimmfessel
Marty & Terri Sloan
Leslie Kay Smith
Dick & Nancy Smith
Phyllis Smith
Heather Sorrells
Alice Spoons
James Starr
Dee Susong
Claudia Sydney
Chris Taylor
Hall & Heather Taylor
Louise Tedford
T. Ting
Patricia Tracy
Becky Travelstead
Gary & Cathie Trider



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 3	Evan Moyer, Jr Dee Susong
September 5	Phyllis Smith Frank Willis Paul Zafarnia
September 6	Lee Easter Mike Wray
September 7	Chap Newton III Terri Sloan
September 10	Shirlene McComb Bob Zane
September 11	Kaitlynn Burris Sally Shaw
September 13	Michael Shepherd
September 14	Claudia Biel Hadra Brown
September 16	Heather Taylor
September 17	Jeanne Acton-Shanks Nelda Lillie
September 18	Bill Dewberry Sonja Merubia
September 19	Hannah Cummings
September 21	Jan Broomall Brad Hoffman Andy Mueller John Oliver
September 22	Britt Cain
September 23	Brandi Gitcho
September 24	Nathan Hammond Will Newton
September 25	Lynne Cline Jackie Gardner
September 26	Maxine Pittman
September 27	Bob Bowker
September 28	Brooks Taylor
September 29	Britania O'Brien
September 30	Larry Crawford Gary Gunter Chip Pinckard



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2	LaVera Cornwall Alice Spoons
October 3	Sherry Wilkison
October 4	Ken Glasgow
October 5	Robert Cummings
October 7	Burta Dahlheim Bob Morris Kendall Payne
October 8	Sterling Hays Mike Riepen
October 10	Bill Biel
October 10	Anne Gusler
October 13	Judith Guy Joyce Meyer
October 14	Stephen Jarman
October 15	John Robertson
October 16	Laura Hendrickson
October 18	George Brabham David Norton
October 19	Margaret Arnold Norma Larson Pat Pound Elaine Whiddon
October 20	Paula Adkins Joan Berry
October 21	Pat Hall Dick Lillie
October 23	Glenda Black
October 24	Paul Arismendez Mary Lengel
October 25	Sarah Gusler Eugene Jarman
October 27	Marian Moore
October 28	Karen Bowker Grayson Gunter Johanna Gunter
October 29	Bonnie Moyer
October 30	Thomas Darr





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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Laura Brewster, Senior Pastor
Rev. Audrey Spencer, Assoc. Pastor
Duane Roth, Director of Music Ministry
Jordan Burchill, Contemporary Worship Leader
Taylor McLean, Youth Ministry Director
Pam Detrich, Business Manager
Patricia Tracy, Office Manager
Jackie Valdez, My Friends House Director
Hope Grisham, My Friends House Assist. Director
Custodians: Ronnie Hawkins, Orlando Rodriguez

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Church Office: 512-345-1743
Website: www.nwhillsumc.org
Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday: 8:30am to 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am to 12:00pm

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

November articles are due by October 23, 17 by 12:00pm. Send to: office@nwhillsumc.org
Please limit your articles to no more than 250 words due to space constraints. Clip art and such will be used as space permits. Please send the actual wording that you would like to use.

NORTHWEST HILLS UMC YAHOO GROUPS

Online Prayer Chain. There is an online prayer chain, with members sharing joys and concerns. To subscribe to NWHills Prayer Group simply send an email (no subject) to NWHillsUMCPrayers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Online News. Weekly news updates to subscribe send email to NWHillsUMCNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

WEEKLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin submissions are due no later than
Wednesday at 8am.
Email: office@nwhillsumc.org

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