

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

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

See You in Worship!

Is it May already?! I'm just now getting used to writing 2014 as the date!

But, sure enough, May is already upon us. And as the weather warms up and "spring fever" begins to take hold, people begin to scatter in all sorts of directions. And weekends seem to become prime time for folks to plan family activities.

Certainly that is wonderful stuff to do. Time with family away from the pressures of everyday life is precious time. However, I want to encourage you to include in your family time, time to worship and give thanks to the Lord. After all, He is the one who has given you your family!

It's no secret that worship attendance drops off considerably during the summer. And I do not want to get too legal-

istic about worship attendance. But the patterns we establish regarding our presence in worship speak loudly regarding our priorities. What we choose to do (and **not** do) with our time provides a testimony to what truly is important to us.

So, as you are planning your days (and especially your weekends) this spring and summer, please ponder your priorities and include frequent, quality time with the Lord. It will enrich both your life and your family time too!

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

In Christ,



When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not forget the Lord your God. ...Do not say to yourself, My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth. But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth... Deuteronomy 8:12-13, 17-18

North Hills Gallery

North Hills Gallery presents *In Context-iles* by Spinners and Weavers. Please join us for a reception on Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 pm.

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 email or call Helen with your email address (345-1743, hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org). Over 200 people currently take advantage of this service and receive the *Herald* in color on the day it is published!

Deadlines

The Herald

Deadline: Monday, May 19, 12:00 pm

Publish date: Wednesday, May 28

Please send articles to hnovielli@nwhillsumc.org

The Bulletin

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

Financial Status March 2014

	March		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus	\$88,843	\$82,003	\$285,390	\$261,508
Expenses	\$92,499	\$83,286	\$236,340	\$249,958
Net Income	(\$3,656)	(\$1,283)	\$49,050	\$11,550
	12/31/12	3/31/14	YTD	
Mortgages	\$1,480,035	\$1,456,398	Paydown \$23,637	

The budget numbers are from the approved budget which does not fund most of the benevolences part of our apportionments. Our receipts for the month are \$6,841 above this reduced budget and our expenses are \$9,213 above the budget putting us \$2,191 behind the budget. Year-to-date we are \$37,501 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 plea for added pledges to help us approach a balanced budget that fully funds our ministries for 2014.

We paid down our mortgages \$23,637 so far this year: \$12,114 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 web site at <http://www.nwhillsumc.org/members.html>.

May Birthdays

- 4 Talka Carlisle, Chris Taylor
- 5 Miranda Darr, Cassidy Breazeale
- 6 Solana Campbell, Luke Perkins
- 7 Doyle Hudgins
- 9 Tom Baker, John Petrus
- 10 Benjamin Mathers
- 11 Brad Wirht, David Jacobson, Glenn Brown, Daphne Einhorn, Reid Cline
- 14 Mei Beth Shepherd, Kembra Herrin
- 15 Gary Trider, David Pound, Jordan D'Acerno, Madison Biggert
- 17 Shirley Jerkins
- 18 Connie Shimfessel, Harold Baker, Christie Dance
- 19 Elizabeth Stuckman
- 20 Yolanda Turk
- 21 Martha Blomquist, Logan Gephart
- 22 Kay Lynn Moynihan, Daren Carpenter
- 23 Ruth Copeland, Clark Johnson, Max Turk
- 25 George McCoy, Joyce Campbell
- 27 Sidne Campbell
- 28 Jenny Bailey, Adam D'Acerno
- 29 Bruce Kuemmel, Petra Brock
- 30 Greg Doolittle, Alyssa Kirkendall



Library Corner

New Book Section

The Prayer That Changes Everything by Stormie Omatian tells us that praise is that prayer. When you praise God, hearts, minds, and attitudes change. Praising God is important when our life is going well but is crucial when it is not to our liking or is spinning out of control.

You Can Begin Again by Joyce Meyer: Regardless of your past failure or your present struggle, God offers you a new beginning. Fresh starts aren't the exception, they are the rule. We see them all throughout the Bible with Moses, Rahab, David, Ruth, and Paul, to name a few.

The Full Armor of God: Defending Your Life from Satan's Schemes by Larry Richards: In this tactical handbook, Richards offers an ironclad defense plan straight from the Bible. Using Ephesians as his guide he reveals how God

provides protection from every attack and how you can put on the full armor of God today and everyday.

DVD Section

Paul The Apostle: Paul, originally Saul of Tarsus, was at the forefront of the efforts to stamp out the early church until Jesus stopped him on the road to Damascus, forever changing his life and mission. He joyfully faced persecution, imprisonment, and peril in order to share the love and redemption offered by Christ. Once the church's greatest enemy, he became Christ's most prolific messenger.

The Ultimate Gift sends a young man of privilege on an improbable journey. Trust fund baby Jason loves all of life's gifts as long as they are bankable. However, if he succeeds on his journey, the experience will not only change Jason forever, but he will discover the real meaning of life and wealth.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 5:15 PM Dance rehearsal 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 2</p>	<p>2 Camp Tejas 7:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM MFH Chco de Mayo 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 12:00 PM Fish Fry setup 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 3:15 PM GH Scout Troop 23</p>	<p>3 Annual Golf Tournament Camp Tejas 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 9:00 AM French Classes 10:30 AM Carol Gorda 5:30 PM Fish Fry</p>
<p>4 Camp Tejas 8:50 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee with the Pastors 10:00 AM Cub Scout Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Youth Band rehearsal 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:45 PM Dance Rehearsal 3:30 PM Youth Gathering 4:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 2 4:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 2</p>	<p>5 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 9:30 AM Women's Book Group 10:00 AM MFH Rehearsal 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:00 PM Troop 3</p>	<p>6 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM MFH Chapel 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 4:45 PM Dance rehearsal 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 6:00 PM MFH Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 6:30 PM When God's People Pray</p>	<p>7 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:30 AM Mexican Train Domino Game 1:00 PM Dance Rehearsal 3:30 PM After School Program 3:45 PM French Class 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 5:00 PM Carol Gorda 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</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 10:00 AM MFH Rehearsal 5:15 PM Dance rehearsal</p>	<p>9 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 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM MFH Teacher Appreciation</p>	<p>10 Women's Retreat 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 9:00 AM French Classes 10:30 AM Carol Gorda 4:00 PM ICNCA Concert 5:00 PM Parent's Night Out</p>
<p>11 8:50 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Youth Band rehearsal 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:45 PM Dance Rehearsal 3:00 PM Carol Gorda recitals 3:30 PM Youth Gathering</p>	<p>12 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 10:00 AM MFH Rehearsal 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Troop 3</p>	<p>13 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM MFH Chapel 9:30 AM UMW 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 6:30 PM When God's People Pray</p>	<p>14 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 1:00 PM Dance Rehearsal 3:30 PM After School Program 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 5:00 PM Carol Gorda 6:00 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:00 PM Nite Owls Quilters 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Yoga MFH 10:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 10:00 AM MFH Rehearsal 7:00 PM Monthly Prayer Service 7:30 PM Carol Gorda</p>	<p>16 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 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group</p>	<p>17 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Gorda 9:00 AM French Classes 3:00 PM Wedding</p>
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Mission News

Thanks to everyone who shopped or contributed at the H.O.P.E. Ministries events during December and on the recent Sunday and Tuesday morning in April. H.O.P.E. founder Chris Cloyd reports that Northwest Hills UMC is now the top donor! You can continue to help overcome poverty around the world by watching for fair trade shopping events around town (including, but not only, H.O.P.E.) and looking for fair trade items in other stores. This means that the makers of these items get a much higher percentage of the sale price than if they sold to a middle-man or worked for a low-wage company. In the case of H.O.P.E., one sale often gives families more income than a week of hard labor! Chris's "profits" are not for her; she uses them to provide financial support for many ministries including Imagine No Malaria, eight missionaries, five orphanages, Water for All, and more. (www.wix.com/hopeministry/org)

Another quick and easy way to help is to give her your old

costume jewelry, which she will provide to the craftspeople to create beautiful items. If you have such jewelry, just put it in a baggie and leave it in the Missions mailbox in the church office.

Remember to give a little each month to our monthly Mission emphasis, or "Communion Rail" offering. You can leave it on the rail or put it in the offering plate any Sunday. Just mark checks or envelopes for "Communion Rail." For many of these organizations and causes, this is the only support our church gives. The offering for May will support the Montopolis Friendship Community Center, a local center owned and run by the Austin District United Methodist Women. (www.mfccaustin.org/)

Also, beginning May 4, there will be a collection for the United Methodist Free Store here at the church every first Sunday. Bring your items, new or used, and leave them in the vehicle that will be parked in front of the Family Life Center. (www.freestoreaustin.org)



Prayer Corner

Pastor Phil Ressler of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd compiled an excellent list of things to give up for Lent and beyond! Easter is also a time of New Beginnings. Please consider letting go of and giving up these things as part of your transformation and new beginning!

Guilt: I am loved by Jesus and he has forgiven my sins. Today is a new day and the past is behind.

Fear: God is on my side. In him I am more that a conqueror. *Romans 8*

Need to please everyone: I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.

Envy: I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.

Impatience: God's timing is the perfect timing.

Sense of entitlement: The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.

Bitterness and resentment: The only person I am hurting by holding on to these is myself.

Blame: I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.

Gossip and negativity: I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimized my contact with people who are negative and toxic, bringing other people down.

Comparison: I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.

Fear of failure: You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.

Spirit of poverty: Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.

Feeling of unworthiness: You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. *Psalm 139*

Doubt: Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.

Self-pity: God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Retirement: As long as you are still breathing you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That doesn't an end until the day we die.

Excuses: A wise man once said, "If you need an excuse, any excuse will do."

Lack of counsel: Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.

Pride: Blessed are the humble.

Worry: God is in control and worrying will not help.

God has so much in store for you. But so many of these things above are holding you back from walking in the full destiny he has laid out for you. Today is a new day!

Blessings to each of you, *Gail Parsons*

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.



Communications Request Form

In an effort to funnel communication requests to a single target and ensure the right people are assigned the right tasks, we have created a "Communications Request Form." This form can be downloaded from the church website or picked up in the church office. Once filled out, please submit the form directly to Rev. Audrey who will see that it gets to the right staff member. Hopefully this will help keep the process more organized and our branding more consistent.

Northwest Hills UMC is a busy church with a lot going on

and last November we hired Fran Lehmann to help coordinate our communications and branding. Fran spent over 30 years as a radio producer, writer, and DJ in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and then another eight years as a multimedia web developer/graphic designer for a Silicon Valley based, high-tech multinational. She moved to Lago Vista in 2008 where she stays busy working with seniors, a couple other churches, and numerous theatre arts groups. Oh, and she'll be a first time grandma in June.

A link to the downloadable form can be found in the Policies & Forms section of the Members page on the church website, or simply download it directly at www.nwhillsumc.org/communicationsrequest.pdf.

Children's Ministry

Twenty-six children and adults are on their way to Camp Tejas in Giddings. They will be enjoying a hayride, campfire, talent show, canoeing, swimming, zip line, mud pit, worship, and Bible lessons in a small wooden chapel. This weekend of fun and fellowship is based around the theme of *Psalm 40:2* and *Isaiah 64:8*.

The last Parent's Night Out of the season is May 10. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 7 by emailing children@nwhillsumc.org or by calling Jean at 345-1743. The cost is \$15 for one child, \$20 for two, and \$25 for three or more. Children will enjoy pizza, playground time, snacks, and a movie from 5:00-9:30 pm.

Vacation Bible Camp is "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind." This will be a four day VBC in the evening, Monday, June 23 through Thursday, June 26. Registration will be online via the church website at www.nwhillsumc.org.

Summer Sunday school for toddlers through kindergarteners will continue in the "GROW" curriculum. First through fourth graders will meet together as families and will participate in a mission-based "Kids Serving Kids" curriculum. The current fifth graders will move up to the youth group.

Blessings, *Miss Jean*



Memorials

In Memory of Nancy Tuck
Victor G. Abeita
DG & SB Mac Lean

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.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



May 1, 2014

We Need Your Help!

We need your help! Office Angels volunteer in the office for just a few hours a week answering the phone, greeting visitors, and helping us 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 in several time slots each week:

- Monday 9:00 am-noon
- Wednesday 9:00 am-noon
- Wednesday 1:00-5:00 pm on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
- Thursday 9:00 am-noon

This is a fun and easy volunteer opportunity. The phone is simple to operate, the projects are never difficult, and we have a pretty good time in the office. Call or email Helen if you are interested (345-1743, hnoviel-li@nwhillsumc.org). We can't wait to work with you!



Upper Room Daily Devotional

The Upper Room is a daily devotional magazine printed bi-monthly by Upper Room Ministries. The writers of the daily meditations 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."

NWHUMC subscribes to this devotional magazine and copies are available in the church narthex literature rack near the coffee area and in the church office. Anyone is welcome to pick one up. There is no charge, but we will gladly accept a donation to help offset the cost of this publication. Please use the donation envelopes provided and place the envelopes in the church offering or leave them in the bookkeeper's mailbox in the church office.. Please pick up a magazine and see what insights and prayers it holds for you!

