

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

Love Where You Live

One time when Jesus was teaching, a man asked Him what was required to inherit eternal life. In reply, Jesus asked him to tell the most important aspects of the Law. The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) When Jesus commended his answer, the man then asked, "And who is my neighbor?" In response, Jesus then told the parable that we have come to know as "the Good Samaritan."



The Good Samaritan

In keeping with the lesson in that parable, down through the ages the Church has been deliberate to emphasize that "our neighbor" is not just the person who lives next door nor just the people who are like us. So the Church has reached out in mission to people all around the globe, seeking to be a good neighbor.

However, in our increasingly mobile world and with instant communication at our fingertips, it seems that a growing number of us are losing touch with those who *literally* are our neighbors. Recent surveys have shown that a large majority of people, especially in urban settings, do not have ongoing relationships with their neighbors. And many cannot even call their neighbors by name. We may wish we had a better connection with those who live around us, but in our fast-paced lives it seems that we just don't take the time to do so.

This fall, Northwest Hills – along with hundreds of other churches in the Austin area – will be seeking to address this issue. The theme of this effort will be "Love Where You Live." During this emphasis, we will consider the opportunities and advantages that come with being a "good neighbor" to those in our neighborhood. We'll consider simple, practical ways to be present to them; to initiate and nurture relationships; and to love them where (and how) they are. The process we will follow is known as the "Art of Neighboring."

**Mark your calendar!
You are invited to
a one-day
mini-conference on
Saturday, August 1 at
the Northwest Hills
UMC Activity Center.**

To kick off this emphasis on neighboring, Northwest Hills will be hosting a one-day mini-conference on Saturday, August 1 in our Activity Center. The day will include two inspiring guest speakers; time to dream, process and discuss; and of course food!

I truly am excited about the potential of this special time to encourage each of us in our the ministries. Please mark your calendar now. It really will be something you will be glad you made the time for!

In Christ,

Clarke

Herald Deadline

Article Deadline: Monday, July 20, 12:00 pm

Please send articles to mvallee@nwhillsumc.org

Publish date: Wednesday, July 29

Financial Status May 2015

	March		Year-to-date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus carryover	\$73,535	\$85,348	\$442,591	\$429,696
Expenses	\$72,636	\$84,050	\$381,218	\$429,659
Net Income	\$898	\$1,299	\$61,372	\$37
	12/31/14	5/31/15	YTD Paydown	
Mortgages	\$1,408,038	\$1,382,573	\$25,465	

The budget numbers in this report are from our approved balanced budget that only funds part of our Apportionment Benevolences. We are \$34,719 short of fully funding those Benevolences and plan to accomplish that funding with our Advent offering.

Our receipts for the year to date are \$12,894 above the budget (thanks to many who pledged contributing almost \$15,000 ahead of their scheduled pledges to date) and our expenses are \$48,441 below the budget putting us \$61,335 above the budget for the year. If we had paid our full apportionments to date, we would only be \$50,381 above the budget for the year.

We paid down our mortgages \$25,465 so far this year: \$21,168 from our budget and the remainder from contributions to the building fund and from interest saved because of early pay down of the mortgages.

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

- 1 Frank Filipponi, Abigail Norman
- 3 Harold York
- 4 Alexandra Bouzid
- 5 Ivan Dominguez, Marsha Gray, Torrey Wilkins
- 6 Jan Jordan, Nancy Pellerin
- 7 Laura Barnes, Lynn Belton
- 8 Jean Marinus, Marci Shafto
- 10 Matthew Johnson
- 11 Jeffrey Normjan
- 12 Lila Kirkendall
- 13 Robert Bowker
- 14 John Glock, Barbara Hays, Jon Perkins, Kevin Reed, Frank Spencer, Blake Staigerwald
- 15 Wendy Ellis, Greg Wtson
- 16 Kathy Bouldin
- 17 Michael Belohlavy, Ken Einhorn
- 18 Sue Watson, Dee Wood
- 19 Nancy Gibson
- 20 Daniel Renfro
- 21 Carol Pinckard
- 22 Chris Cavner, Marilyn Cole
- 23 Suzanne Chaney, Sterling Sasser
- 24 Nora Brock, John Landers
- 25 Renee Louderback
- 26 Laila Johnston, Thom Lang, Katy Merriweather, Judy Monroe, Louise Tedford
- 27 Erin Hudgins
- 28 Bob Watson
- 29 David Cline, Beth Gillham, Elizabeth Lowrey, Thomas Lowrey, Barbara Wray
- 30 Krista Payne
- 31 Les Broomall, Mark Clardy, Sarah Walters



Youth Ministry




Please keep our youth and adult volunteers in your prayers during their mission trip to San Antonio where they will help repair homes for low income families! Our amazing Youth Ministry (along with some other youth ministries from around our metro area) will also be doing mission work in downtown Austin on Saturday, July 25th.

Children's Ministry

This year's Vacation Bible Camp was a huge success with 120 kids attending "G-Force Action Park"! Our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who provided dinner, donated items, and created set pieces and, most especially, to our 42 youth & volunteers who were here every evening singing, painting, dancing, and talking about sharing God's love with the kids!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 Youth Mission Trip 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:30 AM Domino Game 6:00 PM Carol Giorda 6:00 PM MFH Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group</p>	<p>2 Youth Mission Trip 9:45 AM Dance rehearsal 12:30 PM Summer Camp Gym MFH</p>	<p>3 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM MFH 9:00 AM Carol Giorda 9:00 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 9:30 AM Friday Lunch Bunch 9:30 AM Kinderdance MFH 10:30 AM Mommy and Me 12:30 PM Summer Camp Gym MFH 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group</p>	<p>4 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Giorda 9:00 AM Cool Panda Chinese</p>
<p>5 8:50 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Coffee with the Pastors 10:00 AM Spiritual Gifts 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Handbells 3:30 PM Youth Gathering</p>	<p>6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM MFH Vacation Bible School 9:15 AM Soccer MFH 11:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:00 PM Troop 3</p>	<p>7 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM MFH Vacation Bible School 9:30 AM MFH Chapel 9:45 AM Dance rehearsal 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:00 AM Art Committee 12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Grp 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM MFH Chapel 6:00 PM Joyful Praise 6:30 PM Trustees Committee 7:00 PM Amphion Choir 7:00 PM Walk through the Bible</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast 9:00 AM MFH Vacation Bible School 6:00 PM Carol Giorda 6:30 PM Missions Meeting 6:30 PM Nite Owl Quilters 7:00 PM Troop 3 7:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:30 PM Emmaus Reunion Group</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM MFH Vacation Bible School 9:45 AM Dance rehearsal 12:30 PM Summer Camp Gym MFH 7:00 PM Amphion Choir</p>	<p>10 7:15 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 AM Carol Giorda 9:00 AM MFH Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM Stretch-N-Grow MFH 9:30 AM Friday Lunch Bunch 9:30 AM Kinderdance MFH 10:30 AM Mommy and Me 12:30 PM Summer Camp Gym MFH 1:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group</p>	<p>11 7:45 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Emmaus Team meeting 9:00 AM Carol Giorda 9:00 AM Cool Panda Chinese</p>
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Prayer Corner

A recent statement from Max Lucado sticks in my mind - **THERE'S NEVER A NON-SACRED MOMENT!** Our awareness of His presence may falter, but the reality of His presence never changes. We are always in the presence of God. We don't just report to God, we work with God. He encourages us, supports us, rallies around us, He walks with us. Gen.28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." Throughout the Old and New Testaments we are reminded over and over of His unchanging love for us, His guiding hand over us.

As comforting as this is, there are times when I hope He doesn't hear that unkind word or thought come from me, that angry or unthoughtful response or action! I am reminded of my Dad saying to me as I was growing up, "don't do or say anything you wouldn't do if I was sitting right beside you!" Kept me pretty straight when I remembered! What if we communicated with God daily? In all circumstances? Would it be possible to live like Jesus? Is such a goal realistic? Within reach?

God's character is unchanging, He is faithful, Angels still respond to His call, He uses everything for His glory and our ultimate good. God is with us whether we are happy or sad!

He never leaves or forsakes us. He forgives us when we go off on our own way and can turn the worst nightmare into a victory! We need only to seek His face.

We have the gifts of eternity and we have the power of His presence within us, the Holy Spirit in us! Claim it, believe it, tap into it with your prayers, talk to Him daily, anytime, anywhere! Search the scriptures for all the ways we are told He is with us, available, on call, in all circumstances! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

He wants us to live our lives so others see Him in us. He wants us to share His love and presence with others by our actions and our love for others: by loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Want to know more? Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 1, for a day apart to learn more!

Plan to attend "Love Where You Live" retreat in the Family Life Center from 9:00-3:30!

Blessings to each of you,

Gail Parsons

An Independence Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Amen



2015 Annual Conference

Here are some thoughts on the **2015 Rio Texas Annual Conference** that Charlie, Audrey, Bill Cain, Mandy Goss, and I were honored to attend as delegates from Northwest Hills UMC.

2015 was the first year that the new combined **Rio Texas Conference** has met. Approximately 1400 attended, including 8 Bishops that have close connections to this part of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Dorff provided a **State of the Conference report** and highlighted some of what we need to be doing now that the conferences are one.

In referring to what has recently happened regarding flooding in many areas of Texas, he stated: “**Methodists come to the water** . . . When flooding comes, we go to the waters, to calm them, where the Church is needed. To give and bring grace. Not where we have been, but where we are needed. To provide help, assistance, the love of God, and our faith for those without Christ. See you at the Waters!”

In referring to our challenge as Christians and as Methodists, Bishop Dorff stated: “We need to be working harder and smarter than we have ever worked before. It is not the time to be doing what we have always done. It is not the time to be sitting on our hands. We are not smart enough or good enough to deal with the challenges we face! This is about almighty God. The power of the Holy Spirit will lead us in working harder and smarter in the ways He leads. We need to turn this over to God!”

During the Conference, we were challenged as the Church to get busy bringing the Gospel to those outside of the Church walls. We need to spread the Good News and bring the lost to Christ one at a time. We already have the best message that one could have, and we need to get better at sharing it! We need to, as a Church, stop focusing inward and instead look to see how we can serve those outside our Church campuses. We need to talk up our joy in knowing Christ and having confidence in our future. The work we do for God is for an eternity, and is worth the effort..

As the Church, we should be moving from “membership in the Church” to “Discipleship.” In a survey of church

members, the two top concerns were the creating of disciples and spiritual growth. In order to address these two concerns, the Church must equip our members to go out and engage people where they live and work. In order to do this the Church must have growing and maturing disciples. This is not as difficult as one might think. In order to be effective as disciples, we must live our lives honoring God where we work, where we play, and everywhere we engage others.

As Christians, what will happen when we come before the Judge one day and quote everything He told us, but have no results? Christ wants His Disciples to have results, to be fruitful.

The Conference provided **Discipleship awards** to one church in each district. Our Capital District winner was **Simpson United Methodist Church**, which has seen its attendance **double** (and no, that's not a typo) and has significantly increased its outreach, primarily through the Free Store. Wow, what a turnaround for Simpson! What a positive response to Christ's calling! With all of the resources and opportunities we have at Northwest Hills, just how far can we go in our outreach and building Christ's Church at NWHUMC?

I also took notes on the fact that **Discipleship is a journey**. As a new believer we are like an infant, totally dependent. As we grow into childhood, we begin to develop. As an adolescent, we begin to understand our place in the world. As we grow to parenthood as a mature Christian, a major shift happens. Life is no longer about me. We realize that God has entrusted in us to care for and serve others. Mature disciples focus on doing God's will. Where do we see ourselves in this growth process?

There was very much that was shared at the Conference and it was a wonderful experience to be among so many dedicated Christians that work tirelessly for the Lord. Much of what was shared will be available as detailed training in our Capitol District. Will we be willing to answer the call?

And finally, Charlie and Audrey were reappointed to Northwest Hills. We are blessed!

Gary Johnson,
Lay Leader



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July 1, 2015

MORE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hymns of Praise!

July 26th @ 5:00 pm

Come sing everyone's favorite hymns!
And don't miss church in the meantime,
or you may miss your chance to put in
for your favorite hymn!

JUST WORSHIP

August 23rd @ 5:00 pm

Acoustic | Intimate | Worshipful

Led by Alex and Lindsey Werner

Worship at the Feet of Jesus

September 27th @ 5:00 pm

Led by
Heidi Baskin, Shana Dudley &
Darla Nicholson

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC

October 25th @ 5:00 pm

Led by the Mike Carmagnola family



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North Hills Gallery - July 1-August 2

Title: GreenArtists

Members of the Capital City Scribes, an Austin based group of calligraphers for 30 years. Their workshops, taught by national and internationally known instructors, teach calligraphy and related lettering arts as well as the history of art, printing, and bookmaking. For more information, check out their website: www.ccscribes.com.

Reception: July 12, 2015 - 12:15 - 1:15 PM

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 10 AM - Noon & 1-5 PM

Friday: 10 AM - Noon

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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