

## 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**

## OUTREACH EVENTS A SUCCESS!

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP July 2—July 8, 2017

A hardworking group of teenaged "ambassadors" from NW Hills UMC (and their adult chaperones) spent the week of July 2-8 serving others in southeast Louisiana.

They rode in a church van for 8 hours each way to get to The Epworth Center in Slidell (outside of New Orleans). Each night they slept in dorm rooms full of bunk beds. They rose early each morning, packed sack lunches, and set off to work on home repairs and maintenance for needy people whose homes suffered flood damage. They worked tirelessly each day, repairing homes in the steamy Louisiana heat. They worked in dusty, torn-up construction areas and in tiny filthy bathrooms. They learned to rewire electrical outlets, install sinks, mud and sand sheetrock, and install crown moulding.

Their most important work didn't seem like work at all. They met and visited with people who needed someone to hear their stories. Some of the teens worked in the bathroom of a very TINY house where a family of 4 lived. The mother of the family was a young woman who had lived on the same water-filled street, literally in the swamp, her entire life.

Some teens worked on a house for a widow with back and neck problems. She was caring for her adorable little granddaughter. The two of them were holed-up in one room of their house with the dog while the entire rest of the house was under construction.

Several of the teens listened patiently to "Ms. Tonni," a woman who shared her harrowing tale of being rescued from a flood. Almost everything she owned was damaged and she had to leave her home by boat! When Tonni saw that the teens had installed a sink in her

bathroom, she broke out in tears of joy! She had not been able to wash her hands or brush her teeth in her bathroom for over 10 months!

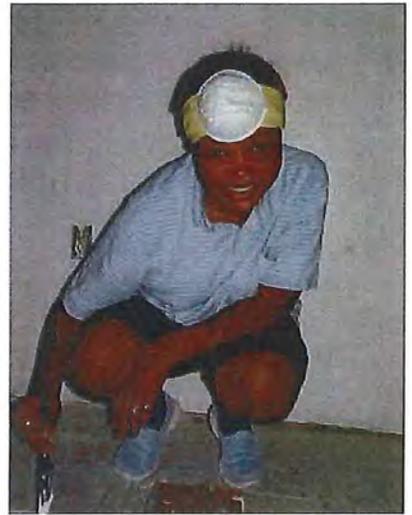
The mission trip wasn't all construction work. One day the youth toured New Orleans. They learned about the impact recent weather-related disasters have had on the city and surrounding areas. They learned about the culture, architecture, food, music and people of "the most unique city." They swam in Lake Pontchartrain and counted FIVE alligators in a nearby pond.

During lunch breaks on worksites, the youth had devotionals. They led one another in discussions and took turns praying. In the evenings, after everyone showered and ate dinner, they enjoyed the fellowship of silly games and joy-filled teenaged conversation. The bonds between them strengthened and friendships blossomed.

This is what church is meant to be! A youth mission trip is really just a microcosm of the entire Christian experience. Together as Christians, we journey, we break bread, we serve others, we worship, we pray, we learn, we laugh, and we love! Together, we share God's love! One more thing not mentioned above, four of the twelve teens on the trip were not regular members of NW Hills UMC. They were friends and cousins invited by church members to join the fun. They came, were fully accepted into the group, and worked hard alongside the youth who were church members. That's another way Christians spread God's love! We invite and we include!"



### YOUTH MISSION TRIP—Pictures



Northwest Hills UMC youth and their adult chaperones standing in front of the new concrete levee in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Save these dates!

- ✠ August 12:  
Serve brunch at Open Door  
University UMC 8am to 11am
- ✠ September 17:  
Rise Against Hunger  
(formerly Stop Hunger Now)
- ✠ October 15:  
A Day in the Life of our Neighbors
- ✠ October 28:  
Hands on Housing Citywide Paint Day  
9am to 4pm  
Questions, contact Dee Susong:  
lolabeetle@gmail.com

### CHURCH PARKING LOT RESURFACING

The main church parking lot on Village Center Drive will be closed for resurfacing from **August 14 to 17, 2017**. Please use the parking lot on Hart Lane during this time for parking. Any questions, please contact the church office.

### BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH BASH

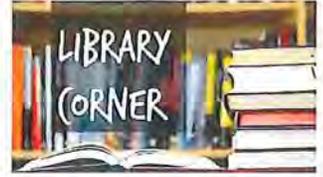
August 20 | 12:30pm |  
Grassy area by church offices

Bring a picnic lunch. Play on two huge water slides, a slip in slide, wading pool for littles and larger pool for you youth and adults. Ice pops and plenty of water. Bring your best squirt guns and blast the pastors or your friends.



**Districts' Children's Camp, Son Days Camp in Caldwell, TX  
July 2017**



**Audio Books:**

**Your Best Life Now by Joel Osteen** In this straight forward guide, Joel gives you a way to improve your life for good and help you experience victory, joy, satisfaction, and the full potential that God intended you to have.

**The Grave Robber by Mark Batterson** This book shows us how to open our eyes to the miraculous, and in doing so, truly see that the one who walked on water and raised people from the dead is still working miracles now, in the present. He brings to light the countless miracles, big and small, that we take for granted every single day!

**Altar Ego by Craig Groeschel** This book reveals who God says you are and then calls you to live up to it. Instead of an outward driven, approval based ego, we learn to live with an altar ego, God's vision of who we are to become.

**NORTH HILLS GALLERY**

**Artists:** Leslie Kell, Joyce LaBaw and Greta Olivas celebrate their optimistic, poetic and insightful visions by creating works designed to inspire and offer a fresh glimpse of the world.

**Title:** Elsewhere

**Venue:** North Hills Gallery  
7050 Village Center Drive  
Austin, TX 78731

**Time:**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am to 4:30pm  
(closed for lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm)

Friday: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
Closed Saturday

Sunday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Website:** [www.nwhillsumc.org](http://www.nwhillsumc.org)

**Need Help?**

Having a tough time? Look into having a Stephen Minister who will . . .

**Meet with you regularly**

**Listen & encourage**

**Provide emotional & spiritual support**

**Pray for & with you if desired**

**Provide care for as long as needed**

**Keep everything confidential**

Kathy Bouldin can help you decide if having a Stephen Minister is right for you. Call her at 512-426-4364.

**A New Start**

With the temperatures as of late, it is difficult to imagine fall. However with the Sanctuary Choir's summer break in June, the return of choir rehearsals has made July seem like fall is near. It has been great to start new music with all of our dedicated singers. I am pleased to say that in the first few weeks of rehearsals we have gained a couple new voices. Unfortunately we are missing a few voices, especially in the men's sections. We would love even more new voices. Rehearsals are each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir rehearsal room. This small group is like another family that works together and has fun as we seek to lead the congregation in worship. If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing handbells (rehearsals starting soon) please email Duane Roth at [droth@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:droth@nwhillsumc.org) today! Singing On, Duane Roth, Director of Music Ministries

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER



For Haitian Samarah Joacchim, a 7th-grader, school means life and hope for a future. For Samarah and millions of children around the world, attending school means she will eat that day. ***"Without food I would be starving and my grades would be lower. Most of us rely on the food served at school to survive; this is the only meal we get for the day. I hope the feeding program will continue."***

Last fall, over 150 church members, families and friends came to our Youth Center to package 19,008 meals, after raising \$5,512.32. The meals were sent to Rise Against Hunger's partner, Family Legacy, in Zambia. Family Legacy operates 17 schools in the slums around Lusaka, Zambia, providing education to thousands of orphans and vulnerable children daily. The 5,500 children attending their schools are fed one meal (lunch) every day, so Rise Against Hunger meals are critical to their development and education.

On September 17, Northwest Hills UMC will package at least 15,550 meals with Rise Against Hunger, but we need your help. Please consider contributing to our goal of \$4,500. No gift is too small--every \$0.29 makes a difference in children's lives around the world. Visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/northwesthills2017> to donate.

You can also register to participate in the event at this website. We will have two shifts in order to accommodate all participants; be sure to indicate your shift online. We hope you will prayerfully consider generously giving your time and resources in support of this mission.

Thank you!

Pam Carmagnola

## CHILDREN/FAMILY MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

June was a busy month for Children's ministry. We had 85 children attend Vacation Bible Camp as we learned that we are Uniquely Wired and Wonderfully Made by God our Creator. I want to thank all the adults and youth who made this fabulous week possible.

Then came our Districts' children's camp, Son Days Camp in Caldwell, TX. Pastor Audrey and junior counselor, Andy Mueller, attended the week long camp with children from all over our district. We learned that as Christians we are to be peace makers, just as Jesus is our peace maker. We spent a day at a nearby water park, took nature walks, made fun crafts, made our afternoon snacks, roasted s'mores by a huge fire pit, and had great times of worship. Each group also put on a skit pertaining to the days' lesson. What a fun time we all had.

Blessings, Audrey

## PRAYER CORNER

### WANT A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST GUARANTEED?

Prayer is first and foremost a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Some people think of prayer as a business transaction or as something they have to do just like checking something off a to-do list. But that isn't really prayer at all. Think of prayer in intimate terms, like a conversation between close friends. What are some words you think of when you think of an intimate friendship? You probably think of words like loving, caring, warm, sincere, personal and intimate. These are words that should be used to describe our prayer time with the Lord. Prayer should not be dry or stuffy; it should be warm and intimate.

Want a richer, closer relationship with Jesus Christ? THEN PRAY! You don't think of yourself as a good prayer? PRAY ANYHOW! Like a good friend He doesn't care. Rev up your prayer life in your own word and in your own style and your relationship with Jesus Christ will soar! GUARANTEED!



## PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES IN AUGUST 2017

Sean & Britania O'Brien  
 Chris & Laura Olien  
 Edis & Liz Oliver  
 John Oliver  
 Dawn Parma  
 Jane & Harold Pate  
 Carolyn Patterson  
 Gary & Paulette Payne  
 Payne Family  
 Wallace & Nancy Pellerin  
 Julia Penn  
 Perkins Family  
 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



## COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING FOR AUGUST

Our **MISSION OFFERING** for August will be used, as the need arises, to assist in local disaster recovery. Fire, floods, hail, wind - we get them all in Central Texas! Each year it seems we are dealing with a nearby crisis. There are several organizations that help with these, including UMCOR, the Red Cross and the Austin Disaster Relief Network.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1	Jim McComb
August 2	Maurine Atwood
August 3	Bonita Campbell Mike Carmagnola Alison Norman Charles Quinlan
August 5	Don Hammond
August 6	Tim Martin Millie Shimpfessel
August 8	Fred Fuchs Kyle Hammond
August 9	John Hudachek
August 10	Cindy Vaden
August 12	Jody Henderson Ava Rose Newton
August 14	Charles Sauer
August 15	Garland Gray Jane Pate
August 16	Dixie Saxon
August 17	Daniel Dietz
August 18	Jean Leonard Jewell Newman
August 22	Annelisa Cornell James Starr, Jr.
August 25	Rayann Coffman
August 29	Jerrene Dishongh
August 30	Regi Bowker Harvey Doerr Joyce Reynolds
August 31	Carl Gusler Nancy Smith Allen Woelke



## OWL CAMP A SUCCESS

Northwest Hills UMC is working hard this summer to help prepare children for another successful school year.

Children can fall behind on their reading ability during the summer months. This is particularly true for children from other nations who are still learning to read in English. So this summer, our church launched OWL Reading Camp, a program that pairs children with youth or adult reading buddies.

Twenty five children attended OWL Reading Camp. A number of those children are refugees from Iran, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The camp also drew immigrants from China and Turkey. Local children were invited to participate as well.

The Owl Reading Camp was the brainchild of Youth Director Solange Woodson and church member Dee Susong who is the chairperson of our church's Mission's Team. Reading programs are Dee's area of expertise. She is an Academic Language Therapist with Austin ISD.

Numerous volunteers helped make the program a success. More than 25 different volunteers took part in the OWL Reading Camp. Some read with children, others cooked lunch, helped with crafts, or led games and music. George, the Bow Wow Reading Dog, was also on campus to lend a hand, or rather, a paw. George is a therapy dog from Austin Dog Alliance.

Dee Susong anticipates offering the OWL Reading Camp again next summer.





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AUGUST 2017

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Laura Brewster, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Audrey Spencer, Assoc. Pastor  
Duane Roth, Director of Music Ministry  
Jordan Burchill, Contemporary Worship Leader  
Solange Woodson, 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**

September articles are due by August 21, 17 by 12:00pm. Send to: office@nwhillsumc.org  
Please limit your articles to **no more than 200 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](mailto:NWHillsUMCPrayers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Online News.** Weekly news updates to subscribe send email to [NWHillsUMCNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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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With the correct spelling of your name and one will be made for you.