
February, 2019

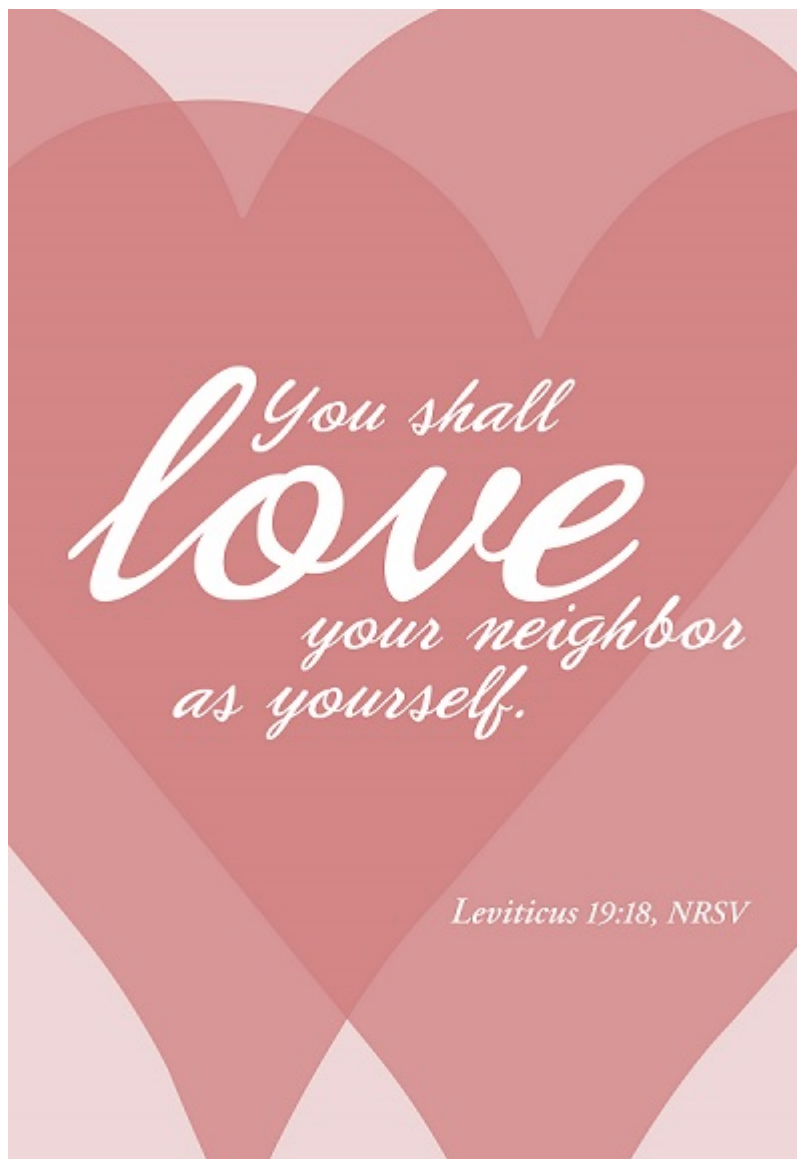
Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Small Groups 10:10 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.



A verse to remember at Valentines.



and....

[Matthew 22:37](#) ³⁷Jesus replied: "'Love the LORD your God with all your **heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Psalm 37:4 ⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your **heart**.

Christianity & World Religions



A Look at the Questions We Ask

Rev. Laura Brewster
Christianity and World Religions
February 3: Islam
Old Testament Reading:
Genesis 17:18-20
New Testament Reading:
Second Corinthians 5:20

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

7:30AM Men's Ministry
First Floor Room 106

10:10AM Sunday Small Groups
First Floor Sanctuary Bldg

Impressions
2X2 Married Couples
Discovery
Discussion
Living Water
20s & 30's
Seekers
Awakening

10:10AM Sunday School

Children's Sunday School
Family Life Center

Manna Youth Sunday School
Youth Center

MONDAYS

Men's Clothes Closet 7:30 AM
Stephen Ministry 5:30 PM

TUESDAYS

Prayer Shawl 10:00 AM
Bible Study
Walk Through the Bible 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

UMM Breakfast 7:00 AM

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM
Loss & Greif Seminar 7:00 PM

EMMAUS MEETINGS

Monday 11:30 AM offsite
Tuesday 7:15 AM offsite
Tuesday 10:00 AM Library
Tuesday 12:00 PM offsite
Tuesday 5:00 PM Library
Saturday 7:45 AM offsite

Elected Leaders for 2019

A new year means new leadership for our church family. The following individuals are the persons our church has elected to serve in key positions this calendar year.

The members of our Administrative Board (the group responsible for leadership and vision) are:

Board Chair - Kevin Reed
 Vice-Chair - Gary Gunter
 Lay Leader - Justin Bauer
 Mission Resource Team Chairperson - Dee Susong
 Hospitality Team Chair - Mei Beth Shepherd
 Communications Team Chair - Connie Ellis
 UMM President - Mike Wray
 UMW President - Sue Abold
 UMY Representative - TBD
 Young Adult Representative - Stephanie Greenhill
 At-Large Board Member - Lauren Bauer
 At-Large Board Member - Mike Carmagnola
 SPRC - Connie Ellis (class of 2019)
 SPRC Chair - Rainer Mueller (class of 2020)
 SPRC - Betty Caywood (class of 2021)
 Finance Chair - Greg Gitcho
 Trustee Chair - TBD
 Annual Conference Delegate - Mei Beth Shepherd
 Annual Conference Delegate - Kevin Reed
 Annual Conference Delegate - Bill Cain
 Senior Pastor - Laura Brewster
 Associate Pastor - Audrey Spencer

Additionally, our Church has elected eight persons to serve as Trustees. Trustees oversee, maintain and supervise all church property along with other legal and administrative functions. Our Trustees in 2019 will be: Don Hammond, John Coffman, Ken Glasgow, Gary Johnson, Rachel Fausett, Harold Pate, Gale Copeland, and Clyde Barre.

Our Church has also elected individuals to serve on a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is charged with exercising stewardship of the Church's financial resources. Members of this Committee are: chairperson, Greg Gitcho; vice-chair, Les Broomall; treasurer, Neill Gruver; Tim Martin and Michael Caywood. This Committee will also include the chair or a representative from Trustees and SPR.

Please support these elected leaders with your prayers.



Prayer, Praise & Healing Service

Every third Thursday at 7:00 pm

Wesley Chapel in the Family Life Center

Testimonials, prayer, celebrations,
 communion, music, and the powerful
 presence of the Holy Spirit.

Last summer, Bob Ford offered made a gift for every single church member - a stained glass panel featuring a picture of the stained glass window in our sanctuary.

Bob asked everyone who accepted one of the stained glass panels to use them in a particular manner. He asked that every time we see our stained glass panel, we allow it to prod us to consider the following question: what is God asking you to do through this church?

So, has the stained glass panel of our church window actually prompted you to consider how you can serve God through Northwest Hills UMC? If so, what action have you undertaken as a result?

Pastor Laura is asking you to share your responses with her. She wishes to include them in a sermon to be preached on March 3.

You can email your story to lbrewster@nwhillsumc.org



AN INCREDIBLE ACT OF LOVE BY BOB FORD



**TOMORROW
8AM - 2P
YOUTH
CENTER**

Hart Lane side of
NWHills UMC.

GROW Night!

What is your New Year's Resolution?

Are you ready to take control of your finances? Work on your relationship with God? Work on your relationships with others? If so, you'll want to make time in your schedule for GROW Night. GROW Night will be on Sundays at 6pm. Topics will differ throughout the school year. Consider joining in.



January 20 – March 17
 Financial Peace University
 Class Facilitator: James Ferguson

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

Started Sunday, January 20, 2019 6:00 PM

Lesson Title	Date & Time
1. Baby Step 1 & Budgeting	Jan 20, 2019 - 6:00 PM
2. Baby Step 2	Jan 27, 2019 - 6:00 PM
3. Baby Step 3	Feb 03, 2019 - 6:00 PM
4. Baby Steps 4, 5, 6, & 7	Feb 10, 2019 - 6:00 PM
5. Buyer Beware	Feb 17, 2019 - 6:00 PM
6. The Role of Insurance	Feb 24, 2019 - 6:00 PM
7. Retirement Planning	Mar 03, 2019 - 6:00 PM
8. Real Estate & Mortgages	Mar 10, 2019 - 6:00 PM
9. The Great Misunderstanding	Mar 17, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Are you ready to take control of your finances? Are you ready to get out of debt? Do you long for a plan you can follow to get your money matters on track? Then join in the next Financial Peace University class. [To register, go to https://fpu.com/1070065](https://fpu.com/1070065)



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\$85/ CHILDREN UNDER 13

GUEST SPEAKER RUBEN SAENZ III

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AWAY TO LISTEN TO GOD'S MESSAGE

COST ALL INCLUSIVE | FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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February 1
February 3

Elizabeth Cavner
James Ferguson



February 3	Ray * Kiser
February 6	Janice Gandt
February 7	Bruce Cardwell
February 7	Gary Hanson
February 9	Bill Cain Jr.
February 11	Charley Gallia
February 11	Gary Johnson
February 19	Edis Oliver
February 20	Elliot Moulton
February 23	Austin Cummings
February 23	Dick Smith
February 24	Betty Hallgren
February 24	Helen Park
February 24	Cathy Troutner
February 25	Lauren Bauer
February 25	Dee Dee Biggert
February 25	Patti Bizzell
February 25	Bob Callison
February 25	Tom Coopwood
February 26	Amy Huston
February 26	Allen Kemp
February 26	Kiersten Taylor
February 28	Marjeanne Rutt

Want to see what our youth group is up to each week? Sign up to bring an entrée for 20 people and stick around to eat with us! More details available through the link. For questions, contact Taylor McLean, tmclean@nwhillsumc.org.

Thanks to all of those who volunteered we only have a few dates to fill.

Feb 27, Mar 6, Mar 3.

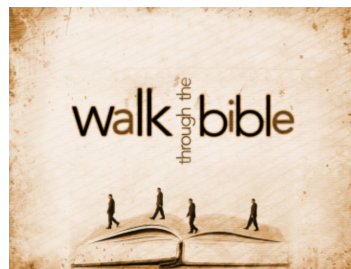
Taylor McLean
757-272-7782
Youth Director
Northwest Hills UMC

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

With Paulette Payne

Tuesdays & 7:00pm Room 111

The class will be discussing the last chapter of Hebrews and the two books of Peter 1 Peter and 2 Peter These are short books in the bible but with a wealth of information for Christians. paulettep21@yahoo.com





Adoration Liturgical Dance Ensemble will be hosting stretch and technique class each Wednesday morning, 8:45-10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Adults, join us for an elementary level class designed for moving stiff joints, toning muscles, and generating joyful movement through music and fellowship. Contact Heather Taylor at htaylor20@austin.rr.com. Youth dance ministry meets Wednesday afternoon, 4:45-5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.



HOSPITALITY

The hospitality committee was created at Northwest Hills last year! It is a combination of old and new activities that help show visitors and members alike how friendly we are! There are opportunities for you to help with these

important activities! We would love to have you join us.

Our latest Hospitality group is the outdoor **Greeters**! These people stand outside and greet visitors and members alike with a wave and a smile. Directions are provided for free and they can lend a helping hand if you need it on Sunday morning. Look for or join our Greeters on Sunday mornings – they are wearing the pineapple stoles showing our hospitality in a tangible way! Contact Mei Beth Shepherd mbshep@sheptechserv.com to join the greeter squad!

Our **Welcome and Information Center** is a new addition to the church! Paulette Payne and Zel Heaney our church secretary has been doing an amazing job providing information and directing people each Sunday but she can use some help!

1. 8:45, 10:00 and 11:00 am Sunday mornings be at the Welcome and Information center to answer questions and assist visitors and members.
 2. Once a month – bake canned pumpkin bread for 1st time visitor gift bags
 3. ½ hour once a month – assemble 1st time visitor gift bags
- Zel Heaney zelheaney@nwhillsumc.org is maintaining these schedules and will be happy to put you on them!

The **coffee corner** has been updated and enhanced under the hospitality committee! We provide drinks (coffee, tea) and snacks before the Sunday Services as well as a place to sit and visit! There are many opportunities to help with the coffee corner each Sunday. It takes at least three volunteers to make sure the coffee corner is ready each Sunday!

1. 8:30 am – bake or bring six (6) dozen sweets to share and put them out for consumption
2. 10:00 am – tidy up coffee corner and replenish sweets from the closet if needed
3. 12:00 pm – after service put away any leftover sweets and coffee supplies in storage – Ronnie takes care of coffee pots and water thermos!

Volunteer one time, once any month or on a regularly scheduled Sunday (2nd Sunday each month)

Paulette Payne paulettep21@yahoo.com 512-627-9072 does a fantastic job keeping Coffee Corner running smoothly and will help you find a way to help!

The **Ushers** have been around for many years and are the cornerstone of the hospitality committee! These are church members that make sure anyone who comes to our services knows what is going on (being handed a bulletin or program) and where they can go (directions during communion), collection of offering, and registration of attendance. It's not difficult to be an usher and we are open to volunteers to help us out one Sunday a month! Michael Norman manages the early service ushers and typically sends out a quarterly schedule of assignments. We need a late service usher manager so let us know if you can help in this way!

Mei Beth Shepherd mbshep@sheptechserv.com 512-426-1273 is the chairperson of our Hospitality committee and will be able to help you fit in if you are looking for ways to help people feel more welcome and comfortable at NWHUMC!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Northwest Hills UMC serves at Community First! Village



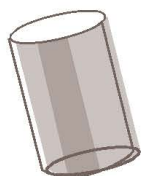


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OPPORTUNITIES TO
SERVE IN FEBRUARY



Family Friendly Volunteering at the Central Texas Food Bank



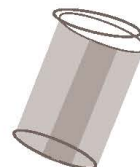
**Saturday,
February 9th
1:30-4:30pm**



Sign-up for Northwest Hills UMC day
at the Central Texas Food Bank!

Family friendly, but children must be
over the age of 8.

Closed toed shoes and shirts with sleeves
required.



Create a profile and sign up

Tasks include: inspecting, cleaning, sorting and boxing
food donations to prepare them for distribution and more

<http://nwhumc.cafb.volunteerhub.com/>

Contact Rachel Bond at

rachelbbond@yahoo.com or call
512-785-5436 for help signing up.



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February 24 | Sunday | Camp Mabry

Join the Northwest Hills UMC Crop Walk team! We will walk the trail at Camp Mabry to raise money to fight hunger in Austin (25%) and worldwide (75%)!

Wear your NWHillsUMC tee shirt if you have one and meet near the kickoff at 1:45pm for a 2pm start time.

Questions, contact Dee Susong (lolabeetle@gmail.com) Sign up in the narthex or online at our team page:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx/NorthwestHillsUMCAustin>



UNITED MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

February 23 | Saturday | 8:00am | Family Life Center

Fellowship, Breakfast, Music and Holy Communion

Special Speaker – Trooper Michael Smith

Clothes Closet Update – Ralph Eckwall / Bobby Callison.

Please bring Blue Jeans (waist 28-36),
Tennis/Running Shoes, backpack, and white socks to support our
homeless ministry.

2018 Recap Men's Ministry Work at NWHills UMC

Over the course of 2018 over 45 men have participated in a number of projects which have benefitted our church. We were able to make contributions /projects which to the tune of over \$7000.00, some of these included the following:

Men's Cloths Closet

Youth Projects

Comfort House - new shoes, schools supplies, and Christmas gifts

Pillow Case Ministry

Community First Project

Rise Against Hunger

New vacuum for the church

These were some of our major contributions/projects.

Additionally, the UMM provide over 2400 "volunteer hours," to these various projects:

Men's Cloths Closet

Golf tourney, catfish dinner & bake sale

Men's Steak dinner

Comfort House projects

Volunteering @ schools

Drive a Senior

Rise Against Hunger

Ramp building projects

There are undoubtedly more that I have overlooked.

This is an invitation for all men of NWHUMC to come a be a part of a group that making a difference in the church and our community.

Men All In

MORE EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

YOUTH MINISTRY
CHILI COOK OFF
February 10
Sunday
5:00pm—7:00pm

Come to compete, or just to eat at our Annual Chili Cook Off! Competitors can sign up in the lobby or by emailing **Taylor Mclean** at tmclean@nwhillsumc.org.

Everyone is invited to purchase chili bowls or new coffee mugs, both



expertly designed by our youth. \$5 entrance, \$20 bowls and mugs. Input caption text here. Use the block's Settings tab to change the caption position and set other styles.



Cubs:

9 a.m. Greeting and
Ushering.

Boy Scouts:

Serve cobbler after the
9 a.m. service and before
11:00 a.m. service.
Ushers, Greeters, &
Collection for the
11 a.m. service.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

February 16
Saturday
5:00pm - 8:30pm
Family Life Center

Great fun, games and
dinner for kids.

For information on
pricing and registration
go to

nwhillsumc.org/pno



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HYMN SING

February 12
Tuesday
9:30am | Room 109

This month the United
Methodist Women are
having a

Hymn Sing

at our regular monthly
meeting. Join other
women in singing
some of your favorite
hymns from the UMC
Hymnal.

COMMUNION RAIL MISSION OFFERING FOR JANUARY

The Refuge for DMST™ (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking) which has a very specific mission: To provide trauma-informed, long-term restoration community with on-site services for girls, minors through age 19, who have been exploited through sex trafficking. The refuge Ranch opened in August 2018 and it is the largest, long-term, live-in rehabilitation facility for child survivors of sex *trafficking in the United States*.

The Refuge Ranch is located east of Austin. .

NWHUMC Financial Status December 2018

	December		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$120,872	\$79,210	\$1,074,451	\$1,034,688
Expenses	\$109,245	\$87,243	\$963,529	\$990,506
Net Budget Income	\$11,628	(\$8,033)	\$110,923	\$44,182
	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2018	YTD Paydown	
Church Debt	\$1,308,511	\$1,256,234	\$52,277	

Our income for the month was \$ 41,662 above the budget and year to date income is \$39,763 above the budget. Expenses for the month were \$22,002 above budget and year to date are \$26,978 below the budget leaving us with a positive income for the year of \$66,741. The year to date expenses are skewed by an unbudgeted expenditure of \$21,994.77 for roof repair that was covered by insurance money received in December but the check to the contractor was not processed until January.

Our mortgage has been paid down \$52,277 so far this year with \$7,600 from additional contributions to pay down the mortgage.

Check the financial report on the church's web page under the Finance tab at <http://nwhillsumc.org/we/members>.



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