
January, 2019

Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Small Groups 10:10 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.



New Sermon Series
Rev. Laura Brewster

Christianity & World Religions



A Look at the Questions We Ask

**SMALL GROUPS &
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

MONDAYS

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

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

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.



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 is 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 brewster@nwhillsumc.org

ERT Basic Training, Saturday, Jan. 12th at Dripping Springs

Do you wish you could do more to help our neighbors after a huge disaster? Sign up for training!



Our annual conference - The Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church - is now offering a class on **Emergency Response Training**. ERT trained persons can join small work teams that quickly mobilize to help disaster victims do such things as tarp a roof, clear downed trees, rip wet sheetrock out of water logged homes, etc.

If sufficient persons from our church become ERT trained, we will have the capacity to send an ERT team from our church to disaster sites as opposed to joining a work team from another church.

If you do choose to seek training, please let me know.

Grace and peace to you all,
 Pastor Laura

Go to the link below to get the times & sign up.
<https://riotexasresponse.org>

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

January 13 @ 12:30pm in the Narthex (Lobby)

Are you interested in exploring membership in Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, or would you simply like to know more about this church family?

If so, join Pastor Laura and Pastor Audrey for Pizza with the Pastors on Sunday, January 13 at 12:30pm. We'd love to see you there. Register with Rev. Laura.

revlaurab@sbcglobal.net

LIVING FAITHFULLY - FOUR WEEK STUDY

January 20 – February 10

Class Facilitators: Pastor Laura & Pastor Audrey

This four-week study will help us understand and grapple with various views about the ministry and teaching of The United Methodist Church around issues of human sexuality. Participants will work to have honest, informed, and grace-filled conversations with others who may or may not agree with them regarding the topic at hand.

To register, call 512-345-1743

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

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)

Fellowship Fun

**Renew
Refresh
Enjoy!**



Christmas 2018 at Northwest Hills

Thank you to Pastor Laura & Pastor Audrey and their Ministry Teams. Thank you Cindy Martin and all of those who help decorate our beautiful sanctuary. Thank you to our Music Ministry and fabulous Cantata, our Greeters, our Ushers. Thank you to all those who served in the wonderful Living Nativity that blessed so many. Thank you to our Hospitality Team that provided all the goodies in the narthex during this season. Thank you Dennis Ellis for great pictures which we will enjoy for years to come.

La Posada! La Posada, the tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (Posadas is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") We stood outside a series of houses, singing songs, asking for lodging. We are refused time and again. Then, finally, we are ask our youth at the NWHills Youth Center and are allowed in. Here we celebrate, with song and festivities. For those of us who attended it was a very special. Families were invited to join us for festivities.



Our annual Gingerbread Cafe was a treat for many girls and boys. A wonderful opportunity to tell "The Real Christmas Story" by our own John Coffman as Santa.





Christmas Cantata



Special Performance by Adoration Dance



Beautiful Living Nativity





Click below to see more Christmas 2018 pictures. You can find these in nwhillsumc.org/christmas-2018/ and we will be adding more pictures. If you

have pictures you would like to contribute please call Zel at the office and send them to office@nwhillsumc.org.

[Click Here for more Christmas pictures!](#)



January 2 Kathi Doolittle
 January 2 Sarah Kates
 January 3 Gale Copeland
 January 3 Pat Damron
 January 6 Julie Gallia
 January 7 Neill Gruver
 January 8 Mike Vaden
 January 10 Brian Lengel
 January 12 Kimberly Min
 January 13 Lauren Hoffman
 January 17 Tina ** Maletta
 January 19 Alex Kates
 January 19 Michael Norman
 January 21 Betty Hamilton
 January 22 Ella Johnson
 January 23 Ryan Loyer
 January 25 Ruth Ann Trulove
 January 26 Becky Travelstead
 January 27 Mary Frances Markley
 January 29 Diane Crawford



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.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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

Manna's

LOCK IN

Jan 26th-27th

FREE
5TH-12TH GRADE
5:00PM-10:00AM
NWHILLS UMC YOUTH CENTER

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!
 DINNER AND BREAKFAST PROVIDED
 PERMISSION SLIPS REQUIRED

DISTRICT-WIDE YOUTH RETREAT
 6TH-12TH GRADE

MIDWINTERS

February 22nd-24th

Stoney Creek Ranch
 New Ulm, Tx

We will depart at 4:30 pm on Friday and
 return at 2 pm on Sunday

Cost: \$150 per person
 Registration & scholarship application deadline:
 Jan 26th

For more info, email tmclean@nwhillsumc.org

DINNER GROUPS ARE BACK!

Food....fellowship...fun!
 We're registering folks for "Breaking Bread" in the Narthex. If you'd like to share food and fellowship with others from our church community in a small-group setting, please stop by our sign-up table following either service.

Groups will meet once a month Feb.-May.
 For more info, check with Ken & Bonnie Moyer, 512-452-6889 or brmoyer1@att.net.





CONTRIBUTE TO RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSION TRIP
February 2 | Saturday | Youth Building

Clean out your closets for a good cause. The hurricane relief team that will be working in Puerto Rico in June is hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, February 2. The team would welcome your contributions of household items, clothes, holiday decor, etc.

***Donations can be brought to church
beginning Sunday, January 27.***



Greater Austin Emmaus Community

**Greater Austin Emmaus
Community Gathering**

**January 12, 2019
Northwest Hills United Methodist Church**

**5:00 p.m. Chapel Family Life Center
The Joy of Sponsoring a Pilgrim Training**

**6:00 p.m. Gym—Family Life center
Pot Luck Dinner**

**7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Music and Worship**

**NOTE: THE DIFFERENT TIMES ARE FOR THIS GATHERING ONLY
BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

4TH Day Please Bring
Last Name: A-G: Desserts
H-M: Appetizers, Salads Side Dishes
N-Z: Main Dishes

Child care is available for ages 5 and under ,
*with reservations by 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 9th. Please contact
Steven Scott @ 281-460-5567 ssarch@verizon.net*



United Methodist **Women** Meet
2nd Tuesdays of the month
9:30 - Room 109
All women are invited!



Check out the Methodist Men's
new display in the narthex.



AN AWAKENING IS COMING!

We are excited to announce the kick-off of our Prayer,
Praise & Healing Service on *January 17th at 7:00 pm*
and on the third Thursday of every month thereafter.

It will be held in the Wesley Chapel on the lower level of
the Family Life Center.

Come help us create an awakening in our church



through the Holy Spirit and our intentional, corporate prayer. You will also hear music and testimonials of how God is working in our lives and our church.

Please call or text Nancy Collins at 512-699-2677 if you have any questions or need a prayer.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN AUSTIN AND BEYOND AUSTIN



TEXAS RAMP BUILD

January 12 - Saturday

4901 Lyons Rd. Unit A,
Austin Texas, 78702

After experiencing several falls, Mr. Jenkins needs a ramp. God is calling you to build it for him! Bring gloves, safety glasses, snacks, lunch, and water. Meet at the site. If you are able to be on the loading/unloading team, let Dee know. **Sign up via email** Contact Dee Susong at lolabeetle@gmail.com **OR in the narthex.**



COMMUNITY FIRST! VILLAGE

January 13 - Sunday

4:00pm NWH Parking Lot

Help feed the formerly homeless residents at the Community First Village in Austin. Children and youth are welcome with supervision. Carpool leaves the NWH parking lot at 4 pm and returns @ 7:30 pm.

Signup sheets for food and sundries will be in the church narthex.

Jackie Gardner

jackiegillargardner@gmail.com



SPRING BREAK WORK TEAM MEETING

January 20 - Sunday

10:10 a.m. Sanctuary

Residents in the Victoria area are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Harvey, and you can help. Our church will send a work team to the Victoria area during Spring Break. To learn more, attend a team meeting on Sunday, January 20 at 10:10am.

	November		Year to date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Receipts plus Carryover	\$88,001	\$78,210	\$953,579	\$915,478
Expenses	\$73,501	\$80,462	\$854,504	\$904,693
Net Budget Income	\$14,500	(\$2,252)	\$99,075	\$10,785
	Dec 31, 2017	Nov 30, 2018	YTD Paydown	
Church Debt	\$1,308,511	\$1,261,429	\$47,082	

Our income for the month was \$ 9,791 above the budget and year to date income is \$38,1010 above the budget. Expenses for the month were \$6,961 below budget and year to date are 50,1908 below the budget leaving us with a positive income for the year of \$88,290. 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 \$47,082 so far this year with \$7,380 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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