



## Northwest Hills UMC Weekly Announcements:

### Upcoming Events & Opportunities

For all event, study, and missions' signups/registrations, go to [nwhillsumc.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://nwhillsumc.churchcenter.com/registrations) or use the QR code at top.

**1619 Project Book Study Sundays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Jan. 22 - Feb. 5 and Feb. 19-26.** The 1619 Project "seeks to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contribution of black Americans at the very center of our national narrative." One chapter per week and each chapter stands alone. Join one or more weeks.

**Young Adult Gathering:** Join the Texas Wesley for axe throwing, chicken and waffles, and cookies on January 25.

**CPR Training:** Jan. 28 from 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Youth Center. Cost is \$30 payable to the instructor. Sign up online.

**Blood Drive** on February 5 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the church parking lot. Sign up on the church website.

**South Texas Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting:** Feb. 12 between worship services in the sanctuary. Come learn about a possible June mission trip building homes in a colonia. Zach Kates will provide details. Youth welcome.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Feb. 12. Bring food staples or monetary donation to benefit St. Mark's Food Pantry.

**Parents' Night Out:** February 18 from 5:00 - 8:30 pm in the FLC. Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Weekly Ministries

Monday	6 - 7 pm	Stephen Ministry (guest speaker)	W&E Room 114	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday. Open to all.
Wednesday	8 - 9:15 am	UMM Prayer Breakfast	FLC Upper Room	Open to all men. For more info, contact Mike Wray at <a href="mailto:mike.c.wray@gmail.com">mike.c.wray@gmail.com</a> .
Wednesday	5 - 6 pm	High School Youth Bible Study	Epoch Coffee on Far West	Open to all youth 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade. To learn more, contact Tyler at <a href="mailto:tsteele@nwhillsumc.org">tsteele@nwhillsumc.org</a> .
Wednesday	6 - 7 pm	Ring of Faith Handbell Choir	Room (118)	Open to all. Contact <a href="mailto:cody@nwhillsumc.org">cody@nwhillsumc.org</a> for more information.
Wednesday	7:15 - 8:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Open to all. Contact <a href="mailto:cody@nwhillsumc.org">cody@nwhillsumc.org</a> for more information.
Thursday	5:15 - 7 am	Clothes Closet	FUMC Austin	Help serve a meal and distribute clothes to Austin's unhoused community. Open to all.
Thursday	10 - 11 am	Thursday Women's Bible Study	Zoom	Open to all ladies. To sign up, contact Paulette Payne at <a href="mailto:paulettep@yahoo.com">paulettep@yahoo.com</a> .
Thursday	5 - 6 pm	Middle School Youth Bible Study	Epoch Coffee on Far West	Open to all youth 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade. To learn more, contact Tyler at <a href="mailto:tsteele@nwhillsumc.org">tsteele@nwhillsumc.org</a> .
Friday	10:15 am	Dance Ministry	Sanctuary	To learn more, contact Heather Taylor at <a href="mailto:heather@nwhillsumc.org">heather@nwhillsumc.org</a> .
Sunday	10 - 11 am	Children's Sunday School	FLC #102/#104	Open to all children nursery - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade. To learn more, contact <a href="mailto:heather@nwhillsumc.org">heather@nwhillsumc.org</a> .

### Resources/Support

We have trained Stephen Ministry volunteers ready to give you confidential, non-judgmental, empathetic listening and care. If you would like to learn more or request a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor J.J. Wicke or Stephen Leaders Diane Coleman (512-560-1828) or Jim Beck (512-925-7611).

To submit a prayer request or receive ongoing prayer, contact Connie Ellis at [drcllellis@gmail.com](mailto:drcllellis@gmail.com)

### Reminders

We've updated our giving platforms so you can give your tithe or gift more securely and easily than ever: Give Online, PayPal Giving Fund, via text, via the Church Center App, by mail, or in-person.



### Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

#### Staff:

**Rev. J.J. Wicke**, Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Tyler Steele**, Director of Youth and Digital Ministries  
**Michelle McMinn**, Business Manager  
**Elaina Richardson**, Office Manager  
**Heather Taylor**, Children's Ministry  
**Cody Parrott**, Director of Traditional Music  
**Jordan Burchill**, Contemporary Worship Leader  
**Seth Zamora**, Pianist/Organist

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<https://nwhillsumc.org>

Use the QR code to give  
online or via text:



Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Follow us on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram to stay connected with the life of the church throughout the week.  
[facebook.com/NWHUMC](https://facebook.com/NWHUMC) or [instagram.com/nwhumc/](https://instagram.com/nwhumc/) or [youtube.com/c/NorthwestHillsUMC-Austin](https://youtube.com/c/NorthwestHillsUMC-Austin)

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**People: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.**

Leader: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**People: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.**

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**People: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing!"*

UMH #158

### OPENING PRAYER

God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens. We come wondering if you are even here.

We come seeking your face, seeking your love. In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us. Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another. In this time and space, may we say "yes" to you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

### THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

*"Here I Am, Lord"*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

## WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4: 12-23

SERMON SERIES: God's Promises

SERMON: Ministry

Rev. J.J. Wicke

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

UMH #393

### OFFERING

*This month's communion rail offering will support the United Methodist Men's Clothes Closet and the Fig Leaf Store at University UMC, both of which support and meet the needs of the unhoused persons in Austin.*

### OFFERTORY

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UMH #95

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

### TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Ray Kiser

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### CLOSING HYMN

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

UMH #664

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

### TOGETHER WE DO MORE

*outside the walls and into our community*

*On January 15, twenty-seven members from NWHills visited Community First! Village to worship with the community residents and serve a chili dinner.*

*Community First! Village is a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. A development of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, this transformative residential program exists to love and serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless.*

<https://MLF.org/community-first/>

