

# Prayer Requests

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for:

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- I would like this request kept private
- I have the recipient's permission to share this with our prayer team.
- I would like to speak to a pastor
- I would like to join the Prayer Chain

# Celebrations

I would like to share the following celebration:

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- You may share my celebration

To submit a prayer request or a celebration to our Prayer Team, or to receive ongoing prayer, fill out this prayer card and drop it in the offering plate. You can also contact our Prayer Ministry coordinator, Connie Ellis, at drclellis@gmail.com

# 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 .

### Oh, Baby!

**TODAY!** All are invited to a Baby Shower this afternoon at 2:00pm honoring L.I.L. and Carlos De Leon, and Madi and Daniel King. If you're able, please bring diapers for the families and a dessert to share. We'll be in the Youth Center.

### Gift Cards for Murchison Staff

Through Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, you can drop off \$10 gift-cards to some of your favorite local Austin establishments at the church to help Murchison staff celebrate the end of another successful school year.

### Tuesday Night Dinner Study continues

this Tuesday, April 28th, 5:30 – 7:00p, in the Youth Center. Bring a friend and food to share as we explore the UMC's new vision together: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously.

### Stretch & Dance

From 6-7:15pm Thursdays in the Art Gallery and Fridays 9:30-11am in the sanctuary, join a movement class to strengthen the body and soul. No experience necessary — wear comfortable clothing.

### Youth Mission Trip

Registration is now open for this year's Summer Youth Mission Trip with U.M. ARMY happening June 14th – 20th in Belton, TX. Scholarships are available! Questions? Tyler's got answers: [tsteele@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:tsteele@nwhillsumc.org)

### Exciting Changes are Coming!

Our Making Meaning Together sanctuary remodel is happening soon! We'll be creating a welcoming, kid-friendly area in the small section behind current children's space. If you are able to lend a hand, contact Heather Taylor at [heather@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:heather@nwhillsumc.org) or Zach Kates at [Zachary\\_kates@hotmail.com](mailto:Zachary_kates@hotmail.com)

### April Art Gallery

This month's gallery features the work of the Capital City Scribes, a nonprofit devoted to celebrating and teaching the art of calligraphy. The exhibit will remain on display through April 30th.

### Vacation Bible School - Registration & Volunteer!

VBS will be July 6-10, 2026. Scan the QR to register your kiddos AND sign up to volunteer. There are many ways to be involved: decorating, greeting, and youth volunteer are some of the needs besides teachers.



# WELCOME

**Contemporary Worship Service 9:00am**  
**Sunday School (all ages) 10:00am**  
**Traditional Worship Service 11:00am**  
**Nursery 8:45am- 12:00pm**

**April 26, 2026 | 9:00 AM**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. J.J. Wicke ([jj@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:jj@nwhillsumc.org))  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser ([rdkiser@aol.com](mailto:rdkiser@aol.com))  
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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm  
1:00—4:00 pm

**Giving platforms:**  
Use the QR Code to go directly to our secure giving options- online and via text.



**This Sunday's floral dedication is given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Bess Dougherty's 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Lovingly given by her friends.**

**Date: April 26, 2026**

**Service Attended: 9:00am**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd or 3rd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- Church Member
- Desire to join (member/baptism)

I/We would like more information about:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Stephen Ministry
- Legacy Giving
- Sunday School Classes
- Missions Opportunities
- On Campus Volunteer Opportunities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- I/We need a new name tag  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**OPENING SONG OF PRAISE**

*Holy Forever*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*My King Forever*

**THE PEACE**

**WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Heather Taylor

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Who Else*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 12: 28-34

**SERMON**

“Love Boldly”

Rev. J.J. Wicke

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**OFFERING**

Thanks to the generous support given to the Youth U.M. ARMY Summer Mission Trip in memory of Marty Sloan, this month's Communion Rail Offering will now support the United Methodist Men's Clothes Closet mission. Serving men experiencing homelessness at First UMC each Thursday morning, the Clothes Closet provides not only clothing, but also dignity, compassion, and hope. Thank you for your continued support of both of these meaningful missions.

**TIME OF PRAYER**

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

Tyler Steele

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**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.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

*King Of My Heart*

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING CHORUS OF PRAISE**

*Holy Forever*

**BENEDICTION**

**HERE'S YOUR SIGN!**



Big thanks to Greg Gitcho for installing our new parking lot welcome signs- with Pastor JJ providing expert supervision from below. We hope these bright banners remind everyone who arrives that we truly are glad they're here! :)