

Prayer Requests

Date: _____

Please pray for:

- 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:

- 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 drcllellis@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

For all event, study, and missions' signups/registrations, go to 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 17th, 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

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 or Zach Kates at 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 | 11:00 AM

Senior Pastor: Rev. J.J. Wicke (jj@nwhillsumc.org)
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser (rdkiser@aol.com)
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7050 Village Center Drive
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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 97th Birthday! Lovingly given by her friends.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

PRELUDE *"Love the Lord Your God" (twice through)* TFWS #2168

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100, Response 2 UMH #821

HYMN *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* UMH #548

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, You have commanded us also to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us, O God, to see others through Your eyes. Remove any barriers of pride, indifference, or prejudice that may hinder us from extending love and compassion to those around us. Guide us in actions that reflect Your grace and mercy; may we care for the vulnerable, support the weary, and uplift our brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

ANTHEM *"Sing unto the Lord"* arr. by Tom Fettke

WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 12: 28-34

SERMON "Love Boldly" Rev. J.J. Wicke

WE RESPOND TO GOD

HYMN *"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"* UMH #438

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.

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.

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 Tyler Steele
Pastoral Prayer

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *"Jesu, Jesu"* UMH #432

WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

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HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* UMH #384

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Animated"* by Samuel Wesley

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

Date: April 26, 2026

Service Attended: 11:00am

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)