

# Northern Hills network

April–June 2020

## New Territory

*"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."* **Romans 15:4-5**

Have you ever watched the Disney movie UP? This movie is about an elderly man who goes on a trip to a place where he has never been before, and he has some unexpected travel partners. My homework for you and your family during this time is to please watch it.

One thing that the movie reveals to us is the effects on the elderly man through the challenge of the unfamiliarity of the land and the difficult adjustments for his team, which consists of a cute but unique young boy scout and a dog who can talk!

When you think about what sustained him to continue on the trip, the movie reveals his motivation comes from a sweet and powerful place: *the love he has for his beloved wife. This love gave him the courage to continue and the strength to endure through many changes.*

**Strength and Endurance** through change...these are the two attributes I am praying for each of us to empower during this time of change in our lives.

I believe if I asked you if you have ever experienced something similar to the effects of COVID-19 in your lifetime, I am almost certain that most of you would not come to anything close to this experience. *This is new unfamiliar territory for each of us, with a need for many adjustments. Our current experience is just like the elderly man in the movie Up.*

However, just like the elderly man who found a place to anchor his **Strength and Endurance** through change, we have someone to lead us also in this season, and His name is Jesus Christ.

While this is not an easy time, we too have a place where we can find our **Strength and Endurance** to continue, and that place is in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives.

It is through *His love* that we are able to find in Him a supernatural strength and endurance. It is through *His love* that we are equipped with grace by those family members and people that are surrounding us right now. It is through *His love* that we can help our neighbor, who is probably worried and anxious, with our grace and patience at this time. It is through *His love* that we remember that our lives have a value in eternal life, and not in the temporary life changes that we are making right now. It is through *His love* that this time can bring fruit to our lives:

- We will learn to discern with more clarity.
- We will discern what is important from what is a distraction.
- We will discern to value things that we previously took for granted.
- We will discern to love each other with a new perspective.

Life will not be the same, but in Christ, this time will become an opportunity for us to be richer in eternal places.

So my dear NHUMC family: I am praying for you. I am also looking forward to hugging EACH OF YOU the next time when we gather again.

This hymn, that I confess I took for granted for so long, has a new meaning for me: "God be with you Till we meet again"

God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Your Pastora Amiga,  
Lupina Stewart

# Calendar

April

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- 4 Easter Family Fun Celebration
  - 5 Palm Sunday
  - 9 Holy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
  - 10 Church Office Closed for Good Friday  
Good Friday Service, Cantata, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
  - 12 Easter Sunday
  - 14 UMW Circle of Love, 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m., B1
  - 16 UMW Hope Circle, 6:00-8:00 p.m., B4
  - 17 Youth Confirmation Retreat (through 19)
  - 19 VBS Registration Begins
  - 21 Birthday Card Ministry, 9:00 a.m., Gathering Area  
UMW Faith Circle, 11:00 a.m.-noon., B1
  - 23 5th Grade Party, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - 24 Church Office Closed for Battle of Flowers
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May

- 1 BUNCO, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - 2 UMM Golf Tournament  
Children's Day Event at the Ministry Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - 3 Confirmation Sunday  
Blood Pressure Screening
  - 7 National Day of Prayer
  - 10 Mother's Day
  - 12 UMW Circle of Love, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., B1
  - 15 Day School Graduation
  - 17 Senior Sunday
  - 19 Birthday Card Ministry, 9:00 a.m., Gathering Area  
UMW Faith Circle, 11:00 a.m.-noon, B1  
Network/Program Guide deadline (for July-September)
  - 21 UMW Hope Circle, 6:00-8:00 p.m., B4
  - 22 Day School last day of school
  - 25 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
  - 28 Last day of NEISD
  - 31 Pentecost Sunday
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June

- 1 VBS Decorating and Prep Week
  - 6 High School Mission Trip (through 13)
  - 8 VBS Rocky Railway, 9:00 a.m.-noon (through 12)  
UMM Meeting, Longhorn Cafe
  - 10 Annual Conference (through 13)
  - 16 Network Folders, 9:00 a.m., Gathering Area  
UMW Circle of Love, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., B1
  - 18 UMW Hope Circle, 6:00-8:00 p.m., B4
  - 21 Father's Day
  - 22 Eagle Lake Day Camp, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (through 26)
  - 23 Birthday Card Ministry, 9:00 a.m., Gathering Area
  - 28 Middle School City Camp (through July 2)
  - 30 Kid's Kamp begins, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (through July 30)
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# Announcements

## The Moving On Group

The Moving On Group is a Christian fellowship group for widows and widowers. We meet monthly for food and fellowship. We'd love for you to join us! Look for locations in upcoming bulletins. Contact Maxine at 210.451.9162 or maxinewebber@att.net. Upcoming meeting dates are:

April 18    May 16    June 20

## Rambunctious Retirees

We meet every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch followed by Mexican Train Dominos in the Wesley Annex.

## United Methodist Women

**Circle of Love** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., in B1. Contact Diana Poerner at 830-980-6053 for more information.

**Hope Circle** meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m, in B4. Join us for an evening of fellowship, working with our hands (Proverbs 21:13), and gathering with other sisters in Christ. Contact Angela Sparks at 210-215-3555 for more information.

**Faith Circle** meets the third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - noon, in B1. Contact Donna Roeder at 830-980-5108 for more information.

All the ladies of the church are invited to join Northern Hills United Methodist Women. Come join in the fun and fellowship in 2020. Look for details on upcoming events soon.

## Kairos Outside Thank you!

Your contribution and support will help make this weekend retreat possible for the women who have been impacted by incarceration. Your love and support allows us to share the love of Jesus Christ with these women.

Please consider attending the closing service on May 17 at Camp Capers Retreat Center in Waring, TX. Contact Mary Trafton, at maryjtrafton@gmail.com for any questions or more information.

## UMW Officers



## Attendance

These figures include Wednesday and Sunday worship services.

December:	January:	February:
12/1: 726	1/5: 828	2/2: 859
12/8: 826	1/12: 899	2/9: 805
12/15: 793	1/19: 818	2/16: 717
12/22: 758	1/26: 844	2/23: 805
Christmas Eve: 1153		
12/29: 540		

# W.O.W. - Worship on Wednesday

## Worship on Wednesday

Begins  
March 18

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship in the  
Gathering Area

6:15 p.m. - Communion  
Service in the  
Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. - Bible Studies/Classes

### ACTS 2 Small Groups Bible Study.

### Other Ministries/Activities

6:15-8:00 p.m. Childcare is available for Infants to 5 years

6:15-6:50 p.m. Welcome and Worship (for K-5th grade)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

7:00-8:00 p.m. Bible Adventure Time (1st-3rd grader)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Submerge (4th & 5th grade)

7:00 p.m. Traditional Choir practice

# W.O.W.

Worship  
On  
Wednesdays

# 5 Questions?

Beginning April 15

NEW START TIME!!! 6:30P.M.

Look for Spring Bible study sign up April 1.

May 13 is the last night for Wednesday activities for the summer.

Look for more information on the upcoming summer events soon.

W.O.W. Fall Kick-Off will be on August 26.

# Pastor Patrick's Page



## The Most Challenging Aspect of Christian Life Today

*"After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." Nehemiah 4:14 NIV*

In my experience the most challenging aspects of Christian life today are competitions. We compete with our own schedules for down time and prayer time. While competition has always been a part of any culture that man exists in, it seems that in today's society these competitions have turned up in severity and have declined in demeanor.

I doubt that we would find anyone who does not believe that schedules and attention spans are growing ever more hectic as we progress in a technologically advanced way. Our people seem to be distracted by nuances while at the same time being demanded to produce not only in the workplace but also in the home as well as in extra-curricular activities for themselves or their families. This dual nature puts a sharp contrast to the slow or at least patience requiring disciplines that can actually change our lives. While the eschatological message of Jesus is not difficult to understand, the background and biblical narrative requires some patience to learn. This does not play well into the fast food consumerism that our society seems to value and that our congregants adhere to either begrudgingly or willingly. It is understood that a person gets out of relationship with the church what he or she puts into it; however, that argument only works for those who are already tied into our Christ.

There is also competition for our personal time. It is understood that we should try to be all things to all men; or at least a person needs to be a good family person, in good financial shape, and a spiritually healthy person. These items can compete with each other as well as with the stressful work environment that many employers cultivate. There never seems to be enough hours in the day or enough days in the week to complete all the assignments that are required to continue to maintain a healthy: career, spirit, mind, family, and household. To move in one direction too strongly means taking focus away from other areas that we should not neglect. To focus on the job too much can easily lead to one's family paying a cost that is not permissible. To focus too much on everything but not allow oneself some rest and replenishment will also lead to disaster.

The real challenge of these competitions is that they must happen. We do our best to build a healthy culture in our homes and lives, but we must reach outside of them in order to reach new growth. Therefore, we must work in a culture that values capitalism, social popularity, and persuasion. These competitions are challenges that must happen; however, we should never let them overtake our spiritual desire to be honest, full of integrity, and healthy. Further, we can realize that rest and rejuvenation is not mandated by our father in heaven. So the real trick might be to compete and surrender at the same time.

# Around Campus



# New Members



MATT & RACHEL SCHOENUNG



LUCY LANDIN



PEGGY CHANCE



CAROL MATH



GARY & SANDRA MANN



DREW APPERSON



JUDY COLBENSON



HILLARY SANDS  
JAMES, JACK



RON RHODES



JEFFREY & JANET BELTON  
SADIE, BRAYDEN, JACOB



CHAD & LAUREN BYRD  
ETHYN, ACE



GREG & HALEY SWIFT



CHRIS & PHYLLIS SWEENEY



RANDY & CARLY WALDSCHMIDT  
HEATHER



JOSEPH & CARRIE BARRY  
RYAN



CESAR PUGA & HILDA RUIZ  
ISAIAH, CESAR  
MARIA RODRIGUEZ

Welcome To Our  
Church Family!

# Ministry & More

## A Letter from the Lay Leader

A Lay Leader in a United Methodist Church has several responsibilities. Of those, I believe that they can be consolidated into three categories: represent the laity, meet with the pastor(s) and serve on various committees. I hope to use this space to give you feedback on what is going on in Northern Hills from the lay perspective.

I am thankful that Pastor Lupina and the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee for their confidence in me to serve as your Lay Leader. I am also thankful to Patsy Greeman for her passion and dedication while she served as the Lay Leader for the last three years. She set the standard high, and I hope that I will maintain that standard during my tenure.

Pastor Lupina and I met at the beginning of the year, and she shared what God has placed on her heart during this season in the Church - CONSECRATE. For these last eight weeks, she and the other pastors have been discussing this in the series "Full. Filled." If you missed any of their talks, I encourage you to visit our YouTube channel to hear how God called people yesterday and today to do amazing things.

Some notes from "various committees" and meetings:

Pastor Lupina is working with a group to help us determine how we communicate who we are with our neighbors and communities.

We were blessed to receive a grant for a pastor/someone entering the ministry to help with our work at the Ministry Center.

We are making several facility changes - replacing the portable buildings and our phone system. These moves will not only improve the 1604 campus, but they will also provide savings in the months and years ahead.

We have a fantastic ministry in our Day School. Please take a moment to share their video (available on our Facebook page) with your friends and family.

Our Ministry Committee helps organize the 44 endorsed and affirmed ministries at Northern Hills. There is a place for you to serve in one (or more of these). Please Try and Thrive in one of them today!

If you have not completed your pledge for this year, please do so. These pledges are important for us as we continue to respond as God has called us to Reach, Teach and Love.

Jongsoon and I have been members at Northern Hills since 2007, and continue to be in awe with how God has blessed us with such gifted pastors, staff and laity! Despite the turbulence in this world and our congregation, we continue to meet everyone where they are and come alongside them so that we can join as one in this faith journey. Thank you for your faithfulness in glorifying God through your prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Your brother in Christ,  
Tom White

# Happenings

Super Sunday—1300 care bags donated.  
436 jerseys counted!



Women's Dream Team



Cuba Mission Trip



NHUMC ACTION C—Commit & Connect Class



Devo & Dance



# Children

## Easter Family Fun Celebration Egg Collection

We will be taking donations of filled Easter Eggs. Please avoid candy with nuts as much as possible. Non-candy items are fine, but no money-filled eggs please. Please bring your donated eggs to the Children's Ministry office by April 2.

## Eagle Lake Day Camp

Get ready for the best week of your life!

June 22-26, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.,  
ages 6-12

Cost: \$200.00  
(scholarships are available)

### What is Eagle Lake Day Camp?

We here at Northern Hills UMC want to meet our neighbors! This summer, we are partnering with Eagle Lake Day Camps so that we can provide our neighborhood with an exceptional day camp for the week of June 22-26. Eagle Lake provides great programming; super fun supplies for activities like tie dye and capture the flag; equipment like water inflatables, climbing wall, and Gaga ball; high quality Bible studies; and exceptionally trained counselors.

Call Katherine Reed or go to [eaglelakecamps.com/northernhillsumc](http://eaglelakecamps.com/northernhillsumc) to join us for this incredible week!

## Easter Family Fun

Saturday, April 4  
2:00-4:00 p.m., 1604 Campus

Families are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun celebrating the joys of Easter at our Easter Family Fun celebration! There will be games, crafts, bounce houses, cake walk, and much more! We will end the afternoon of fun with an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 3:30. For questions or to hear about volunteer opportunities, contact Katherine Reed at 210-654-0881 or email [KatherineR@nhumc.org](mailto:KatherineR@nhumc.org).

## 5th Grade Celebration

Thursday, April 23, 2020  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

House of Air  
San Antonio

All 5th graders are invited to join us for a last hurrah in Children's Ministry. We will have pizza, jumping, and loads of fun. Cost is \$15.00. To reserve your spot, please email Katherine at [KatherineR@nhumc.org](mailto:KatherineR@nhumc.org) by Sunday, April 12. Bring a check or cash to Children's Ministry office by the due date.

## VBS 2020

June 8-12, 9:00 to noon

All children ages 3 (potty trained) to 5th grade are invited to come be a part of an adventure on the Rocky Railway, as we explore the new testament and how Jesus gives us power!

Registration begins April 19 for volunteers and children. The cost is \$15.00 for a t-shirt and CD.

You can download the child registration form on April 17 or pick one up at the gathering area table.

VBS volunteer training will be Wednesday, May 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the Wesley Annex. All volunteers are asked to attend. A make-up meeting for those who need it will be Wednesday, May 27 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Wesley Annex.

If you are interested in being a station leader contact Katherine at [KatherineR@nhumc.org](mailto:KatherineR@nhumc.org).



## Kids Kamp 2020

June 30—July 30

Kids Kamp is for children ages 12 months through those that just completed kindergarten. The program runs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We provide fun, activities, and a snack; you provide lunch. Registration begins May 1.

The registration fee is \$75 (due at registration),  
and tuition is \$400 (due June 30).

Print registration forms online beginning on April 29 at [www.nhumc.org](http://www.nhumc.org) or stop by the Children's office.

Contact Jennifer Baier at 210-654-8406 for more information.

# Youth

**Core: Love Jesus and love like Jesus - Matthew 22:37-39**

We value scripture as the foundation to grow spiritually and build faith.

We value building sincere relationships.

We value Servanthood.

*May is a great month to support the youth ministry*

We will be sharing our annual Mission Wall through the month of May! Pick an envelope numbered 1 -100, make a donation in that numerical amount and enjoy a message from one of our students about how your donations are making a difference in their lives. Keep this letter as a reminder to pray for this student and for our youth and leaders.

**May 3** - we will be welcoming a new class of confirmands into the church! Please join us in celebrating this great group of students!

**May 17** - is Senior Sunday. Join us as we send our students off with a blessing! Please take time to visit their tables in the gathering area, write a note of encouragement, or sign their quilt. Let's send this class off with our love and prayers!

*Other great things happening in the life of our youth and church...*

**April 17-19**—Confirmation Retreat

**May 2**—District Field Day- join us in a fun day of competition with other churches from the district. We'll be playing kickball chaos, 9 square, capture the flag, and more. We'll have lunch and worship together.

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Coker UMC.

**May 16**- Global 6k for Water

Join us as we end the global water crisis one step at a time! This is a family friendly event, great for all ages and abilities.

Sign up at <https://www.teamworldvision.org/team/NHUMC>

**June 6-13**—High School Mission Trip to Service Over Self in Memphis, TN

**June 28-July 2**—Middle School Mission Trip - City Camp

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

MONDAY NIGHTS, 6:30 P.M.  
@ CARLY'S HOUSE

DINNER & THE BOOK OF ACTS

CONTACT CARLY AT  
CARLYP@NHUMC.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

For more information, contact Carly at [CarlyP@nhumc.org](mailto:CarlyP@nhumc.org) to join the email announcement list, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram:

**Facebook:** Northern Hills Youth

**Instagram:** northernhillsyouth

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## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 8: Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. and Communion service in the Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 9: Holy Thursday Communion service in the Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10: Good Friday in the Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

## He is Risen

Come, worship the Risen Christ at one of our 5 Easter Sunday services, April 12.

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| 7:00 a.m.  | Sunrise Worship Service in the Sanctuary  |
| 8:30 a.m.  | Traditional Worship with Sanctuary Choir in the Worship Center                          |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Blended Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Contemporary Praise Team in the Worship Center |
| 1:00 p.m.  | La Roca English/Spanish Communion Service @ the Ministry Center                         |

For more information, please call the church office at 210-654-0881 or [www.nhumc.org](http://www.nhumc.org)