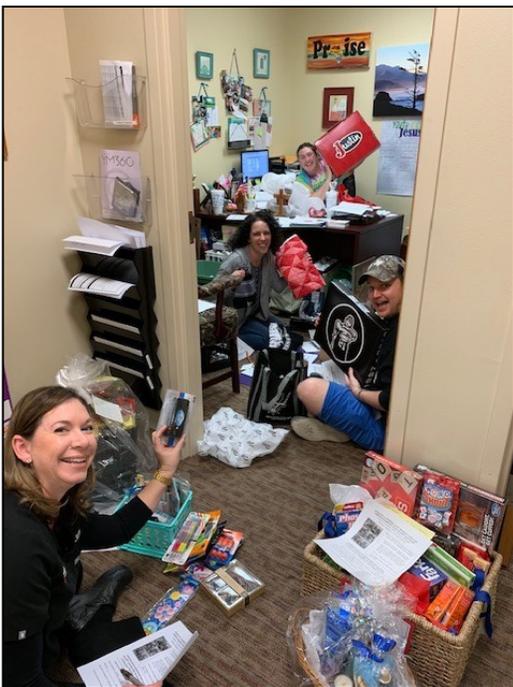


Spring 2019
Program Guide





WELCOME

This booklet contains dated material. Please visit www.nhumc.org for the latest information.

Welcome! We are so glad that you're interested in Northern Hills Church and have taken the time to learn more about us. You'll find lots of information in this booklet and on our website about our worship services and ministries. We pray that you'll be warmly welcomed and blessed during your time with us!

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Welcome

Located in Northeast San Antonio at Loop 1604 and Bulverde Road, Northern Hills UMC is a Christian congregation committed to reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ, teaching and training believers to live as followers of Jesus in daily life, and loving the world for which Christ died, all to the glory of God.

We strive to extend the hospitality of Christ to all and to provide worship settings and a range of ministries that respond to diverse spiritual needs and backgrounds. The apostle Paul said, "I become all things to all people, in order that I might win some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). We agree with Paul. The gospel is for everyone and so is the church.



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Who We Are

Northern Hills Church is a United Methodist congregation located in the Northeast quadrant of San Antonio. Our church is Christ-centered, Bible-based, and Spirit-led. We proclaim a simple message of the new life that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. We acknowledge the Bible as our "sufficient rule of faith and practice." And we are open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the shaping of our direction and future.

Northern Hills was founded in 1975 with 39 charter members. Our first campus was on Higgins Road in the Northern Hills subdivision of northeast San Antonio. In 1997, we began to realize that our location would not allow us to achieve our full potential as a congregation. In 1999, after much prayer and consideration, we voted to relocate to our present 19-acre site on Loop 1604. The move was accomplished in May 2002.

As San Antonio continues its growth northward, Northern Hills provides a welcoming and inclusive community for people who have been going to church their whole lives, for those investigating Christianity for the first time, and for everyone in between.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Parking and Entering

1604 Campus

From 1604, you won't see our campus, but you will see our big sign that says Northern Hills Church. Turn right onto our property and wind up the drive. Our Worship Center, gathering area, and offices are in the main building in the front. The children's wing is to the right of our Worship Center. Our Sanctuary is to the left as you face the buildings. You can park in any of our lots, and there are plenty of handicap spots toward the front.

Naco Pass Campus

The Ministry Center is located directly in front of the Naco Pass VIA bus Transit Center. Parking is in the front and on the side of the building.



Childcare

Our nursery, which is for infants and toddlers is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Located in the children's hallway, each classroom has sign-in and sign-out procedures.

On Sunday mornings, our pre-schoolers (2-4 year olds) can go to the nursery if they are here during the 8:30 a.m. service. We also have pre-school Sunday School classes at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m., during which the children participate in a hands-on Bible lesson, do a craft, have a snack and sometimes play on the playground. Your pre-schooler will learn about God's love while having fun! Just go to the Children's hallway and someone will help direct you to the right classroom for your little one.

Children are always welcome in worship too. There are coloring sheets and bags of colored pencils in the back of the Sanctuary and Worship Center.

Childcare is also available at the Naco Pass Campus for the La Roca service.

What to Wear

Come as you are! Regardless of whether you're in the Sanctuary or the Worship Center, you will see everything from jeans and polo shirts to dresses and suits.

Coffee and Refreshments

Coffee and cookies are available in the gathering area (in the main building as you walk in) every Sunday. Whether you're going to a service in the Worship Center or Sanctuary or trying out a Sunday School class, feel free to spend some time in the gathering area meeting new people and enjoying refreshments.

Naco Pass location serves a free meal at the Service on Saturday and La Roca.

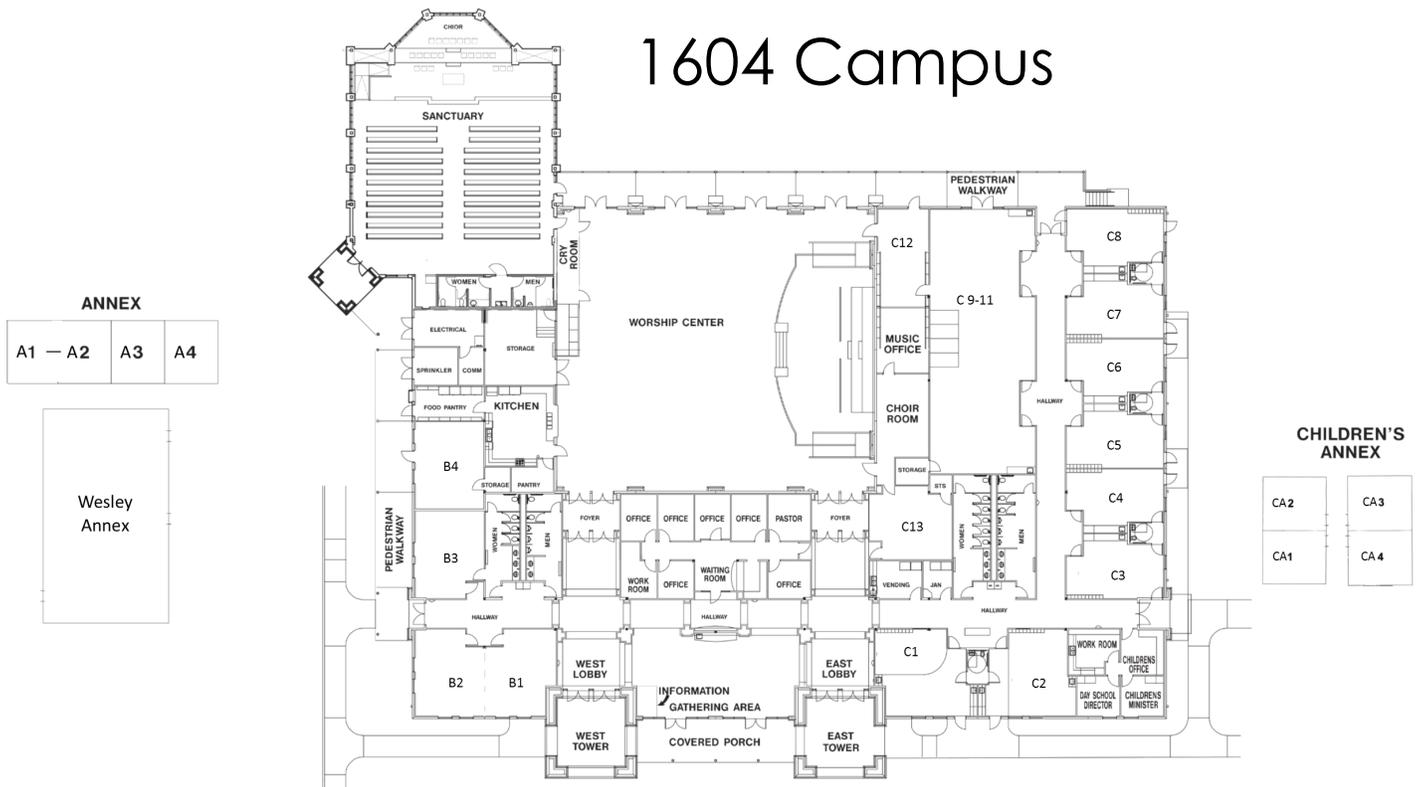


Staff

Senior Pastor	Milton Lewis
Associate Pastor	Lupina Villalpando-Stewart
Community Pastor/Ministry Center	Abdon Garza
Executive Administrator	Dudley Harral
Worship Director	Abel Stewart
Worship Leader/Assistant Youth Director	Nate Finley
Contemporary Worship Admin. Assistant	Susan Bartlett
Traditional Worship Admin. Assistant	Martha Phelps
Youth Director	Carly Powne
Director of Children's Ministry	
NH Day School Director	Jennifer Baier
Office/Facilities Manager	Tanna Finley
Print/Media Specialist	Dora Aldrete
Receptionist	Candy Mochmar

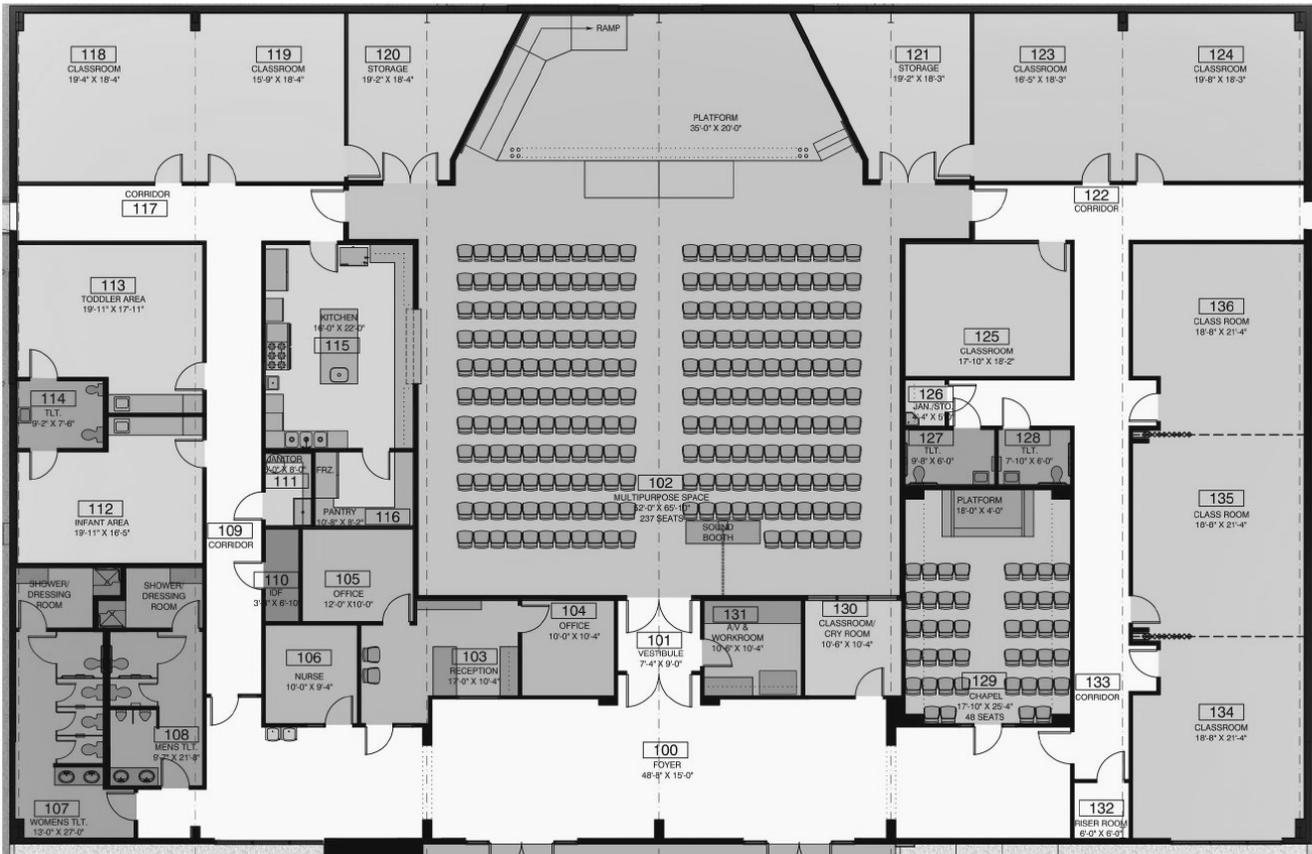
CAMPUS MAPS

1604 Campus



Updated Sept 2017

Naco Pass Campus



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Traditional Worship

Lead Pastor: Milton Lewis

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

Using historical elements of the Christian faith and the United Methodist denomination, traditional worship seeks to give glory to God and empower Christian discipleship.



Children's Moments

Children's moments take place during all of our Sunday morning worship services. After the Children's moments, kids can either stay for the service or go to Sunday School.

La Roca

Bilingual service at the Ministry Center (4306 Naco Pass)

Lead Pastor: Abdon Garza

1:00 p.m.

La Roca is a fully bilingual service, with all elements of worship translated into both English and Spanish. Drawing from both historical traditions and modern culture, this worship service offers a perfect opportunity for either English or Spanish speakers to grow in Christian discipleship and fellowship. Communion is served every Sunday.



Contemporary Worship

Lead Pastor: Lupina Villalpando-Stewart

9:30 a.m.—Breakfast gathering

9:45 a.m.—Worship begins

In the Worship Center

This service uses modern, high-energy music, dynamic media, and preaching on daily life topics to empower Christian discipleship and help engage people to enter into God's presence. Beginning at 9:30, the first 15 minutes are time for fellowship, coffee and refreshments.



Lead Pastor: Lupina Villalpando-Stewart

11:00 a.m.

In the Worship Center

This is a service for those looking for spiritual nourishment in a multi-cultural and multi-generational spiritual community. Drawing from both historical traditions and modern culture, this service is about fellowship, prayer, and studying God's word.



WEDNESDAYS @ NHUMC

Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday night is church family night at NHUMC, with a full array of fellowship, worship, study, and activities for all ages. It begins with “Fellowship” at 5:30. Join us in the Gathering Area.

Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Our pastors and worship leaders alternate leadership of this weekly service, which includes singing and prayer, a message, and holy communion. This is the one time of the week that we worship as One Body. The style varies, but the expression of our love for God and one another is consistent. Childcare is provided.

Mid-Week Refuel

Wacky Wednesday, Kinder-5th graders, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Wacky Wednesday is a fun, active, faith and fellowship hour for our kids to unwind, be creative and enjoy each others company. Activities will change each week and fun is guaranteed.

Godly Play, 1st-3rd graders, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

This class that uses Montessori principles to help children explore their faith through reflective storytelling, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

Bible Activity Time (BAT), 4th-5th graders, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

After spending a few minutes on the playground, the kids enjoy Bible lessons, games, crafts and snacks.

Childcare provided for children, infants to kinder.

Youth

6:30-7:00 p.m. All youth games

Middle School Youth

7:00-8:00 p.m., Wesley Annex
Middle School Youth Group

High School Youth

7:00-8:00 p.m. (Annex 1&2)
Senior High Youth Group

See Youth, page 15, for more happenings
in Youth

Sanctuary Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir sings each week in the traditional services at 8:30 and 11:00. They also prepare for special services throughout the year, including Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, the Christmas Cantata, and Christmas Eve. Youth and adults are welcome to participate.

Adult Bible Studies/Classes, 7:00 p.m.

Different Bible studies/classes are offered throughout the year, usually beginning in the fall, winter and spring. Watch for sign-ups online and in the bulletin. See page 9 for information about classes offered on Wednesdays.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship is the heartbeat of our discipleship at Northern Hills, and music is a key part of the worship. We have 10 weekly worship services between our two campuses, including modern contemporary, traditional, and everything in between. If you feel a tug on your heart to make music for God's glory, there is plenty of opportunity!

Contact: Abel Stewart, AbelS@nhumc.org

Traditional Music Group

Sanctuary Choir

Traditional worship music celebrates the heritage of the Christian faith. The Sanctuary Choir provides music leadership for 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. traditional worship, and it is open to youth and adults, no audition required. The Sanctuary Choir also sings for special services throughout the year including Christmas Cantatas, Good Friday, Easter, etc..

Practice: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. (Worship Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.)

Volunteer soloists or small ensembles are invited to share special music at the 9:45 traditional service (The Table) by arrangement. Contact Abel Stewart for more information on how to sign up.

Contemporary Music Groups

9:45 Worship Music Team

The 9:45 worship service has high energy contemporary Christian music primarily from within the last decade.

The music team is made up of volunteers, and because of the intricacies of modern music arrangements, the precise instrumentation and voicing of the group may vary from week to week. An informal audition is required.

*Practice: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
(Worship Sundays at 9:45 a.m.)*

11:00 Worship Music Team

Oasis worships with a thoroughly intergenerational repertoire of music, including hymns, the latest contemporary Christian songs, praise choruses from the 70s and 80s, and everything in between. The music team is made up of volunteers, and it includes singers and modern band instrumentation. An informal audition is required.

*Practice: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. and Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
(Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.)*

Ministry Center Music Group

La Roca Music Team

La Roca is a bilingual worship service, and there is a thorough mix of contemporary and traditional Christian music styles, but also including traditional and contemporary Latino Christian music. The music team is made up of volunteers, and it includes modern band instrumentation. An informal audition is required. Because of the bilingual nature of the worship service, some capacity with both English and Spanish is helpful for singers.

Practice: Sundays, after La Roca (Worship Sundays at 1:00 p.m.)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION/ BILINGUAL MINISTRY

English as a Second Language (ESL)

English as a Second Language classes are 5-8 week sessions, three times per year. The classes are open to anyone interested in learning and/or improving skills in the English language. Each student is assigned a mentor whose first language is English, so students will have the opportunity to practice in a more personalized way. For more information or to sign up for a class, email us at ESL@nhumc.org.

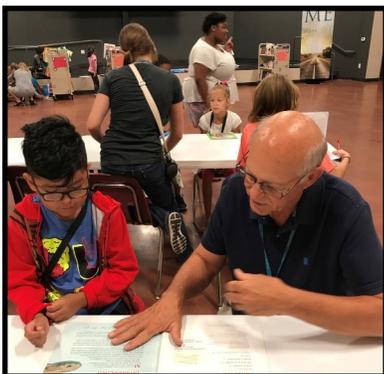
Clases de Inglés como Segunda Lengua Las clases de Inglés como segunda lengua se dan en sesiones de 5-8 semanas tres veces al año. Estas clases están abiertas para cualquier persona interesada en aprender y/o mejorar sus habilidades en la lengua de Inglés. Cada alumno es asignado a un mentor quien es de habla inglesa como primera lengua, con quien tendrán la oportunidad de practicar de una forma más personalizada. Para mayor información, mándenos un correo a ESL@nhumc.org.

Spanish Classes

Spanish classes are offered to people who want to communicate better with the Spanish-speaking individuals that they come in contact with at work, in their community, and in ministry. Spanish classes will be offered throughout the year. Classes are usually 6-8 weeks in length and are led by a native speaker or a trained Spanish teacher. The goal of the class is to familiarize English-speaking individuals with a second language and better equip them to communicate with the Hispanic culture in San Antonio.

Reading Buddies

During the school year, we participate in the San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL) in local NEISD schools. The SAYL program focuses on 2nd grade students that are below grade level. During the summer, we participate in the Reading Buddies program through Project Transformation at the Ministry Center. Our summer program includes children going into 1st—6th grade. The focus is to improve or maintain the reading levels achieved during the school year.



Citizenship Classes

Citizenship classes are offered to help prepare students for the U.S. citizenship exam. We are also in the process of training others to teach this class so we can offer more classes at varying times. Classes are usually a 7-weeks class. Check the church website for class schedules.

At The Ministry Center
(4306 Naco Pass, 78217)

Mondays, April 29—May 20, 6:30—8:00p.m.

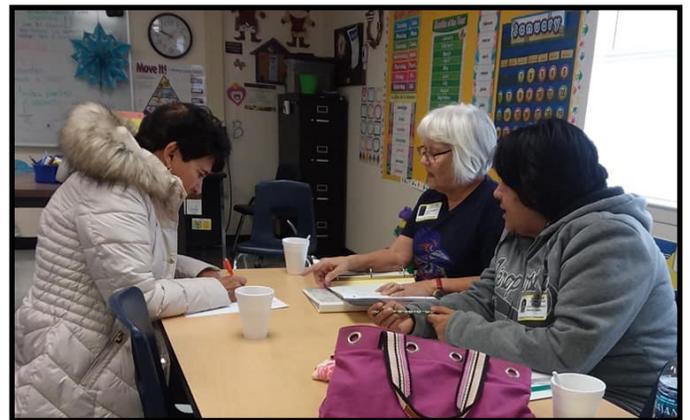
**At Stahl Elementary
and Steubing Ranch Elementary**
Wednesdays, 9:30—11:00 a.m.

Check the website for upcoming dates.

At NHUMC

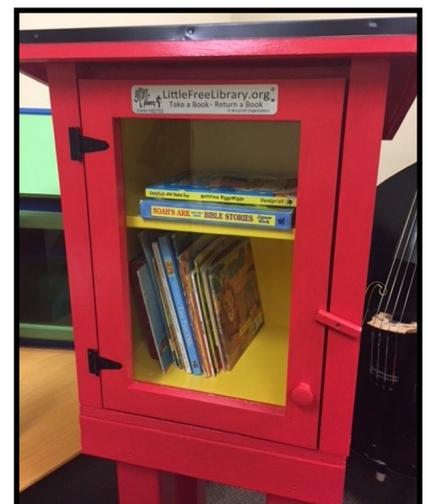
(3703 N Loop 1604 East, 78247)

Thursdays, April 25—May 16, 9:15—10:45 a.m.



Little Library

We have committed to 10 little libraries of which six have been completed. The Little Libraries will be placed in front yards in neighborhood apartment complexes and at the Ministry Center. People can borrow or share books close to where they live.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School at NHUMC is your opportunity to build relationships as you build your faith through group study of the Bible and biblically-based curriculum designed to edify believers. Classes are offered at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. You are invited to join a class. Feel free to visit around until you find the class that is right for you. We understand our large campus can be confusing, as we make every effort possible to have people available to offer directions, as well as posted maps.

9:45 a.m. classes

Beacons (B2)

Leaders/Facilitators: Mary Trafton, maryjtrafton@gmail.com

We use the "Adult Bible Studies" curriculum. Round-table format lends to more discussion and understanding of God's Word. The focus changes every quarter so more time can be devoted to understanding the Bible by concentrating on each specific unit of study. This is predominately singles and couples, 70+.

Men's Class (B3)

Leaders/Facilitators: Jim Cooper, jcooper60@satx.rr.com

This class is designed to meet the needs of new students as well as the mature Christian men as they study, learn, and grow together. The Bible is the primary text. Group discussions is encouraged.

Believing Shepherds (B1)

Leaders/Facilitators: Jim Ferguson, jffergsatx@gmail.com
and Howard Marsh, hmarsh515@yahoo.com

The Bible is the primary textbook of this class, with other resources and commentaries brought in to supplement. The format is to read scripture, with Jim or Howard facilitating the discussion. This class is open to all singles and couples. Age demographic is 40s to 90+!

Exploring Our Faith (Wesley Annex)

Leaders/Facilitators: Mel Amick, amickmel@yahoo.com

Our largest Sunday School class consisting of singles and couples, age 50 and up. Format is Bible-based studies, using a mix of contemporary authors, videos, presentations and discussion. Leadership rotates throughout the summer.

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Search of Him) (B4)

Leaders/Facilitators: Ethan and Vicki Emmons, veemmons@swbell.net

Believers seek to discover Jesus Christ in today's world via discussion of scripture and questions as they relate to Pastor Milton's weekly sermon. Predominately 40+.

The Open Door (Annex 4)

Leaders/Facilitators: Patsy Greeman, pgreeman@satx.rr.com

Put your faith into action by studying God's Word through the lens of contemporary Christian literature and authors. Service projects and relationship-building events are regular parts of this group's schedule. Predominately 50+.

11:00 a.m. classes

Son Seekers (B3)

Leaders/Facilitators: Liza Meyer, lizameyer@sbcglobal.net

The group is focused on the study of God's Word and seeks to know Him better and to learn how best to apply Biblical principles to everyday living. Great group discussions due to the variety of ages in this class.

SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) (B4)

Leaders/Facilitators: Jennifer Kester, jenny.kester@gmail.com

The SALT class provides an open space for anyone to explore and seek a greater understanding of scripture in a relaxed and friendly community. The Bible is the primary textbook. Class is comprised mostly of 30s-40s, singles and couples.

The Remix (B2)

Leaders/Facilitators: Jim & Joy Burgess, cheverie@aol.com
and Guy & Andi Barrows, andibuff@sbcglobal.net

This class discusses the Sunday message from the 9:45 contemporary service. This group varies widely in terms of age, ethnicity, and diversity of thought. By "remixing" our experiences during the hour, we leave with things to ponder during the week. This class is loosely structured, has no homework, but does have occasional service projects. Great place for a new worshiper at Church to plug in.

Koinonia (B1)

Leaders/Facilitators: Asher Lewis, asherlew@gmail.com and
Becky Davenport, davenport@icfetx.com

Koinonia is a Greek word used by early Christians to describe Christian fellowship and joint participation in Christian community, which is what we as a class are striving to embody. During our weekly class times, we are dedicated to in-depth, contextual Biblical study to deepen our relationships with God and inform our lives as we seek to follow Jesus. During class and outside of class, we are dedicated to living our lives together in community through prayer; friendship; collective Service; and, of course, fun and laughter.

Adult Special Needs (Wesley Annex)

Leaders/Facilitators: Fill & Vicki Spangler, fspangler@satx.rr.com

This class ministers to adult special-needs participants.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES/CLASSES

Monday study (1604 Campus)

Precept Bible Study: *“Embracing the Uncertain—A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times.”* If you’re not able to make it to Wednesday night church-wide study, join us on Monday mornings. This class is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and in room B1.
Leader: Janice Cooper

Monday study (Naco Pass)

Monday Morning Moms: Monday Morning Moms is a Christ-centered refuge, providing a loving, supportive community, while promoting spiritual growth and development. They read and discuss books, pray for each other, have play dates and social nights out. Childcare is available during meetings, 9:00-11:00 a.m. You’re welcome to join anytime.

Leader: Dionne Coston

Tuesday evening study at the Ministry Center

Fall & Winter Bible Studies — Are offered on Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. **Leader:** Neil Finley

Fall & Winter Guitar Class — This 8 week class is primarily geared toward beginners, but intermediate to advanced instruction may be available. Minimum age 10 years old. Limited availability. **Leader:** Tim Bryant

Check the website in late summer for the fall schedule.

Wednesday evening studies

Different Bible studies/classes are offered throughout the year, usually beginning in the fall, winter and spring.

Lenten Bible Study — Class is now being offered on Wednesdays, March 20—April 24, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. *“Embracing the Uncertain—A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times”*, rooms B1 & B2.



MINISTRY CENTER



Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

210.236.6810

Email: MinistryCenter@nhumc.org

Website: www.NHUMC.org

Worship

Service on Saturday — S.O.S. Meal and Worship — Every Saturday, you are invited to “come as you are” and have a meal, fellowship, and worship in a relaxed contemporary style atmosphere. We serve a meal at 5:00 p.m. and our Worship Service begins at 5:30 p.m.



— is our fully bilingual worship service, with all elements of worship translated into both English and Spanish. This worship service offers a perfect opportunity for either English or Spanish speakers to grow in Christian discipleship and fellowship. Our worship begins at 1:00 p.m., and we serve a meal at noon. Sunday School classes for children and youth begin at 1:00 p.m.



Prayer

Wednesday Morning Curbside Prayer Service —

This outreach continues to be a significant way that we connect with the bus travelers. We offer hot coffee, pastries, fellowship, prayer and worship beginning at 5:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning.

Adult Special-Needs Activities and Prayer Services —

On Mondays we have choir practice with our friends at Sterling Adult Day Care beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time and Prayer — These activities are held on Tuesday mornings 10:00-11:00 a.m., and evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Studies & Guitar Classes — These classes at the Ministry Center will resume in September.



MINISTRY CENTER

Human Services and Ministry with the Community

English as a Second Language (ESL) — Our fall session of evening classes at the Ministry Center will begin in September. This is now a companion class to the Citizenship and NEISD ESL classes. ESL volunteers are always needed.

Citizenship Classes — We offer citizenship classes on Tuesday Evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Northeast ISD Adult Education — This organization offers ESL and High School Equivalency Classes in Spanish at the Ministry Center. Classes are held Monday-Wednesday, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Registration is through the NEISD Adult Education department.

Counseling Services — These services are offered at the Ministry Center through a partnership with the Ecumenical Center for Education, Counseling and Health. Counseling is available for children, adolescents, adults and families to help with every age, stage, and condition of life.

Tuesday Connection Outreach Ministry — Come join us as we offer refreshments, fellowship and prayer to the bus commuters on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer —
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 a.m.

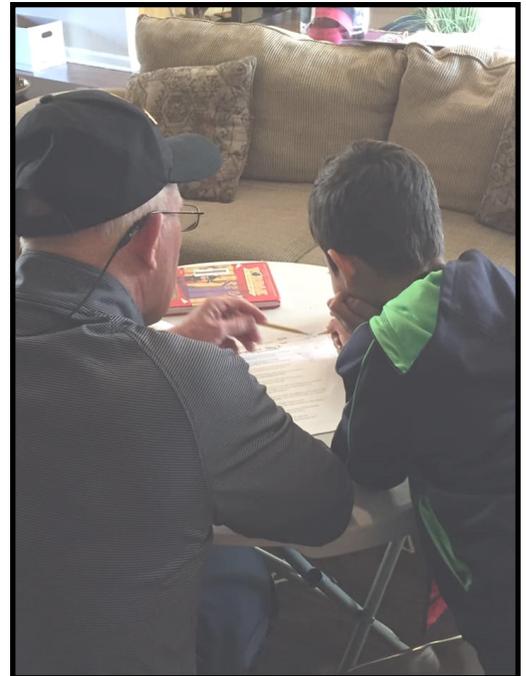
INFORMATION —

If you would like information on how to volunteer at the Ministry Center:

Visit the Northern Hills UMC website at www.nhumc.org

Blessings,

Abdon Garza
Community Pastor -
Ministry Center



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

UMW (United Methodist Women)

UMW's purpose is to build a community of women whose purpose is to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church. We have 3 different UMW groups at NH:

Faith Circle: The Faith Circle meets to discuss women's and children's issues as well as topics within our faith.

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m., B1

Contact: Sue Bohlen, 210.646.2306

Hope Circle & Circulo de Esperanza: The purpose of this circle is to support and encourage women between the ages of 20 and 40ish, as well as to emphasize missions. Childcare provided.

Meets at quarterly Bunco gatherings, 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Donna Roeder, roederdl@gvvc.com

Love Circle: The Love Circle meets to perform various services for the community, such as making cancer caps for local hospital patients going through chemo.

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 12:00-2:00 p.m., B1

Contact: Diana Poerner, teapott53@aol.com

UMM (United Methodist Men)

Men of all ages meet every other month at a restaurant. Several fundraisers occur throughout the year to support mission projects and multiple outreach ministries. The UMM also sponsor an annual golf tournament, with proceeds going toward youth and missions.

Meets 2nd Monday of every other month, 7:00 p.m., at various locations

Contact: Neil Finley, neilfinley42@gmail.com

Military Ministry

As residents of Military City, USA, members of NHUMC have a great opportunity, even a responsibility, to give back to military families who have sacrificed for us. The mission of the Military Ministry is simple: serve the military and their families. Military members are in a unique position to fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations because they move to a new location every three years or so, they go to many training courses, and they deploy to locations around the world multiple times throughout their careers. Each one of these movements is an opportunity to meet new people and to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus. We believe that anything the Military Ministry can do to reduce the service-unique burdens on military families gives them more time and energy to serve and to glorify God. Give us a call if you would like to serve in this ministry or if you are a military family who could use a hand during deployments or during your moves into and out of San Antonio.

Contact: Kevin & Nancy Vaille, vailles@satx.rr.com

Adults with Special Needs

We have a vibrant community of adults with special needs. We meet weekly for Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. in the Wesley Annex. We also meet on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. for choir practice and volunteer work, at the Ministry Center. We also encourage the group to worship together on Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Ministry Center.

Contact: Fil or Vicki Spangler, filspangler@gmail.com

Moving On

The Moving On ministry is designed for widows and widowers to share fellowship, devotionals and prayer. It meets monthly on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. at different restaurants around San Antonio.

Contact: Maxine Webber, maxinewebber@att.net, 210.451.9162

Rambunctious Retirees

You don't have to be retired to enjoy the fellowship of this energetic group. Just have a desire to have a good time and participate in fun activities. Bring a brown-bag lunch. We play dominoes and occasionally take trips together.

Meets Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., Wesley Annex

Contact: Colletta Galloway, collettag@att.net

Quilters

All are invited to bring your lunch, machine, etc. and join this lively bunch for stitchin' and talkin.'

Meets Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Wesley Annex

Contact: Janet Wray, jwray1974@att.net

NHUMC Not Quite Mid-Life Fellowship Group (The NQMLFG'S)

We are a group of people who attend Northern Hills UMC and are not really young adults anymore but not into our mid-life crisis yet. We meet once a month for social activities. Activities so far have included bowling, Escape the Room, and a drinks and tapas night.

Contact: Chris Waggy, cwaggy@yahoo.com

AT A GLANCE

Sundays at a Glance

Worship:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Contemporary breakfast gathering in the Worship Center
9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
1:00 p.m. La Roca bilingual worship at the Ministry Center

Sunday School:

9:45 Sunday School classes offered for adults, youth and children
11:00 Sunday School classes offered for adults, youth and children

Nursery:

Childcare is provided for infants through pre-schoolers from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays at a Glance

5:30 p.m. Fellowship
6:15 p.m. Wednesday Worship, including communion
7:00 p.m. Bible Studies/classes
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

(During the school year):

Children -

6:15-7:15 p.m. Wacky Wednesday - Kinder-5th grade
7:15-8:00 Godly Play - Kinder-3rd grade;
Bible Activity Time (BAT) – 4th-5th grade

Youth -

6:30-7:00 p.m. All youth games and hangout
7:00-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Wesley Annex)
High School Youth Group (Annex 1&2)

Food Pantry

Mondays and Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

To see our full calendar, go to www.nhumc.org/resources/calendar or find “Events” on the homepage.

CHILDREN

Children's Ministry at Northern Hills is for children birth through 5th grade. Our staff and volunteers are passionate about helping your child understand the love of Christ through age-appropriate lessons, play and music. Children's Ministry at Northern Hills includes everything from rocking babies in the nursery to a mission week for 5th graders, to VBS, and everything in between. It's a busy, but meaningful ministry, and we'd love to partner with you in raising your kids to know Christ!

Sunday Mornings

Nursery: Our nursery, which is for infants and toddlers, is open from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and is located in the children's hallway. Each classroom has sign-in and sign-out procedures, including pagers. We look forward to taking care of your youngest family member(s) while they play and learn about God!

Contact: Jennifer Baier, Director Day School, 210.654.6408, Children@nhumc.org

Pre-School: On Sunday mornings, our pre-schoolers (2-4 year olds) can go to the nursery if they are here during the 8:30 a.m. service. We also have pre-school Sunday School classes at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m., during which the kids participate in a hands-on Bible lesson, do a craft, have a snack and sometimes play on the playground. Your pre-schooler will learn about God's love while having fun!

Elementary Sunday School: 9:45 and/or 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarteners: Room 8

1st-3rd graders: Room 10

4th-5th graders: Children's Annex 1

Children's Moment: Children's moment take place during each of the morning worship services. Children are welcome to join their parents in church for the beginning of the service, then are invited to the front when it's time for Children's moment. They can then go to Sunday School or go back to join their parents for the service. Adult staff and volunteers lead the kids to Sunday School after Children's moment.



Wednesday Nights

September-May

6:15-7:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesday

7:00-8:00 p.m. Godly Play for 1st-3rd graders

7:00-8:00 p.m. Bible Activity Time (BAT) for 4th-5th graders

Nursery/Pre-school: There is childcare for infants through pre-schoolers on Wednesday evenings during worship and classes, from 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Day School

At Northern Hills Day School, we recognize the importance in providing your child with a loving, Christian environment in which to grow. We offer the opportunity to learn through developmentally appropriate materials and experiences enabling each child to develop physically, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. Northern Hills Day School operates from 8:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, September through May. We offer a 5-day a week program for all ages, a 3-day (MWF) or 2-day (T/Th), for toddler through older 3's. Our Pre-K and Kinder program is 5 days a week. Early Bird hours are available from 7:30-8:45 a.m. and After School hours are available from 2:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. See www.nhumc.org/connect/children for more information.

Contact: Jennifer Baier, Director Day School, JenniferB@nhumc.org, 210.654.8406.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is a highlight of the summer at Northern Hills! Our campus is full of kids and adults, music, laughter, learning, worship and fun. We typically have about 300 kids that attend VBS and over 100 volunteers to make it happen.

Special Events

Throughout the year, Children's Ministry hosts several different special events, including Breakfast with Santa, Trunk or Treat and Easter Family Fun. We love having fun, and these events provide a great chance to invite your friends, family and neighbors to visit Northern Hills.

YOUTH (grades 6-12)

The Youth Ministry at Northern Hills

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 relationship.

We value Servanthood.

Contact: Carly Powne, Director of Youth Ministry, CarlyP@nhumc.org, 503.867.0580

Youth Group

Wednesday nights:

6:30-7:00 p.m. All youth games and hangout

7:00-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Wesley Annex)
High School Youth Group (Annex 1&2)

Small Groups

Monday—Schertz area high school small group, 7:15 a.m.,
Jalisco's on 3009

Tuesday—Tex Hill/Tejeda Middle Schools small group, 7:00 a.m.,
Vida Mia, Bulverde Road

Senior high girls, 7:00 p.m., Wesley Annex, NHUMC Campus
Boys, after basketball, Worship Center, NHUMC Campus

Wednesday—Bradley Middle School "WhataBradleyBiblestudy",
Whataburger Wednesdays!, 7:15 a.m., Brook Hollow
Whataburger

Madison High School small group, 7:30 a.m.,
Taco Express, 4962 Stahl Road (across from Madison)

Thursday—WHATABS middle school small group, 6:45 a.m.,
Whataburger, Bulverde/1604. There are drop offs to
Driscoll, Harris, and Wood Middle Schools.

Johnson High School, Bible study, 4:00 p.m., Sonic, TPC
Parkway

Watch announcements as new groups, or returning groups, will begin over the next few weeks and months.

Sunday School and Services

We encourage you to pick a church service as a family and attend only one hour of Sunday school. We have found that attending church as a family encourages spiritual growth.

9:45 a.m.

Middle and High School class, Meets in Annex 1&2

11:00 a.m.

Middle School Class, Meets in Annex 3

High School Class, Meets in Annex 1&2

Confirmation Class, Meets in Annex 4

Upcoming Events

April 6—Service Project at the Diaper Bank

April 24—Last Wednesday Night (until September)

April 28—Confirmation Sunday

May 4—Global 6K for Water

May 19—Senior Sunday

June 15-27—High School Mission Trip to Liberia

June 24-28—Vacation Bible School

Register for events by picking up a form in Carly's office or online at www.nhumc.org/connect/youth.

For more information, call the church office.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

How can I join NHUMC?

By transfer from another United Methodist Church

Northern Hills invites you to become part of this congregation so that you can attend worship and serve with our people. To transfer your membership, come forward during the closing song of any Sunday service and bring your completed bulletin insert with you. The church office handles the paperwork with your previous congregation.

By transfer from another Christian denomination

United Methodists accept your Christian baptism from another denomination and do not require you to be re-baptized to join our church. We welcome you into our congregation as a full participating member. To join our congregation, come forward during the closing song of any of our Sunday services where a pastor will meet and receive you into membership. (It is not mandatory that you come forward. If you prefer, call or e-mail one of our pastors and they will find time to visit with you and receive you into membership. While coming forward gives the congregation the opportunity to share this moment with you, your decision to belong is no less meaningful to you or God if you choose another way.)

By profession of faith and baptism

Begin your life of faith in Jesus Christ by receiving Christian baptism. Baptism is a symbol of God's grace and a mark of your life as a Christian. It is an indication that you believe in Christ, want to be a part of His church, and intend to lead a new life as God enables you. To be baptized, contact one of the pastors who will be happy to set up a time to explain the meaning and schedule your baptism.

Prayer Ministry

Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m., our prayer team meets in the Sanctuary to pray over all known concerns. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. These prayer requests are also e-mailed to a prayer team. You can send prayer requests to prayer@nhumc.org.

Hospital Visits/Prayer

If you or a loved one, are having surgery, in the hospital or just need prayer, contact our church office at 210.654.0881, and one of our pastors or one of our Visitation Ministry Team members will be happy to visit with you, pray with you, or listen to you.

Compassionate Care

Compassionate Care is a lay-driven listening ministry at NHUMC. Caregivers in our congregation are trained by licensed professionals to listen and empathize in order to meet the needs of those who are hurting. This is a safe environment for adults, adolescents, and children to talk and have access to a listening ear and discerning guidance. If you would like more information or would like request a Compassionate Caregiver, please visit www.nhumc.org/care/compassionate-care or e-mail care@nhumc.org.

Baptism

To schedule a baptism, simply contact the pastor of the service that you would like the baptism to take place.

Milton Lewis, bigmilt@gmail.com

Lupina Villalpando-Stewart, lupinaS@nhumc.org

Weddings

If you are interested in having your wedding at NHUMC, please contact Tanna Finley at 210.654.0881, ext. 202 to check calendar availability and details. She can then put you in touch with our wedding coordinator.

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry provides prayer, encouragement, support, and meals for any funeral reception at NHUMC.

Contact: Ginger Fish, ginger.fish@sbcglobal.net, 210.410.8349



SERVE

Serve in the church

Welcoming ministries

- Sunday greeters
- Welcome Center area/refreshment help
- Children's Sunday School sign-in
- Help prepare and serve meals for special occasions
- Military Recognition and Visibility
- Military Welcome Team

Worship

- Ushers for all services
- Communion servers monthly (weekly/Table service)
- Communion assistants to set up and clear the altar
- Scripture readers
- Media/computer support
- Fellowship breakfast support at the contemporary 9:45 a.m. service, to set up and clean up for the 9:30 a.m. breakfast gathering
- Extra volunteers for Christmas and Easter services

Music/Worship

- The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and sings at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. traditional services, (or more services)
- Praise and worship singers, and musicians for Contemporary 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Office weekdays

- Tuesday volunteers: 2 hour shifts, basic computer skills needed
- Sunday volunteers: 2 hour shifts answering questions and some computer work
- Friday volunteers: 2 hour afternoon shift

Children

- Weekly Sunday School teachers and aides
- Wednesday evening children's ministry volunteers
- Special Events: Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Family Fun

Youth

- Teachers, mentors, sponsors, and drivers for Sunday School, Youth Group (Wednesday night and throughout the week)



Serve in the community

Ministry Center

See pages 10-11



Food Pantry

Northern Hills operates an emergency food pantry, which is open every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Our food pantry serves people that live in nine different zip codes around our church. Recipients can visit the pantry once a month, not to exceed six times a year, and typically receive 4 to 6 bags of food, depending on the size of their family.

Contact: Anita Lunde, anita_lunde@yahoo.com or Beverly Amick, bjamick@yahoo.com

ESL Classes

See page 7.

Reading Buddies

Through a partnership with San Antonio Literacy Council, NHUMC provides Reading Buddies on a weekly basis for 2nd graders at various elementary schools.

Serve globally

Liberia

We have a relationship with the United Methodist Church in Liberia and provide financial support and prayer when needed. We have provided aid during the Ebola outbreak and gave money to help with tuition, books, and supplies for the William Tubman Gray School in Liberia.





MINISTRY CENTER

