



NHUMC
IN
ACTION
GUIDE

REACH

OTHERS FOR JESUS

TEACH

THE WAYS OF JESUS

LOVE

THE WORLD FOR
WHICH JESUS DIED

SO THAT GOD IS GLORIFIED THROUGH HIS SON.

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” *Romans 10:14*



We are so glad that the Lord has brought you to Northern Hills UMC, where our mission is to Reach others for Jesus, Teach and learn the ways of Jesus, and Love the world for which Jesus died. As a result of this mission, God has opened spaces for our congregation where we can interact with the community. This connection allows us to learn how God is moving in the world and how we are called to be involved in it. This guide provides a way to learn about all the opportunities you can get involved in, both as a receiver and/or participant of these ministries.

We encourage you to prayerfully read the information and listen for his guidance, as to where the Lord leads you to serve and participate. Please reach out to the specific person that is listed as the contact person to get more details, and then, let the Spirit use you as an amazing member of the Body of Christ.

WHO WE ARE

Northern Hills United Methodist Church is a congregation with two campus locations:

Northern Hills UMC @ 1604
Ministry Center @ Naco Pass

At both of our locations, we want to connect with our community and provide opportunities of worship, fellowship and service through our mission to Reach, Teach, and Love.

We are called to be intentional in creating diverse ways to worship. From traditional and contemporary, indoor and outdoor, English and Bilingual – through both English and Spanish, we see this diversity as an opportunity to open spaces for every person to find their way to listen and connect with the Lord.

It is our passion to learn and serve from, and within, our community. There are approximately 42 different ministries here at Northern Hills that help us walk side by side with our neighborhood, community, country and the world.

We are intentional in equipping each person, from little children to adults, to understand their value in Christ and to grow in their faith. For this reason, we offer programs like Bible studies and small groups that encourage and support your growth in the knowledge of the Scripture and its application in your daily life.

We also enjoy having fun together! You will find us sharing a meal before the Bilingual Worship service at the Ministry Center, or in a Christmas Children’s program, by enjoying hot cocoa and cookies, while we celebrate the birth of Christ. We laugh while participating in the United Methodist Women – Fun, Food, and Follies program; we are also cheerleaders of the World Vision team running in a marathon. We are a family. Somos familia.

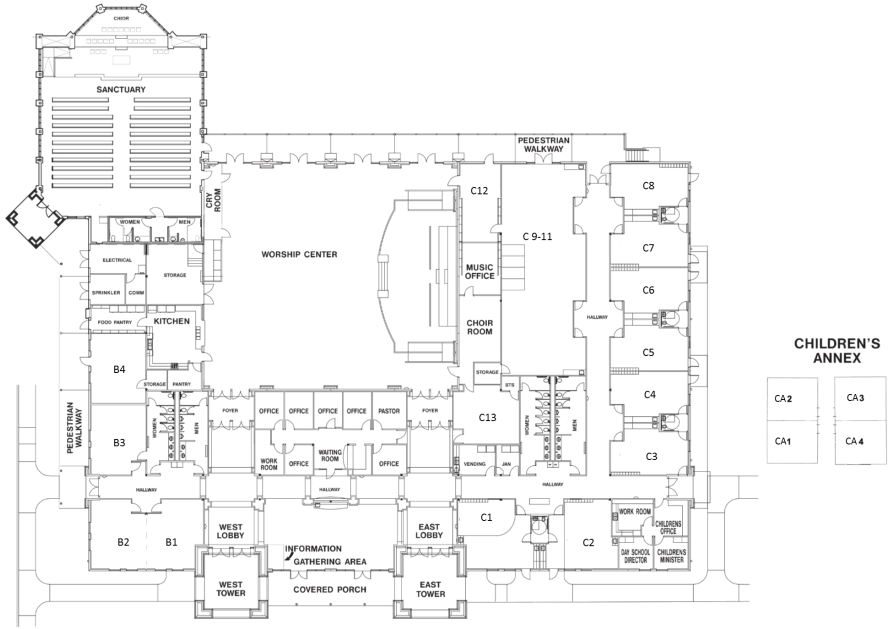
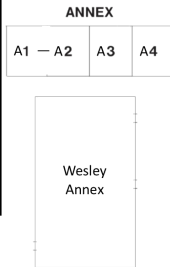
Come and see!

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CAMPUS MAPS

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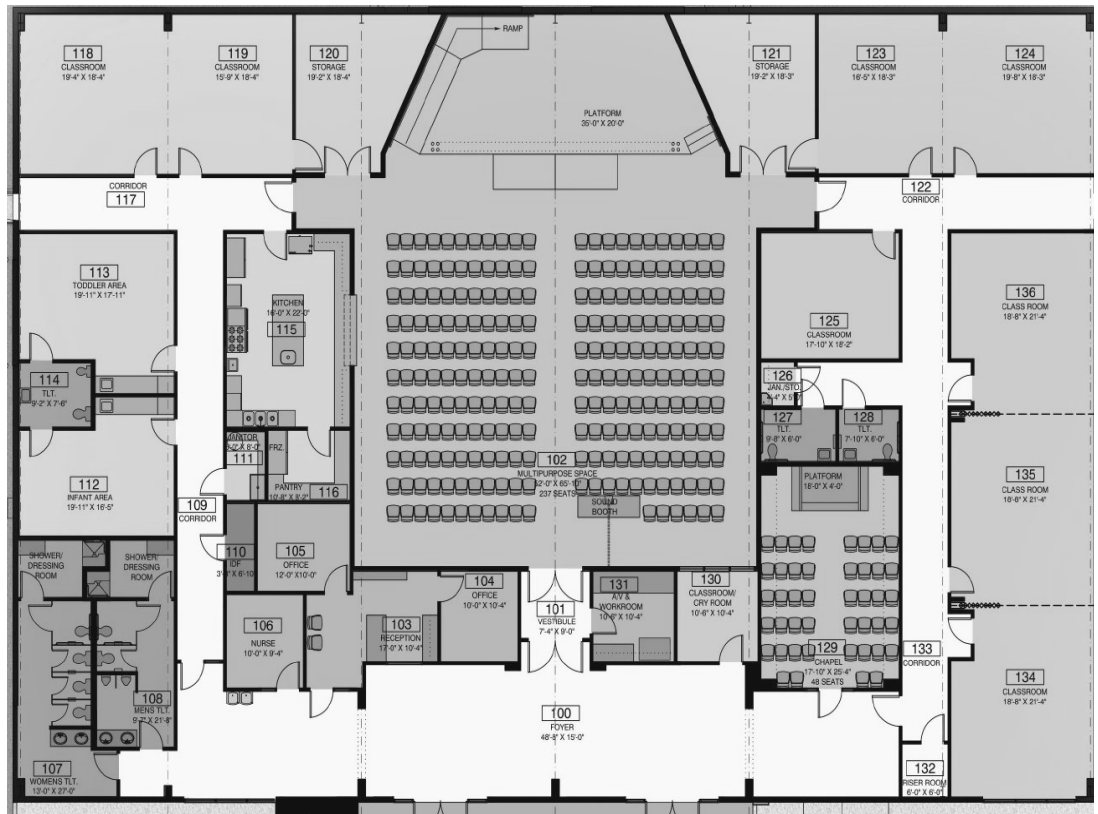
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San Antonio, TX 78247
210-654-0881

www.nhumc.org
nhumc@nhumc.org

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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-accessible spots in the front.

MINISTRY CENTER



4306 Naco Pass
San Antonio, TX 78217
210-236-6810

MinistryCenter@nhumc.org
www.nhumc.org

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

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.

Senior Pastor	Lupina Villalpando-Stewart	LupinaS@nhumc.org
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WORSHIP

***MAIN CAMPUS SERVICES
SUNDAYS***

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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.

11:00 a.m.

In the Worship Center

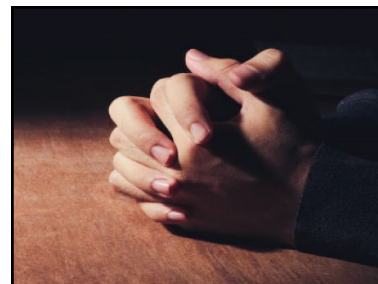
This is a service for those looking for spiritual nourishment in a multi-cultural and multi-generational spiritual community. Drawing from both historical traditions and modern culture, this service is about fellowship, prayer, and studying God’s word.

PRAYER SERVICE ON TUESDAY

6:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

Our prayer team meets every Tuesday to pray over all known concerns. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. These prayer requests are emailed to a prayer team.



WORSHIP

W.O.W. – WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

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

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

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 and then moves to worship. Our pastors and worship leaders alternate leadership of this weekly service, which includes singing and prayer, a message from our lay leaders 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.

W.O.W.

MINISTRY CENTER SERVICES

SUNDAYS

LA ROCA – BILINGUAL

12:30 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Worship

La Roca is a fully bilingual service, with all the 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.



TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME AND PRAYER

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

This group of volunteers offer hospitality, snacks and prayer to VIA bus riders every Tuesday afternoon.



WEDNESDAY MORNING CURBSIDE PRAYER SERVICE

5:30 a.m.

This outreach is a significant way that we connect with the bus travelers. We offer hot coffee, pastries, fellowship, prayer and worship every Wednesday morning.

SOS – SERVICE ON SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Come as you are and have a meal, fellowship and worship in a relaxed contemporary style atmosphere.

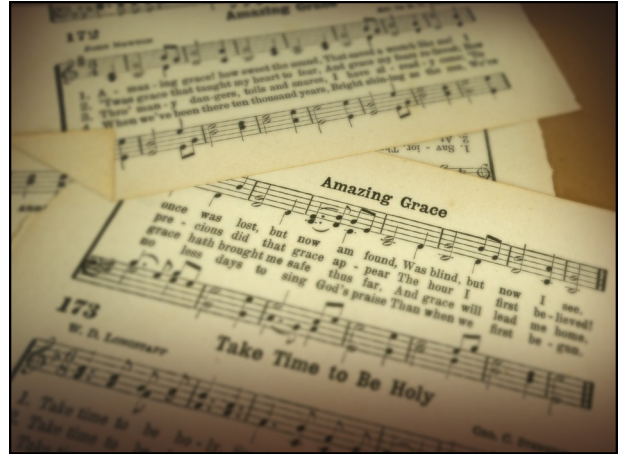
MUSIC

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.

TRADITIONAL – 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 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 is held on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Contact: Abel Stewart, AbelS@nhumc.org
210-654-0881, ext. 221**



CONTEMPORARY 9:45 WORSHIP 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 is held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

**Contact: Nate Finley, NateF@nhumc.org
210-654-0881**

CONTEMPORARY 11:00 WORSHIP TEAM

This service incorporates a thoroughly inter-generational 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 is held on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

**Contact: Nate Finley, NateF@nhumc.org
210-654-0881**

MINISTRY CENTER MUSIC GROUP

La Roca is a bilingual worship service, and there is a thorough mix of contemporary and traditional Christian music styles, but also includes traditional and contemporary Latino Christian music. The music team is made up of volunteers and 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 is held on Sunday after the La Roca service at the Ministry Center.

**Contact: Abel Stewart, AbelS@nhumc.org
210-654-0881, ext. 221**



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

There are many opportunities to build relationships as you build your faith through group study of the Bible and biblically-based curriculum designed to teach believers.

MAIN CAMPUS SUNDAYS

Sunday School classes are offered at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. Feel free to visit classes until you find the one that is right for you. We understand our large campus can be confusing, so we make every effort possible to have people available to offer directions, as well as posted maps.

9:45 A.M. CLASSES

Beacons, room 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, ages 70+.

Believing Shepherds, room B1

Leaders/Facilitators: Jim Ferguson
jffergsatx@gmail.com and **Howard Marsh**
hmarsh515@gmail.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@gmail.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), room B4

Leaders/Facilitators: Blaine Turner
blainekendellturner@gmail.com

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



Men's Class, room B3

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

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

The Open Door , Annex 1 & 2

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 aged 50+.

11:00 A.M. CLASSES

Koinonia, room 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 DISCIPLESHIP

11:00 A.M. CLASSES (CONT.)

SALT (Sharing and Learning Together), room 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 of a variety of ages, singles and couples.

Son Seekers, room 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.

The Remix, room 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.

MINISTRY CENTER

SUNDAYS

Adult Special Needs

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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

This class ministers to adult special-needs participants.

La Roca Bible Study

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Leaders/Facilitators: Abdon Garza,
AbdonG@nhumc.org and **Rudy Ruiz,**
ruizsax@yahoo.com

This adult bilingual bible study focuses on different books of the Bible. We utilize videos and studies from leading Christian authors and leaders to explore God's word. Este estudio bíblico bilingüe se enfoca en diferentes libros de la Biblia. Utilizamos videos y estudios de los principales autores y líderes cristianos para explorar la palabra de Dios.

MONDAYS

Precept Bible Study, room B1

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Leader: Janice Cooper, Reception@nhumc.org

This Bible study is intended to give you a deeper understanding of the resurrection and its power in your life.

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 p.m. – Bible Studies and Classes

Different Bible studies/classes are offered after worship on Wednesdays. In the fall and winter, there is always something available to meet you where you are on your faith journey. Watch for sign-ups and information online.



MONDAYS

Monday Morning Moms

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Leader: Dionne Coston, mail4DNA@yahoo.com

This class 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. You're welcome to join at any time. Childcare is available.



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 includes everything from rocking babies in the nursery, to a mission week for 5th graders, 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!

Contact Katherine Reed, Children's Director, KatherineR@nhumc.org, 210-654-0881, ext. 213

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Nursery

Our nursery, for infants and toddlers, is open from 8:30 a.m. - noon, 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!

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. 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!

Elementary Sunday School

9:45 and/or 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarteners - Room 8
1st-3rd graders - Room 10
4th-5th graders - Room 12

Children's Moment

Children's moment takes 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 Children's moment. They can then go to Sunday School or back to join their parents for the service. Adult staff and volunteers lead the kids to Sunday School after Children's moment.



Children's Bulletin

There are Children's bulletins for your child, so that they can follow along with the service. You will find them at the back of the Worship Center or Sanctuary. Don't forget to grab a bag of coloring pencils for the picture on the back of the bulletin.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

September - May

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Welcome & Worship—during this time we play a game, sing worship songs, and have a short message together.

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Kids Bible Studies

- 1st - 3rd grade
- 4th and 5th grade

8:00 p.m. - Parent pick up

Childcare: There is childcare for infants through 5 years on Wednesday evenings during worship and classes, from 6:15-8:00 p.m.

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 help 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.

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, August through May. We offer a 5-day a week program for all ages, a 3-day a week (MWF) or 2-day (T/TH) for toddler through older 3's. Our Pre-K 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 – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contact:
Jennifer Baier,
Day School Director
JenniferB@nhumc.org
210-654-8406



YOUTH

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, Youth Director, CarlyP@nhumc.org, 503-867-0580



YOUTH

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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SERVICES

We encourage you to pick a church service as a family.
We have found that attending church as a family
encourages spiritual growth.

11:00 a.m.

Middle School Class, Meets in the Wesley Annex

High School Class, Meets in Annex 1 and 2

Confirmation Class, Meets in Annex 4 (during school
year)



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** - 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

Questions about small groups, contact Carly Powne,
CarlyP@nhumc.org.



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OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP WITH OUR CONGREGATION

Why it is important?

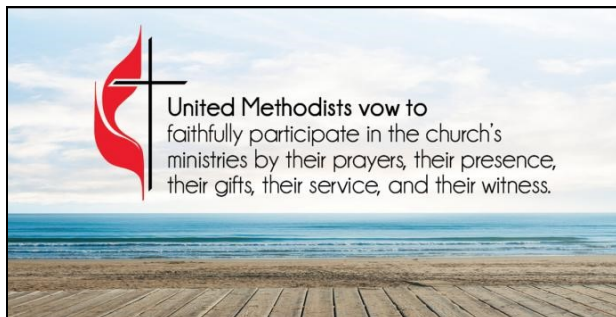
Becoming a member with our congregation is important because it is our public commitment to you and you with us, to be a Christian family where we vow to grow together in our faith in Christ. We promise to glorify the Lord with our lives and we become accountable to participate in our congregation with our prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service.

As the United Methodist Church organization explains: "For United Methodists, membership means being part of a fellowship of followers of Jesus Christ who seek to make the world more like the Kingdom of God. Being a member means becoming as much a part of the church, the body of Christ, as our limbs are members of our own physical bodies. Just as our bodies are formed in the waters of the womb, so we become part of the body of Christ through the waters of baptism."

How do I join?

Let the pastors know that you desire to join into membership by filling out the Sunday worship bulletin insert or by contacting any of the pastors through email or by calling the church office.

The pastors will set a Sunday date with you when you will be invited to join by coming forward during the worship service, where the pastor will introduce you, ask you about joining and pray for you. If you would like to become a member in a more private setting, or on another day besides on a Sunday, we will schedule that for you.



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.

BAPTISM

To schedule a baptism, simply contact the pastor of the service that you would like the baptism to take place or call the church office at 210-654-0881.

Lupina Villalpando-Stewart, LupinaS@nhumc.org
Patrick Jackson, PatrickJ@nhumc.org
Abdon Garza, AbdonG@nhumc.org



FUNERALS

If the need arises for funeral or memorial services, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office at 210-654-0881.

Lupina Villalpando-Stewart, LupinaS@nhumc.org
Patrick Jackson, PatrickJ@nhumc.org
Abdon Garza, AbdonG@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 to get details.

NEED PRAYER?

Please email all prayer requests to prayer@nhumc.org. Our prayer team will pray over any requests that come in at our Tuesday morning prayer service.

MINISTRIES

Ministries at NHUMC serve as the vehicle to take our mission to the community and beyond, and to provide fellowship and spiritual growth.

ADULT SPECIAL NEEDS

This ministry provides activities, games, life skills programs, and prayer for Special Needs Adults in the community.

Contact: Vicky Spangler, 210-867-7899

MinistryCenter@nhumc.org

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

This ministry strives to reach, teach and love the biker community, and to give back to our local community through the donation of children's books. They serve to plant the seed of our Lord and Savior, and to fellowship with the biker community.

Contact: Hershel Krigbaum, 210-263-7156

hakrigbaum@yahoo.com



CITIZENSHIP

This ministry reaches out to the non-English speaking community in northeast San Antonio, helping them to adjust to the United States and in that process showing them the love of Christ by their actions.

Contact: Janice Cooper, 210-656-1547

Reception@nhumc.org

DOLLARS OF HOPE

This ministry gives away hundreds of dollars to people in need. On a weekly basis, members of Northern Hills UMC are invited to place an extra dollar in one of the offering boxes located near the worship center and sanctuary entrances. That same week, the money is given to a person(s) in need who are not typically members of the church. Groups, classes, and individuals make referrals to the Senior Pastor who then determines who will receive the gift.

Contact: Lupina Stewart, 210-654-0881

LupinaS@nhumc.org

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

This ministry helps individuals learn and/or improve their skills in communicating in English. Volunteers are members of our church and the community who speak English fluently and are willing to help others with their command of the English language. ESL classes are offered at different locations:

ESL at the Ministry Center campus

Contact: Abdon Garza, 210-236-6810

MinistryCenter@nhumc.org

ESL at the 1604 Campus

Contact: Janice Cooper, 210-656-1547

Reception@nhumc.org

ESL at Steubing Ranch and Stahl Elementary Schools

Contact: Janice Cooper, 210-656-1547

Reception@nhumc.org

FOOD PANTRY

This ministry provides emergency food to those in need in our community with kindness, grace, compassion, and love in response to God's love for us through the Food Pantry and Ministry Center.

Contact: Anita Lunde

214-995-0623

anita_lunde@yahoo.com

Contact: Beverly Amick

210-479-3537

bjamick@yahoo.com



GUITAR CLASSES

This ministry develops international discipleship through learning how to play the guitar and to be in fellowship.

Contact: Tim Bryant, 210-601-1980

timbuc03@sbcglobal.net

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

This ministry serves God by assisting the congregation and community to care for one another, enabling them to be vibrant servants of God through optimal health and wellness of mind, body and spirit. This is done through health awareness, education and support.

Contact: Abby Kurth, 210-392-5500

kurthlink@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Gloria Contreras, RN

gcontreras@mhm.org

MINISTRIES

HOMESCHOOL HELP AT THE AVISTAR APARTMENTS

This ministry reaches beyond the walls of our church and provides homework and reading help to children who would otherwise be home alone after school.

Contact: Wanda Ward, 210-236-6810

MinistryCenter@nhumc.org

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

This ministry is a non-profit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. NHUMC is using these libraries to establish a presence in, and foster relationships with communities throughout northeast San Antonio and beyond.

Contact: Neil Bys, 210-651-9175

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MILITARY MINISTRY

This ministry serves the military and their families in our own congregation, as well as the San Antonio community. The ministry's vision is to enhance relationships with military families, ensure NHUMC is a welcoming church home to them, and inspire them to serve God in San Antonio and beyond.

Contact: Kevin & Nancy Vaille, 210-393-6031

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MISSIONS MINISTRY

INTERNATIONAL (DEAF MINISTRY, LIBERIA, MEXICO, GUATEMALA)

International Missions is focused on "Reaching" and "Loving" others in their environment. Our goal is to be in service to others realizing that answering the question of who is our neighbor, means not only those in our community, but even those outside our country. Northern Hills is engaged in the world in several places. We continue to cultivate our relationship with a Methodist Mission Station in Liberia. This has included our Youth Mission Trip this past summer. In addition, our financial support has purchased sewing machines and carpentry tools for vocational programs, as well as school text books. The most meaningful part of this relationships developed between our youth and adults, and our brothers and sisters in Liberia.

After initial exchange visits this past year, we are in the process of developing a partnership with a strong church in Ciudad Acuna with a goal of sharing in joint mission projects to foster Christian relationships. We also have members participating in International Deaf Ministry providing signing training with international Christian missions.

Clean water is one of the real issues in underdeveloped countries and it is one of the most important focus areas of international missions. Team World Vision implements clean water projects. Northern Hills participates through marathons and runs as described below.

UMCOR

Emergency response to disaster is managed in the United Methodist Church by United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR). Our goal this year is to expand the awareness and training in the congregation for participation on Disaster Teams. UMCOR is funded through our apportionments and UMCOR teams are often the first responding to disaster situations such as hurricanes or flooding. We will be promoting available training sessions, in the conference, with the target of have a trained group of volunteers at NHUMC. If you have a heart for serving others and would like to participate with the International Missions team contact is below.

Contact: Jim Ferguson, 210-241-2204

jjfergsatx@gmail.com



MINISTRIES

MISSIONS MINISTRIES (CONT.)

WORLD VISION

This ministry is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

Contact: Carly Powne, 210-654-0881

CarlyP@nhumc.org



MOVING ON

This ministry is made up of a group of widows and widowers who have developed a strong relationship with each other. The members meet once a month at different restaurants for fellowship, devotion and a good meal.

Contact: Maxine Webber, 210-451-9162

maxinewebber@att.net

PRISON MINISTRIES

EPIPHANY MINISTRY

This ministry offers incarcerated youth an opportunity to change their lives and value systems by introducing them to Jesus Christ. The ministry seeks to meet the youths' basic need of feeling that their lives are worthwhile because of God's endless love for them. It is an ecumenical ministry that is held over a three-day weekend that demonstrates God's message of love, grace, and forgiveness. Weekends are conducted twice a year at the Cindi Taylor Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center. The weekend is followed by a monthly reunion meeting to continue to guide youth on their spiritual walk.

Contact: Carolyn Wallock, 214-901-6848

cwallock@satx.rr.com

Contact: Marsha Reindl, 210-410-0064

marsha.reindle@yahoo.com

KAIROS INSIDE

This ministry strives to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. Kairos Inside creates Christian communities inside prisons that transform lives, decrease prison violence, and reduce recidivism.

Contact: Brian Boles, 210-268-7275

brian@3swords.com

Contact: Pops Rodriguez, 210-478-6699

popspr64@gmail.com



KAIROS OUTSIDE

This ministry supports the families of men and women who are, or have been incarcerated in the country's state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and offender programs. Because the friends and families of those incarcerated often go through the same isolation, it is important for them to know they are not alone. Kairos Outside offers these families and friends the opportunity to know that there is a Christian community that cares about them. Our purpose is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support to these families.

Contact: Ron & Mary Trafton, 210-402-0658

maryjtrafton@gmail.com

ONE DAY WITH GOD

This ministry provides an opportunity for the children of incarcerated men to spend a day with their fathers. Children and their fathers get to talk one-on-one, laugh, eat, and dance together, listen to inspirational messages, and make a take-home bedside light to know their father is right there in spirit.

Contact: Ron & Mary Trafton, 210-402-0658

maryjtrafton@gmail.com

MINISTRIES

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This ministry engages young adults in serving children grades K – 5 in high-need San Antonio neighborhoods. Children participate in daily enrichment activities including homework assistance, art enrichment, science and math exploration, healthy decision-making, and nutrition education. Daily activities aim to address any deficiencies, while building a love for reading and a desire to be life-long learners.

Contact:

Abdon Garza
210-236-6810

**MinistryCenter@
nhumc.org**

Contact: Kaci Boylan
210-408-4500

kboylan@riotexas.org



PROJECT TRANSFORMATION SUMMER PROGRAM

This ministry provides intervention for elementary age children to prevent the loss of reading skills during the summer. Thirty minutes of reading with a mentor is included each day for eight weeks. The summer camp includes two family nights to connect the Ministry Center with the community. Continued connection with the families is accomplished through birthday books and community enrichment classes to which families are invited throughout the year.

Contact: Janice Cooper, 210-656-1547

Reception@nhumc.org

QUILTERS

This group of women gather together to do crafts of all sorts. Quilts are made for numerous charities such as Quilts of Valor, chemo patients, and special needs children. The group also works on personal projects while enjoying fellowship, laughter, tears (sometimes), and a great sisterhood.

Contact: Nancy Byron, 210-490-6321

nancy_byron@att.net

RAMBUNCTIOUS RETIREES

This ministry provides fun and fellowship for the retirees of Northern Hills UMC.

Contact: Colletta Galloway, 210-499-0857

collettag@att.net

SAN ANTONIO YOUTH LITERACY READING BUDDIES

This ministry serves God by promoting youth literacy. The program supplies Reading Buddies to schools, and to support Project Transformation. Through the SAYL Program, volunteers read once a week with two second graders for 30 minutes each, at a Title 1 elementary school during the academic year.

Contact: Kirby Carpenter, 210-287-0247

kirby@ascoeq.com

SCOUTING

The mission of Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Troop 145 meets at Northern Hills for their scouting activities.

Contact:

Michael Hoelscher
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SUNDAY SERVANTS

This ministry provides the greeters, ushers and communion servers for our various worship services. Greeters and ushers meet people with a smile as they arrive at worship and assist with questions and finding seating as needed. Communion servers minister to others as they serve the Lord's Supper.

Contact: Judy Seymour, 210-416-9021

seymourjudy1@gmail.com

TEXAS DIAPER BANK

Established by ten United Methodist Churches in San Antonio in 1997, the Texas Diaper Bank has been working to meet the basic needs of vulnerable babies, children with disabilities and seniors. The organization's mission to provide programs and services, to respond to families in crisis and improve the daily conditions of their lives has led the organization to provide basic needs services combined with educational opportunities that strengthen a family's self-reliance.

Contact: Donna Roeder, 830-980-5108

roederdl@gvyc.com

TUESDAY CONNECTION

This ministry offers hospitality and prayer to VIA bus patrons on Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Ministry Center.

Contact: Abdon Garza, 210-236-6810

MinistryCenter@nhumc.org

MINISTRIES

UMM (UNITED METHODIST MEN)

This ministry engages a fellowship of men in Christ into a workforce of service to Northern Hills and the community.

Contact: Neil Finley, 210-669-1132
neilfinley42@gmail.com

UMW (UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)

A community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Contact: Donna Roeder, 830-980-5108
roederdl@gvtc.com

Contact: Diana Ferguson, 210-273-6636
dianaferguson@gmail.com

VISITATION

This ministry maintains relationships and provides comfort, caring, communion, and communication to congregants who are ill, having surgery, and/or are unable to attend church.

Contact: Juanda DeCoulaz, 817-455-0668
jdecoulaz@yahoo.com



WALK TO EMMAUS

Emmaus ministries exist to inspire, challenge, and equip local faith communities for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities, and places of work. Participants, also known as pilgrims, attend a 3-day weekend where they deepen their faith and discipleship and rekindle – or perhaps ignite – their gifts as Christian leaders for their church and community. Once the weekend is completed, pilgrims participate in follow-up spiritual support groups and Emmaus Community fellowship opportunities, sponsorship, prayer, support of other Emmaus Ministry events, and service on support committees and teams.

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COMMITTEES

The United Methodist church has created an avenue of committees as a way to empower the work of the church from a local level to a global level. With the help of these committees, we bring structure to facilitate administration, implementation of programs, development of missions and preparation of events. With this structure, the local church is able to move in its mission and vision toward becoming a direct participant in the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board is the governing body of the church. The Board is the ultimate policy-setting and decision-making body. The Board approves the annual budget recommended by the Finance Committee. The Board meets 3-4 times per year, to hear reports from other administrative areas and from ministry areas. Pastors' reports are also included. A given meeting may be reporting only. From time to time ministry, policy, and financial decisions are made. The Board is composed of certain elected leaders designated by The Book of Discipline, and by members-at-large elected at Charge Conference recommended by the Nominations Committee.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC)

The primary responsibility of SPRC is to represent the church in the matter of the appointment of its pastors. The SPRC makes an annual recommendation to the Bishop and Cabinet regarding the continuing appointment of its pastors. (United Methodist pastors are "itinerant" ministers who are appointed annually to their congregations by the Bishop and Cabinet.) If an appointment change is indicated, the committee consults with the Bishop and Cabinet regarding the new appointment. The SPRC is the official "voice" of the church in these matters. Our current three appointed pastors are Lupina Stewart, Patrick Jackson, and Abdon Garza.

The SPRC is also charged with oversight of paid staff. The SPRC recommends salaries and compensation to the Finance Committee for recommendation to and approval by the Administrative Board. The committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday. The SPRC is composed of nine persons in three three-year classes, plus a few others who are on SPRC by virtue of their position in the church. The committee is responsible for staff development and evaluations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends the annual budget to the Board for approval and manages/oversees the budget throughout the year. The Finance Committee meets about 8 times per year. The committee is composed of certain elected leaders designated by The Book of Discipline and by members-at-large elected at Charge Conference recommended by the Nominations Committee.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are responsible for all matters related to property, ranging from church workdays to supervising the overall care of the property to signing legal documents. The Board of Trustees often works in conversation with the Finance Committee. Dudley Harral, our Executive Administrator, is the primary staff person relating to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have three classes of three, who serve 3-year terms. Trustees elect their own chairperson, in contrast to other administrative committees where the chairperson is nominated and elected by Charge Conference.

LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Northern Hills is currently allocated 5 delegates to the Rio Texas Annual Conference. Our Annual Conference consists of approximately 350 congregations representing approximately 100,000 United Methodists in South Texas. San Antonio is the Conference headquarters. We are overseen by a Bishop, Robert Schnase, and 6-7 District Superintendents. The budget of the Annual Conference is approximately \$10 million, which is funded through local church apportionments. Northern Hills' annual apportionment is approximately \$250,000. Annual Conference Session is held each year in Corpus Christi. It goes from Wednesday through Saturday, usually held the second week of June. Our delegates attend the sessions of Annual Conference, vote on all matters that come before the AC, and report back to the church. Delegates at NHUMC are elected for 4-year terms. Current delegates are elected through 2020.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The senior pastor is chair of the Nominations Committee, officially called today the Leadership Development Committee. The Nominations Committee nominates all elected leaders to positions prescribed by the The Book of Discipline. The committee fills 3 openings per year.

I want to invite you to be intentional in these actions during the next months:

Prayer – We want to maintain the Lord as the leader, guide, and way to follow in this season. We do not want to get distracted with things that take us away from His will, but to move toward His plan.

Support as a member – Prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service are the ways that we support each other to maintain ourselves healthy as a congregation.

Learn and get involved in our NHUMC ACTION program

The purpose of this program is to precisely facilitate the process of assimilation to every person that comes to this congregation. This process will help a person at his or her own “speed” to grow and explore the way our congregation functions, places where he/she can serve, tools that will help him/her to learn more about himself/herself, and experiences in his/her own lives than can be used to serve in the Body of Christ.”

Regardless if you have been a member for the entire life of this church or if you just came to visit for the first time last week, this program will welcome and encourage you to participate.

This program is divided in 3 main categories:

A = Ask & Acquire Stage (1.5 hour class)

Audience and Purpose: Any person at NHUMC, whether a member or visitor, that wants to become knowledgeable about the church and the United Methodist denomination.

Content: A look back: United Methodism
NHUMC: Yesterday and Today
Everything you need to know about NHUMC
The Church in ACTION

C = Connection & Commitment Stage (1.5 hour class)

Audience: Any person at NHUMC, whether member or visitor, that desires an understanding of his/her spiritual gifts and how those gifts connect to NHUMC's mission.

Purpose: To help participants understand and connect their spiritual gifts to the mission of NHUMC so that they can determine where they can effectively serve in the church.

Content: How God designed you
Connecting YOU and NHUMC

T = Try & Thrive Stage (“Hands on” practice)

Audience: Any person at NHUMC, whether member or visitor, that is ready to begin serving in his/her selected ministry.

Purpose: Assimilate into chosen ministry.

At this stage, the person is independently seeking information on the places he or she wishes to serve. Each area will have its own “leader path” to integrate the person successfully into the area of service. The path is clearly defined and documented by the leader of the committee or ministry.

NHUMC STAFF



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