



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.

WELCOME

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4: 19

Peace and Grace to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!
¡Que la Paz y Gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo sea con ustedes!

I am the Rev. Lupina Villalpando-Stewart. I am appointed as the Senior Pastor for this amazing congregation, Northern Hills United Methodist Church.

We are so glad that you are exploring the many opportunities that God has provided for us to become *Servants-in-Ministry*. We believe that by using the gifts and talents that the Holy Spirit provides us, that we are able to grow in our faith, as well as become a direct participant in the expansion of the Kingdom of God.



When getting involved in ministries and missions, there are a few important elements that we encourage you to understand:

1. Every person who recognizes the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is equipped by the Holy Spirit to serve as the Body of Christ and to connect within the Church as well as with the community.
If you would like to learn more about your own Spiritual Gifts, please take this free inventory gifts test that will help identify your interests and strengths: <https://giftstest.com/>
2. We approach the community as a place where God is already present and in His *Prevenient Grace*, He is already doing intentional outreach to every person. When we go out into the community, we go as *learners*, to discover how God is speaking to us and to grow in our faith. We walk WITH the community and together we encounter God's *grace and transformation*.
3. Every single person that we meet deserves respect. Each of us is created in God's image and we are intentional in preserving people's dignity in everything we do.
4. When we gather as a church community, in-person and/or online, we are members of the Christian family. This is more than just a weekly event, it is a space to experience God's celebration, restoration, and faith formation; a place for us that can only happen when we are connected as a congregation.

Therefore, may this information help you to explore and decide ways in which you can get involved as an amazing member of our congregation and may that become a place of transformation for you, your family, and the community that surrounds us.

Bendiciones de Dios,
Pastor Lupina
lupinas@nhumc.org



Greetings,

I welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My name is Bob Allen and I am the pastor/preacher of our two Traditional Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary. I am a graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX and Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. I am an ordained Elder within the tradition of the United Methodist Church. I was ordained in 1978 in the Louisiana United Methodist Conference. I formally retired in 2017 and was called out of retirement to serve here at Northern Hills UMC in 2022. I am a blessed man to be a part of this fantastic team of believers.

My wife Irene and I have been married for 50 years. We have two children and nine grandchildren. We are proud to be a part of this congregation of United Methodists and would invite you to become a part of this great church family. This is a great place to find a supportive community of Christian love. This is a place to discover new Christian friends. This is a place where you can be part of a small group, a Sunday School class and/or to be engaged in a Bible Study on Wednesday evening to help you grow in your faith. You will find opportunities to serve the needs of this neighborhood. We are committed to the neighbors that God has given us to serve. Come join us for engaging, exciting, and challenging worship services. It is good to be a part of the Body of Christ.

If you would like to have a conversation, contact me at BobA@nhumc.org or call me directly on my cell phone 210-952-5502.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ may God bless you. I am Pastor Abdon Garza, Community Pastor for Northern Hills United Methodist Church – Ministry Center. I am so happy that you are considering serving in one of the ministries of our church.

As a member of Northern Hills since 2001, I have been blessed with opportunities to serve in various ministries. Each experience, even the ones that were not a fit for me, helped me to grow in faith and strengthened my relationship with the Lord. To my surprise, I found that serving in outreach ministries that help the underserved of our community was where I was most fulfilled.

Those experiences led to my call to enter full-time ministry. I encourage you to try various ministries and pray for discernment to see where the Lord is calling you to serve. Be patient in your discernment process; you have spiritual gifts that will bless others, but it may take time to find the right one.

If the ministry opportunities that we have included in this program guide do not work for you, perhaps you will be the one who establishes a new ministry or mission.

I strongly believe that the Lord has brought you to Northern Hills and guided you to consider becoming a “Servant in Ministry”. I encourage you to reach out to me, the ministry leaders, or any of our Pastors if you have questions.

Blessings,
Pastor Abdon



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 celebrating spring with a Spring Celebration, VBS Sunday, 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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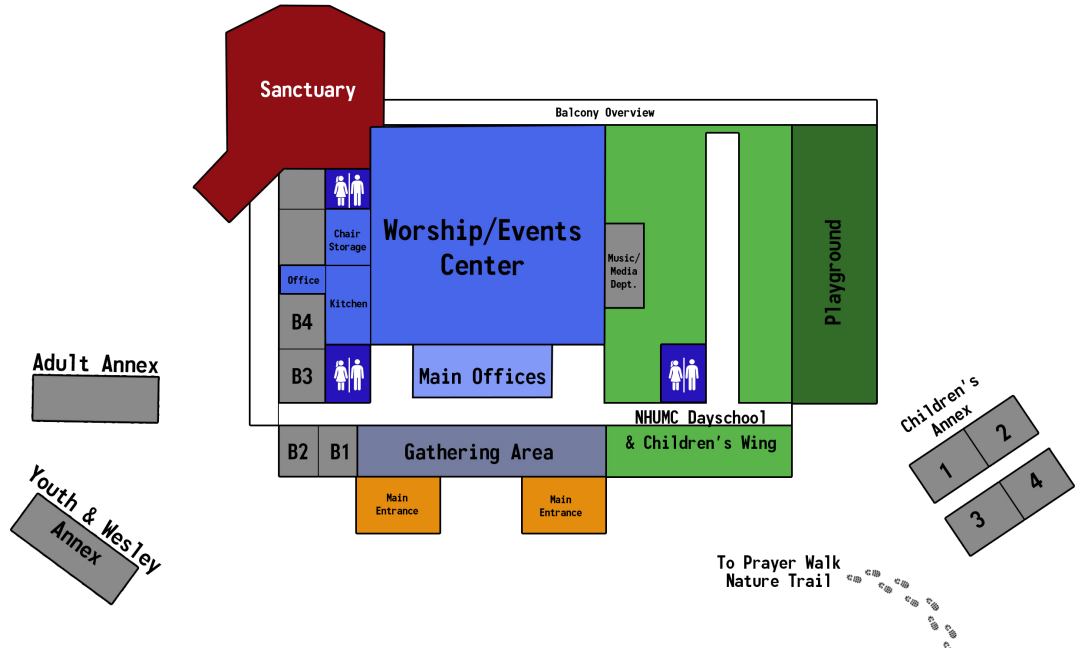
1604 CAMPUS



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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 United Methodist 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.

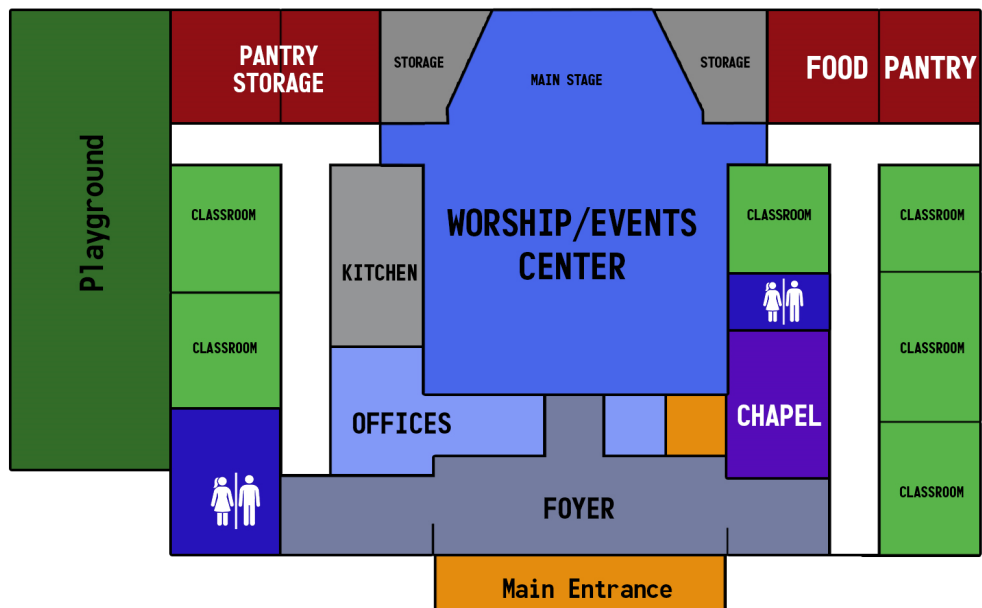
MINISTRY CENTER



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

MinistryCenter@nhumc.org
www.nhumc.org

Monday - Friday,



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.

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Administrative Assistant, Ministry Center	Rebecca Futchel	RebeccaF@nhumc.org

WORSHIP

1604 CAMPUS

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. in person and livestreamed

11:00 a.m. in person only

In the Sanctuary

Our traditional worship service uses historical elements of the Christian faith and the United Methodist denomination to give glory to God and empower Christian Discipleship. Communion is given the first Sunday of each month.



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. in person and livestreamed

In the Worship Center

Contemporary worship is always changing, but it generally involves modern, high-energy music, dynamic media, and preaching on daily life topics to empower Christian discipleship and focus attention on God. Communion is given the first Sunday of each month.

Find our live virtual worship services on YouTube and Facebook @NorthernHillsUMC.

WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE

6:30–7:00 p.m. - in person and livestreamed
You can find us on YouTube and Facebook
(September - May)

Wednesday nights at NHUMC are family study nights. With a full array of fellowship, worship, and study activities for all ages. Our Pastors and Lay Servants lead an in person and online interactive prayer or topical service called Wednesday Night Life (WNL) from 6:30-7:00 p.m. This service is held in our Sanctuary as well as on our YouTube and Facebook social media pages. On Wednesday nights we worship as one body, no matter which worship style you prefer, we are one church and one family seeking out the face and will of our Lord. Children and Youth Wednesday nights start at 5:30 p.m., see more in their sections on pages 8 and 10. Adult Bible studies begin at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTRY CENTER CAMPUS

SUNDAYS

LA ROCA – BILINGUAL

1:00 p.m. in person and livestreamed

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 offered every Sunday. Find our live virtual worship services on YouTube and Facebook @NHUMC.

PRAYER SERVICE ON TUESDAY

11:30 a.m.

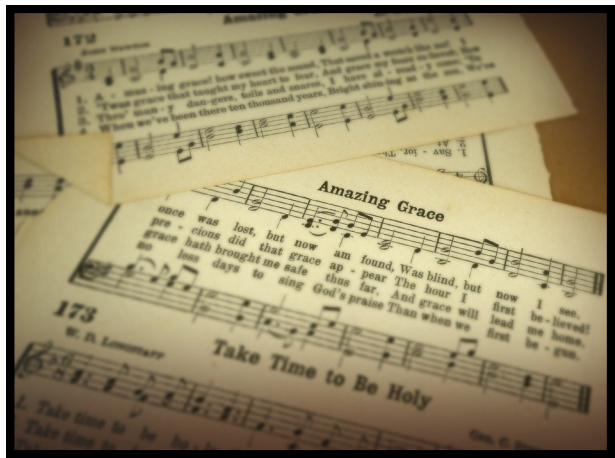
Ministry Center Campus Sanctuary

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.



MUSIC

Worship is the heartbeat of our discipleship at Northern Hills, and music is a key part of the worship. If you feel a tug on your heart to make music for God's glory, there is plenty of opportunity for you to join in.



TRADITIONAL – SANCTUARY CHOIR

Traditional worship music celebrates the heritage of the Christian faith. The Sanctuary Choir provides music leadership for traditional worship, and is open to youth and adults.

The Sanctuary Choir also sings for special services throughout the year including Christmas Cantatas, Good Friday, Easter, etc.

Contact: Steve Angle, Choir@nhumc.org

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC TEAM

Contemporary worship is always changing, but it generally involves high energy 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 but usually includes guitars, bass, keyboard, drums, and vocals.

Contact: Christian Igwe, ChristianI@nhumc.org



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 includes traditional and contemporary Latino Christian music.

The music team is made up of volunteers and includes modern band instrumentation. Because of the bilingual nature of the worship service, some capacity with both English and Spanish is helpful for singers.

Contact: Abel Stewart, AbelS@nhumc.org, 210-236-6813

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 a.m. 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.

Believing Shepherds

Leaders/Facilitators: Howard Marsh, 210-467-7301, 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 the leaders facilitating the discussion. This class is open to all singles and couples. Age demographic is 40 to 90+.



Exploring Our Faith

Leaders/Facilitators: Frank & Beth Barth, EOF.nhumc@gmail.com

Whether you are new to NHUMC or you're looking for a new Sunday School Class, Exploring Our Faith would love to have you join us! We are one of the larger classes, consisting of singles and couples, ages 50 and up. Format is Bible-based studies, using a mix of contemporary authors, videos, presentations as well as personal testimonies and Traditional Service Sermon discussions. This class is participatory and strives for lively, Biblically based discussion

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

CLASSES (CONT.)

Life Happens—God Helps

Leaders/Facilitators: Steven Faulstich,
sfaulstich@qualityfasteners.com
Rebekah Faulstich, rebekah.faulstich@gmail.com

Join us for Christ centered discussions on how to navigate life as it happens. Strengthening ourselves and others for the next wave and being intentional about how to disciple those around us, the young and the experienced.

The Open Door

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

One need not worry much about fitting in with this eclectic group of misfits; none of us "fit in" either. All of us talk too much while studying Christian literature and then go do service projects at the Ministry Center or someplace else where our hands can be put to use. We get together for social purposes, support each other in prayer, and accept each other's faults. Unless you're perfect, you're welcome to join us.

SALT (Serving and Learning Together)

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) with a heart for serving.



Seeds of Hope

Leaders/Facilitators: Andi Barrows,
andibuff@sbcglobal.net

This class takes the Scripture to be used in the Sunday message and studies it on their own the week before church services, utilizing resources we have.

We come together and discuss our findings as well as utilizing questions posed by Pastor Lupina. By "remixing" findings and experiences during the hour, we leave with a better knowledge of the scripture used for the message and things to ponder during the week.

This class is loosely structured and visitor friendly. The only homework is to study the weekly scripture and there are occasional service projects. This group varies widely in terms of age, ethnicity, and diversity of thought. Great place for a new worshiper at Church to plug in.

Son Seekers

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.

MONDAYS

Precept Bible Study

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

(September—May)

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

(September—May)

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.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY CENTER CAMPUS

SUNDAYS

Adult Special Needs

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Leaders/Facilitators: Lana Rockstroh,
rockstrohlana@gmail.com

This class ministers to adult special-needs participants.

Bilingual Sunday School

11:00 - 12:30 a.m.

Leaders/Facilitators: Molly Bullis,
MinistryCenter@nhumc.org

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.



TUESDAYS

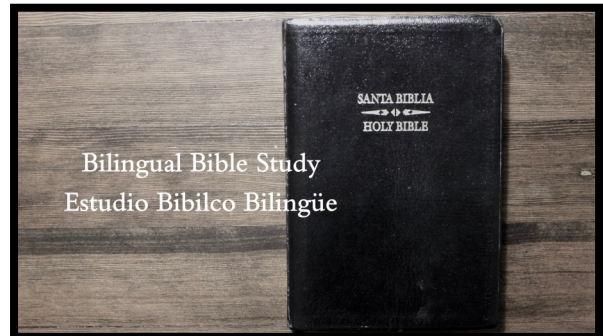
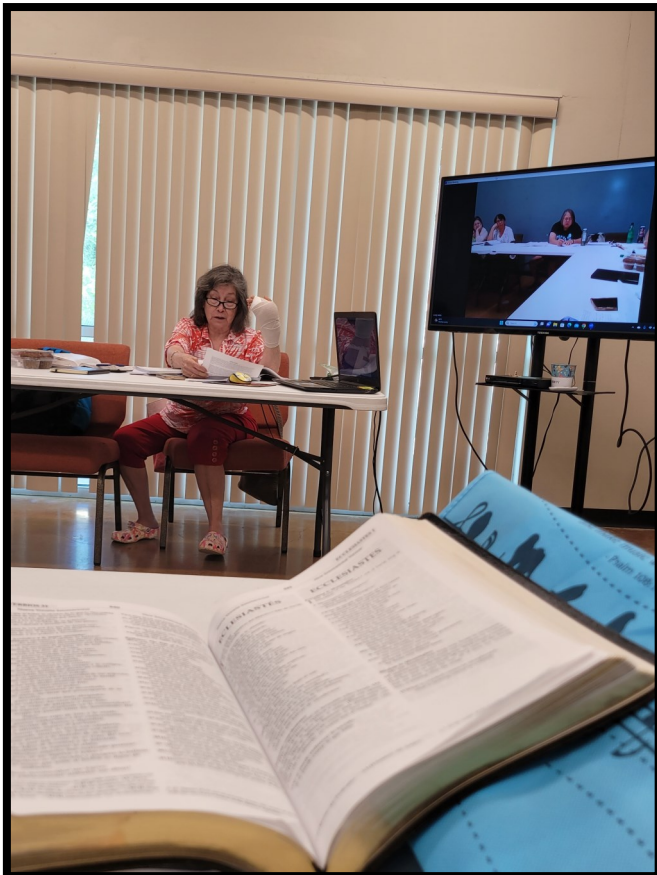
Bilingual Bible Study

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Leaders/Facilitators: Molly Bullis,
molly.bullis@gmail.com

Lillian Romero, 210-701-7085, (Whats App)

This class is made up of adults of various ages ranging from early-mid 30s through retired age. We have a diversity of people from different walks of life. We have novices in god's word as well as those that have knowledge of the Bible. Most importantly, all are welcome to share and learn together. Class is conducted in English and Spanish.



WEDNESDAY

The Chosen Bible Study

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Leaders/Facilitators: Lana Rockstroh,
rockstrohlana@gmail.com

This class will be using the video series, The Chosen. Join us to watch, study and discuss each episode.

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!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. | Nursery - 5th Grade

Nursery - Birth - 2 year old

Preschool Sunday School - 3 - 5 year old

Elementary - Kinder-5th Grade

Check in begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Children's hall security doors entrance from the Gathering Area.

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

Children's bulletins are available 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

BELIEVE, LEARN, AND SEEK TRUTH—B.L.A.S.T.

September - May

Kinder - 5th Grade | 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

5:45-6:00 p.m. - Welcome

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Fellowship

6:30-7:15 p.m. - Bible Lesson and application

7:15-7:45 p.m. - Games

Nursery is available for children 0-2 years.

For parents attending Bible studies on campus, extended care for your child(ren) is offered until 8:00 p.m.



Find us on social media:



Northern Hills UMC
Children's Ministry



NHUMC Children's
Ministry

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: Susanna Watson, Youth Director, SusannaW@nhumc.org, 214-538-2525



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SERVICES

Join us in person in the Wesley Annex, Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m. We encourage you to pick a church service as a family. We have found attending church as a family encourages spiritual growth. Students may invite their friends any time.

Find us on social media:



Northern
Hills
Youth



[northernhillsyouth](https://www.instagram.com/northernhillsyouth)



YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:45-6:45 p.m. | Games and Dinner
September-May

Join us for an hour of games and hang out time every Wednesday night! A time to check in, play together and pray together. Games will be played on the field, basketball court, or in the NineSquare court, all outside of the Wesley Annex on the west end of the parking lot. This is a time for pick up games and hang out. Just come to have fun!

Join us for dinner after we play at 6:00 p.m. You can also bring your own dinner and sit with us and enjoy.

We have a Large Group Game announcement at 6:30 p.m. before we split off into our small groups at 6:45 p.m.

6:45-7:45 | Small Groups
Middle School - Grades 6-8
High School—Grades 9-12



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 takes children from 5 weeks to Pre-K. Operating hours are 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 infants 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
210-654-8406 or JenniferB@nhumc.org



OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP WITH OUR CONGREGATION

Why it is important?

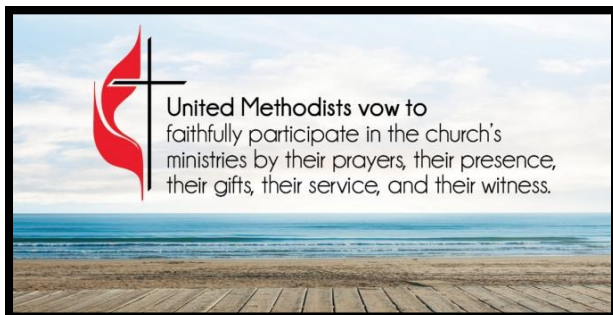
Becoming a member with our congregation is important because it is our public commitment to you and you with us, to be a Christian family where we vow to grow together in our faith in Christ. We promise to glorify the Lord with our lives and we become accountable to participate in our congregation with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



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.

BAPTISM

Baptism marks the beginning of our lifelong journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. Through baptism, we are joined with the Triune God, the whole of Christ's church, and our local congregation. United Methodists baptize in a variety of ways—immersion, pouring, or sprinkling. Persons of any age may be baptized, but as we understand baptism to be an act of God, each of us receives the sacrament of baptism only once.

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.



WEDDINGS

The Pastors and staff at NHUMC want to assist you, so that your wedding will be a memorable, spiritual and meaningful celebration. We have an on-site wedding coordinator who will be happy to answer any questions about hosting your special event at the church. 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.

FUNERALS

We are sorry for your loss of a loved one. If the need arises for funeral or memorial services, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office at 210-654-0881.

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.



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: Lana Rockstroh, 830-643-9461
rockstrohlana@gmail.com**

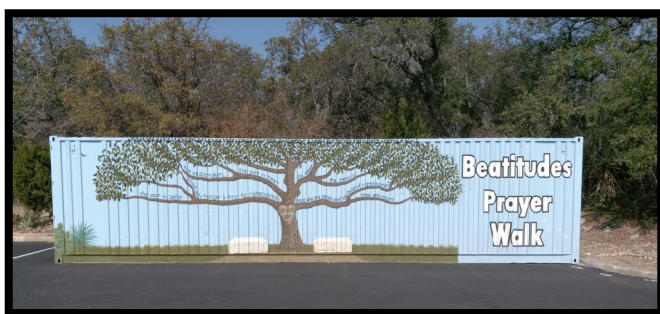
BEATITUDES PRAYER WALK

This trail is free and open to the public from sunrise to sunset every day. We developed this half mile walking trail with a few goals in mind. *Empower spiritual growth, Empower physical health and Caring for God's creation.*

NHUMC is certified as a Sacred Grounds site with the National Wildlife Federation, the first such site in the state of Texas. This acknowledges that NHUMC is committed to nature care, and we take seriously our role as stewards of God's creation.

To explore the trail start at the blue cargo container and follow the footprints to your right, where you'll find Station 1. Along the way you will also find an explanation of the beatitudes, the trail's primary inspiration. Printed trail guides are available in the front lobby.

**Contact: Abel Stewart, 210-236-6813
AbelS@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,
hakrigbaum@yahoo.com**



CITIZENSHIP MINISTRY CENTER CAMPUS

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.

**Ministry Center Contact: Gustavo Segovia,
210-236-6811, MinistryCenter@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, 210-654-0881

Reception@nhumc.org



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

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.

The Food Pantry desperately needs volunteers for the summer. On **Tuesday mornings** we need people with trucks, vans, or SUVs willing to drive down to the San Antonio Food Bank to pick up food and deliver it to the Ministry Center. We need people willing to unload those trucks and more at the Ministry Center. This is usually a 3 hour commitment. On **Thursday mornings** we need people to bag groceries, stock shelves, move orders from the food pantry to the distribution area, place groceries in client vehicles, and direct traffic. During Project Transformation we will also need someone to drive volunteers from their cars in the China Sea parking lot to the Ministry Center and back. This is usually a 4 hour commitment.

Contact: Leticia Rodriguez, 210-654-0881, ext. 210
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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, 210-651-9176



MINISTRIES

MISSIONS MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

Contact: Martha Phelps,
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INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTERS FOR THE DEAF (ICCD)

The plight of the Deaf in the most developing countries is hunger, isolation, and abuse. Our vision is to see the lives of these children transformed by providing food, safe haven, Christian education and the life saving message of Jesus Christ.

LIBERIA,

T GRAY SCHOOL—LIBERIA, AFRICA

WORLD VISION

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to work with children, families and the their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the courses of poverty and injustice.

Contact: Devlon Hogue, 210-367-6244



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: Sandy Vogel, 210-218-5743

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.

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Contact: Marsha Reindl, 210-410-0064
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KAIROS INSIDE-BRISCOE MEN

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 reoffending.

Contact: Brian Boles, 210-268-7275
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KAIROS INSIDE-TORRES MEN

Contact: Brian Boles, 210-268-7275
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KAIROS INSIDE-LOCKHART WOMEN

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MINISTRIES

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.

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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
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RAMBUNCTIOUS RETIREES

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

Contact: Sandra Matthews, 210-468-5433,
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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
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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.

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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: Church Office, 210-654-0881
nhumc@nhumc.org

UWF (UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH)

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 for women, children and youth..

Contact: Donna Roeder, 830-980-5108
roederdl@gvvc.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 is to provide programs and services, to respond to families in crisis and improve the daily conditions of their lives. This organization provides basic needs services combined with educational opportunities that strengthen a family's self-reliance.

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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.

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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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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.

NHUMC LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Northern Hills Church Leadership Board is the governing body of the church. It encapsulates all the responsibilities and authorities that previously were present in four administrative committees (Finance, Staff-Parish Relationship, Trustees and Administrative Council). The Board consist of 7 members at-large, one Board Chairperson, one Communication Officer and the Lay Leader. The Pastoral and executive staff sit on the Board as non-voting members. Members at large are elected by the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee.



LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Northern Hills UMC requires 4 delegates for Annual Conference plus 2 alternates. The ministry of the Lay Delegate according to the United Methodist Church is: “attends annual conference sessions as a member from the congregation and interprets the actions to the congregation”. “Builds the connection between the congregation and all United Methodist Churches”. The lay delegate is also called to connect God’s church with people “who are not yet part of it”. www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/lay-member-of-annual0-conference. Northern Hills UMC belongs to the “Las Misiones District” of the Rio Texas Conference. The present bishop is Bishop Robert Schnase and our District Superintendent is Rev. Dr. Robert Ortiz.

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is: “identifies, develops, deploys, evaluates, and monitors Christian spiritual leadership so that the congregation carries out the ministries for transformation of the community. The committee guides church leaders on matters regarding laity in leadership of the congregation.” Northern Hills UMC has 9 members on this committee that meet on a regular basis during the year to explore the potential leaders, being sure that they have the correct training and evaluate if the present leadership has been able to fulfill their ministries.

NHUMC IN ACTION



We invite you to be intentional in the following:

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 as a healthy 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:

NHUMC IN ACTION

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 and The Church in ACTION

C = Connect & Commit Stage (1.5 hour class)

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

Purpose: Assimilate into his/her chosen ministry. At this stage, the person is independently seeking information of 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.

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MINISTRY CENTER CAMPUS



