



Windcrest UMC Connection

April 2023

Windcrest United Methodist Church



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A Service of Worship for Palm Passion Sunday, April 2, 2023

Traditional worship service 9:00 am
Praise service 11:00 am

Holy Thursday

Seder Meal with Holy Communion
6:00 pm in Bayless Hall

Saturday

Baptisms/Baptism Renewal,
4:00 pm



Easter Sunday

Traditional 9:00 am and Praise 11:00 am

Wifi- WUMC-Guest
password: disciples

Text in Church
210-817-7007

Text To Give
210-903-5589

Call to Listen
210-202-2811

Worship Services - Sundays: Traditional—9:00 am · Praise –11:00 am

services are also streamed live on Facebook at [WUMC Facebook](#) and posted for you to view at anytime [on the WUMC Website](#), you may also view on the [Windcrest United Methodist YouTube channel](#).

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"In Between"

We seem to be living in a perpetual state of anxiety or denial. The natural and innate sense of survival is in tension with the desire to explore, learn new things, and contribute to society. If we only focus on our current life and the possibilities it holds, we may exist in a false belief that our lives only exist as the result of our own efforts. But if we only focus on our own mortality and life expectancy, we may become passive, defeated, and inactive. Both extremes are methods we use to ignore or deny death and are forms of fooling ourselves. One refuses to accept the limits of time and worldly existence. The other is defeatist and without energy. Ernest Becker, in *Denial of Death* (1973), says, "We are creatures, frail, vulnerable, and ultimately mortal. And yet, strangely, we expend so much of our lives attempting to make ourselves safe, as if death were optional, doing all we can to make ourselves oblivious to death's inevitability." Our faith tells us that we are to be free from the "fear of death" while holding the reality that our time on earth is finite. Or as John Wesley advises, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Neither is love content with barely working no evil to our neighbor. It continually incites us to do good: as we have time, and opportunity, to do good in every possible kind, and in every possible degree to all men." More commonly quoted, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."



The week between Palm Sunday and Easter, known as Holy Week, seeks to remind us of the balance between concerns for our human mortality and living fully as people of the Resurrection. However, over the years the attendance of traditional Holy Week services has fallen dramatically. So much so, the lectionary recommends reading the avoided Bible passages as part of the Palm Sunday service or Easter Service. I have traditionally followed the lectionary suggestion and included the avoided readings with the Palm Sunday and Easter readings on the odd years and let the readings stand alone and remain separate as part of a full set of Holy Week services on the even numbered years. For several reasons, this will be the first odd numbered year we will combine the readings and share in Palm/Passion and Passion/Easter services. We will move our regular Wednesday meal and communion to Thursday to remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with the disciples and add a baptism renewal service on Saturday for that week only.

The Palm Sunday service will begin as normal with a joyous hymn and energetic palm procession led by the children and joined by all those who are young at heart. We will shout Hosannah and lay our palm branches before the altar. We will read about Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and move from there into a celebration of Holy Communion. After communion, we will read portions from Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 and reflect not only on the Passion Christ showed for us but our own mortality and the tension we experience between concerns for our safety and the safety of family and friends and our desire to follow Jesus as we hear the people shout "Barabbas".

Easter Sunday we will walk into the sanctuary just as we left it the week before, cold, dark, and bare. The choir will remind us of the events of the week, and we will respond with the assurance that our mortality is not the final answer by shouting "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

See you Sunday,

Jim

Senior Pastor, Jim McClain
j.mcclain@windcrestumc.org





From your WUMC Staff

Please welcome our new members



Brady and Donna Watson

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As of February 2023	Actual
Scheduled Giving	\$24,441.54
Unscheduled Giving	\$11,231.63
Total Operation Income	\$38,173.17
Total Operating Expenses	\$51,996.87
Balance	-\$13,823.70

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Online



Visit www.windcrestumc.org
scan the QR Code to set up and
manage your one-time and
recurring gifts.

Call 210-202-2811 to
hear sermon



Text

Set up a one time or recurring donation
by texting the amount you wish to give
to 210-903-5589



Giving App



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Register for events, view your donation history,
contact us and more all with the convenience of
your phone.

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| 1 - Suzy Pelayo | 18 - Pamela Hoch |
| 3 - Dakota Hendrick | Aurora Peterson |
| Emma Kilpatrick | 19 - Lu Nix |
| 4 - Robert Parkhurst | 20 - Michelle McClain |
| 6 - Brooke Wood | Lorrie Eichholz |
| 8 - Ava Potter | 21 - Jeff Marks |
| 10 - Sara Gwathmey | 23 - Grace Habicht |
| 12 - Rick Plouch | 24 - Evelyn Biegert |
| Livia Ellis | Keelan McGarity |
| 13 - Sandy Terrazzino | DeeDee Gillis |
| Linda Boyle | 26 - Rina Segura |
| 14 - Andy Biancardi | 27 - Helen Lovett |
| Joan Ahrens | Betty Sullivan |
| Fleming Mauney | Lorraine Flakes |
| 15 - Skip Ross | 28 - Cindy Gable |
| 16 - Elyesha Flynn | Jenny Erbach |
| 17 - Dawn Rochester | Theo Hoecherl |
| Matthew Rydell | 30 - Barbara Hoch |
| | Preston Bradshaw |

We don't want to leave anyone out! If you have a April birthday but don't see your name on the list, please notify the church office. It could be that for some reason we don't have your birthdate in our database.

**Submissions due *by Wednesday*
April 19 for the
May Connection**

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 10, 2023
In observance of Easter.



Join us every Wednesday night for Lenten Soup Dinners in Bayless Hall at 5:45 pm. Communion service will follow.

Thank you to our March hosts:

- Dawn and Debbie
- Builders Class
- Lori Stoops
- Procrastinators
- Women In Faith

Help is needed each Wednesday to set up, serve, cook, and clean up. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we want to know. Let the church office know if you can help.



Hello, church! We have our spring all-church workday coming up! It'll be on April 8th from 8:30-noon.

Jobs:

- Gutters
- leaves raked
- Weeding
- clean windows

Materials:

- yard gloves
- trash/yard bags
- Rakes
- leaf blowers
- glass cleaner
- rags/paper towels
- smiling faces

Church Staff 101

Ministry Focus

There are many things that happen at the church each week. Events, meetings, preschool classes, midweek fellowship dinners – just to name a few. These events don't happen on their own. There are tables, chairs, screens, kitchen supplies – many things to prepare for each event. Also, after each event, there is clean up and reset for the next time.

Braulio Diaz is our weekday, full-time maintenance man. He is responsible for setting up and cleaning up for all events that occur during the week. He also takes care of the maintenance of the church facilities and minor repairs that are needed. Last year, when Braulio had to take an extended medical leave, we all realized how much he actually does each day. To say we missed him is a true understatement.

Braulio has worked for Windcrest UMC since 2008 and just celebrated his 15 year anniversary with us. He is married to his wife Adriane and they have two daughters, Montserrat and Natalie, and one son, Diego. His children all attend college and university here in San Antonio. Braulio also celebrates his birthday on March 26!!

Michael George is the newest of our WUMC staff family. He works part-time as our weekend custodian. His job consists of keeping the classrooms, Sanctuary, Bayless Hall and other parts of the church campus clean. He works all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Michael is a quiet man who just likes to get his work done. We look forward to getting to know him better as time goes on.

WUMC Outreach

Space is limited. To reserve your spot please
contact Wesley Nurse Daniela Kulyas 210-272-7801



Hi from Old Mutare, Zimbabwe!
Here on the Africa University campus, we have also been very busy with classes since January, and my two agriculture classes have kept my days full. I had

hoped to send you a thank-you much earlier. Your Windcrest UMC 2022 gift of \$690.00 to the Advance Special for Africa University Scholarships was very much appreciated. Your gifts have helped some of our students remain in school when they might have had to drop out and have allowed others to begin their programs instead of sitting at home because their families cannot afford to send them to school. Thank you for helping as we are investing in Africa's future!!! May this Lenten season be a time of blessings and reflection for you.

Blessings,

Larry Kies (Advance Special #3021028 – Africa University Scholarships)

Friends & Family CPR*

Course Details

- No testing required
- Hands-on practice
- 3-hours of instruction
- Free to community

Features

- Adult, child, and infant CPR
- How to operate an AED
- Defibrillator
- Choking relief

* This course does not provide a formal certification.



Date: Tuesday April 11th
Time: 1pm-4pm
Location: Bayless Hall

*Wear comfortable clothes and shoes

This course is ideal for:

- New parents
- Grandparents
- Babysitters
- Community groups
- Anyone interested in saving a life

Music Ministry

Greetings!

As I'm writing this I look at my calendar and see there are only 17 days till Easter Sunday! How exciting! The choir and handbells have been working hard on their music to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" on Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday the children will process waving their palms, always a great visual!

Just a reminder that on April 16th, Sunday after Easter the children and youth will be performing the Easter musical "Raise a Hallelujah" at 1:00 p.m. There will be a lunch fundraiser for our youth after the 11:00 service before the musical. The youth are raising money to go to Youth Camp this summer.

Please try to attend these events, you won't regret it!

Any questions, give me a call at the church or email at d.andrews@windcrestumc.org

In joyful noise,

Debbie Andrews



WUMC Children

A message from the 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Class

The Tweens Sunday School is again answering the call from the community! But, again, we will need your help! We are supporting our Windcrest Lions Club and the need they have to provide used or new eyeglasses/readers to members of our community in need. This mission includes eyeglasses for both adults and children. Much like the stuffed animals, there will be a collection point in both the Gathering Place and Bayless Hall throughout the month of April. If you have any spare eyeglasses that you don't use anymore or feel called to pick some up at the Dollar Store/HEB to help with this community need please support the children with our Act of Kindness outreach! And always, please pray for our effort and the community programs that give us the opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus!



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6/April 2023

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Summer Puppet Shows

Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24- shows at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 pm

These shows will be enjoyed by all ages. Mark your calendars.

Come out & support our Youth Puppeteers!



Summer Camp

July 9-13, 2023

RSVP to Dawn if you plan to attend.



The Youth are raising money for Summer Camp with a lunch fundraiser on April 16, 2023, from 12-1pm. So come eat lunch in Bayless Hall & then watch a short Easter show in the sanctuary presented by the children/youth choir. Lunch: baked spaghetti casserole, salad, and roll.

Confirmation Retreat

The 2023 Confirmation Class will be going to Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels on April 21-22 for their Confirmation Retreat. Confirmands and their Friends in Faith will participate in many fun activities and learning experiences. Keep them in your prayers!



2023 Confirmation Confirmand & Friends in Faith

Nayeli Beehler and Gail Dean

Gavin Kilpatrick and Mark Daigle

Kaylee Morton and Brianna Miller

Lydia Parkinson and Francie Reese

Adrian Puento and Rick Plouch

Landon Puento and Dan Reese

Donna Watson and Grace Habicht



WUMC MISSION FOCUS

Project Transformation is April's Mission of the Month

Our goal is to raise \$4000 this month and recruit volunteers!



Project Transformation's is transforming communities by engaging **Children**, **College students**, and **Churches** in purposeful relationships, because PT envisions a world that is rooted in love, pursues the equity of all people, and amplifies God's call on every life.

PT's approach to community transformation: The 3 Cs

- **Children** from overburdened neighborhoods improve their literacy, social-emotional, and spiritual development through participating in summer literacy focused camps.
- **College** students invest in the lives of children through paid internships and living in community, exploring their calling, and developing as servant leaders.
- **Churches** wrap around PT's out-of-school time programs, reconnecting and building relationships.

Our programs

PT hosts literacy focused summer camps for children led by college students seeking leadership development and professional experience. Programs are designed to build skills in the children served by forming deep relationships that build trust in a restorative process. This happens at churches who host the program.

Ways we can help this summer:

Be a Reading Buddy

One-to-One Reading Volunteers – Mon-Thu 10a-12p – June 12- July 25

Caring volunteers read with children in 1st-6th grade enrolled in PT's summer day camps. The literacy component of Project Transformation is an exciting opportunity for volunteers to interact with the children in a one-to-one setting. Prior to volunteering, all volunteers must complete a background check and complete online training. No previous experience is needed!

PT Summer Camp Locations:

Emanuel UMC, 3225 W. Poplar St, SA, TX 78228
Northern Hills Ministry Center, 4306 Naco Pass, SA, TX 78217

Provide College Intern Dinners – Sun-Wed 6:30p-7:30p – June 4 through July 26

Groups and individuals are needed to provide dinner Sunday through Wednesday for PT's College Interns. This is a great opportunity to serve, encourage and get to know young people making a difference!

Location: PT HOME on the campus of St. Mark's UMC, 1902 Vance Jackson Rd., SA, TX 78213

Book and Supply Drive

No book goes to waste. New or gently used **books** for children of all ages are needed to create the PT site libraries and stock free bookstores. Curriculum **supplies** are also needed. Visit the PT Amazon Wishlist to see what's needed and purchase directly. Items are shipped directly to PT. View the wish list via the website, www.ptriotexas.org or contact us to schedule a time to drop off books at the PT office.



For more information and to sign-up to volunteer or to provide a dinner visit www.PTRioTexas.org or email info@ptriotexas.org.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS MINISTRY

We have established our budget for 2023 as well as our goals. With the dedicated volunteers, the support from YOU and the community as well as our church staff and Pastor Jim, we are anticipating another increase in our clients for the Pantry as well as the San Antonio Food Bank truck. We had a record number of clients for the March 2nd Food Truck and March 9th Pantry. Thank you to all the volunteers!

I mentioned this is most likely due to inflation and the reduction in SNAP benefits as of the first of March 2023.

We hear of additional pantries opening in the area and one of those is across the street at Cross Roads Church. We can all make a difference.

Carolyn Hillers continues to package the used grocery bags you bring in and we had a huge donation of those bags in February as you can see in the picture. Carolyn organized and re-bagged over 500 bags that month. Thank you, Carolyn!



The mother/daughter team of Mrs. Alice Jones and Phyllis Avella are providing the Pantry with reusable bags for large families (see photo).

Phyllis designed the logo and between the two of them they are placing the logo on the bags and donating them to NHN. We are encouraging our families to bring these bags when they return each week and if you have ideas on how we can give them an incentive to remember this, we will gladly welcome those ideas. Thank you, Alice and Phyllis for your support to NHN with this very useful gift.



A huge shout out to Braulio as he came to the rescue quickly last week when we had a leak from the air conditioning unit inside the Pantry and he was there in a flash. The support he offers this church is phenomenal.

Come see us any Thursday. We welcome all!

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to reach out with any questions. Please contact Francyne Underwood at francyne@prodigy.net or at 210-355-1559.

Food Pantry every Thursday, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (with the exception of the first Thursday)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry distributes food every Thursday, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Windcrest United Methodist Church,, 8101 Midcrown, Windcrest, Texas 78239. Please follow the signs for location of food pantry.

Volunteer and giving opportunities

If you would like to volunteer to help in the food pantry, call the church office for more information at 210-654-0404 or email Francyne Underwood.

Although contributions of non-perishables and checks are generous, please, consider placing one or two of these items on your grocery lists:

Beans	Vegetables	Peanut Butter
Pasta	Canned Meat	Crackers
Sauce	Fruit cups	Pop-top (ravioli, spaghetti, etc)
Rice	Mac & Cheese	Little boxes of Cereal



WUMC United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women of Faith (formally known as the United Methodist Women) invite you to join their circle meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am in room 303.

The commitment of United Women in Faith commitment to doing good - in spite of prejudice and circumstance - remains strong even after 153 years after eight women started the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society. This spring, as new life emerges around us, think about how that first handful of women planted a seed that has blossomed into nearly half a million members..standing up for better lives for women and a better world for all. Then nurture it by continuing to advocate for justice, children, women, and disenfranchised communities fearlessly - and watch it grow. (Audrey Stanton-Smith in March/April 2023 Response)

Why not be a more active member or new member of Windcrest Women in Faith and be a part of what United Women in Faith stands for? Circle meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am in room 303. In room 303 is a library of books to read on Social Action, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, and Spiritual Growth. Sue Strickland is Coordinator for the reading program.

Marilyn Olivarez, Windcrest United Women in Faith

Scholarship

The Windcrest United Women in Faith will award "The Linda S. Short Memorial Scholarship" to first year college, technical, or vocational students from our church. Applications are available in the Church Office, the Gathering Place or from the Church Youth Director. Application deadline is by noon, May 1. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Green (210) 854-2289 rvingig@yahoo.com or Linda Boyle (210) 655-6644 boylelinda22@gmail.com.

Community Outreach

Sit and Be Fit - Tuesdays and Thursdays

The senior adults enjoy a time of light exercise on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in Bayless Hall. FREE

Chair Yoga

Mondays 2:00 pm in Bayless Hall. FREE
Wednesdays 10:00 am in Bayless Hall. FREE
Fridays 10:00 am in Bayless Hall. FREE

Games Day

Every 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm in Bayless Hall.
Currently, there's Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub, and Pinochle, but there might be others that we could start. Bring a sack lunch, and there will be a snack table if you choose to bring anything else for general consumption (optional)." All are welcome.

R.O.O.T.S - Royal Order Of Terrific Seniors

Meets from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on the third Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome regardless of age. Come and bring a friend or make a friend. We always have a great potluck & good speakers. Our motto is "Life is short, Eat Dessert First" and we do.

Grief & Life-Change Support Group—Join us every

Tuesday at 10:00 am in room 105
hosted by Rev. Joan Ahrens

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Thursdays in Bayless Halls 6:30—8:00 pm

AA Meetings

Wednesdays, Bayless Hall 6:00—7:00 pm

Youth Group (6th—12 grade) - Sundays 2:00—4:00 pm,

Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Local School

Local Children's School Ministry Snack bags

Thanks to everyone that has dropped off donations of granola bars, fruit cups, ravioli pop-tops, chips, etc.

If anyone would like to donate something not listed, there's always individual boxes of raisins, Jello cups, jerky, juices, and pretzels. These would be appreciated. If you think of something else that is a nutritional snack, please, bring it.



Fruit cups	Crackers w/cheese	Small pop-tops:
Small cereals	Pudding cups	Ravioli
Pretzels	Jello cups	Spaghetti
Juices	Vienna sausages	Mac and Cheese
Apple sauce	Granola bars (no nuts or peanut butter)	Soup

WUMC Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Searchers-McClung Bldg., 303

SUNDAYS @ 10:05—10:55 am

The Inquirers-McClung Bldg., 302

Growing Family - Hilliard Bldg., in Pastor's office

Builders Class-McClung Bldg., 301

The Procrastinators-McClung Bldg., 305

Children and Youth Sunday School @10:05-10:55 am

0-3 year olds—Jesus and Me, Jones Bldg., 203

Pre-K, Kinder—Godly Play, Jones Bldg., 208

1st-2nd grade—Godly Play, McClung Bldg., 308

3rd—5th grade—Upper Elementary, McClung Bldg., 307

6th—8th grade—Middle School, McClung Bldg., 306

9th—12th grades—High School, Hilliard Bldg., 105 (Youth Space)

WUMC Leadership Council

Council Chair	Chester Varner
Lay Leader	Larry Shanklin
Chair of SPRC	Grace Habicht
Chair of Finance	Deborah Cannon
Chair of Trustees	Shae Wiens
Lay Delegates	Dan Reese Larry Shanklin
Committee Members	Amy Batiste Dick Davis Stan Hess Barbara Moody Christina Wood Ron Wood

WORSHIP

Sundays—Traditional @ 9:00 am

Praise @ 11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours—Monday –Thursday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am—12:00 pm



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Senior Pastor	Jim McClain	112	J.mcclain@windcrestumc.org	M-Th
Pastor Emeritus	Joan Ahrens			
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Chancel Choir/Handbell Director	Debbie Andrews	118	d.andrews@windcrestumc.org	
Worship Leader	Nadine Mansour		n.mansour@windcrestumc.org	
Multimedia Coordinator				
Multimedia Assistant	Tim Ross			
Church Administrator	Marcy Williams	125	m.williams@windcrestumc.org	M-F
Church Treasurer	Jasmine Caldwell	111	J.caldwell@windcrestumc.org	Tu—Th
Communications Coordinator	Lisa Scott	123	l.scott@windcrestumc.org	W-F
Maintenance	Braulio Diaz			M-F
Custodian (weekend)	Michael George			Part-Time
Day School Director	Linda Wilcoxon	120	l.wilcoxon@windcrestumc.org	M-F
Wesley Nurse	Daniela Kulyas	142	DKulyas@mhm.org	

Worship Services - Sundays: In person and Live online at 9:00 am and 11:00 am <https://www.facebook.com/windcrestumc/>