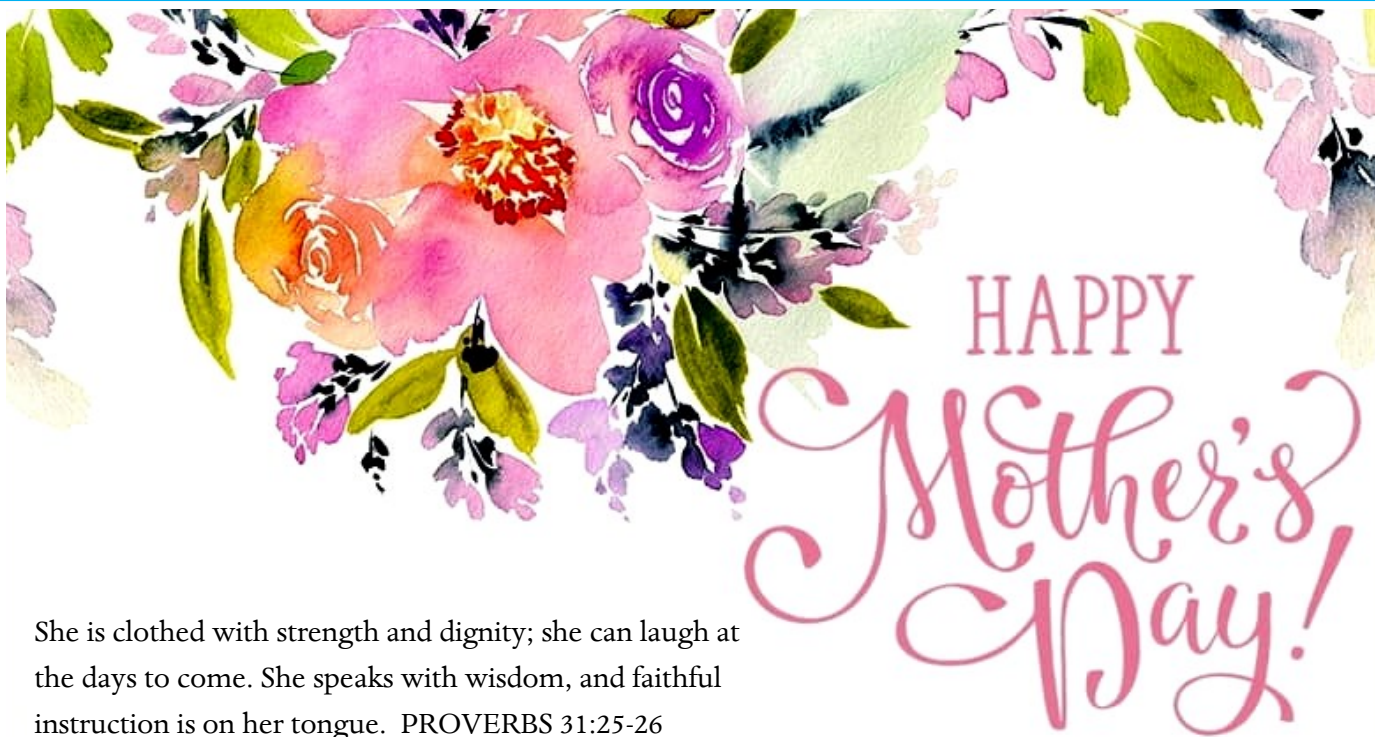




# Windcrest UMC Connection

May 2023

Windcrest United Methodist Church



She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. PROVERBS 31:25-26

A special photo area will be set-up for Moms and family to take pictures. Bring your cell phones or cameras on May 15th .



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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1/May 2023

## From Pastor Jim McClain

As I write this newsletter, I am sitting at a small desk, in a room about the size of a monk's cell, with two twin beds. I am sharing the room with a friend of mine who also enjoys staying at the monastery and volunteered to help me move a load of our stuff out of one garage into our next garage. And, yes, Kercida asked, "And you moved that?" talking about one of the many items I had loaded on the trailer. I simply told her I needed it to hold other pieces in place.



My friend came to help me move. He is the person who introduced me to the monastery, but this time he came to help me move. I had some people I needed to meet with and some issues to be resolved while here, but he came to help me move. Sometimes we need help, we need to allow others to help, and as a community, we need to help each other. The readings for this coming Sunday gave us three images of helping, from three distinct perspectives: the one being shepherded, the one doing the shepherding, and a community that shepherds.

Most of us are familiar with the 23rd psalm and the experience of the author who is cared for by the spirit of God, led to still waters, and comforted as he walks through the valley of the shadow of death.

The Gospel passage from John 10 describes what it is like to be the one doing the shepherding. In this reading, Jesus is calling forth his sheep with his voice and giving life abundantly. The shepherd is generous, and as we know in this Easter season, he is sacrificial.

The short reading from Acts has its own understanding. It is interesting to consider that one of the outcomes of the resurrection of Christ is a community that shepherds. It is no longer only a one-on-one relationship where one person cares for another person in a transactional way/ An event where one receives what another provides. Most of us have had a spiritual mentor, caregiver or pastor who impacted our lives in this way.

The reading from Acts reminds us that often it isn't just any one person but a place where we felt we could be authentic and more accepted than we had ever felt before. A community and a place where we could come to the table and be at the table. A place that helps us grow and guides us to a good path, personally, professionally, and spiritually, while loving who we are.

As I continue to move towards retirement, I find I need all three. I need to shepherd and care for others. I need one-on-one help to accomplish tasks and reach goals. I need to be part of a loving community that cares and supports others they already know and love and the unknown they may never know. I need a place that allows space for a person to grow and learn about themselves while being accepted for who they are. This communal shepherding involves generosity, a culture of hospitality, the gathering around worship, and rejoicing in being a diverse community together.

Thank you for being all three of those things to me over the last five years. I hope I have been a small part of each expression of what it means to shepherd and to be shepherded for you as well. Keep up the good work and I pray that each of you continue to be that accepting place.

See you Sunday,

*Jim*

Senior Pastor, Jim McClain  
[j.mcclain@windcrestumc.org](mailto:j.mcclain@windcrestumc.org)

## Pastor Jim Retirement News

Many of you have asked how you can honor Pastor Jim as he enters the retirement phase of his life. The Church Council has decided to set up a "retirement gift" fund for donations to be given to Pastor Jim upon his retirement day. If you feel led or inclined to give, please use the fund "Love Offering" when giving online or you can place a check in the plate marked "Pastor Retirement Gift." All donations will be placed into the fund and given to Pastor before he heads out to Santa Fe. If you have any questions, please contact Marcy at the church office. Thanks!



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As of February 2023	Actual
Scheduled Giving	\$34,227.26
Unscheduled Giving	\$ 8,855.33
Total Operation Income	\$45,582.59
Total Operating Expenses	\$59,516.82
Balance	<b>-\$13,934.23</b>

# YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

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Visit [www.windcrestumc.org](http://www.windcrestumc.org)  
scan the QR Code to set up and  
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Call 210-202-2811 to  
hear sermon



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| 5 - Ree McFadin      | 18 - Erv JuVette       |
| 6 - Brey Wilson      | Vi Biancardi           |
| Katie McGarity       | Monica Greene          |
| Kim Grant            | Heidi Reynolds         |
| 7 - Christina Wood   | 19 - Ginnie Wilson     |
| Evelyn Walker        | 20 - Ron White         |
| 8 - David Essenpreis | 21 - Shirley Wolf      |
| Cheryl Bristow       | Roy Kilpatrick         |
| 9 - Janice Parkhurst | Esteban Ortegon        |
| Barbara Harrington   | David Brinson          |
| 10 - Alice Jones     | 22 - Steve Schrader    |
| Abraham Vatankhah    | Rick Segura            |
| 11 - Susie Poland    | Mackey Valenzuela      |
| 12 - Lori Stoops     | 24 - Jim Gilman        |
| Pat Ridenour         | Joel JuVette           |
| 13 - Randall Andrews | Miranda Cisneros       |
| Garrett Kilpatrick   | 25 - Madeline Marks    |
| Val Alaniz           | Zachary Bullard        |
| 14 - Heather Neuder  | 26 - Walter Mauney     |
| Cathy Hood           | 27 - Babette Brandon   |
| Eric Potter          | 29 - Declan Martindale |
| 15 - Larry Patton    | 31 - Bart Cherry       |
| 16 - Tom Shelton     | Karen Wilke            |
| Vince Wiens          | Wes Wiens              |

We don't want to leave anyone out! If you have a May 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 birth date in our database.



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:**

- Jamie Walters
- Jonah Melendez and family
- Debbie and Dawn

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.

*Blessings*  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

**Submissions due *by Wednesday*  
May 17 for the  
June Connection**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, May 29, 2023  
In observance of Memorial Day**

## Celebrating Rev. Jim McClain's Ministry

Until June:  
McClains  
634 Richfield  
San Antonio, TX 78239



In Retirement:  
11 Paseo Patron  
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Join us for BBQ and a hymn sing

June 11, 2023 1:30pm

Windcrest UMC, 8101 Midcrown,  
San Antonio

RSVPs are helpful:  
[m.williams@windcrestumc.org](mailto:m.williams@windcrestumc.org)

H A P P Y  
*retirement*

## Summer Sunday School 2023

On June 4, we will kick off our Summer Sunday school program. All children and youth should come to Bayless Hall from 10:05-10:55am for "Discovery on Adventure Island: A Quest for God's Light." Children will spend the Summer in the following stories: The Creation Story (June 4, 11 & 18), Moses and the Burning Bush (June 25, July 2 & 9), Faith Through the Roof (July 16 & 23 and August 6), and the "Lost" Parables (August 13, 20 and 27). The Youth will participate as leaders and helpers. The new Sunday School year will kick off on September 3, 2023.



## Sunday School Teacher Thank You

Special thanks to all our 2022-2023 Sunday School teachers. Thank you for taking the time to prepare, pray and teach. The children and youth have learned so much from you this year.

Beverly Cunningham  
Mark Daigle  
Jaime Daigle  
Krista Evans  
Lorraine Flakes  
Melissa Garza

Kelly Kilpatrick  
Erin Peterson  
Kristin Rodriguez  
Emily Rydell  
Matt Rydell  
Hana Velik



## Vacation Bible School: June 26-30, 2023



At Hero Hotline VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! They will rotate through Bible Story, Science, Snack, Crafts and Recreation. All Heroes will receive a free hero cape. Join us as we answer God's call together, to serve, bring peace, and build each other up.

Adult VBS Registration



Youth VBS Registration

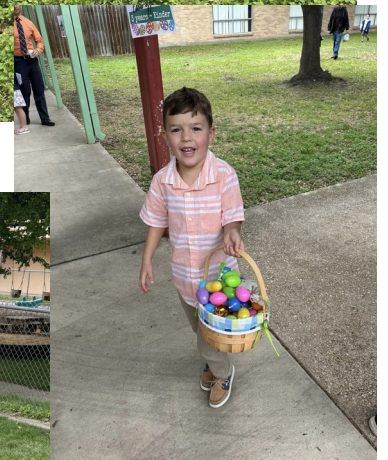


Child VBS Registration





# Easter Egg Hunt





## 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!

**FELT FAITH**  
**EST.2003**  
**PUPPET MINISTRY**

Congratulations to the Children and Youth Handbell Choir on a wonderful performance of Raise a Halleluia! All in attendance were blessed by you all. Special thanks to Debbie Andrews, Janet Young and Jaime Daigle who worked with this small but mighty group. Thank you to all the parents for bringing their children to practice, supporting them and sharing their wonderful children of God with our church family.



## Graduation Sunday is May 21st

If you are a high school senior, please let the church office know if you would like to be recognized during worship. We need four photos and information (High School/date of graduation/future plans) no later than Sunday, May 14. All seniors should plan to be at one of the two services. See Dawn Crews if you have any questions.



Graduating from college or trade school? We want to celebrate with you! Let us know by calling the church office.

## WUMC United Women in Faith

### Friendship Fiesta Potluck- Women in Faith Fellowship Event (Note date change)

Hannah Circle invites all the ladies of the church to celebrate a Friendship Fiesta on Friday, May 12, 2023 from 6:00—8:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. We will eat and fellowship! Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Rina Segura.





# Music Ministry

Wow! What a wonderful Easter we had! I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Palm Sunday and Easter meaningful worship services. From the congregation walking down the aisles with the children waving the palms, to the many who helped take away the elements of the sanctuary at the end of Palm Sunday and then bringing it all back on Easter morning! Thank you!!

I would also like to thank our Chancel Choir for working hard to do two anthems for Palm Sunday and 2 for Easter Sunday! That's not an easy thing to do and they did a wonderful job. The Joyful Ringers worked very hard on a difficult piece, "The Holy City" which they performed beautifully on Easter Sunday!

Also, the week before Easter some of the ringers that could come during the day came and gave our bells a good cleaning so that the bells would look nice and bright for Easter Sunday! Thanks to Ron and Laura Hoch, Paul Fuhrmann, Janet Young and Laquita Wynn for coming to do the cleaning of the bells!

Our children and youth did a great job on the musical "Raise a Hallelujah" on April 16th. Not only did they learn a lot of songs and readings, they also played a bell piece and we had a girls quartet (Lydia, Abby, Amelia and Eve) sing "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" with Anna D. accompanying them. A huge thanks to Jaime Daigle, Tim Ross and Janet Young for your help and support. Thank you also to the church members who stayed after church and attended the program. Your support does not go unnoticed by the children and youth.

I want to thank all the parents who brought their children to our choir rehearsals. Couldn't do it without your support.

After a short break we will begin children and youth choir on May 7th. We will bring out some recorders, play some more bells and sing some more songs! Please bring your child to join in the fun!

The Joyful Ringers will be finishing their season May 14th. Then throughout the summer we'll have some small bell group performances and then the full bell choir will pick back up in September. We are losing one of our own soon, Kercida McClain. She has been a great asset to our bell choir and will be sorely missed. We'll miss her playing, her smiles and her laughter!

The chancel choir will continue our rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday morning at 8:15 am Please come join us! We make "a joyful noise unto The Lord" and would love for you to give us a try!

Thank you church!

In joyful noise,  
Debbie Andrews



## WUMC MISSION FOCUS



**May Mission Focus—Habitat for Humanity** of San Antonio is an ecumenical Christian non-profit housing organization working in partnership with God's people in need to build modest, decent, and affordable homes. Habitat is in their 40th year of serving families in San Antonio and has built over 972 homes in Bexar County. Habitat for Humanity is a District Advance Project.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS MINISTRY

We are continuing to see a steady flow of clients/neighbors in the Pantry weekly and the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) truck. Weather conditions were less than desirable for the April 6 food distribution but with modifications to our distribution line, we served about 65 families. That is about half what we typically serve on days of the "truck" distribution. Volunteers were brave and turned out dressed in raingear and smiles. We moved to the portico area so we kept somewhat dry and those neighbors in attendance were able to receive whole chickens, along with fruits and vegetables to name a few of the items.. THANK YOU everyone for your service.

Our representative from the SAFB, Kelly, trained a few volunteers on registering clients via our mobile phones. We are going DIGITAL, y'all!!!! We will always have our "hard copy" registration but as we learn this new process we are finding it is quick but also challenging. We go car to car and check each household in and add any information needed that we hadn't already captured or changes that have been made. It does make for a quick report to the Food Bank since it automatically populates and sends all info. It is one of the many changes we have seen as we follow the recommendations as a partner agency.

We see the many ways we can answer the question, "Why are we here?" Come join us and see how you can help be the bridge between the community and the church.

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](mailto: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@prodigy.net](mailto:francyne@prodigy.net).

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

Beans  
Pasta  
Sauce  
Rice

Vegetables  
Canned Meat  
Fruit cups  
Mac & Cheese

Peanut Butter  
Crackers  
Pop-top (ravioli, spaghetti, etc)  
Little boxes of Cereal





## 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 to share. (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

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Thursdays in Bayless Hall, 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, youth room

## 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

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



## Office Staff

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Senior Pastor	Jim McClain	112	J.mcclain@windcrestumc.org	M-Th
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Director of Children & Youth	Dawn Crews	115	d.crews@windcrestumc.org	M-Th
Chancel Choir/Handbell Director	Debbie Andrews	118	d.andrews@windcrestumc.org	
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Multimedia Coordinator				
Multimedia Assistant	Tim Ross			
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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/>