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FAREWELL PASTOR PATRICK

So, there are a few things that, as hard as I have practiced, I am just not good at, yet. I cannot fix an engine, I have tried, and I cannot braid or style my daughter's hair so that it is "looks good", and whenever I try to buy flowers, I always buy the wrong ones. I am also bad at saying goodbye, you will not get a blubbery crying wailing goodbye, you will likely get a "OK well we'll see you later." Even if it is the last time we will ever meet.

I remember when I first came to Northern Hills, I was so nervous. I spent six years at University UMC working in family ministry and felt I did not know what I did not know. I wondered if I would adjust to a church of Northern Hills size, I did not know if I could succeed at preaching every week, and I did not know if the people would be hospitable. Well, I am not certain about the first two, but I can tell you I am pleasantly surprised by the last. You all have welcomed me with warmth since I started. You have encouraged my family and you have prayed for my children. I appreciate each and every one of you.

I was here 3 short and long years before my next assignment. We weathered a pandemic together, we froze together with snowmageddon, and we learned how to gather online and again in person. While I am sad to leave, I know the people of Oxford will welcome us just as you have. We will all see the love of God grow in the community and in our lives.

While I am happy and excited to start something new, I am lamenting my departure from the people of Northern Hills. I am sure this is not really goodbye. I will see you all again, if not in this place, then in the forever after. So "we'll see you later".



Northern Hills Day School now registering for

2022-2023



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Pastor Lupina

And I keep praying that this faith we hold in common keeps showing up in the good things we do, and that people recognize Christ in all of it."

Philemon 1:6 (The Message)

May 1986, I entered the doors of a church called "El Mesias." I sat with the friend who brought me to the service. It was time for the middle schoolers to go to their Sunday School classes, we started singing several songs. One was called "Pass it On." While for some new generations this sounds "oldie" it has a very special place in my heart. Especially the last verse that says:

"I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on"

This simple song brings a deep truth: Disciples make disciples. The receiver of God's love is equipped to share it with others, and when that happens, the church extends its tents, and the Kingdom of God increases its population.

This also brings another aspect of the church life: People are called to serve in ministry in different ways. Actually I have heard that the way to really know if a church is healthy, is when it produces people to serve in ministry. During the life of this congregation many people have answered "Here I am" and now are in full time ministry or participated in an aspect of ministry.

I invite you to celebrate in this year those who we were able to reach and are a fruit of the Northern Hills UMC family and now are serving in different places of ministry. May this encourage us to be Disciples that makes Disciples!

Nate Finley - NHUMC is the family that I was born into, that would raise me, mentor me, teach me, and equip me to serve Christ with my life. In so many different ways it gave me opportunities of growth, in order to become the man God has called and created me to be.



Sue White -
"NHUMC exemplifies the Body of Christ that gave birth to my Ministry for God's Kingdom."

CHILDREN'S Backpack Blessing

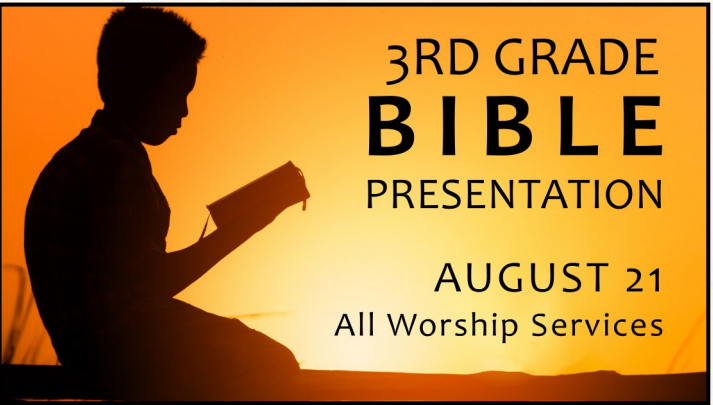


CALLING ALL

Elementary school students, middle school students, high school students, college students, teachers, administrators, and anyone else going back to school in August are invited to join us in worship for Backpack Blessing. Each worship service we will pray over the backpacks. Everyone will receive a tag, to place on their backpack, to remind them of how their church family is praying for them! Visit us at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional services in the Sanctuary and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary service, in the Worship Center and at 1:00 p.m. La Roca service at the Ministry Center. Don't forget to bring your backpack with you!

W.O.W. Kids Returns

We will be returning to our normal Wednesday Night programming for kids on Wednesday, August 31. All kinder-5th graders are invited to join us, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for a night of Fellowship and Fun. Our W.O.W. packs tons of good theology, into short sessions that everyone can enjoy!



Register your 3rd grader at the beginning of July.



Monster Trucks



YOUTH SMASHING HATCHET FUN



YOUTH POOL PARTY



The children of Northern Hills Elementary School lead and organized a spring food drive. All of the food collected was donated to our Food Pantry.



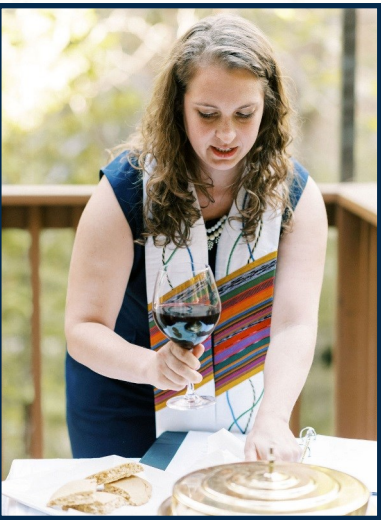
Abdon Garza - God confirmed my call to ministry through serving the community in the name of Christ through the ministries of NHUMC.

I learned to understand what James meant when he said, *“Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works”*. James 2:26 (NLT)



Clare Bravo -

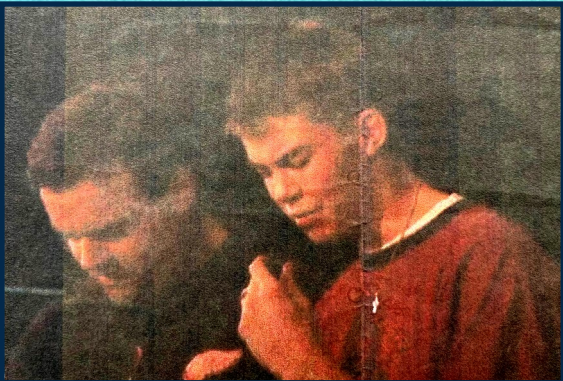
"Northern Hills was the fertile soil where my gifts and calling to ministry were recognized and nurtured. I am grateful for the people of NHUMC for pouring out their hearts, prayers, and support for me as I matured as a young Christian and as a leader."



Danielle Knapp

- “Northern Hills UMC was the place that introduced me to God's love, y'all were the first to recognize God's call on my life (even before I did), you gave me my first opportunities to do ministry - everything from stacking chairs to teaching Bible studies and preaching to the youth. I'm grateful to call NHUMC my home church!"

Aaron Colyer - “NHUMC was the first place I heard the good news of the gospel - that Christ had died for my sin and raised from the grave. Later men like Steve Teel gave me ministry opportunities to preach and teach God's Word and at 16 while serving on a Chrysalis leadership team I surrendered to a call to Christian ministry.”



Scott Bradford -

“I answered the call when many at NHUMC were hearing God's voice and surrendering their lives to ministry!”

Jacob Dukes -

NHUMC is where God made known to me my call to ministry and where excellent pastors (Dan, Milton, Lupina, and others) nurtured and fostered that calling to explore serving in God's Kingdom, and for all of those things I am indebted and grateful.



Others “Called” from NHUMC

Eric Marsh Sarah Melton Michelle Vernone

Pastor Patrick's Pen

Fear and Trembling by Soren Kierkegaard a book Review by Patrick Jackson

One of the books that I have been interacting with for a few years is Soren Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*. It is a book that travels somewhere between an expression of the spirituality of Abraham and a literary commentary on the biblical figure of Abraham. Kierkegaard expresses three problems of the concepts of the story of Abraham. But with each problem, he expresses mission and how it affects him and how it should affect his readers in a spiritual way. I would not surmise the think completely digested. Kierkegaard's intentions and plan on reading the book again after this course is complete.

The strength of your incoming gives credits kierkegaard's genius. He seems to travel almost seamlessly between literary commentary, Spiritual commentary, and autobiographical spiritual insight. You are discussing the similarities and differences between Agamemnon and Abraham in one paragraph flows directly into the superiority of Abraham and his amazing temperament in connection with God, followed by how this affects him as an individual.

"No! No one shall be forgotten is great in this world; but everyone was great in his own way, and everyone in proportion to his greatness of what he loved. For he who loves himself became great in himself and he who loves others became great through his devotion, but he who love God became greater than all. They shall all be remembered, but everyone became great in proportion to his expectancy. One became great through expecting impossible, another by expecting the eternal; but he expected the impossible became greater than all. They all shall be remembered, but everyone was great in proportion to the magnitude of what he strove with, for he strove with the world became great by conquering the world, and he who strove with himself became greater by conquering himself; but he do so with God is greater than all us there was strife upon the earth." page 50

NHUMC in ACTION

NHUMC in ACTION has the following classes scheduled. Watch for registrations announcements during worship services or on the website. Approximate registration dates are listed below each classes.

NHUMC in ACTION "A" Class - Ask & Acquire

Sunday, August 28
12:30-2:00 p.m.
rooms B1 & B2



email SusanB@nhumc.org to register

Registration for this class will begin mid-July.

NHUMC in ACTION "C" Class - Connect & Commit

Sunday, September 18
12:30-2:00 p.m.
rooms B1 & B2



email SusanB@nhumc.org to register

Registration for this class will begin mid-August.

Servant Leader Training

Saturday, October 15
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
at the Ministry Center



For more information and to register to attend go to NHUMC.org

Registration for this class will begin mid-September.

YOUTH SENIOR SUNDAY



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



YOUTH

Proverbs 22:17

It has been an exciting and wonderful first half of the year in the Northern Hills Youth Ministry! Our group has been growing steadily both in number and in their walk with God. We have had great studies in the books of James and Ruth on Sunday mornings. On Wednesdays we have had great conversations about the Trinity, defending our faith, and building a strong spiritual foundation through God's Word, worship, prayer, and serving others.

This past semester, we had 12 students go through a ten session confirmation class. This was a fantastic success as we had kids eager to come to confirmation class each week, and we even had a simultaneous parent class that was well received. We did this parent class so parents could help continue these formative spiritual conversations at home. I'd like to thank the parents and kids for their commitment to confirmation, and I'd also like to thank Jeff and Lois Pottinger for leading our parent class.

Serving others is a big emphasis in our ministry. We had lots of students serving over the last 6 months. Some of those events included: Spring Break VBS at the Ministry Center, Family Easter Celebration, 20th Anniversary Dinner, Summer VBS at the 1604 campus, and much more! Thank you to all our students who gave their time and effort.

We kicked off the summer with a mission trip to south Louisiana to do disaster relief work after the state was hit by Hurricane Ida last year. I encourage you to ask our students about their experience. We also took high school students to camp in Glorieta, NM. We are looking forward to City Camp on July 5-8 and Middle School Camp on July 24-28. Please pray for the students and adults that will be part of those events.

As our group continues to grow in number, we are looking for more volunteers. I'd like to ask if you would prayerfully consider jumping in to invest in these students. It's both a blessing and privilege to be able to pour into them, and I hope you will give serious consideration about how you can support and encourage them in some of the most crucial years of their spiritual life. Email SusannaW@nhumc.org if you'd like to know more about volunteer opportunities.

Here are some key dates for our youth ministry in the next few months:

- August 7 - Backpack Blessing
- August 31 - Wednesday Night Fall Kickoff
- Back to School Party



Announcements

WEDNESDAY NITE LIFE

QUICK SHOTS

FAST ANSWERS TO HARD QUESTIONS
Begins June 1, 6:30 p.m. on YouTube

Wednesday Night Life Summer Series

Quick Shots: Fast Answers to Hard Questions, from RightNow Media. In Quick Shots, clergy and retired clergy offer brief answers to common questions. WNL will only be broadcast on YouTube for this summer. There will be no in person service.



2nd Shift Ministry

Sunday, July 10

School Supplies

List of supplies coming soon.



Watch for the school supply list in mid-June.

SAVE THE DATE!

Back to School Celebration!

JULY 30, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
AT THE MINISTRY CENTER



Prayer for Teachers

and all staff starting a new
school year

July 31

All worship services

SAVE THE DATE!



August 27, 2022

Watch as this announcement unfolds during the summer months!

Hint: It will be fun!



Fall BIBLE STUDIES BEGINS AUGUST 31

CLASSES ~ DESCRIPTION ~ SIGN UP
WWW.NHUMC.ORG

Registration for classes begins first week of August.

VOLUNTEER! We need you!

VOLUNTEER



WWW.NHUMC.ORG/CONNECT/SERVE

Scan this QR code
for more information.



Pastor Abdon

“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

Psalm 78:4 (ESV)

Our summer sermon series is entitled “Legacy of Heroes” and will be focused on the twelve minor prophets of the Old Testament. Each of these prophets created legacies that are still with us today. As I was researching the word “*legacy*”, I came across this quote from John Maxwell:

“If you are successful, it becomes possible for you to leave an inheritance for others. But if you desire to create a legacy, then you need to leave something in others. When you think unselfishly and invest in others, you gain the opportunity to create a legacy that will outlive you.”

This quote speaks a truth that we should always keep in mind. We can spend a lifetime trying to build up wealth so that someday we can leave an inheritance to others, but what are we leaving in others? I believe legacies are created, not accumulated. We cannot save up for a legacy.

We need to spend to create a legacy: Spend time serving the Lord by caring for, helping, and serving others. Think of the people for whom you have the fondest memories, what is it that you remember most about them? I’m certain it isn’t the amount of money they had in their wallet. Most likely it was how they cared for you or how they impacted your life.

Cindy and Rocky Shoffstall were giving candy at the “Trunk or Treat” event at our 1604 campus. There were hundreds of children going from car to car receiving candy. A little boy and his sister, dressed as the Toy Story characters Woody and Jessie, were waiting in the Shoffstall’s line to receive candy.

As the children approached the Shoffstall’s, the little boy kept a close eye on Cindy. Suddenly the little boy exclaimed I know you! I know you! This caught Cindy by surprise as she did not recognize the child or his parents. Then the little boy said, you are the one who taught me how to sing “Jesus Loves Me” at Project Transformation.

At that moment Cindy says she teared up realizing that the child had remembered her teaching him a song about Jesus. Cindy says she was blessed to be able to witness that moment as many times we do not get an opportunity to see how we impact others with our witness.

What an awesome legacy Cindy left in that child’s heart. She is the “Jesus loves me lady” to that child and probably many others who have been touched by her willingness to serve.

What legacies are your creating? What songs of joy are you placing in the hearts of others that could become your legacy? Even the little things we do to serve the Lord can have a lasting impact on someone.



UMW NEWS

United Methodist Women



United Methodist Women Board 2022

Here’s what’s happening this summer.....

June 17— join us for an after VBS lunch at Salsalitos

July 8-10 - Who Can We be Together?, is the theme of Mission. A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13. It will be held at the Drury Inn.

Mission projects include -

Pill bottle collection - be sure to wash the bottles and remove labels and glue.

Letter writing to mission workers and legislators. Donation of stationary and stamps are greatly appreciated.

UMCOR Hygiene kits - fingernail and toenail clippers are needed.

BUNCO

Faith Circle will be hosting BUNCO Night on July 29, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join in the fun activities. Look for more information soon.

SAVE THE DATE!
FOOD, FUN AND FOLLIES
October 1

If you would like to be a table hostess or need more information, contact Donna Roeder at roederdl@gvtc.com.

Abel Stewart gives UMW a guided tour of the Beatitude Prayer Walk



MOVING ON GROUP

Moving On

They are a group of widows and widowers that meet once a month for lunch and great fellowship. All newcomers are welcome to join. The scheduled lunches are listed below:

- July 16 - Bourbon Street
- August 20 - Salsalitos Cantina
- September 17 - Delicious Gardens

INTRODUCING PASTOR BOB ALLEN



We are thankful to announce that Pastor Bob Allen is joining the NHUMC team in the role of leading NHUMC Traditional Worship, and Pastoral Care.

Bob Allen was born in February 1951 to Fred and Vivian Timmermann Allen in San Antonio, TX. His father was a Maytag appliance salesman and Bexar County deputy sheriff. His mother was a homemaker and office manager. He is the third born of four children.

He and his wife, Irene, have been married for 49 years. She is a retired elementary school educator. They have two children. Richard, who is a science teacher and coach in Judson ISD, is married to Melissa, who is an early childhood teacher in SAISD. Missy and her husband, Ryan Jenson, are the associate pastors of Oak Hill UMC in Austin. Bob and Irene are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren ages nine to twenty-six. Rich and Melissa are fostering three preschoolers, whom the family prays will be formally adopted into the family.



Bob attended Roosevelt High School here in San Antonio and completed his undergraduate work at Southwestern University in Georgetown. He graduated from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University and was ordained an elder in 1978 in the Louisiana Conference.

Bob has a wide range of experience in ministry. He has served as pastor in churches ranging in size from seven to three thousand members. He served as vice-chairperson of the Conference Board of Pensions and chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry. He was appointed as District Superintendent of the Kerrville District on the Bishop's Cabinet and was the Church Revitalization Director of our Rio Texas Conference. As of July 1, 2017, Bob officially retired after serving 42 years in ministry. He steps out of retirement into an active role at NHUMC. He feels blessed to be your new Associate Pastor.

Bob preaches and teaches passionately. He loves Jesus and wants to be on the front line of pastoral care. He loves people and loves to be with them. God and family are his key passions. He enjoys gardening and fishing in his spare time.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER—APRIL 30, 2022



**MAY 5, 2002-
MAY 5, 2022**



