



# New World *newsletter*

April 2021

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When I was a teenager, the rage was tanning with Crisco oil on a roll-out matt made of a reflective material. For the brave, sunbathing on the hot roof was popular. Then, tanning booths and tanning salons dominated culture. During the following decade we learned more about skin damage from UV rays. Now we have sunscreen in all kinds of products and have developed protective clothing. We grow from the things we learn and experience. So, what will we take-away from the last 12 months?

We have certainly had time to reflect, to sit in the extreme heat of multiple crisis', create new methods for doing and being, learn about the damage caused by our history of neglect and develop protective measures for a safer and more compassionate future in this world. The church has also been reflecting on how to offer hope and faith back into God's world.

How will we use the knowledge we have gained for new opportunities in: the expanding mission field around us, digital and in-person worship, building strong discipleship groups, deepening our daily prayer walk, new ways to evangelize, and strengthen work in caring for one another through a strong social justice emphasis? God is definitely calling us to seek Him with passion and conviction, care deeply for every single child of His, and to work as Jesus did with compassion and empathy.

I am excited as we continue to stretch, grow and deepen our faith walk in a post-pandemic world. I invite each one of you to join me during this Lenten Season to ask ourselves, "Where will this season of Wilderness lead us to serve in deeper ways with a deeper joy?"

Let us embrace the Easter Message of living our life for Jesus with resurrection JOY!

Proud to be your Pastor,  
Rev. Leslie Byrd



## Mask Mandates

While the governor of the state of Texas has opened back up 100%, he has indicated that businesses have the flexibility to determine their protocols. Because we are still in a season of COVID and all its emerging variants, New World United Methodist Church will still require face masks be worn while within the building and at multi-person events outdoors. We are much closer to safe full gatherings than we have been in 12 months. Let us continue to practice protocols so that we can get to a place of full gatherings.



## Save the Date - World Vision Global 6K for Water

On Saturday, May 22, New World will participate in the World Vision Global 6K to raise awareness and funds for clean drinking water for People around the world in need. Contact Rev. Erin for details.

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## Student Ministries:

For April we will continue our Sunday youth group meetings from 4-5 outside the church. Be sure to bring a mask, water bottle, and a chair or blanket to sit on. In the case of rain, we will meet inside our fellowship hall. Our time during youth group will be spent in community with each other, playing socially distanced games, and do devotionals and bible studies together. If you are unable to make it or prefer non-in-person meetups, the Zoom will also be on from 4-5 so you can see the group and be part of discussions. For security reasons please email or call for the Zoom ID and password. New students looking to get involved in community are always welcome, and you can always bring a friend!

Student ministry updates will be sent through email and text throughout the month. If you would like to be on the student ministry parent/student contact list please email [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org).

The dates we will gather in April will be:

4/11

4/18

4/25

We will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 4th. All youth are encouraged to join their families for one of our three in-person services or online worship.

If you have a student, know a student who might like to get involved, or have any questions, contact our Director of Student Ministries, Sarah Henson, [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org).





## April Safe Social Distance Book Club

Sunday, April 25, 7-8pm via Zoom meeting

For April, the New World book club is reading and discussing the Oprah Book Club recommended "*Caste*" by Isabel Wilkerson.

How New World book club works:

Each month a different book is selected. You buy or borrow the book and read it on your own, then we meet at the end of the month to discuss it through the lens of faith and theology. We currently meet via Zoom.

What's coming up next month - May 23? "*River of Fire*" by Sister Helen Prejean

To participate, contact Rev. Erin for the zoom link information.

## April Mission Focus: Feeding Hungry Kids in Arlington Independent School District

In Arlington ISD, many families are struggling to provide food for their families. Every Friday we are delivering weekend groceries to 25-27 North Arlington families, and **we have recently expanded to include grocery pickup for families with access to transportation!** While a bag of groceries with simple items like peanut butter and jelly, rice, beans, canned goods, pasta and cereal might not seem like much, it makes a huge difference for these families. You can help in three ways:



1. Donate food items on Mondays to Thursdays 10AM-12PM
2. Volunteer to deliver Friday food on a monthly or substitute basis.
3. Volunteer to help sort groceries at the church on a Wednesday afternoon to prepare for deliveries.

For more information contact Rev. Erin [erin@nwumc.org](mailto:erin@nwumc.org).



## New World Preschool

Registration for New World Preschool OPENS to the public Monday, April 19th, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

We offer small class sizes so we can nurture each individual child's learning ability to ensure they are ready for Kindergarten.

- All Staff are CPR certified and First Aid trained
- Class sizes range from only 8 to 15 students depending on age
- New World Preschool offers 5, 3 and 2 day programs for children ages 18 months to 4 years old by September 1st.
- School day, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
- Aftercare, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Enrollment is filled on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS!

Contact Amber Walter at [preschool@nwumc.org](mailto:preschool@nwumc.org) or call 817-460-8040 to find out more about our program.



## Glen Lake Summer Camps Are Happening This Summer!

The Staff at the camp is working very hard to offer camps safely. They feel positive about being able to do this but will continue to monitor the situation, but their plan is to offer camps this summer. Our own Lucy Clowers will be working on the staff this summer. If you were to have any questions you can go to their website, [glenlake.org](http://glenlake.org) or call the camp at 254-897-2247.



# New World KIDS

*Love God Love Neighbor Make Disciples*

# Holy Week

At New World

### Palm Sunday, March 28

10:00 am, In-Person and Online Worship  
4:00 pm, Easter Egg Event

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm, Interactive Worship Service  
via Zoom

### Good Friday, April 2

7:00 pm, Online Tenebrae Service

### Easter Sunday, April 4

- ♦ *In-person Worship*  
7:16 am, Sunrise Service  
9:00 am, Contemporary Service  
11:00 am, Traditional Service
- ♦ *Online Worship*  
A beautiful Easter Service aired at both 9:00 and 11:00 am

### New Sermon Series April 11– April 25 "SCREENS"

Join us as we look at Faith  
and Technology.



## STAY CONNECTED

- ♦ *Morning Prayer*  
8:30 am, Monday thru Friday
- ♦ *Seeds and Soil Bible Study*  
9:00 am, Monday & Friday
- ♦ *Message of Hope*  
9:30 am, Monday & Friday

(All of the above can be found on  
our [Facebook](#) Page)

Online Giving question?  
Please contact  
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