

New World

newsletter



“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up...” – Thessalonians 5:11

I want to take a moment to share from my heart with each of you. These past many months have been a complete mental, physical and emotional re-orienting time in our lives in so many ways. We have been in what I call “COVID Stand-still” for 14 months. Stand-still wasn’t the case in the more rural areas the whole time, but it was the case in a densely populated metroplex area. We had more hurdles and set-backs to deal with as well as many more opportunities to grow and discover new paths.

Now, the Metroplex is “Waking Up” and slowly more and more people can move about and gather in safe ways. We are finding some of the things we learned to be valuable and important to carry forward. We are finding our souls have missed deep connections and being present with one another and that there are little things we will need to re-learn and remember as well as big things that didn’t matter before but matter a great deal now.

You have remained strong. You have continued to care more about the whole than just one part of this faith family and surrounding community. You have been willing to give of yourself, roll up your sleeves, sit with hard truths and continue to look for ways to help heal our world. You have volunteered, sat on teams of discussions, delivered items, bought food, sent cards (some handmade) to the staff, sent a text or email at just the right moment to encourage, wrote prayer articles to strengthen others, made phone calls, helped at events, and lived out what it means to be “the body of Christ”.

Your giving has continued to provide ministry, mission and outreach from this church to this community. Your faithfulness to both on-line and in-person worship continues to grow, and your hearts have helped those who have lost loved ones know they do not stand alone. This is what it means to LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR and MAKE DISCIPLES. We do these things FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD and that transformation starts in our neighborhood.

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When I end any report or message with the words, "Proud to be your Pastor", it is because I truly am proud to lead this church body. I am so proud to know you and serve with you in the world. As we continue to "wake up" and re-connect, there will be a lot for us to do together going forward. God sees our future story and we must plan for how we will go forward into that story.

Our story will not look the same as before COVID because the whole world changed in every way possible. But with God, we will discover new beauty and tremendous HOPE. I cannot think of any other place I would want to make this journey alongside. Thank you for all you are doing.

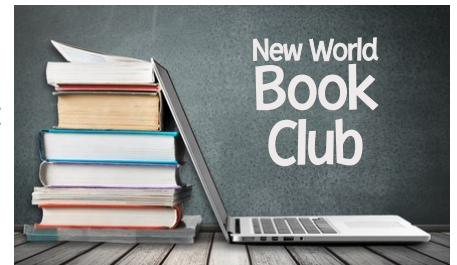
Proud to be your Pastor,
Rev. Leslie Byrd



New World June Club - "The Book of Joy"

Enjoy reading interesting books and long to talk to others about them? Don't have a lot of time to commit?

You're invited to join Rev. Erin in the "New World Book Club - Social Distancing Edition."



How it works: Read the assigned book on your own - all titles are available in electronic format if you don't have a copy already. You can read all of the books and be there every month, or just join us once if a particular book strikes your interest.

Book club meets once a month on a Sunday evening 7:00-8:00 p.m. for an hour to discuss the book of the month. During our book club time, we will all call into Zoom for an online book club meeting. (If you need help setting up Zoom, just let us know!)

Here is the book club schedule:

- **Sunday, May 23 - "River of Fire: On Becoming an Activist" by Sister Helen Prejean**
- **Sunday, June 27 - "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, et al**
- **Sunday, July 25 - "Who Stole My Bible? Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny" by Rev. Jennifer Butler**

Here is the link to join the book club Zoom Meeting [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#) (Meeting ID: 256 774 719)

Contact Rev. Erin (erin@nwumc.org) if you have any questions.



AISD Food Pantry Ministry

In partnership with AISD and Rush Creek Church, every week New World delivers much needed weekend food to 26-28 families in North and East Arlington. This ministry is essential to keeping kids fed and is deeply appreciated by our community partners.

You can help by volunteering to deliver food, to sort donations, or by donating any of the following items:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereals, Easy-Prep Shelf-Stable Meals, Pastas, Pasta Sauces, Canned Goods, Toilet Paper and Snack Items

This summer, you are encouraged to try something new! Consider asking your local friends and neighbors to donate items for this ministry.

Donations can be brought to the church Monday-Thursday 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

During the summer when many of our volunteers may travel, we are looking for volunteer drivers available as to serve as substitutes.

If you are interested in giving this a try, contact Rev. Erin (erin@nwumc.org) for more information.



New Sermon Series with Two Outdoor Events

JUNE 6TH – We are beginning **A New Sermon Series** called “**JESUS OUTDOORS**” and celebrating “Under the Trees” with an Outdoor Worship at 10:00 a.m. on the parking lot facing the trees by the Main Entrance. New World United Methodist Church invites you to bring your comfortable chairs, fill your soul with a brief message, Holy Communion, and music led by The Way - as we meet the risen Lord outdoors. Our On-line worship service will enjoy a live feed of the service at 10:00 a.m. also – connecting these two communities.

We will still practice social distancing while outdoors, but masks will be optional for this service because it is being held outdoors

JUNE 27TH – 9:00 a.m. enjoy **BREAKFAST ON THE GROUNDS** before In-Person, In-Doors, Traditional Worship at 10:00 a.m. Donations for breakfast would be appreciated.



Project Transformation Central Texas July 12-15, 2021

Project Transformation Central Texas is a ministry of the United Methodist Church that provides summer literacy and food support for underserved communities. New World is a partner church for Project Transformation, and that means we get to volunteer and support the Project Transformation day camp held at First United Methodist Church of Bedford.

**Mark your calendar:
our assigned week is July 12-15!**

During that week, adults can help by volunteering to listen to elementary school age readers during the mornings of July 12-15. All ages will be able to help with collecting and providing food and other supplies for the college interns and student participants at FUMC Bedford.

As Project Transformation prepares for the summer, they have invited us to donate specific books for their summer reading program. Please go to the link here <https://a.co/05RzSTp> and see if you can donate a few books to this great reading mission. Thanks for your support!

Contact Rev. Erin (erin@nwumc.org) for more information.



NWUMC Mission Trip to McCurdy Ministries October 3-9, 2021

- McCurdy Ministries is an adult mission trip for one week in Espanola, New Mexico. New World has been going to McCurdy since 2008.
- This year, our trip dates are October 3-9. Mission trip cost is approximately \$230 per person and includes onsite double room dormitory style accommodations and most meals. Leslie Qualman will be our Team Chef!
- Work activities may include general building maintenance, painting, cleaning, event set-up, yard work, data entry, office work, or pre or after-school care assistance. **McCurdy has something for everyone regardless of your physical abilities and skills!**
- We work Monday through Friday (6 hrs a day, starting at 9 a.m.) -- but will have 2 half days or 1 full day off (our choice).
- You must be vaccinated to go. McCurdy has COVID related protocols that we will need to follow.
- A meeting will be held in August for sign up and more trip details – contact Gordon Johnson gordonandcandy@gmail.com or Al Qualman, alq77@sbcglobal.net if interested.

Moving Forward With Phase 2 of the New World New Plan



The Administrative Board has approved Phase 2 of our reopening process. A huge thank you to all the voices of those who love this church and serve in leadership for this wonderful community of faith. Below is a timeline of some of the “next things” as we move into a new journey of faith. Each piece has a specific date for specific reasons that have been well thought out as the body of Christ.

When we will change/shift/relax :

- **6/01/2021** **Small Groups return to scheduling in-building use** (SS Classes, Studies, Stitchers, etc.)
- **6/08/2021** **Large In-House groups return to scheduling in-building use** (PrimeTimers, Administrative Board, VBS, Youth Activities, etc.)
- **6/13/2021** **ON-LINE REGISTRATION CEASES** – May enter multiple doors
- **6/13/2021** **Ushers greet** - but do not need to physically seat people
- **6/27/2021** **Remove Tape from pews** – people choose where to sit in room
- **7/12/2021** **Large outside groups return to scheduling in-building use** (Scouts, Master Chorale Singers, Rentals (with catering))
- **8/15/2021** **Masks become optional in the building**
- **8/15/2021** **2nd In-Person service will be added for a total of 3 services:**
9:30 – Contemporary
10:00 – On-Line
11:00 - Traditional



Vacation Bible School Discovery on Adventure Island July 20-22

Mark your calendars! We are having Vacation Bible School this summer for children 4 years old - 5th grade.

We need adult volunteers to help in the areas of Bible story, music, crafts, science, recreation, and serving snacks and shepherding children to the different areas.

Please contact Kathy Alexander at kathyalex@nwumc.org or 817-460-4212

Student Ministry



This summer we will pause on our Sunday afternoon meetups and in its place we will resume Sunday school and will begin having our Wednesday afternoon hangouts. On Sunday, June 6th there will be an outdoor music service in place of our usual Sunday morning worship and Sunday school. All youth are invited to attend with their families this Sunday morning. We will meet for Sunday school on 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27 at 11 am, right after the 10 am service.

Every Wednesday we will get together, and each week will look slightly different in what activities we do, with some activities being indoor and some outdoor. Masks will be required when we are not eating or cannot be socially distanced.

The dates for our June Wednesday hangouts are as follow:

6/2: picnic at the church from 12-2.

6/9: Rangers game @ 1 pm. Meet at the church at 12!

6/16: Mission Week! see details below.

6/23: Movies at the church from 12-2. Bring your lunch and favorite movie snacks!

6/30: Board games at the church from 12-2. Bring your lunch and favorite board games!

Mission Week:

The week of June 14-17 we will partner with Mission Arlington. Each morning we will meet at the church for breakfast and a devotional, and to pack our lunches. We will then head to Mission Arlington for the day to do various projects like food pantries, VBS, and donation drives. We will return to the church for dinner, games, and a devotional. The cost for the week is \$60 and includes meals and a t-shirt. For the signup link and forms, or if you have any questions, email Sarah, sarah@nwumc.org.

Donations needed:

New World Student Ministries is in need of snacks for our Mission Week (June 14-17). Any snacks such as chips, cookies, fruit snacks, etc that are individually wrapped would be greatly appreciated. We are also collecting school supplies and hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, etc). These can be dropped off at the church any time before June 14th.

Volunteers needed:

Adult leaders are also needed for our mission week June 14-17th. If you would like to sign up for a day to help us at Mission Arlington or if you would like to provide a meal, email our Director of Student Ministries, Sarah Henson, at sarah@nwumc.org. Thank you for investing in our youth group!



Weekday Morning Prayer with Rev. Erin

Looking for a new way to start your day and a way to grow in your faith? Consider joining Rev. Erin any weekday morning for a time of Morning Prayer, scripture and occasional song.

This is a Facebook Live event available on our church's Facebook page, ([facebook.com/NewWorldUMC](https://www.facebook.com/NewWorldUMC)) every weekday at 8:30 a.m. Central Time.