



New World *newsletter*

August 2021

Re-engaging our Faith

August 15, we will celebrate two services in person and one service online going forward each Sunday morning! Services will be at 9:30 and 11:00 am, with a 10:00 am on-line service. It will re-engage our connection time of fellowship around coffee or bottled water between the services.

Some classes will return to in-person at 9:30 and others at 11:00 – and masks will be optional but available if you are unvaccinated for your protection. But the main thing is: we will gather in Jesus' name. We will worship our Lord God and Savior Jesus with a new depth. We will feel tremendous joy in our hearts and give thanks and praise to God.

Not everything will be the same as it was before COVID-19, because we are not the same and the world is not the same. But what is the same – Jesus called us to gather in the church he would build upon the rock. In Acts 20:28, Peter declares, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."

For those who can gather in-person, the time has come when we are encouraged to move from pajamas and the couch - to experience in-person baptisms, professions of faith, partake together in Holy Communion, witness a child learning at children's time, hear a fellow faith traveler share a burden, sit in a space with other believer's, pray silently together, and speak a creed collectively or affirmation of faith.

Some will not be able to gather in-person for health reasons. Some will not be able to gather because they have become homebound or have moved. Some pews in our worship space will be missing the familiar faces of those who have gone on to life eternal during the last seventeen months. Those unable to be in-person will be able to gather with this community of faith in the sacred time of on-line worship. They will be encouraged and challenged in their faith by Pastor Erin, our on-line pastor and Sarah Henson, our Director of Student Ministries.

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On-line, we will make connections with people and build relationships and encourage all to be a part of events or mission projects on campus when possible. In-person, we will challenge every person in this family of faith to grow in their discipleship as we move forward. We will encourage you to invite others who have inquired, who are new to the area, who have no church home so that no one walks alone in this life.

So, join the celebration and let's journey this road together! We are imperfect people striving to know Jesus Christ and walk in His ways. Come as you are, you are welcome here!

Proud to be your Pastor,
Rev. Leslie Byrd

Worship Celebration Launch

We invite you to join us, Sunday, August 15, 2021, as we launch our celebration of worship:

- 9:30 Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 Online Worship
- 11:00 Traditional Worship

The Administrative Board, Clergy, Staff and the New World/New Plan Team will launch into Phase 3 of our post quarantine endeavors for New World UMC. New items for Phase 3:

- Masks on the New World UMC Campus will be optional.
- We will have three worship opportunities offered each week.
- Chancel Choir will begin meeting for rehearsals weekly on Wednesday evening.

The three-week sermon series starting August 15, 2021 is *Created*. God spoke and the world was *created*. We are *created* in the image of God and through Jesus we are *created* anew.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

August 11, 2021

7:30-8:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ages High School and Up

All voice types, styles, abilities!

steven@nwumc.org
for more information



Student Ministries

This August we will continue meeting Sunday mornings as well as having our Wednesday hangouts until school starts.

This is what our weekly calendar will look like for August:

8/4, 8/11: Mid Week hang out at the church from 12-2

For Sunday mornings will meet for a devotional and connection time. On August 1 and 8 we will meet after the 10 am service. After we move to 2 in-person services on Sunday, August 15 we will meet after the 9:30 contemporary service at 10:45 am for the rest of the semester.

Sunday, August 1st will be Youth Sunday at our 10 am service. Anyone who is participating can arrive at the church at 9:45 am.

If you have any questions about getting your middle or high school student or a youth you know involved at New World, email our Director of Student Ministries, sarah@nwumc.org. You can also contact Sarah if you want to be on the contact list for youth parents.

Grace,
Sarah



New World Book Club

If you like to read and discuss interesting books, join the New World Book Club on the last Sunday of the month (adjusted for holiday weekends) 7PM-8PM via zoom meeting. This is done in support of our vision to love God and make disciples, and to promote reading, discussion and learning through a theological lens. Upcoming times and topics:



- Sunday, July 25
Who Stole My Bible? Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny
by Rev. Jennifer Butler
- Sunday, August 29
The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee
- Sunday, September 26
Permission to Feel: Unlocking the Power of Emotions to Help Our Kids, Ourselves, and Our Society Thrive by Marc Brackett
- Sunday, October 24
The Untethered Soul by Michael Singer
- Sunday, November 21
The Five Invitations by Frank Ostaseski

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Erin Jackson, erin@nwumc.org.

The 'Who' and 'Why' of How our Music Is Chosen for Worship

We are often asked: "Why did you chose that song?", "Who chose that hymn?" "Why do we never sing my favorite hymn/song?"

Worship crafting is an art. New World has a team of people who craft all of our worship services. This team is Pastor Leslie, Pastor Erin, Steven Couch, Kathy Alexander, Sarah Henson, Josh Bender and Sarah Duer. The thematic series and scriptures are chosen at least six months in advance by Pastor Leslie. The team takes each series and works together discussing the theme of each series and the theme of each week within that series. The take-away message of each week is communicated and from there Steven Couch and Sarah Duer begin choosing music. We pour through different website resources comparing them to our current repertoire of songs and hymns. We then, look back through the calendar and see when those songs or hymns were used last in worship. Particular attention is given to the tempo, spirit, key, resources needed, placement and familiarity of each song. Our hope is always that each song points to the central theme of the day. We want each word that is sung to guide the congregation toward that theme and to set that theme deep within each heart.

Therefore, every favorite hymn or song may not be thematically appropriate every year. It is our hope that the congregation will grow to love many different types of songs and hymns. We wish to worship and communicate through all the different types of music available to us with our current resources. We pray that congregants see the connections between the music and the sermon each week and that those lyrics stay within all our hearts throughout the week as a reminder of the sermon.

Joy to you all,
The Worship Team



Morning Prayer

Every weekday, you are invited to morning prayer via Facebook Live at 8:30AM with Rev. Erin. This is a daily prayer practice with scripture, prayer and sometimes singing.

Message of Hope

New World United Methodist offers a ministry which shares words of HOPE each Monday and Thursday morning at 9:30 am on Facebook Live with Rev. Leslie Byrd.

Mobile Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, August 15, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm in our parking lot using the Carter BloodCare Mobile Bus.



Donate blood and receive a limited-edition shirt honoring those who lost their lives 20 years ago on 9/11. Donation procedures have been amended to provide safe social distancing and limit contact as much as possible. To make an appointment, follow this link: [New World United Methodist Church](#), or call the church office for assistance.



Roadtrips: Rest and Refuel, August 1, 2021 6pm

As part of the *Roadtrips* series New World will be offering a service of 'rest' and 'refuel' at 6:00 in the evening on Sunday, August 1, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall.

As part of this worship offering, we will be introducing the use of a prayer labyrinth. The prayer labyrinth is an ancient tradition of walking the labyrinth while praying. This can be with guided prayers, or praying what is currently on your heart. We will open with explanation and instruction and Pastor Leslie and Pastor Erin will talk about what it means to 'rest' and 'refuel' in our spirit. We will also be offering different ways to pray through anointing, and writing our prayers. This service will be contemplative and provide a space for your spirit to rest and receive refuel from the Living God.



Prime Timers Lunch

New World member Lynda Hardison and her dog Sophie will provide the program for our August lunch. Sophie is a Therapy Dog associated with Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, a DFW organization. She and Lynda compete in Rally, Obedience, and Agility. She recently earned her AKC Rally Championship and has the highest trick dog title - Performer Elite.

The meal will be catered by Tin Cup. Choice of three sandwiches, potato sticks, cookies and drinks. \$10 per person. If you prefer, or if you don't rsvp in time, you can bring your own lunch. Pay that day with cash, or a check to New World UMC with PT lunch in the memo. To order your meal, contact Kathy Noren at kathynoren@hotmail.com or 817-832-3320, no later than **Friday, August 6**. Join us in the fellowship hall at noon on Tuesday, August 10. Guests welcome!

Fridays through August 27 – Food Delivery Ministry

Each week New World provides snack bags and groceries delivered to Families in Transition identified by Arlington ISD. This ministry will evolve to school deliveries at the beginning of the school year once students are back in the school buildings. We are doing this to support our vision of loving neighbor and to build our partnership with the local school district. Donations needed include: **bottled water, juice boxes, individual snacks such as Mac & Cheese bowls, oatmeal and soup cups, granola bars and sugar free fruit cups.** Donations can be brought to the church.



Children's Ministry

Blessing Of The Backpacks

We are excited to have Blessing of the Backpacks during our In-person and online worship on Sunday, August 15th. What a great way to start the 2021/2022 school year! All children and youth will receive a Backpack tags with the Bible verse *"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* Psalm 139:14. This will be a special day to pray for our students, teachers, administrators, and parents as we begin this new school year. There is much anticipation as we go back to school and hopefully have a less stressful year than we did last year! Join us for this wonderful day of blessing.



New World KIDS

Love God Love Neighbor Make Disciples

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School

Our Children's Sunday school classes will continue each Sunday from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. We will begin with a snack time and transition to our lesson time. We will be separating into two age groups beginning in September. We have met as one group since we began Children's Sunday school

meeting outdoors. All children are invited to join us as we learn more about the stories and teachings in the Bible!

Coming Up

- **08/01**
Rest & Renew Service
- **08/10**
Primers Timers Lunch
- **08/11**
Preschool Open House
- **08/11**
Chancel Choir Practice Resumes
- **08/12**
New World Stitches
- **08/15**
Two In-person Worship Services
- **08/15**
Carter Blood Drive
- **08/17**
Prayer Shawl Ministry



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