



# New World *newsletter*

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## **A Word from our Senior Pastor**

When we moved into our current house in July 2019, I discovered I did not have enough of some things like couches for two living spaces and too much of other things like going from a 4-bedroom house to a 3-bedroom house and 3 baths down to 2 baths. I had to get rid of some shower curtains, bath mats and towels, and a bed, plus re-orient and add office furniture to the bedroom because my last home office had built-ins. It was a whole new way of doing things.

The same is true as we move through this time and space in our world. Restaurants are looking more at outdoor spaces, on-line pick-up at stores is a norm, used car sales are skyrocketing, businesses meet on Zoom as much as in-person, and so forth. We are discovering new things about how to “do” and “be”.

One of the things many have discovered is the importance of faith in Jesus Christ. If ever there was a time to reconnect heart, mind and soul to God – it is now. As we move through our new sermon series, CREATED, on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate a time at the end of the service to profess faith in Jesus Christ, re-dedicate your faith in Jesus Christ and/or join with this faith community as members of the body of Christ.

Maybe you have been thinking about joining and just have not made the commitment. The time now is perfect. God is ready to meet His beloved creation in a place of dedication and putting down roots in a faith community that longs to make disciples of Jesus Christ by “Loving God”, “Loving Neighbor” and “Making Disciples”. Come grow with us and journey the road of faith together.

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For more information about what it means to profess your faith and joining New World United Methodist Church, please contact Rev. Leslie Byrd, Senior Pastor at [leslie@nwumc.org](mailto:leslie@nwumc.org) or Rev. Erin Sloan Jackson, Associate Pastor of Missions at [erin@nwumc.org](mailto:erin@nwumc.org)

Proud to be your Pastor,  
Rev. Leslie Byrd

## Cowtown Brush Up

NWUMC is again a sponsor for Habitat for Humanity Cowtown Brush up this fall. We need volunteers to come out and paint on Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8AM-3PM. Please let me know if you can participate all day or if you can do a few hours. We have always had great participation for this wonderful charity event. See attached **FLYER** for more details. The address for the house we will be painting will be available a few days prior to event and I will send that out.

**I need the following info from participating volunteers:**

T-shirt size

cell phone #

Hours that you can participate

***Needed: Paint ladders and tall extension ladders (I can start collecting them in mid-September)***

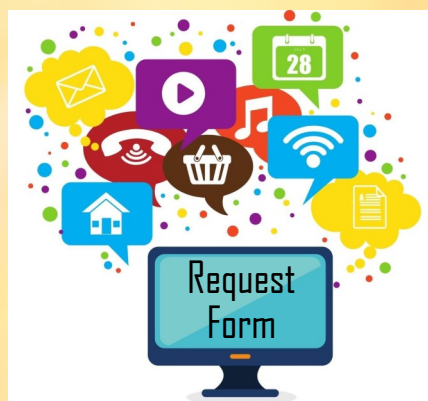
All other paint supplies will be provided by Habitat. We plan to do sack lunches and water/ Gatorade will be provided.

Thank you, Sherri Lucas  
817-456-0652



## Communications/Social Media Requests

If you would like a particular ministry or event published on any of our church or social media we now have a request form for you to fill out. This is located on our website, [nwumc.org](http://nwumc.org) under the News & Events tab. Any events relevant to the New World congregation/community can be advertised via Facebook, Instagram, newsletters, and constant contact. Be sure to include any relevant information such as pictures and links necessary to inform others of your program or event.





## Fall Scheduling on Temporary Hold

This time of year, we kick off our fall ministries and new opportunities with great excitement. We are still planning, but dates for some of our ministries to start-up are temporarily on hold due to COVID spikes.

Stay tuned for updates...

## New World Food Pantry Update

*In the Spring of 2020, a global pandemic sent school children to remote learning and caused many in our community to lose income. Part of this crisis was realizing that many of the most vulnerable local students and their families depended on the local schools in order to get enough food to eat. In May of 2020, New World partnered with Rush Creek Church and Arlington ISD to begin delivering weekly groceries and snack bags to families in need throughout Arlington ISD.*



**Let's celebrate!** In the past 61 weeks, New World volunteers have packed and delivered over **1,280 bags of groceries** for families, and over **4,200 snack bags** for children. Dozens of church members have volunteered and donated, and we delivered more than **\$38,500** worth of food during that time! What a blessing to our neighbors!

**And Now, A New Opportunity:** As students return to in-person learning, we are continuing the ministry of feeding our neighbors but in a new way. As the new school year begins, we are partnering with **Jones Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language** in North Arlington to provide weekly snack bags for students. Jones Academy has over 500 students, 65% of which are low income. It's hard for hungry students to learn. The school is so excited that New World will be able to help their students - and our vision is that the partnership will only grow over time!

With our help, students will be able to get nutritious snacks. **You can help by stocking our food pantry with items such as:**

**beef sticks, mac and cheese cups, applesauce cups, ramen noodles, oatmeal, Vienna sausage, Nutrigrain bars, individual cereal boxes, cheese crackers, juice boxes (100% juice only), small bottles of water, tuna packets, Chef Boyardee cups**

If you'd like to find out more about how you can help the food pantry and snack bag ministry, contact Rev. Erin ([erin@nwumc.org](mailto:erin@nwumc.org))





## WISH LIST

Beyond the **tithe** back to God, we have the opportunity for both **second-mile giving** (things like sponsoring a youth for a mission trip, purchasing food for the food pantry, providing school supplies for AISD kids, supporting Arlington Urban Ministries, etc.) and **gifts** (purchasing one-time purchases for use in the mission and ministries of the church like a cart, a TV, a coffee machine, etc.)

New World UMC needs the following items. The staff and Trustees Team have put them on a **“Wish List”** for brothers and sisters in Christ who wish to see these **gifts** become a reality through acts of generosity and love, and it could be in honor of or memory of a loved one for the work of God by New World. We will keep this article each month as an ongoing opportunity.

- **A Smart TV** for the Youth Room wall (the current one is not “Smart”)
- **4 round picnic tables with attached benches** (Trustees already has the model and design chosen) to be put by main entrance beneath the trees – for children, youth, and adults to meet safely outdoors.
- **A smaller sized Ice Maker** for the kitchen
- **Advent Candle wreath stand with candles** (Steven has one selected)



## New World Book Club

Love to read and want to talk about books from a faith perspective?

The New World Book Club meets 7:00-8:00PM CST once a month on a Sunday evening via Zoom meeting (Meeting ID 256 774 719). The book club is simple and open to everyone! How it works: if a book looks interesting to you, read it on your own & then meet us on Zoom to discuss it together!

- 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, contact Rev. Erin ([erin@nwumc.org](mailto:erin@nwumc.org))

## GIVING "QR CODE"

The Offering is a sacred moment in the life of the worship service. There are many sacred moments, yet the offering invites us to respond to the love God has for us and show our generosity by asking *"Lord, what do you want to do through me?"*



In today's culture, many people seldom carry cash and 30% of our congregation participate regularly through online giving. To participate in online giving visit our website at [nwumc.org](http://nwumc.org) and click on the Give tab. To set up an automatic draft (which 100% of your donation goes to the church), call the church office and Heather can help you set that up. You can choose to have your donation drafted weekly, biweekly or monthly.

We pass the plates in both services as an act of offering, and at the Traditional service return the offering plates to the altar and sing the Doxology in praising God "from whom all blessings flow". People who have no cash and don't give online have commented they feel bad not putting something in the plate.

So, we have placed a "QR Code" sign on the two credenzas on each side of the center doors at the back wall of the sanctuary. This will allow you to access with your phone and takes you to the giving site to respond with an offering. We want to give people ease and availability to show their generosity in meaningful ways that impact the community around us.

## Student Ministry

For the month of September the New World youth will continue to meet in Band groups (Becoming A New Disciple) on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 service. During this time we will meet in the coffee bar for a time of devotionals, connection, and community. All students age 7th-12th grade are invited to join in this time on Sunday mornings. More information on when the New World youth will meet for evening programming for the fall is to come.



If you would like to be on the New World youth ministry contact list, email our Director of Student Ministries, Sarah Henson, [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org). Youth events can also be found on our all-church calendar on our website and advertised through our church-wide Facebook page and youth group Instagram, [@newworldyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/newworldyouthministry). If you have a student age 6th-12th grade or know one who may be looking for a church family youth group for the fall, our youth director would love to talk to you via phone or email! Call the church office or email Sarah Henson, [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org) if you'd like to set up a time.



## Love Neighbor: Turn \$1.00 into \$100

*Being sick is not a crime, but medical debt turns it into one. The punishment is often incessant calls from bill collectors, diminished credit scores, financial ruin and bankruptcy. RIP Medical Debt is uniquely qualified as a nonprofit to help Americans struggling with medical debt. They help our most vulnerable neighbors, those who earn less than two times the federal poverty level.*



The Central Texas Conference Order of Deacons (Rev. Erin is Chair of the Order) has teamed up with RIP Medical Debt and is hoping to raise enough funds to forgive all of the medical debt in Central Texas Conference and beyond. As people called to love our neighbors, I would love to see New World UMC get involved! This is an opportunity to radically help our neighbors and every small donation helps.

With RIP Medical Debt, your dollar goes a long way. In fact, just \$1 abolishes \$100 of medical debt, \$10 abolishes \$1000, and a \$100 donation eliminates \$10,000 worth of debt. 100% of your donation goes directly toward relieving medical debt.

**To learn more or to make a donation, please go to this [fundraiser link](#)**

If you have questions, feel free to contact Rev. Erin, Chair of the Central Texas Conference Order of Deacons!

## Children's Bible Presentation

On September 12, during both worship services, the children in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be given a Bible from the church.

Due to the pandemic and not having In-person worship this time last year, we did not give Bibles to the Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We want to make sure they receive their Bibles this year, so we have 4 grade levels receiving Bibles.

If you have a child in these age groups, please contact Kathy Alexander, [kathyalex@nwumc.org](mailto:kathyalex@nwumc.org), to include your child in this wonderful celebration.



## The Nursery is Open!

We are very excited that our Nursery has reopened for children, 6 weeks old – 4 year olds. The nursery hours are 9:15-12:00 noon. Please bring the items your child will need while you are in worship. You will bring your child to the nursery and sign them in with your name, where you are in the building, and cell phone number in case you are needed for any reason.



## Children's Band Hour (Becoming A New Disciple)

10:30 – 12:00 each Sunday  
The children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in Room 27 in the Adult Education wing. Amy Vitek leads this group.

The children in kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade meet in Rooms 9,10,11 in the Children's Wing. Kathy Alexander leads this group. The Preschool children meet in the Nursery in the Children's wing.



## Stay Connected

- ♦ **Morning Prayer**  
8:30 am, Monday thru Friday
- ♦ **Message of Hope**  
9:30 am, Monday & Friday

These online programs can be found on our Facebook Page

## College Students

If you are in college, graduate school, etc., we need your updated contact information. Email Sarah Henson, [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org) to send your updated address so we can send you notes and care packages throughout the semester. Good luck as you begin a new semester!



Online Giving question?  
Please contact Heather James,  
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