



# Walnut Hills

## United Methodist Church

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### MISSION STATEMENT

"A place to call home where we are welcomed and sent forth to serve."

### VISION THEMES

Interfaith Acceptance  
Social Justice  
Spirituality

### VISION

Walnut Hills is a community...

- Moving beyond the traditional, in touch with the lifestyle, needs and resources of people of today.
- Not confined to a single neighborhood, but encompassing the entire western suburbs and beyond.
- Giving itself away, knowing in giving itself does it find itself.
- Reaching out, affirming the individuality of each and our need to be needed.
- Wanting to learn of and offer itself to a God wrapped in mystery who comes to us in love.
- Inviting us to offer ourselves in witness and service right where we are in our everyday lives.

### COMMITMENT

Walnut Hills United Methodist Church...

- Truly welcomes persons regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey.
- Embraces the inclusive emerging worldview of Christianity.
- Expects its members to be engaged in service and social justice.

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Worship - September through May - 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School - September through May - 9:30 a.m.

Youth and Adult Classes - September through May - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - June through August - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Youth and Adult classes - June through August - on break

### CONTACTS

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Guests are welcomed at Walnut Hills. Each Sunday, volunteers staff a welcome kiosk to answer questions of our guests. From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we offer fellowship time at the Just Coffee Café located in the West Gathering Area. Our hope is that guests, if interested and when ready, will meet others at Walnut Hills and feel a part of our church family. *Taste of Walnut Hills* provides a time for those thinking about joining the church to learn more about Walnut Hills, meet others interested in joining the church and more.

### CELEBRATIVE WORSHIP

The inspiration and energy for our ministries comes from Sunday morning Celebrative Worship. It includes a time of great music, relevant messages for everyday living, children's time, first Sunday of the month communion, the celebration of baptisms and membership, offerings of love and support, prayers of thanksgiving and remembering, and the sending song that goes with us into the week.

### WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Worship Arts at Walnut Hills encompasses all ages and skill levels. The Worship Arts ministry is comprised of numerous vocal and instrumental groups for children, youth, and adults. Opportunity to share one's talent is endless. We celebrate each person's talents and encourage those God give talents in a positive and fun way. At Walnut Hills, we strive to provide music with a contemporary flair, while also maintaining our tradition. The music at Walnut Hills covers styles from contemporary Christian to classical, gospel to rock, and blues to jazz. Music at Walnut Hills serves to touch our souls as well as provide fun, fellowship, and friends.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are a very important part of the life at Walnut Hills. Our Children's Ministry, for ages infant through 6th Grade, includes a professionally staffed nursery, Sunday school, and Children's Church during Sunday morning Celebrative Worship. The Wednesday evening programming for children in grades K-6 combines music, spiritual formation, art, and movement into an intensive, fun-filled time of creative arts experience. Special events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, summer evening Vacation Bible School in June, and summer church camps round out the year.

Children ages 10 and up are welcome to volunteer as Children's Church and nursery helpers, candle lighters, ushers, and greeters with their families during Celebrative Worship. The children are actively involved in outreach by doing projects. They also work to help local organization such as Blank Children's Hospital and children around the world through the Heifer Project International.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth from several school districts in the community come together at Walnut Hills. Seventh through twelfth graders are at home here as they learn about each other, themselves, and the world. Classes on Sunday mornings offer bible study for the 8th Grade Confirmation students, and discussion on issues relevant to them in their faith journey. Confirmation students also have monthly classes with Interfaith visits throughout the year. Wednesday nights, Jr. High (Grades 7 and 8) and Sr. High (Grades 9-12) focus on fun, fellowship, and service. In addition, youth have opportunities to volunteer at the local and state level, develop leadership skills, and participate in summer work trips, retreats, conferences, and workshops while partnering with a loving and caring adult ministry team.

### ADULT OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, AND STUDY

It is our study, service, and fellowship that mark Walnut Hills. Study opportunities are available Sunday mornings in Christian Learning Time and Wednesday evenings as well as a variety of other times throughout the year. Study often leads to service whether it involves preparing or serving meals for the homeless, being an advocate with our justice ministry, or working with our partner church in San Antonio, Texas. Our Outreach Fund provides thousands of dollars annually to local, national, and international projects. And, fellowship groups are available for any interest, including our Men's Roundtable, Women's Brunch Bunch, and so many more. If a group doesn't exist that meets your needs, an attempt will be made to create one.

### MATURE ADULT MINISTRY

The Walnut Hills Mature Adult Ministry is focused on providing a fun and educational environment for mature adults. Our activities attempt to focus on fellowship, spirituality, and community. We usually meet during the day so those who have difficulties driving at night can attend and make connections with others. We welcome all who would like to join.