



ALAMO HEIGHTS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOU ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE.



# Welcome

Welcome to Alamo Heights United Methodist Church! We're so glad you chose to make AHUMC your church home. We're committed to being a warm and welcoming church that provides a place for you to:

- Connect with others
- Grow in relationship with God
- Ask questions about the Christian faith in a safe and supportive environment
- Learn more about the content and meaning of the Bible
- Participate in uplifting and inspiring worship
- Live out your faith in service to others

The contents of this New Member packet will help you connect with others in the church and assist you in determining where your gifts and graces can be used to build God's kingdom through the ministries of this congregation. Know that you are not only welcome at AHUMC, but needed as part of our faith community.

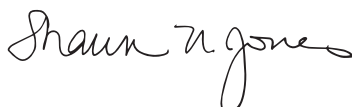
As you come into church membership, we pray you will keep your membership vows in mind: to be loyal to this church by supporting it with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. In return, the members of the congregation have vowed to support you on your faith journey. We take our vows seriously, and believe that each one of us plays an important role in the church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We're so grateful that you have joined our faith community and have committed to work with us to fulfill that mission.

Our pastors and staff are here to offer you help and support. If there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to call on us. It is our privilege to be your faith family and we're happy to assist you. Again, welcome!

In Christ's love,



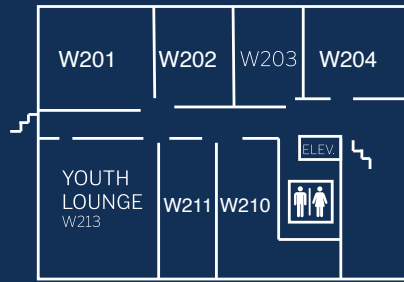
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Senior Pastor



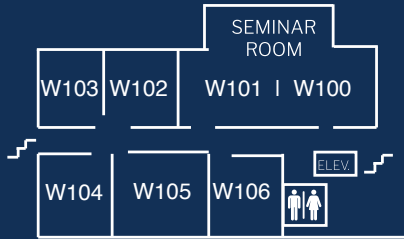
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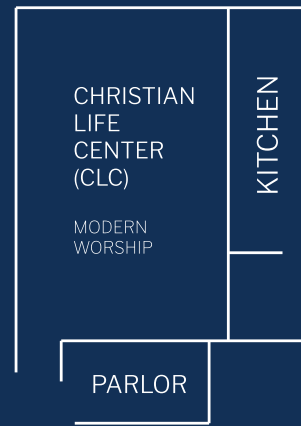
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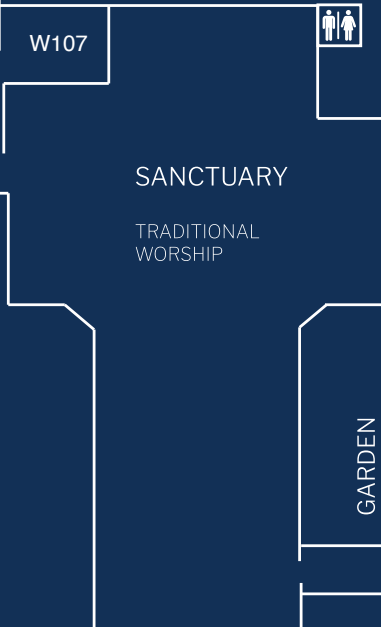
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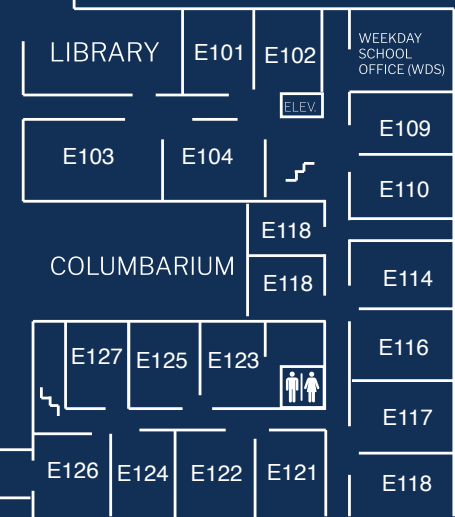


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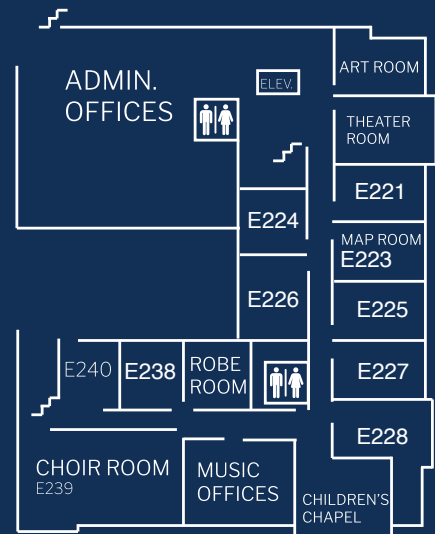


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# ABOUT AHUMC

## OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church is a Christian community of love, hope, and belonging for all.

## OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

Welcome all people. Build community. Share God's love. Serve the world.

## SERVICE TIMES

**Sanctuary Worship** | 8:30 & 11 a.m.

**Community Connection** | 9:30 a.m.

**Modern Worship** | 9:30 a.m.

**Taizé Worship** | First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

## PASTORS

Rev. Jason Adams — Senior Pastor

Rev. Linda Baumheckel — Congregational Care Pastor

Rev. Chris Estus — Recovery Pastor

Rev. Reed McNitzky — Modern Worship Pastor

Rev. Dr. Darrell Smith — Discipleship and Communications Pastor

Rev. Donna Strieb — Spiritual Formation Pastor

Rev. Janet Weatherston — Mission and Outreach Pastor

## SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

For weekly updates visit: [ahumc.org/email](http://ahumc.org/email)

## SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE ALL EVENTS



## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## *Finding a community.*

As a church situated within the rich United Methodist heritage, we seek to care well for our community and watch over one another in love and grace.

Congregational Care allows our community of disciples to be supported and receive care in matters that can derail and challenge faith, spiritual growth, and health. Our Care Ministers assist the pastoral staff in helping tend the isolated, hospitalized, and those in long term recovery. We also reach into the community with on-site support groups for those who grieve, families navigating mental health issues, recovery groups, solo aging, and chronic illness.

Congregational Care also includes our:

- Extensively trained Stephen Ministers—congregants who walk alongside those who are in crisis--facing life change, following a divorce, or the death of a loved one.
- Prayer network with a direct phone line (210-826-4628), online prayer requests, and weekly email prayer intercessors.
- Flower Team that arranges and delivers flowers to hospitals, extended care facilities, and homes as a way to let folks know they are loved.
- Prayer Shawl and Heart Pillow teams creating hand crafted gifts for those in need of encouragement.
- Access to an on campus pay-per-session private therapist.

For help discerning a needed level of support or exploring how you might serve in Congregational Care, please contact us.

Contact Rev. Linda Baumheckel | 210-826-3215 | lbaumheckel@ahumc.org

# OUTREACH

*We have a responsibility.*

*“The vocation God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” — Frederick Buechner*

Our mission is to welcome all people, build community, share God’s love, and serve the world. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, and strength,” and “love your neighbor as yourself.” He also said, “As you go, make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them...and teaching them.” Our outreach is guided by both the great commandment and the great commission. The people of AHUMC share the good news in a lot of different ways, some of which you’ll find highlighted here. We encourage everyone to serve in their neighborhood, in everyday interactions with others, and around the world.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### MISSION CENTRAL

Mission Central is an adaptive ministry connecting people to resources in the city. We help the immigrant, the houseless, and people struggling. We would love for you to partner with us.

### ROLE CALL

We all have an invitation and responsibility to love, serve, and honor all of creation. Each one of us has a role to play in compassionately putting the broken pieces of the world and our lives back together. Visit [ahumc.org/serve](http://ahumc.org/serve) to find out more.

### THE HOPE CENTER

The Hope Center is an outreach opportunity on campus that offers financial aid and food, but, more importantly, care and an ear to listen. Food donations can be dropped off in the Atrium. Visit [ahumc.org/hope](http://ahumc.org/hope) for volunteer opportunities.

# ADULT LEARNING

*We walk the path together.*

If our goal is to follow in the ways of Jesus the Christ as disciples, community is not optional. We come from a relationship, and as followers of Christ, we are called to relationships of ever-increasing acceptance, grace, and love.

In community, we share our sorrow and our joy, we give and receive encouragement, and we find support and direction. At AHUMC, we are drawn together in our common purpose to welcome all people, build community, share God's love, and serve the world. Whether through weekly worship, community meals and gatherings, courses, study groups, or serving together, we recognize that we are connected, and we need one another.

AHUMC is committed to offering a wide array of opportunities for the education, encouragement, and equipping of disciples. The number of studies and groups that are available can even be a little overwhelming—so please let us help!

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### COURSES

Each semester, AHUMC offers a wide range of staff-led courses. The fall semester begins after Labor Day and the spring semester typically begins in late January. All of our courses are available for free to anyone who is interested. Scholarships are available for courses that require the purchase of a book.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

AHUMC's Sunday School classes vary by interest and life stage. What they all share, however, is offering a place for us to learn, grow, and journey together as a community. All adult Sunday School classes at AHUMC begin at 9:30 a.m.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

We all face challenging seasons, but we don't have to face them alone. From grief and addiction to parenting and divorce, AHUMC is committed to hosting safe and loving groups that come alongside each of us to offer community and support.

Contact Rev. Dr. Darrell Smith | 210-826-3215 | [dsmith@ahumc.org](mailto:dsmith@ahumc.org)



# RECOVERY

*You are not alone.*

AHUMC's recovery community honors the biblical roots of the 12-Step Movement. We seek to grow in our recovery through a commitment to the program, sponsorship, fellowship, and study. There are numerous 12-Step groups that meet on the AHUMC campus each week throughout the year.

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Helping those seeking sobriety and recovery from alcoholism

## **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS**

For adult children of an alcoholic parent or a dysfunctional family

## **THE PIONEER GROUP**

A biblical fellowship of people in or interested in recovery

## **RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL**

Helping people learn to identify and manage negative thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and behaviors that can lead to emotional distress

## **SEXAHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

People sharing their experiences with addiction to lust, pornography, and sexual acting out

## **SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS**

For those seeking sobriety and recovery from sex and love addiction

Visit **AHUMC.ORG/RECOVERY** for current meeting times and locations.

Contact Rev. Chris Estus | 210-826-3215 | [cestus@ahumc.org](mailto:cestus@ahumc.org)

# MUSIC AND WORSHIP

*Creating beauty and community.*

The Music and Worship Ministry of AHUMC has a place for every generation. Infants, toddlers, children, youth, young and mature adults—all are invited to receive and participate in music and worship and the healing and loving community it creates.

- *There are no auditions for any choir or ensemble.*
- *Music literacy is helpful but is not usually required.*
- *Visitors are always welcome at any rehearsal.*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

### NEW ZION YOUTH CHOIR

is for grades 6-12th to gather to build community and friendships through music.

This group leads in worship once a month and rehearses on Sundays at 4-5 p.m. in the choir room.

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

is a community of volunteers that sing in the 11:00 a.m. sanctuary service. We rehearse Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m.

### CHANCEL RINGERS

is our adult handbell choir that rehearses on Mondays at 11:45 a.m. Music literacy required.

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC

welcomes grades K-5th for music, instruments, games and learn to lead in worship. Sundays, 4-5 p.m..

### THE MODERN WORSHIP BAND\*

is a group of volunteer musicians and vocalists that lead worship in our Modern Service each week. Weekly rehearsals vary. Music literacy preferred. Please contact A.J. Navarro to schedule a skills assessment.

### ACOLYTES

are 4th and 5th graders who assist in Sanctuary worship once a month.

### THE JOY SINGERS

is a choir of senior adults that perform at nursing homes and retirement centers in San Antonio. Rehearsals are Mondays, 10-11 a.m.

### TECHNICAL ARTS†

volunteers work with staff and serve in rotating crews to produce our worship services, livestreams, and podcasts.

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\* Contact AJ Navarro | 210-826-3215 | [ajnavarro@ahumc.org](mailto:ajnavarro@ahumc.org)  
† Contact Adam Crowell | 210-826-3215 | [acrowell@ahumc.org](mailto:acrowell@ahumc.org)

# WEEKDAY SCHOOL

*A creative place to develop and grow.*

At AHUMC, we offer young children a loving, Christian, semi-structured play school with flexibility and spontaneity. Our staff is creative, and they treat each child as if they were their own. Each room follows a schedule that the children can depend on, leaving space for us to encourage the exploration and development of their personalities.

## **OUR PURPOSE**

Our goal is to provide a Christian environment that is safe and conducive to good health where children can work, play, and grow together. We encourage an enthusiasm for learning through a shared daily time of devotion, through Bible stories and chapel experiences, giving each child an awareness of God's love, "hands-on" exploring, activities that develop large and small muscle coordination and motor skill, participating in group experiences, sharing, and playing together.

## **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Preschool Program offers children ages three (3) through five (5) readiness opportunities to prepare them for kindergarten. We focus on language development, listening skills, large and small motor development, phonemic awareness, as well as number, color, and alphabet recognition.

Our classrooms offer several different learning centers. Throughout the year, our children are exposed to numerous units of study, which encourage creative and academic development. In addition to classroom activities, the children go to Music class, Motor Movement class, and Godly Play. We primarily utilize "The Creative Curriculum" by Teaching Strategies to design and create these engaging and stimulating lesson plans and classroom activities. We also have a unique outdoor playground that offers a variety of play equipment.

Contact Sarah Jernigan | 210-826-2412 | [sjernigan@ahumc.org](mailto:sjernigan@ahumc.org)

# YOUTH

*Mission begins here.*

We want AHUMC Youth to be a place where young people can build friendships while growing in relationship with God. We do this through intentional events, thoughtful teaching, and relationship-building—all woven together with the identity and purpose of AHUMC.

Over the course of the year, we provide many opportunities for youth to serve in our community, grow in study, build relationships, and experience the Body of Christ. We have multiple mission trips during the summer, service days during the year, weekend retreats, weekly youth group gatherings, and Sunday School. Our goal is to create a space for youth to grow in community, build relationships, and spread the love of Christ while growing spiritually through study and service with their friends and trusted adult volunteers. Come journey with us!

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

First and third Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
Second and fourth Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Grades 6th-12th

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for grades 6th-12th

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Offered yearly by registration  
8th graders and high school students who have not been confirmed

## **VOLUNTEER WITH YOUTH**

Partner with us as we make AHUMC Youth a place of growth and support. We are currently seeking trusted adult volunteers for Youth Sunday School, Youth Group, and various other youth events and service projects.

Contact Kathey Adams | 210-826-3215 | [kadams@ahumc.org](mailto:kadams@ahumc.org)

# KIDS

*You are wonderfully made.*

It is our hope that children at AHUMC will come to understand how much they are loved by our Heavenly Father, that they are part of God's big story, and that they are an important and beloved part of our church family.

From nursery to 5th grade, we offer learning opportunities for all ages. Our purpose on Sunday mornings is to teach your children the stories of the Bible in fun and age-appropriate ways while maintaining a safe environment for children and our families. Throughout the year, we have several events and celebrations for families to participate in: Blessing of the Backpacks, 3rd Grade Bible Presentation, Harvest Festival, Festival de Navidad, Family Movie Night, Easter Egg Hunt, 5th Grade Blessing, Vacation Bible School, Wacky Wednesdays, and more!

## **VOLUNTEER WITH US**

Volunteers are an essential part of the Children's Ministry. We strive to make your volunteer experience easy, stress-free, and fun! Contact Gina Beal to find out how you can get involved.

## **SUNDAY MORNING CHECK-IN**

Check your child into a KidCheck station located in the East Wing, and then drop them off in their assigned classroom. Children's Ministry staff are available to answer any questions you may have.

### **NURSERY**

Birth - 23 months  
Sundays 8:15 a.m.-noon

### **PRESCHOOL**

Ages 2-5 years  
Sundays 9:30 & 11 a.m.

### **ELEMENTARY**

K-5th Grade  
Sundays 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Contact Gina Beal | 210-826-3215 | [gbeal@ahumc.org](mailto:gbeal@ahumc.org)



# AHUMC FOUNDATION

*Ordinary people supporting extraordinary potential.*

The AHUMC Foundation exists to steward the potential of the church in its efforts to welcome all people, build community, share God's love, and serve the world.

Through the establishment and management of trusts, bequests, and endowments that minimize tax burdens, the AHUMC Foundation has reinforced and reinvigorated the church for over 40 years.

The story and love of God flows through a faithful remnant—it always has. Remnant people are people of remembrance. They have a distinct hope during hardship and an unusual confidence in the life-changing power of love.

*Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit.*

## WAYS TO PARTNER WITH THE AHUMC FOUNDATION

### NEEDS

The Foundation needs gifts of all sizes. Although many people have given generously in the past, it takes a great deal of support to assure that the mission of our church will continue in the future.

### LEADERSHIP

Our Board of Directors is composed of AHUMC members elected by members of the church, along with the Senior Pastor. These Directors have the responsibility to carry out your wishes according to the Articles of Incorporation of the Foundation.

### ASSETS

In addition to money, you can partner with the Foundation through the donation of real estate, valuable items, stocks, bonds or other securities. The Foundation can be designated as the recipient of a portion of your estate and as a beneficiary of your insurance policy.

Contact Valerie Slade | 210-826-3215 | [vslade@ahumc.org](mailto:vslade@ahumc.org)

# ARTS FOR ALL

## *A Free Arts Program for All Children*

We dream that every person can be an artist. To live into this dream and serve more families in our community, the AHUMC Music Department offers Arts for All. This **free** program provides high-quality arts education in an encouraging and structured environment.

### ARTS FOR ALL

- Provides a safe space to foster creativity, friendships, and growth.
- Creates a structured and encouraging environment while emphasizing the building of social skills and personal character.
- Offers quality arts enrichment and introduces various music, visual, and performing arts.
- Develops partnerships with nearby schools and community organizations.
- Cultivates a caring staff and team who teach and nurture our students.
- Supplements food for students and their families by providing snacks and gap bags.

Visit **AHUMC.ORG/ARTSFORALL** for information on jobs, volunteer opportunities, and donations.

Contact Nona Schwab | 210-826-3215 | [nschwab@ahumc.org](mailto:nschwab@ahumc.org)



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