



Fifty Years at Northaven: A Timeline of Important Events

Period & Minister

Northaven Events

World Cultural Events

Addison Cutter
1955-1958

A circuit rider who walked the neighborhood to find new members
First meeting, 9/11/1955
Groundbreaking, 9/8/57
Sanctuary completed 5/30/58

Rosa Parks refuses to give up bus seat
Central Expressway completed
Space Age-Sputnik launched
NASA founded

Bill Holmes
1958-1966

Parking space arranged with DP&L
First Conversary about faith
Education bldg. completed 1960
Community Dialogue Programs '61-63
Paul Tillich spent week at NH
First Feast of Beginnings '62
Kennedy Assassinated '63 and Holmes preached on "One Thing Worse Than This" on the following Sunday
Forums on social concerns
Drama group on Sun. evenings

China begins "Great Leap Forward"-'58
Castro becomes dictator of Cuba '59
First televised Presidential debates'60
Dallas schools desegregated '61
Berlin Wall built '61
Peace Corps Founded '61
11/22/63-Kennedy assassinated
"I have a Dream" speech MLKing -'63
Mandela sentenced to life in prison '64
1964-Civil Rights Act
65-US sends troops to Vietnam
Black Panther Party established
Goals for Dallas-new City Hall, AC for schools, kindergarten system

Jim Hares
1966-1967

Mrs. Reese's day care center rented space
Temple Shalom began using sanctuary on Fridays until 1973
Dialogue with Jewish community

Cultural revolution in China
Draft protests
DFW Airport created



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Bill McElvaney 1967-1973

Bought parsonage
Dialogue emphasis on contemporary theology
Social issues-civil rights legislation & War on Poverty
Saul Alinsky came to NH -spoke on failure to take responsibility on local level
level for democratic development of community
HDF established April 1968
Explore - 1968 - a consciousness raising women's group
Northaven Co-op School June 69
Jane Marshall & Winki Stroube proposed Roy Redman organ-1971
Mother's Day Out program '73
Parent Effectiveness Training course taught
Block Partnership formed

First Super Bowl -'67
League for Educational Advancement '68
holds majority on school board
Martin Luther King assassinated-'68
Robt. Kennedy assassinated
Vietnam - Tet Offensive
DISD began busing students '71
Activists Black & Hispanic groups
confront city with grievances
Neil Armstrong - first Man on the Moon -69
Internet created
Yasser Arafat -leader of PLO
Kent State students shot '70
Jim Lehrer starts Newsroom TV show '70
VCRs introduced '71
Texas Stadium built '71
Attack on Olympic games in Munich '72
Watergate scandal begins
Abortion legalized-Roe v Wade '72
Pullout from Vietnam

Bill Slack 1973-1977

Redman organ dedicated June 1974
Caro Carapetyan, music director, resigns
Task Force to set Foundational Goals
Albert Outler offered suggestions for future
Flowering of the Cross done for first time at NH
Renaissance '75 -May 18, 1975
George Crawford led Hunger Day experience
Ramp installed for handicap access
Vietnamese family adopted

Nixon resigns
Microsoft founded '75
Civil War in Lebanon
Pol Pot - became dictator of Cambodia



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DeForrest Wiksten 1977-1983

Kathy Johnson appointed music director '77
Nov.'77-Brown Bag men's group-started by Bob Thomas
Northaven Players -"After the Fall"
Koinonia community visits '78
Women's Book Study '78
Joined GDCC
Care Corps
79-NH Speakers Series featured Outler, Stowe, Deschner & Heitzenrater
ARAC studied renovation of church
80-architect's proposal received for new atrium & sanctuary renovations
Cuban refugees adopted
Church & the Arts Series-Jerry Bywaters Cochran danced, Kathy Johnson presented The Cantare, 3-part series with John Nelson on trumpet
81-moved to Temple Shalom for renovation, returned a month later
Sign for NH designed by Paul Terrell to honor Outler's 50th anniversary
Festival of Carols & Dance at Advent
'82-Memorial Garden area designated
Northavenarts -Tex. Baroque Ensemble and Dallas Pro Musica perform
Outreach begins alternative Xmas giving
De Wiksten moved to Wichita Falls 1/83
Worship service at Old City Park-find snapshot

First test tube baby born
John Paul II becomes Pope
Jonestown Massacre
79-American hostages in Tehran, Iran
Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister UK
Mother Teresa Nobel Peace Prize
Nuclear accident-Three Mile Island
80-Mt. St. Helens erupts
81-First Woman appt. to Supreme Ct.
AIDS identified
PC introduced by IBM
82-E.T. movie released
Falkland Islands invaded by Argentina
downtown Arts District created '83

Jim Sanders Jan. 1983-June 1983

Northaven Bicentennial Festival - 1984 juried art show. Group of NH members made banners showing history of Methodism with text by Albert Outler
1985-Northaven Fine arts Commission & Peace Covenant Group form PAX
1986-ballet presented by NH Academy

83-First Amer. Woman in space
Soviets shoot down Korean airliner
US embassy in Beirut bombed
84-poison gas leak in India
Dallas Museum of Art opens '84
Vietnam War Memorial opens
85-famine in Ethiopia
Hole in ozone layer discovered
86-Challenger space shuttle explodes



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Bourdon Smith 1986-1991

86-Sister church relationship with Maria Madre de los Pobres formed
86-'87-Fine Arts Series presents "In Search of Community"
TDF-(Think-Decide-Feel) Christian & Jews in Dialogue-Robt. McAfee
Brown lecture, Dwight Judy "Spiritual Formation" and Covenant Players
drama group from California come to NH
NH & Warren UMC form partnership '87
Series "In Search of" on New Age Theology, Methodism, All in the
Family, Overcoming Racism, Peace Partners with Central America
Evelyn Parker becomes director of Children & Youth Ministry
89-Reconciling Congregation Study begun
Initiated welcome to gays & lesbians who left Oak Lawn UMC

John Thornburg 1991-2001

Bishop Medardo Gomez, spiritual leader in El Salvador visits
92-NH joins Dallas Area Interfaith
NH purchases new parsonage in May 1992
"Nontraditional households" group formed in 1992
Evelyn Parker leaves to begin doctoral studies
Linda Brown hired 7/92
Kawai piano acquired as gift
Lecture/Discussion series by 4 women on Perkins Faculty
Nov.'92-Northaven Covenant Funds established
93-Drama for Black History month
94-Covenant Fund estate plan session
Cap. Campaign to upgrade nursery and renovate AC
95-Dinner for 8 started, renamed "Foyer" Groups
40th anniv.-Bill Holmes & Martin Marty

Chernobyl nuclear accident
US bombs Libya

Iran-Contra Scandal

Space station launched by Soviets
87-DNA used to convict criminals
NYSE "Black Monday" huge losses
88-Pan Am #103 bombed over Scotland
US shoots down Iranian Airliner
89-Berlin Wall falls
Meyerson concert hall opens '89
Exxon Valdez oil spill
Student massacre in Tianamen Sq China
90-Nelson Mandela freed
91-collapse of Soviet Union
Operation Desert Storm

Times Herald ceases publication '91
So. Africa repeals apartheid laws-'91
Riots in Los Angeles-Rodney King-'92
Official end of Cold War
93-Waco cult raided by FBI
Use of internet grows
World Trade Center bombed
94-England/France Chunnel opens
Nelson Mandela elected Pres. S. Africa
OJ Simpson arrested for murder
Rwandan Genocide begins
95-Zaire Ebola virus spreads
Oklahoma City bombing
96-Mad Cow disease hits UK



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John Thornburg
1991-2001

96-John Bell, Scottish minister from the Iona Community, visits
Nursery dedicated
97-Covenant Hymnal: A Worshipbook published with contributions
by Jane Marshall and John Thornburg
Men's group formed to help gays & straights know each other better
Leadership Council adopts statement of inclusion for Northaven after
3-year process of deliberation
98-Congregation votes unanimously to become a
Reconciling Congregation
Ministry to Guatemala by Phil Plunk & JoAn Dwyer
Seminar on Personal Growth and Servant Leadership
Echo Theater, co-founded by Pam Myers-Morgan, premieres Marsinah:
A Song of the Underworld, at NH
Carl Parker starts Joyful Noise Orchestra
Visioning/Futuring Task Force anticipates future growth
Amahl & the Night Visitors, opera by Menotti, performed with Patty
Evans directing
99-Congregational meetings on shaping a vision for ministry in 21st
century
Northaven website up and running
Emphasis put on children attending worship
2000-Report of Visioning team and architectural drawings presented
Jimmy Creech visits NH
Book by Thornburg & Dean: Finishing the Journey: Questions & Answers
by United Methodists of Conviction
Congregational meeting discusses Vision Team report
Task Force set up to formulate responses to congregation meeting
NH sponsors Phil Plunk's mission in Guatemala for 2 yrs. as
Salud y Paz director

Stepping Out in Faith raises additional support for Artspirit, Salud y Paz,
Vision 2020 & A House in the City
Mission trip to So. Africa by Thornburg, Gail & Jim Smith
Kathy Johnson leaves NH
Opera Project formed under banner of Northavenarts. First performance
in October is Masque of Angels by Argento

Unabomber arrested
97-Hong Kong returned to China
Images of Mars
Cloned sheep Dolly
98-Clinton impeached
99-Y2K fears
Killings at Columbine High School
Panama Canal returns to Panama
NATO attacks Serbia
99-Elian Gonzalez rescued
2000-Bush wins presidency
00-Elian returned to Cuba



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2001-John Thornburg announces he will take a new direction in his ministry and leave NH
Eric Folkerth appointed to NH
Valinda Woods O'Connor becomes music director in May 2001
Ten of the NH banners were burned in framers studio

Eric Folkerth 2001-to present

Alicia Dean leaves NH for a teaching position
Building Task Force continues looking at alternatives
Series of meetings of congregation to discuss programs & building needs
Christina Hildebrand new minister of Christian Education in Jan. 2002
Building the Future Together:Overcoming our Fears,dialogue among Christians, Muslims and Jews
Movement Choir directed by Jerry Bywaters Cochran first performance
Congregation created conceptual mural of new church
Northaven Banners framed and rededicated - 6/02
Aug.2002-Building plan passes congregation by 92%
"Building in Faith" Capital campaign begins
Mission trip to Guatemala & El Salvador Nov. 2002
Steve White joins staff as organist-March 2003
Lynette Danskin performs as Suzanna Wesley
John Hughes joins staff as Youth Director
Shower of Stoles exhibit comes to NH Oct. 2003
Narrative theatre staged at Northaven
Final vote on new building project, Nov. 23
Vicki Cheatwood play "Air" special charity screening at Angelika
Tibetan monks present cultural pageant, Jan. 2004
Martha McAfee hired as finance & accounting employee
Groundbreaking for new church building, Sept.12, 2004
"The Big Table" combines singing and theater to benefit Society of St. Andrew in combating hunger in North Texs
Discerning the Spirit -5 small group sessions began Jan. 2005
First NH Golf Tournament held April 29 at Tenison Park
Feast of Friendship features tour of new building and opportunity to write messages on the walls before sheetrock is installed
50th anniversary begins Sept. 11, 2005

9/11 destruction of the World Trade Center in NYC
US attacks Taliban, hunts for bin Laden
02-Bush begins targeting Iraq
American Catholic church sexual scandal and coverup by bishops
Corporate scandals, Enron & Worldcom
Palistine/Israel attacks continued
North Korea developing nuclear bomb
03-Columbia space shuttle explodes
US & Britain launch war against Iraq
04-Bush & Kerry presidential race begins
Terrorist attacks continue
Israel to withdraw from Gaza Strip
Gay marriages begin in Mass.
Iraqi interim govt. takes power
Chechen terrorists take children hostage
tsunami devastates Asia, 200,000 killed
No WMDs found in Iraq
Bush reelected
05-Congress intervenes in Terri Schiavo case to reinsert feeding tube
Judge refuses to order reinsertion of tube
Schiavo dies after 13 days
Syria withdraws from Lebanon
Iraq cabinet sworn in
Mark Felt revealed as Deep Throat