

Reaching...Nurturing...Transforming...

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC
FEBRUARY 2016

Western Hills Connections

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Pastor Robert's Lenten and Holy Week series will look at Jesus confronting different seekers, doubters, and haters. Jesus doesn't turn anyone away, even when they are plotting to kill him. Jesus reaches out to everyone and invites them, not only

to believe, but to "come and see"—to get to know him intimately and to find God and themselves along the way. During Lent and Easter, we will look at 7 places in the Bible when people were told to "come & see".

Jesus and Nathanael
Jesus and Nicodemus
Jesus and the Jews
Jesus and the Pharisees
Jesus and Martha
Jesus and the crowd
Jesus and Mary Magdalene

COME & SEE
Sunday, February 14th



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NEED PRAYER?

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a part of our Prayer Chain, email ZDMFHM@aol.com or call 915.581.3051.

Our mission is to reach out with the love of God to those beyond our church, to nurture our church body in the Christian faith and life, helping all to be transformed participants in the mission of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Scan the QR code to be taken to our electronic giving website.



OUR FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY

WITH OUR PRAYERS

SYMPATHY

Marie Rocheleau, in the loss of her cousin, Gloria Adolphson
Nancy Jullian, in the loss of her brother, Raymond Brown

Julie Hanson, friend of Don & Sherry Collins

FAMILY & FRIENDS w/cancer

***Meredith Galyean**
Roy Thomas, friend of Richard & Barbara Kusserow

Selah Henderson
Barbara Cotton
Virginia Hooten, aunt of Bill Hooten
Irma Valenzuela

Henry Salinas, brother-in-law of Ruth Salinas

Carolyn Walsh
Yvette Casillas, friend of Susie Perez

Don Cruce, stepfather of Susie Perez

Joseph "Bud" Jay, father of Cindy Jay

Derek Allen, nephew of Nancy Haegle

Joann Davis, sister-in-law of Tom & Pollyanna Davis

Barbara Barnhill
Linda Snow, cousin of Rick Snow

Juan Morgades
Kim Hamilton, cousin of Rick Snow

** indicates a new prayer request this week.*

**prayers are listed for 3 weeks, cancer concerns for 2 months, unless otherwise specified.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

***Betty Hill**, health concerns
Jim Rewis, surgery & healing
Esther Reynolds, health concerns
Paula Davis, health concerns

THE WORLD

Syrian refugees
People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

***Mildred Caramanian**, friend of Ruth Salinas, health concerns

Alice Turner, sister of Richard Kusserow, health concerns

Sue Parker, mother of Rob Parker, health concerns

Toni Mascinio, health concerns
Jim Lidman, brother-in-law of Martha Jo Cavanna

Nancy Borders, sister of Jackie Gaines

Bob Snead, friend of Frank & Roberta Harrison

Rick, friend of Manny Gonzalez, health concern

WITH OUR PRESENCE

January 3, 2016
 Worship 222
 Sunday School 82
 The Ridge 84
 Sidewalk SS n/a

January 17, 2016
 Worship 314
 Sunday School 121
 The Ridge 82
 Sidewalk SS 39

January 10, 2016
 Worship 224
 Sunday School 108
 The Ridge 98
 Sidewalk SS 34

January 24, 2016
 Worship 270
 Sunday School 124
 The Ridge 87
 Sidewalk SS 44

WITH OUR GIFTS

December 2015 Revenue: \$100,018.67
 December 2015 Expenses: \$61,774.66

YTD Revenue: \$737,429.00
 YTD Expenses: \$737,499.95

2015 Revenue Budget YTD: \$707,938.00
 2015 Expense Budget YTD: \$775,475.00

If you would like further detail, please call Laurie in the church office. (584.2133)

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VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

Dear Western Hills Family,

In this newsletter article, I just wanted to remind you of what type of faith community The Ridge was striving to be. As you read our Mission, Values, Measures, and Map, I would ask that you place each aspect in your prayers for our community this year. Western Hills has been such a wonderful support of The Ridge, and I believe the greatest gift you might give us this year would be to pray for us regularly. Thank you for who you are and all that you do!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Bill Case

Missional Mandate

As a family in Jesus Christ we are loving God, serving others, and changing lives.

Missional Motives

Grace- God loves us unconditionally in Jesus Christ, so we love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and others as Christ loves us.

Family- In Jesus Christ God calls us children, so we all belong to the family of God. We also know that the home, no matter its makeup, is where the Christ life is lived and learned on a daily basis.

Community- Because our faith family loves the community in which we live and God calls us into this community, we reach out and invest in the lives and activities of our surrounding neighbors.

Acceptance- God accepts and welcomes us before we realize it, so we offer an honest genuine welcome to all without judgment.

Discipleship- We are called to help all in our family mature in their relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

Sharing Christ- Believing in and following the great commission and the great commandment, we live so others might see Jesus Christ through our words and deeds.

Growth- Believing in the great commission to expand the family of God in Jesus name, we invite people into our lives and into the life of our church family.

Missional Marks

People on an intentional path of growth to a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ through:

Prayers- Conversing with and depending upon God daily for ourselves, others, and The Ridge.

Presence- Abiding with God and others on a weekly basis through worship & small group.

Gifts- Giving 10% of our income to God through The Ridge.

Service- Serving God and others with our lives both inside & outside The Ridge.

Witness- Sharing how God is at work in our lives and inviting people who are not yet in a relationship with Jesus Christ or a faith community to join us on our journey.

Missional Map



IT'S NOT CHURCH.
IT'S HOME.

GARAGE

SALE

MARCH 11-12, 2016

start off the new year right

Declutter & Donate

We are in need of your donations for our upcoming garage sale. Help us fill the 6,615 sq. ft in the SFLC.

Proceeds will go to support missions.

FURNITURE

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

GENTLY USED CLOTHING

BOOKS & DVDS

ELECTRONICS

SEASONAL DECOR

Donations can be dropped off starting the Sunday prior to the garage sale.

If you have large furniture items and cannot hold the items until March, we do have a limited amount of space available.

Please contact Pat Phillips at 915-833-0024 for more information.

Dear Western Hills Family, Grandma's Attic was so very popular at the UMW's Annual Fall Bazaar, that we wanted to try a church garage sale. We hope you have been busy saving items for the church garage sale on Fri. & Sat. March 11th & 12th.

Our goal is to raise as much money as we can for WHUMC mission projects. Please remember to ask for God's guidance and blessings for the customers who come, those who donate, and also for our workers. We will have prayer boxes at the sale and prayer warriors available for any customers in need of prayer. Besides donating items for the sale, there are many ways to help make this a great event. If you would like to help, make your selections below and return the completed slip to the church office or the offering plates on Sunday morning. Contact Pat Phillips at 915-833-0024 for more information.
-- 2016 Garage Sale Team

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

- Set Up & Receive Donations (12:15PM on Sunday, March 6th)
- Pricing/Sorting (Thursday, March 10th)
- Cashiering/Bagging—Friday, March 11th (3hr. Shifts—8:30AM—4:30PM)
- Cashiering/Bagging—Saturday, March 12th (3hr. Shifts—8:30AM—4:30PM)
- Clean Up & Tear Down (Saturday, March 12th)
- Assist customers with purchases to their vehicles (Friday, March 11th & Saturday, March 12th)
- Pick up donations (Monday, March 7th—Thursday, March 10th: 9AM-12:00N, 1PM—4PM, 4PM—7PM)
- Unload donations (Monday, March 7th—Thursday, March 10th: 9AM-12:00N, 1PM—4PM, 4PM—7PM)
- Hospitality—provide water/snacks for volunteers (Friday, March 11th & Saturday, March 12th)

NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY FOR LENT

As you know it can be hard for young children to give up one thing for the entire 40 days of Lent. So one idea is to make a list of things they can give up and write them on a piece of paper and put them in a jar.

Each jar can be decorated

with their name or favorite design. Every day they can draw from the jar and give up that one thing for 24 hours.



OR

You may want to do a Jelly Bean Prayer Jar. They can earn certain colors for acts of kindness. It also reminds them to pray for others.

OR

You can do BOTH!



LOVE



GROW



SERVE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES MISSION STATEMENT
TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD WITH ALL
OUR HEART, WITH ALL OUR SOUL, WITH ALL
OUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL OUR MIND.

WHY WE'RE HIS YOUTH

Sunday Evenings
5:00pm to 7:00pm
Stewart Family Life Center

Sunday, February 7
Super Bowl Sunday
No WHY Fellowship

Wednesday, February 10
Ash Wednesday Service
6:30pm

February 12-14
CCYM Winter Event
Sr. High Retreat
Weekend at Sacramento

Sunday, February 14
No WHY Fellowship

March 4-6
ROC Jr. High Retreat
Weekend at Sacramento

Sunday, March 6
No WHY Fellowship



CCYM NM Winter Retreat

Conference Council on Youth Ministry New Mexico

9th-12th Graders
February 12-14
Cost: \$120

Registration and \$30 Nonrefundable Deposit Due to Mitzi by Feb. 5
Additional \$15 After Feb. 5
OR register online at sacramentoassembly.org

Annual Mystery Dinner Theater



HAWOC
at
Harrison High

REUNIONS CAN BE DEADLY
by Samantha Parker & Claire Petty

SAVE THE DATE

April 22 & 23

**Tickets go on
sale in March!**

ROC
2016

Rhythm of Christ

7th and 8th Graders
March 4-6
Cost: \$135

Dream

“Now Joseph had a dream” (Gen. 37:5)

Registration and \$50 Nonrefundable Deposit
Due to Mitzi by Feb. 19
Additional \$15 After Feb. 19.
Online Registration is Not Available

THIS LENT AT WHUMC

Sunday, February 28th

Science, Faith and Film

5PM—7PM

Sanctuary & Narthex

Come experience the movie:

Metamorphosis - The Beauty and Design of Butterflies

Throughout history, butterflies have fascinated artists and philosophers, scientists and schoolchildren with their profound mystery and beauty. Spectacular photography, computer animation and magnetic resonance imaging open once hidden doors to every stage of a butterfly's life-cycle. The butterfly's superbly engineered body is magnified hundreds of times to reveal compound eyes made of thousands of individual lenses, wings covered with microscopic solar panels, and navigational systems that unerringly guide Monarch butterflies on their annual migration from Canada to Mexico. How did these extraordinary creatures come into being? Are they the products of a blind, undirected process? Or were they designed by an intelligent cause? Filmed in North, Central, and South America, this is an unforgettable documentary filled with the joys of discovery and wonder. *Come for the film – and linger for discussion led by Dr. Granville Sewell and Pastors Robert and Amy in the Narthex.*

February 29th—May 2nd

Living Into The Answers

Mondays, 7PM—8:30PM

Church Library

Are you faced with any decisions in your near future? Personal spiritual discernment is a particular way of facing the issues and decisions of our lives. Because we are a people of faith, we learn to place our lives in the context of God's care and keeping. Discernment is a process of listening and choosing based on the understanding that God is to be at the center of decision making. This workbook offers a method of prayerful discernment in a small group setting. Please call 915-584-2133 to register for this workbook study. *Led by Rev. Amy Mercer*

Saturday, March 5th

Sacred Bread Mini-Retreat

9AM—Noon (Sign Up Required)

Stewart Family Life Center

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

As we partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion each month we hear the words spoken "The body of Christ – broken for you." At the altar rail we pause to remember the life and love of our Lord Jesus Christ as we are given a small piece of fresh bread. This Lent we will be offering an opportunity for you to reflect on this "I Am" saying of Jesus and we will learn to prepare and bake the communion bread. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 per person to cover cost of ingredients and recipes. Each participant will go home with two loaves of bread, one communion bread with orthodox seal, and one braided challah bread. Please call 915-584-2133 to register for the retreat – we are limited to 8 participants.

Led by Margaret Haddad and Pastor Amy

FEBRUARY 10

ASH
W E D N E S D A Y

ASHES AND PRAYER

7AM – 9AM * SANCTUARY

STOP BY THE CHURCH ON THE WAY TO WORK OR SCHOOL FOR A TIME OF PRAYER AND TO RECEIVE ASHES. THERE WILL BE COFFEE, BREAKFAST TACOS, AND JUICE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AS YOU HEAD OUT FOR YOUR DAILY ROUTINE.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
6:30PM * SANCTUARY

JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

General Meeting
Tuesday, February 2
9:30am - Narthex

Fellowship & Refreshments

Program:

Info on upcoming Garage Sale



Noisy Offering

January 31st

Gather your change and bring it next Sunday for Noisy Offering.

**YOUR CHANGE
WILL HELP WITH**



2016
WINTER

**RICE, BEANS,
OATMEAL,
& BREAD**

Emmanuel UMC
Food Pantry

**COATS &
BLANKETS**

coats/jackets and
new/clean gently
used blankets for
homeless youth

Family **GAME**
NIGHT Potluck

JANUARY 30TH AND FEBRUARY 20TH

5:30PM
SFLC

Bring the family,
your favorite game
and a dish to share.



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