

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC

Connections



SUMMER 2016

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE **MONDAY, JULY 4TH**

There are several ways to take part in this year's parade.

WALK IN PARADE
HOSPITALITY TEAM
DONATE CANDY

Please bring your donations of individually wrapped candy (no chocolate) to the Narthex.

OUR FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY



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.



WITH OUR PRAYERS

SYMPATHIES

- *Family of Lena Wilbourn
- *Family of George Ernst

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- *Richard Moore, health concerns
- Dick Yetter, health concerns
- Dorothy Wood
- Pat Crawford, health concerns
- Jim Whitworth, health concerns
- Ron Nelson, health concerns

THE WORLD

- *Family & friends of those affected by Orlando attack
- Family & friends of soldiers killed in accident at Ft. Hood
- People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- *Robert Gentile, heart transplant
- *Evelyn Harajimi, health concerns
- *Steve Harajimi, health concerns
- Lisa Rogers, daughter of Barbara & Richard Kusserow, health concerns
- Bob Farmer, brother of Barbara Kusserow, health concerns
- Scott Elliott, health concerns
- Linda Snow, cousin of Rick Snow, under hospice care

Karen Kratz, sister of Vin Richards, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

- Denese Gentry, aunt of Jamie Pelfrey
- A.C., friend of Vin Richards
- Sonja Swaney, niece of Pat & Jerry Swaney
- Robert Askelson, father of Colleen McGuire
- Jill Askelson, mother of Colleen McGuire
- Shannon Bowles, friend of Kelly Cooke
- Rick, friend of Manny Gonzalez
- Bob Snead, friend of Frank & Roberta Harrison
- Peggy Watson
- L.E. Shaneyfelt, cousin of David Raley
- Sherolyn Brite, aunt of Kelly Cooke
- John Lanigan
- Meredith Galyean
- Barbara Barnhill
- 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.

WITH OUR PRESENCE

May 1, 2016	
Worship	240
Sunday School	99
The Ridge	96
Sidewalk SS	52

May 8, 2016	
Worship	288
Sunday School	88
The Ridge	111

May 15, 2016	
Worship	221
Sunday School	79
The Ridge	52

May 22, 2016	
Worship	198
Sunday School	n/a
The Ridge	86

May 29, 2016	
Worship	221
Sunday School	65
The Ridge	no count

WITH OUR GIFTS

April 2016 Revenue: \$48,168.13
April 2016 Expenses: \$61,576.70

YTD Revenue: \$227,469.07
YTD Expenses: \$252,163.07

2016 Revenue Budget YTD: \$290,487.50
2016 Expense Budget YTD: \$278,326.28

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

WWW.WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG

We are SO proud of our 2016 High School Graduates!

Simon James Abbott

The son of Bruce and Jenny Abbott is graduating from Chapin High School where he has been involved in the Engineering magnet program, National Honor Society, Band, and Boy Scouts. His honors and awards include Eagle Award, Order of the Arrow (Honor Society of Boy Scouts). Simon has been involved at Western Hills UMC with Youth Group, Conference Council for Youth Ministries (CCYM), Media Ministry, Youth Praise Band, Mystery Dinner Theaters, mission and outreach projects, and VBS.

In the fall, Simon will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, where he will major in Aeronautical Science, training to become a commercial pilot. He also hopes to receive aerobatic training in the future. His favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:2, and "It is Well With My Soul" is his favorite hymn. His hobbies include: Remote control cars, camping, hiking and longboarding.

Simon would like to thank his parents for being the driving force behind everything he has been able to accomplish. He would like to thank his church family for becoming his home away from home, and he knows he can always find a kind and encouraging word here. The memories that Simon will treasure most from his time at WHUMC are being part of the praise band and leading worship, but the mystery trip to Florida with the youth group is one of his fondest memories.



Anna Elizabeth Michelsen

The daughter of Ari Michelsen and Miriam Cook is graduating from Coronado High School where she has been involved in National Honor Society. She served as Band President, Flute Section Leader and Pantene Beautiful Lengths Event Organizer. Her Honors and Awards include: Top 6% of her class, National Merit Commended Scholar, and AP Scholar with Honors. Anna has been involved at Western Hills UMC with Youth Group, Conference Council for Youth Ministry (CCYM) Team Leader, Youth Praise Band, Mystery Dinner Theaters, Prayer Ministry, Nursery/Sunday School Worker, VBS, Youth Mission and Outreach Projects, and member of the 2015 Nicaragua Mission Team.

In the fall, Anna will attend Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, with an undeclared major. This school specializes in cooperative learning, so she will graduate with approximately one-and-a-half years of experience in fields of her choice. Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 31:25, and "Do Something" by Matthew West is her favorite praise song. Her hobbies include: Reading, Netflix, BuzzFeed quizzes, baking and writing. Anna would like to thank her mom for putting up with her all these years, "I don't know how you did it". She

would like to thank her church family for being a supportive community for her. The memories that Anna will treasure most from her time at WHUMC is working with the Children's Ministry, and being able to see her peers in Youth Group grow in their faith.



Christien Anthony Reyes

The son of Virginia Cabero is graduating from Coronado High School where he has been involved in Football and Track. He is a member of Quill & Scroll and the Producer for CTV. He has been involved at Western Hills UMC with Youth Group, Youth Praise Band, Mystery Dinner Theaters, Mission and Outreach projects, VBS, and a member of the 2015 Nicaragua Mission Team.

In the fall, Chris will attend Tarleton State University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he will major in Fine Arts with Enhanced Media Studies. His favorite scripture is Psalm 18:32, and "Lead Me to The Cross" is his favorite praise song. His hobbies include: Graphic Design and Playing the Drums. Chris would like to express to his mom, "You have gone through a lot for me. I can't believe how fast things are moving. I know sometimes I drive you crazy and my choices may not be the ones you want, but I want you to know that I love you. I have loved you ever since you brought me into this world. I am not the little bird in the nest anymore. I have grown up. It is now time for me to spread my wings and fly with the rest. I thank you for doing the best you could to prepare me for what comes ahead. My love for you, Mom, is endless". He would like to thank his church family for supporting him through his journey; "It is only the beginning of my life. I have made people laugh, and made people cry, but for now I will make all of you smile as I continue my path to everlasting happiness. Whether the good or stressful times, I thank you for keeping my head up, giving me gas when my tank was empty, and reassuring me that this church will always be my home". The memories that Chris will treasure most from his time at WHUMC are being part of the Mystery Dinner Theaters.



The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

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BUT YOU are CALLED TO SOMETHING HIGHER:
"BE PERFECT, AS YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS PERFECT."

Matthew 5:48 (The Voice)



BE YE
PERFECT*

*as I am PERFECT

ANNUAL WOMEN'S retreat

Western Hills UMC & The Ridge

OCTOBER 15 & 16

Guest Speaker: Ellen Fenter, Senior Pastor at
The Church at Woodmoor, Monument, CO



FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

Page Turners

July 14

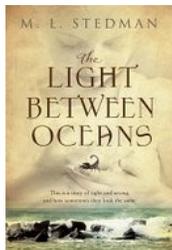
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A Man Called Ove
by Fredrick Backman

August 11

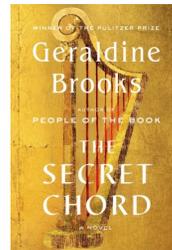
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The Light Between the Oceans
M.L. Stedman

September 8

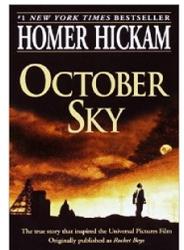
7:00pm * SFLC Lobby



The Secret Chord
by Geraldine Brooks

November 10

7:00pm * SFLC Lobby



October Sky
by Homer Hickam

NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry

Parents,

We are so excited that Jenny Abbott will be teaching our children's Sunday School this summer. During the summer months grades 1-6 will be together for a One Room Sunday School experience. It will take place in C9. We are using curriculum from Cokesbury and it allows the same lesson to be easily shared for all grade levels.



SUMMER 2016

UNIT 1: THE RAINBOW PROMISE

Bible Verse: Genesis 9:17

This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.

Anchor Point: We can trust God's promises.

UNIT 2: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PART 1

UNIT 3: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PART 2

Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Anchor Point: The Holy Spirit helps me act in good ways.



The *Deep Blue Adventure DVD*, an optional video component, tells 13 Bible stories in a unique and entertaining way, and includes three music-and-movement videos plus the theme song, as well as monthly Bible verses with sign-language demonstrations.



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

WHY Fellowship
Sunday Evenings
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Stewart Family
Life Center

June 13-20
 Ritmo Camp
 Sacramento Camp

June 20-24
 VBS

Sunday., July 3
 Holiday Weekend
 No WHY Fellowship

July 9-17

♥ YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love Your Neighbor
 Mystery Mission Trip

July 24 & 31
 No WHY Fellowship



Youth Week

AUGUST 7 – 12



**“Super
 Heroes”
 Youth
 Worship
 Service**



**Senior Recognition
 Class of 2016**



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

Dear Western Hills Family,

Words cannot express how thankful the Case family is for your love and support over these past 12 years. You have literally helped us grow up. From seeing both our boys born and helping us raise them to love God, to praying and sacrificing to see your own child born through The Ridge—it all has been so amazing! You helped me cut my teeth as a pastor, preacher, and leader. I cannot thank you enough for the blood, sweat, tears, confidence, prayers, discussions, encouragement, and the list could go on and on. Most of all I thank you for your love and showing us Jesus! As I have shared with The Ridge, we will always be your friends, but I cannot continue to be your pastor (although you all are much more used to this than they). I do have one request of you all. Keep supporting The Ridge, pray for all of them, and help Josh Kouri become just as much a part of this family as you have made Wendy, David, Ryan, and me! God bless you all. We love you!

Below are just a few more pics to see what is happening at your daughter congregation.

In Christ's Grace,
Bill, Wendy, David, and Ryan Case



IT'S NOT CHURCH. IT'S HOME.

Summer is here, and that means Vacation Bible School, mission trips, and running that air conditioner! Did you know that the Western Hills Foundation distributed almost \$20,000 in 2015 alone to repair and replace various AC units across our campus? And that future AC replacements are anticipated in the coming years? The Foundation supports the church in many ways, including capital projects and improvements.

Without these needed repairs, our Sunday school and worship experiences would be very different. With our Friends of the Foundation campaign in full swing, now is the time to invest in the long-term health of our buildings by becoming a **Friend of the Foundation** or donating to the Foundation. Come by the table in the Narthex for more information!

**INVESTING
TODAY IN
WESTERN
HILLS'
TOMORROW**



Western Hills Foundation

CINEMARK SUMMER MOVIE CLUBHOUSE

ten fun films for kids!

\$5 for ten movies when purchased in advance at the box office or at cinemark.com

\$1 per show when purchased at the box office

Invite your friends & join together with our WHUMC families this summer!

Wednesday Mornings 10:00am
Cinemark West

June 22 The Peanuts Movie
Meet Suzy & Colleen at the theater at 9:15am.

CHARLIE BROWN
Meet Backhead, Here.
THE PEANUTS MOVIE

Children can NOT be dropped off. This is a family event. Children must come with a parent/guardian. Questions? Call the WHUMC office at 584.2133.

COMING UP

7/6: HOME

7/13: BOX TROLLS

7/20: SANDLOT

7/27: NORM OF THE NORTH

8/3: SHAUN THE SHEEP



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