

NOVEMBER 2017



# Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC \* EL PASO, TEXAS

PASTOR APPRECIATION

TRAINER TEACHER

preacher  
encourager  
leader  
example

**Thank You,  
Pastor**

*Rev. Robert Pelfrey*

Senior Pastor

*Rev. Amy Mercer*

Pastor of Mission and Discipleship

## NOVEMBER 12th—PASTOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Join us after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, November 12 for a reception to say thank you to our incredible pastors. Show your appreciation by bringing a card/token of appreciation for the card tree. Cards may be brought starting this Sunday, November 5th.

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



## NEED PRAYER?

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a part of our Prayer Chain, email [ZDMFHM@aol.com](mailto: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

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Ginny Moe, health concerns  
Tom Davis, health concerns  
Gayle Kipp, health concerns

#### THE WORLD

Those affected by all the wildfires  
People living in war zones  
People in the city of Juarez

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mabel Custer, grandmother of Rick Snow, health concerns  
Sandra Pelfrey, stepmother of Robert Pelfrey, health concerns  
Al Shurtz, father-in-law of Roger Winter, health concerns  
Mary Catherine McKay, cousin of Janis Hillis, health concerns  
Jean Bowers, mother of Debbie Hand, health concerns

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS

*with cancer*  
Billy  
Rosemary Graves  
Jacob Sotello  
Bob Sneed  
Ron Richards  
Debby Carovella  
Linda  
Michael Canava  
Pat Travers  
Gail Hill  
Tana Tackett  
Hector Salcedo  
Sylvia Villagrana  
Fred Haberlein  
Robert Askelson  
Jill Askelson  
Rick

### WITH OUR PRESENCE

#### October 1, 2017

Worship.....218  
Sunday School.....115  
The Ridge.....72

#### October 8, 2017

Worship.....191  
Sunday School.....105  
The Ridge.....73  
Sidewalk SS.....31

#### October 15, 2017

Worship.....218  
Sunday School.....96  
The Ridge.....78  
Sidewalk SS.....55

#### October 22, 2017

Worship.....161  
Sunday School.....64  
The Ridge.....73  
Sidewalk SS.....36

#### October 29, 2017

Worship.....242  
Sunday School.....100  
The Ridge.....78  
Sidewalk SS.....29

### WITH OUR GIFTS

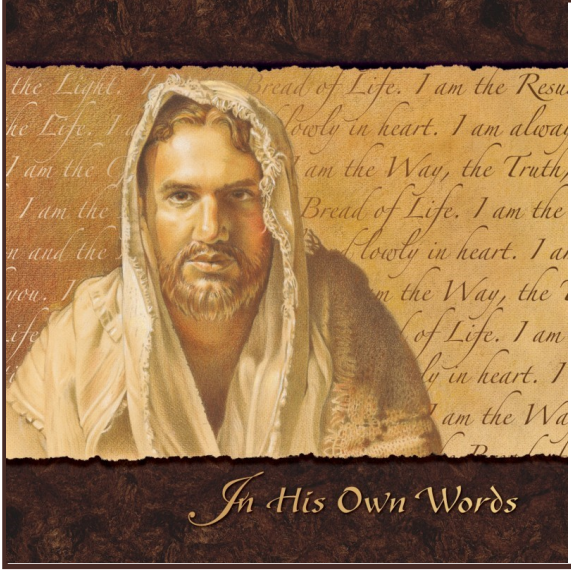
Revenue MTD September 2017: \$61,828.05  
Expenses MTD September 2017: \$66,429.26

Revenue YTD September 2017: \$536,088.12  
Expenses YTD September 2017: \$608,129.53

Revenue Budget YTD September 2017: \$491,044.50  
Expense Budget YTD September 2017: \$645,324.75

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

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**IN HIS OWN WORDS**  
**SPECIAL PROGRAM— THIS SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, November 5 \* 3:00pm**  
**WHUMC Sanctuary**  
 The Chancel Choir will be presenting a special program of anthems based on the words spoken by Jesus. “*In His Own Words*”, written and orchestrated by Dan and Heidi Goeller, will be a very powerful experience as you hear the Word spoken and interpreted through music and art.  
**JOIN US AFTER THE PROGRAM, IN THE NARTHEX, FOR A SPECIAL RECEPTION HONORING MARGARET HADDAD**

DON'T FORGET TO **FALL BACK**

**NOVEMBER 5TH**

Future Home of The Ridge?

**CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 5 \* 12:30PM \* SANCTUARY**  
 MEETING WILL BE TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE A LEASE FOR THE RIDGE'S NEW LOCATION. MORE INFO, CONTACT PASTOR JOSH OR PASTOR ROBERT.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**  
**4:00PM**  
**DECORATING**  
*Hanging of the Greens*  
**5:30PM**  
**SOUP/CHILI POTLUCK DINNER**

**FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP**  
*Page Turners*

**NO OCTOBER MEETING** November 9  
 7pm - 8:30pm  
 SFLC Lobby  
**Radiance of Tomorrow**  
*Ishmael Beah*

Even if you don't finish the book, join us for lively discussion & bring a friend.  
 Refreshments Provided

**Thank you to all those who helped make the UMW Fall Bazaar a success. Over \$8300 was raised for missions.**

**\*Sobremesa means "over or around the table," but it also means the time spent in conversation at the table, enjoying each other's company.**

*For us, how we interact with each other and if everyone has enough to eat, is just as important as what we eat.*



## Help us develop this "holy hospitality on wheels" ministry.

Nutritious and tasty food carried and shared with our neighbors...

- + local college campuses during finals week,
- + stranded travelers at the airport or bus stations,
- + ministries within Segundo Barrio
- + KAIROS ministry
- + special meals at Sidewalk Sunday School in Westway
- + dinners for the Opportunity Center
- + local charity events

**SOBREMESA\* CAFÉ UMW BAZAAR OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**THANK YOU TO THE COOK TEAM, SET UP TEAM, KITCHEN CREWS, HOSPITALITY AND CLEAN UP TEAM VOLUNTEERS, WE RAISED MORE THAN \$1000 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A FOOD TRUCK.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ENERGY – AND APPETITES**

## OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH 2017

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gather to cook, assemble and deliver fancy sack lunches to those in the community who have to work on Thanksgiving Day. Cooks, assemblers, and delivery drivers needed.

All deliveries will be completed by 11:30am. You will still have time to enjoy your own Thanksgiving family dinner that day.

***If you know of a friend, neighbor or relative in El Paso who will be working that day – and you would like to deliver a lunch to them - you may "reserve" a lunch for them and their co-workers and pick them up on Thanksgiving morning to deliver it. Fill out the form below to volunteer or call Pastor Amy at 584-2133.***



### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 \* 8AM - 12 NOON

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen/Cook Team - cook, portion, package side items for the lunches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Room Assembly Team - iron/fold/tie/stuff napkins, fold boxes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Team

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 \* 8AM - 12 NOON

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen/Cook Team - cook, portion, package side items for the lunches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Team

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 \* THANKSGIVING DAY \* VARIOUS TIMES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Assembly Team \* 7am -9:30 am — Slice meat/croissants/make sandwiches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Room Box Assembly Team \* 8am – 10am — Box the lunches, cards, napkins
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Up Team \* 8:00am – 10am
- \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery Teams \* 10:15am - 11:30am

Drive along the back alley and stop by Stewart Family Life doors. You will be given your route/directions/and about 10-12 box lunches – we will even help load them in your car. Then head home to your family Thanksgiving meal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry



We celebrated Children's Sabbath on October 15. The children did an excellent job leading the congregation in the Apostle's Creed, reading the morning's scriptures and singing several songs. Pastor Robert presented our third graders and a few older students with Bibles. Worship closed with children of all ages singing "This Little Light of Mine". Thanks to the support of Children's Council, the Sunday School teachers and our "Balloon Angel" the morning was a wonderful celebration of the children in our congregation.

## COMING UP

- STUFF THE TURKEY
- HANGING OF THE GREENS
- CHRISTMAS CAROLING
- SPECIAL ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL



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 WERE HIS YOUTH

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

**Sun., Nov. 5**  
Picking Sweet Potatoes  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

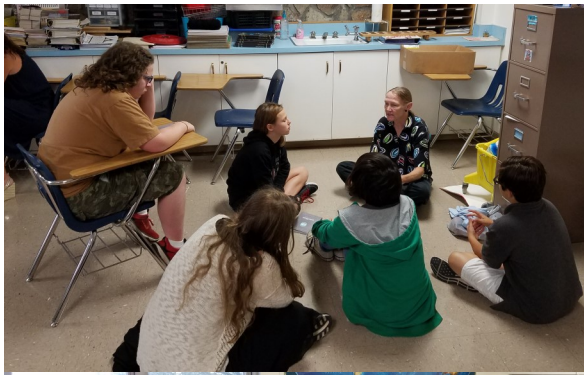


**Sun., Nov. 12**  
Family Hike at Dripping Springs  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



**Sun., Nov. 19**  
No WHY Fellowship

**Sun., Nov. 26**  
Hanging of the Greens  
Decorate the Sanctuary  
Soup/Chili Potluck  
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.



**Members  
Visit  
Confirmation  
Class**



**Guest  
Speaker:  
Holly  
Stallcup**



# VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

Bound for the Promised Land in 2018!

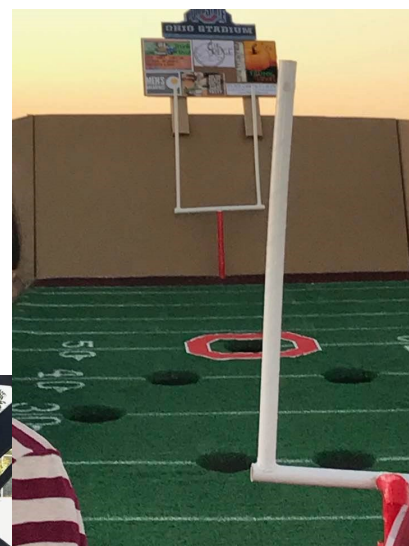
As most of you know, over the past 12 months, The Ridge has been dreaming, visioning, searching, and planning for an alternative location to our meeting place at Brown Middle School. I know that I owe a heartfelt thank-you to all of you who pitched in during this time, searching for possible locations and praying for the congregation (and me) as we patiently waited for God to reveal that location to us.

Today, I'm happy to report that I believe our search is nearing an end. We have been in negotiations with the owner of the shopping center at 5500 Doniphan, just off of Redd Road, to rent space for a worship center and Sunday school area.

Final approval of a Charge Conference on November 5th is still pending. However, we think this is our promised land, and a space where we can pursue the next faithful steps in The Ridge's story!

A few alterations to the building will be necessary. However, we expect to be in our new home sometime around the beginning of the year.

If you would like more information on The Ridge or our new location, please feel free to contact me at [josh@theridgeeep.com](mailto:josh@theridgeeep.com). Keep praying for all of us as we plan this new phase in our ministry. We look forward to welcoming all our friends and neighbors to see the new space as soon as it is complete!



IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME



Women's Retreat 2017 was a wonderful weekend! Thank you to all those who were a part of the planning team as well as all those who attended and made this weekend so very special.



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