

2020 Vision

Western Hills UMC Administrative Board

Vision and Mission for the Next Decade

Our Vision

Providing motivation, opportunity, and support for transformed people to utilize their gifts and passions for ministry and mission in unselfish service to Christ and the world.

Our Mission

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

Reaching

In the spirit of John Wesley, we offer the gospel of Jesus Christ to adults, youth and children in the El Paso community, adding three locations in the areas where the people need to hear the Word preached, using appropriate facilities, whether constructed, portable, or leased.

We seek to be actively engaged morally and socially with the poor and disenfranchised, working with them to relieve their suffering and to change societal structures and policies that keep them impoverished. This is accomplished through individual opportunities, community organizations and church partnerships currently active, and other opportunities that we seek.

Nurturing/Transforming

We provide the means of grace in worship, Bible study and prayer necessary to the experience of Christian transformation. Discipleship "pathways" will be provided utilizing small groups to focus on the needs of participants at different stages of spiritual growth. Missional involvement by participants at the appropriate level of preparedness or progress on the pathway is expected.

We actively seek missional opportunities to reach special needs in the community such as AA, cancer care groups, divorce recovery, retirement adjustments, financial management, ministry with young adults, sports and recreation for west El Paso led by volunteers with those passions and interests.

As part of the discipleship pathway we will incorporate the Upper Room ministries of Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Kairos to help build Christians who lead and serve.

Our Values Statements

Effective outreach and mission are not possible without spiritual transformation and growth in holy living. Our membership is therefore dedicated to loving fellowship, hospitality and opportunities for Christian transformation for all participants in all locations, including small groups in various neighborhoods and venues.

We practice prayer, tithing, fasting and other disciplines to foster spiritual growth and discernment as did the early church in the New Testament. We strive for "Scriptural Holiness" as taught by John Wesley.

Our Financial Responsibility

We will continue to develop capital means necessary for the improvement of our resources and facilities, adding classrooms, office space, and activity areas including additional property purchases where warranted and feasible due to the needs of our ministry