

AUGUST 2015



CONNECTIONS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC

*Reaching
Nurturing
Transforming*



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mended
women's ministry

Planning for the fall retreat is underway! The phenomenal speakers from Mended Women's Ministry in Dallas, Texas, Allison Cornell and Holly

Stallcup, will be leading worship and guiding us to find "Common Ground" in the Word.

You can learn more about their ministry at MendedMinistry.com. Here's a testimonial on their incredible impact:

I celebrate Mended because.

- *They empower me to trust in the Lord during my days of despair*
- *They are my sisters in Christ Village to simply be my strength in prayer or standing physically next to me praying*
- *They NEVER judged me for my sins and instead showed me that true Christian women do for each other*

Signed, a single Mom

As women we are desperate to belong. We are constantly looking for any common ground with other women on which to build a relationship. But biblical, God-Honoring unity doesn't come naturally. Our struggle with divinity is directly related to our spiritual maturity. Unity is a calling but it only happens through Jesus and for His glory. As our foundation becomes Christ, unity will be the result.

Join us for both serious and light-hearted fun as we seek common ground and provide each other support —just as friends do when they meet for coffee.

**For more information, contact Jackie Gaines at
915-217-9282.**



Women's Retreat

October 17-18

Holy Cross Retreat, Las Cruces, NM

*All of you, have unity of
spirit, sympathy,
love for one
another, a tender heart,
and a humble mind.
(1 Peter 3:8)*

Registration Opens

August 31



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.



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OUR FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY

WITH OUR PRAYERS

SYMPATHY

*Margaret Horn, in the loss of her sister

Zola McGallian, friend of Robert & Jamie Pelfrey, health concerns
Thomas Sheffer, grandfather of Alyssa Herrmann, health concerns

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

*Sherry Collins
Elsa Jernigan
Barbara Kusserow, health concerns
Arturo Cerda, health concerns
Gylene Bostick, health concerns
Joyce Cunningham

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

*Linda Snow, cousin of Rick Snow
Juan Morgades
Kim Hamilton, cousin of Rick Snow
Joan Gonter, friend of Gwen Keefer
George Norris
Barbara, mother of Pam Hooten
Jan Johnson, aunt of Bobbi Rettig
James Denson, cousin of LaVonne McMillan

THE WORLD

*Lafayette victims and community
People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

*Wallace Toothman, father of Kathy Wilson, health concerns
Sharon Marr, health concerns
Martha Morgades
Natalie Ramirez, daughter of Sofia Hardin, health concerns
Bob Farmer, brother of Barbara Kusserow, health concerns
Jerry & Pat Swaney's son, health concerns

Grace Gan
Barbara Barnhill
Bill Bostick
Bill Kipp

** indicates a new prayer request this week.*

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

WITH OUR PRESENCE

July 5, 2015
Worship..... 196
Sunday School 75
The Ridge..... 73

July 19, 2015
Worship.....222
Sunday School42
The Ridge..... 81

July 12, 2015
Worship.....254
Sunday School 87
The Ridge..... 96

July 26, 2015
Worship.....227
Sunday School69
The Ridge..... 58

WITH OUR GIFTS

June 2015 Revenue: \$47,123.15
June 2015 Expenses: \$65,973.65

YTD Revenue: \$350,221.83
YTD Expenses: \$365,176.03

2015 Revenue Budget YTD: \$353,969.04
2015 Expense Budget YTD: \$387,737.52

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

Choir Notes

Sunday, August 9

Meet at 10:30am and we will sing at the 11:00am service.

Wednesday, August 12

Rehearsals will resume at 7:30pm in the choir room.

Saturday, August 29

Choir Retreat (held in the choir room)

Lunch will be in the SFLC and a cookout will be in the evening with the location to be arranged later.

Come join us in singing praises to our God!

Interested in joining the choir?

Contact Margaret Haddad

Music Director

915.581.2133

Margaret@westernhillsep.org

We were “sowing” at Sewing Camp. Friendship Quilters shared their love of sewing with eager students last week. Circle time in the middle of each morning was a chance to get to know each other better while snacking. Relationships grew as did their confidence about operating a sewing machine and learning how to use their seam rippers. Choosing fabrics and ironing were two of the favorite tasks. And we’ve already decided to do it again – next year!

Projects included: a pillowcase (with French seams!), a quilted trinket box (with buttons that had to be sewn on by hand – or by one of the sewing fairies that finished work overnight) and a quilted “roll it up” storage roll for sewing tools, school supplies, or makeup brushes.

Top left photo—from last day:

Front row: Yvonne, Clara, Jocelyn, Ciara, Ruby and Lianna (participants)

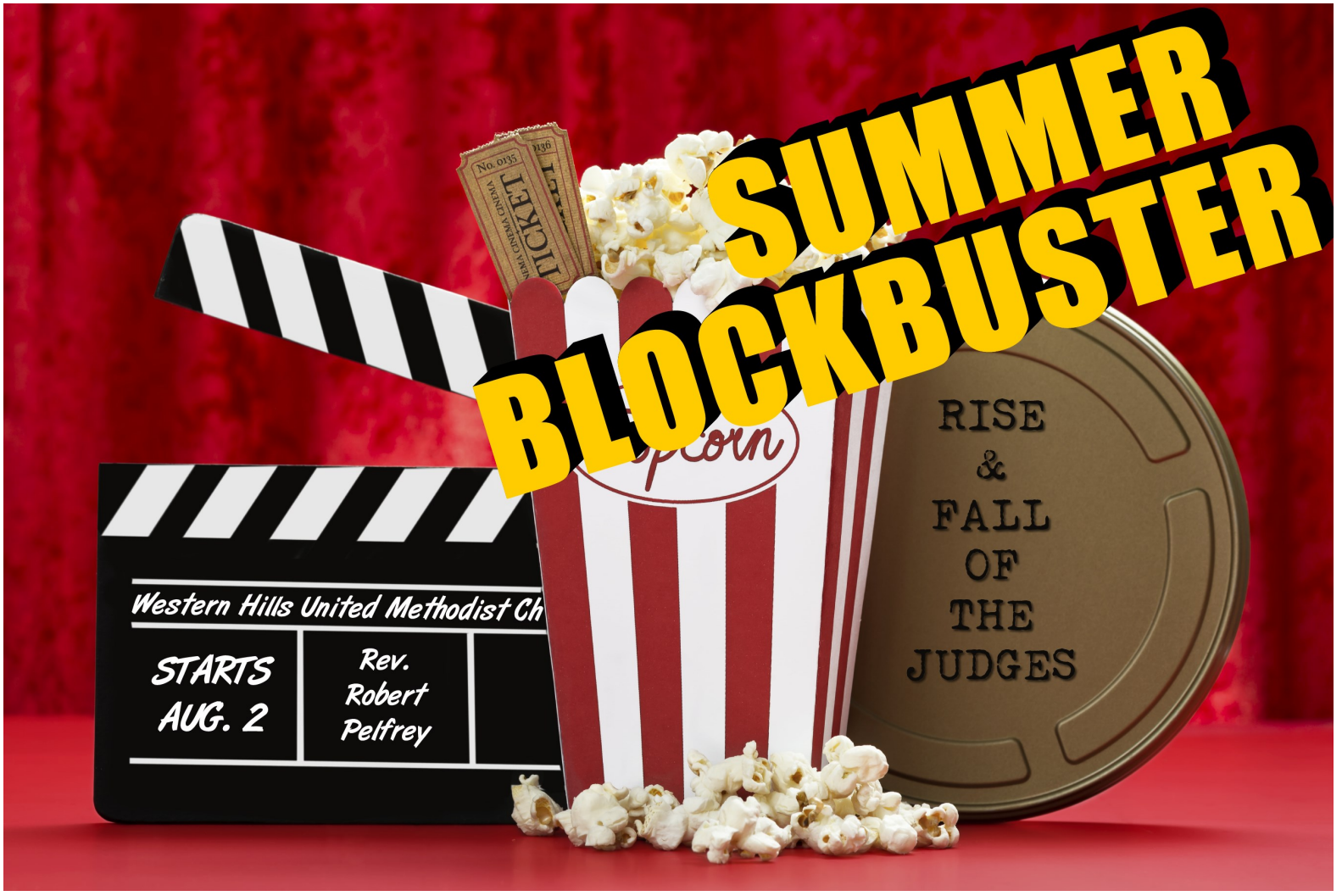
Back row: Linda Lord, Sue Williams, Barb Birchler, Jane LaGrone, MaryBell Haney, Amy Mercer

Missing from the last day picture: Carol Cowan and Roberta Harrison

sewing camp



sew much fun!

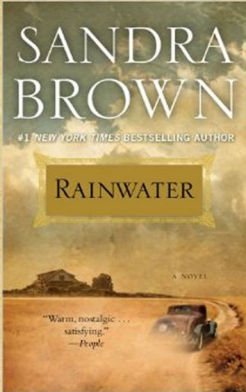


Faith, Fiction, & Fellowship

Page Turners

Thursday, August 13
7pm - 8:30pm
 Stewart Family Life Center
 Lobby

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



United Methodist Women

General Meeting
 Tuesday, August 25
 9:30am - Narthex

We will be working on the fall bazaar.

Meeting Hosts:
 Lydia Circle




MISSED A SERMON?

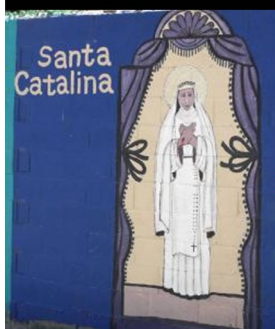
Sermons from each Sunday are posted on our website the following week.

www.westernhillsep.org/sermon-podcasts/





**NOISY
OFFERING**
August 30



The offering goes toward the purchase of school supplies for **Centro Santa Catalina.**



Check out our app!

Available for
Apple & Android



NEW LOOK FOR FALL BAZAAR

Grandma's Attic will become a separate endeavor and moved to spring break in March 2016. You will be hearing specifics much later, but please save your household items (as usual, no clothing solicited.)

Fall bazaar will be **Saturday, October 10, 2015.**

We are in need of church-wide volunteers. Please call Nancy Bloch at 877-1534 for specifics.

We will continue to have a used-book sale and a silent auction. Please save special items to donate for the silent auction; and, of course, all of your books. Gwen Keefer (581-2117) will take all of your silent auction donations whenever you have them ready.



Mark your calendars and we hope to see you OCTOBER 10th.

NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

9:30am—10:30am

SFLC GYM

PREK-6TH Grade

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH KICK-OFF

4yrs thru 6TH Grade

Children will be dismissed/
escorted to the SFLC Mtg
Room after Children's
Time at the 11am service.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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Money collected goes to
purchase school supplies for
Centro Santa Catalina.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH
LEADERS BEGINNING AUGUST 30TH
THROUGH THE 15/16 SCHOOL YEAR.**

I was reading an article about
people's memories of Sunday
School and I wanted to share:

*"People have told me that they don't
remember the particular things they
did in SS, but they remember how they
felt. Some remember the Bible stories
or activities, but almost every child
will remember if they felt accepted,
loved, and valued."*

Give me a call @ 584-2133

Thanks,

Colleen McGuire



LOVE



GROW



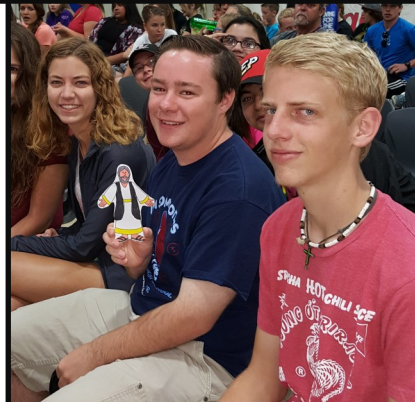
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES MISSION STATEMENT
**TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD WITH ALL
OUR HEART, WITH ALL OUR SOUL, WITH ALL
OUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL OUR MIND.**

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

Sun., Aug. 2
Work Camp
No WHY Fellowship

Aug. 9 - 13
Youth Week
See Mitzi for
Full
Schedule



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Western Hills Staff

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All Members

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Mercer

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Rev. Bill Case

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At the start of the summer our children's ministry asked our WHUMC families to take Flat Jesus along with them on their travels this summer. Flat Jesus has had an AMAZING summer hanging out with our awesome WHUMC families. He relaxed on the beach in California and the Dominican Republic, spent time at Prude Ranch, checked out White Sands, hung out with Mickey at Disneyland, and of course he stopped in at Angel Stadium in California, and more! It was great to see the travels of Flat Jesus—but even better was the reminder that **JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH US**. Check out all his adventures on our Facebook page.

