

December 2015

CONNECTIONS

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

Rejoice in His Coming

A MUSICAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Susan Naylor Callaway, composer

Sunday
DECEMBER 13
2:30PM

Western Hill UMC
524 Thunderbird Dr.
free of charge

featuring:

Western Hills UMC Chancel Choir
Orchestra * Soloists * Narration * Dramatization

A child has been
born for us.
We have been
given a son
who will be
our ruler.
His names
will be
Wonderful Advisor
and
Mighty God,
Eternal Father
and
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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.



Reaching... Nurturing... Transforming

OUR FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY

WITH OUR PRAYERS

SYMPATHY

Dave Kurzweg & family, in the loss of his father
Judi Wilkinson & family, in the loss of her father, Dave Wall

Scarlett Antley, health concerns
Mary Carolyn Fraser, health concerns
Bryan Charic

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

***Felix Salinas**, health concerns
Edith Knudson, health concerns
Ernie Tobey, health concerns
Betty Anderson, health concerns
Esther Reynolds
Louise Wikstrom
Tootie Fields, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

***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 Haegele
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

THE WORLD

Victims of all the recent violence
 Syrian refugees
 People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

***George Christian**, health concerns
Carol Bahmueller, mother of Sarah Spencer, surgery & healing
Gabriel & Skyler
Lisa Rogers, daughter of Barbara & Richard Kusserow, health concerns
Bob Farmer, brother of Barbara Kusserow, health concerns

** indicates a new prayer request this week.
 *prayers are listed for 3 weeks,
 cancer concerns for 2 months,
 unless otherwise specified.*

WITH OUR PRESENCE

November 8, 2015

Worship.....267
 Sunday School 108
 The Ridge..... 90
 Sidewalk SS 30

November 22, 2015

Worship.....243
 Sunday School 85
 The Ridge..... 114
 Sidewalk SS 46

November 15, 2015

Worship.....277
 Sunday School 114
 The Ridge..... 89
 Sidewalk SS 28

November 29, 2015

Worship.....225
 Sunday School 79
 The Ridge..... 86
 Sidewalk SS n/a

WITH OUR GIFTS

November 2015 Revenue: \$66,718.08
 November 2015 Expenses: \$49,479.79

YTD Revenue: \$646,719.20
 YTD Expenses: \$679,066.13

2015 Revenue Budget YTD: \$648,943.02
 2015 Expense Budget YTD: \$710,847.61

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

WWW.WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG

Year Ends GIVING

Reminder: All contributions for the 2015 year need to be made by December 31. The church office will closed on the 31st, but will be open on Wednesday, December 30th. You may also make your contribution online at any time by going to www.westernhillsep.org and clicking on the "Giving" tab in the top/center of the home page. Any questions? Please contact Laurie by phone at 584.2133 or by email at laurie@westernhillsep.org

Christmas Eve
worship
5:00 PM
and
11:00 PM

Give the gift of water this year in memory or in honor of a loved one. Your gift will go to provide water to communities in Nicaragua. Order forms can be found in the church office & Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

In Place of Poinsettias
Water for Nicaragua



\$15 donation

\$1000 builds ONE well



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed for Christmas & New Years on December 24, 25, 31, & January 1.

The staff will be operating on a modified or abbreviated schedule around the Christmas and New Years. Please call the church office **BEFORE** you come to ensure that the staff member you wish to see is available.

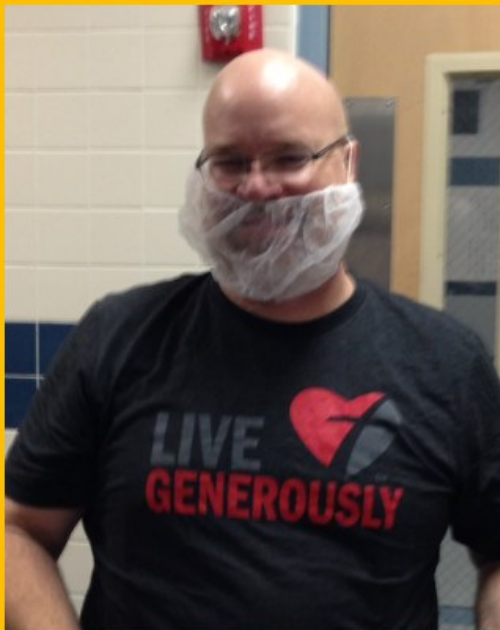
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
10AM
COFFEE TIME 9:30AM
THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DEC. 27

Sidewalk Sunday School
Christmas Celebration
Help give a child at Sidewalk a Merry Christmas!
take a box
BOXES AVAILABLE TODAY
fill it up
DETAILS ON BOXES
bring it back
RETURN BY 12/13

Please make sure to bring back your filled boxes on Sunday, December 13. **Forgot to grab a box on Sunday?** We still have several boxes that need to be picked up and filled. Please call or come by the church office to see how you can help.

Operation Turkey Sandwich

This Thanksgiving, WHUMC decided to provide a nice turkey lunch to people in our community who were having to work on Thanksgiving day. 180 meals were delivered! The box lunches included: smoked turkey on a croissant, sunshine salad, stuffing muffin, pecan toffee squares. Condiments: salt pepper, cranberry sauce, mayo packet. Cloth napkin, napkin ring and a spoon. Thanksgiving card and prayer. Thank you to the more 100 volunteers that had a part in making Operation Turkey Sandwich a success. Volunteers were responsible for cleaning and prepping, cooking/baking, assembling boxes, delivering lunches, and so much more. Many volunteers spent a good portion of Thanksgiving Day making this happen. We also had many "behind the scenes" volunteers who did important prep work ahead of time, including our women's retreat group that made the napkin rings and Dawn Wheeler who made 180 cloth napkins. Thank you all!!



YOUTH NEWS

Serving Thanksgiving Dinner
at Houchen Community Center



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Youth
Christmas
Party

Fall 2015 CCYM Event



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE



We had a wonderful time before Thanksgiving hosting 18 families from Westway. We worshiped with them in bilingual singing and liturgy. And children from both communities helped lead us in a worship song. Together we filled Thanksgiving blessing baskets for each family and then prayed over them. We were blessed that two helped lead us in worship through Scripture reading and special music. This Sunday was a wonderful time of worship with another of our sister communities of faith, Sidewalk Sunday School. God bless you all as we head toward Christmas and the coming of our Lord!



Activities for Advent & Christmas

GIVING TREE FOR RANCHOS LOS AMIGOS

ADVENT CHALLENGES TO PRAY, BE PRESENT, SERVE, & WITNESS

CAROLING AT FRANKLIN HEIGHTS NURSING HOME

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE—6:30PM (WHUMC)

IT'S NOT
CHURCH.
IT'S
HOME.

Western Hills Academy Applying for Accreditation

This Fall, Western Hills Academy is taking the initial step in applying for accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. SACS is a division of AdvancED, "the world's largest education community, serving public and private schools and colleges across the US and in more than 70 countries." The application and a Readiness Report were submitted in November, and a preliminary visit by a representative from the State Office is scheduled for December 11. If the report is favorable, the school will be considered to be a candidate for accreditation. Then a more detailed report comparing the school to the Standards will be submitted and a team representing the State will visit, perhaps in 2016-17.

Achieving accreditation will allow WHA to be a member with 40 other schools in the city, public and private, large and small. Such schools have opened themselves to the scrutiny of other educators, demonstrating their determination to continually improve.

The school is soliciting contributions to pay for the \$1,600 application fees. Donations should be in the name of Western Hills Academy and turned in to the Director, Patricia Aguirre, in the school's office, Room C-1 in C-Building.

Robert LaGrone
President, School Board



524 Thunderbird Drive
El Paso, TX 79912

Office:
(915) 584-2133

Fax:
(915) 833-2965

WH Academy:
(915) 584-6642

Western Hills Staff

Ministers
All Members

Rev. Robert Pelfrey
Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Mercer
Mission & Discipleship

Rev. Bill Case
The Ridge

Margaret Haddad
Director of Music Ministries

Joe Estala
Director of Praise & Worship

Mitzi Underwood
Director of Youth Ministries

Laurie McBride
Business/Facilities Manager

Colleen McGuire
Director of Children's Ministries

Suzy Snow
Administrative Assistant

Mindy Archey
Publications

Patricia Aguirre
WH Academy