



Connections

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

MAY 2016



Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 20 - 24
8:30 - 11:50am

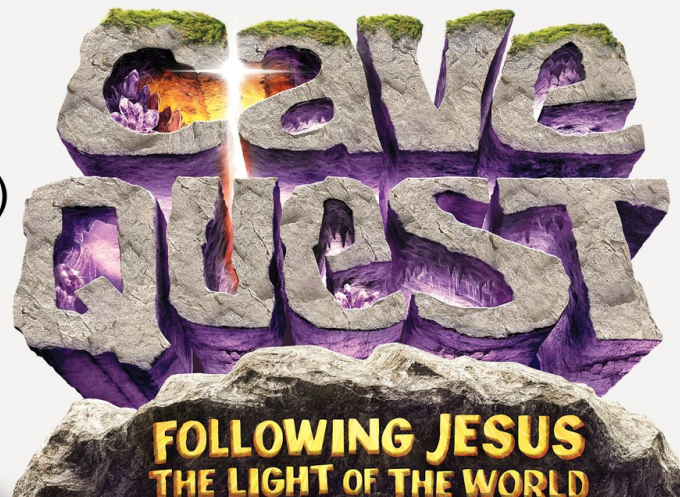
Ages 4yrs* - 6th Grade

*In order to participate in VBS 2016, your child must have turned 4 yrs old by Sept. 1, 2015.

Cost: \$10

Cost includes CD (one per family) & T-shirt (fee is non-refundable)

**REGISTER
ONLINE NOW**
westernhillsep.org



Want **CHANGE** to **THE WORLD**? **MAY 11-15**

What if... on one weekend all around the world, 11 million United Methodists came together to work in their local communities?

SERVING LOCALLY and REACHING GLOBALLY

CHANGE THE WORLD—MAY 2016 PROJECTS

Wednesday May 11th

5:00 –7:30 p.m.

“A Knit-in” in the Narthex - 8” squares and Hats

The Prayer Shawl ministry is hosting a mini - knit- a- thon to make 8” squares for HIV AIDS blankets assembled by a women’s team in South Africa. OR—Knit or crochet a simple hat for an orphanage in India. Bring a sack dinner, lemonade and dessert will be waiting for you when you arrive. Direction sheets available with instructions for the knitted or crocheted items).

Team Leader: Becky Martin

Friday May 13th

9:00 a.m. –12 noon

Assembling The Handwritten Gospel of John

Team Leader: Amy Mercer

Saturday May 14th

8:30 a.m.—Noon

Christ Community Church—Reupholstering Project

Chairs get worn—and we’re helping to tackle the reupholstering of 75+ chairs with new materials. Meet at WHUMC to carpool by 8:00 a.m. or meet us at the Christ Community at 8:30 am. Leader will call you with details of what to bring.

Team Leader: Charlotte Nobles

Saturday May 14th

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Operation Turkey Sandwich Sewing Project

Come to the SFLC Meeting Room to make 200 cloth napkins for our Fall CTW Project (Operation Turkey Sandwich). If you have your own sewing machine—please bring it. We need people cutting and pressing fabric and will have a few sewing stations set up around the room.

Team Leaders: Dawn Wheeler and Amy Mercer

Saturday May 14th

5:30—8:30 p.m.

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank—UNLOAD TRUCKS

No super heavy lifting involved. Must be 12 years of age or older (accompanied by an adult) If you’d like to carpool -meet at WHUMC parking lot by office at 4:30 p.m. Wear closed toed shoes and your bring your muscles.

Sunday May 15th

2:00—6:00 p.m.

Opportunity Center Meal

Team Leader: Suzy Snow Kitchen Manager: Joe McGuire

Ingredients for the meal will be provided and on site at WHUMC.

Meal will be cooked in the SFLC Kitchen and then transported to and served at the Opportunity Center.

Some projects are limited in team size so you **MUST** register and sign up.
Sign up in the Narthex. Your team leader will contact you with special instructions.



Blue Bin Collection for May

NEW Kitchen Items

for the CASFV (Center Against Sexual and Family Violence)

**Inexpensive Coffee Makers,
Dishtowels and Kitchen Utensils**

From the Music Podium

As our musical season comes to a close, we are working on several exciting offertories to enhance worship. In the near future you will hear pieces ranging from Renaissance composer, Thomas Tallis, to a gospel and a spiritual by Roger Emerson and William Dawson and a contemporary piece by Jane Marshall especially for our graduating seniors.

On Mother's Day, the men of the choir will delight the congregation with a lovely setting of "Amazing Grace" arranged by Craig Courtney. On Father's Day, the women will sing "Like As A Father" written by Luigi Cherubini and arranged by Jerry Weseley Harris; this is a beautiful setting based on Psalm 103:13. The choir will be on hiatus the month of July so look for some enjoyable and inspiring solo and small group music.

It has been rewarding to hear the small groups from some of our local high schools and I plan to have more of them in the fall when school starts up again. And, wasn't it great to hear the Stanley "kids" one last time before Marilyn's departure? We will miss her sorely but look forward to her return visits.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Allen Bloch for repairing some of our choir room chairs. They are old and a little worse for the wear but Allen came and fixed several of them so we don't end up on the floor during rehearsal. Thank you, Allen, from all of us. Allen and Terry Allen also have plans to fix up the library shelving which is also in need of repair. What would we do without all of our volunteers?

Joyfully,
Margaret



MISSED A SERMON?



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

www.westernhillsep.org/sermon-podcasts/



Please join us in celebrating the retirement of

REVEREND DR. STEVE McELROY

after 42 years of service in ministry.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

May 21, 2016

2PM - 4PM

St. Marks UMC Fellowship Hall * 5005 Love Road

PLEASE RSVP TO KATHIE McELROY

915-526-6584

KATSKYE@ELP.RR.COM



Interested in joining Western Hills?

Sunday, May 22nd

Questions about membership?

8:45am

SFLC Mtg Rm

Worship Service

Sunday, May 22nd

10:00am

There will be ONE worship service on 5/22. The service will be led by the youth of WHUMC.



WALK AS ONE

World Labyrinth Day

MAY 7

NOON - 2PM

STEWART FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Come and walk the Labyrinth between Noon and 2pm. You will be joining others from across the globe who will be walking labyrinths on the same date and time.



servants needed

We currently need help with:

greeters for all worship services

See Pastor Amy if you are interested in serving.



Noisy Offering

May 29th

Gather your change and bring it on Sunday 5/29 for Noisy Offering.

YOUR CHANGE WILL HELP WITH

New Mexico Annual Conference Missions Projects

Thank you to all those who are participating in the Handwritten Bible project.

TURN IN ALL CHAPTERS AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY MAY 10TH



APRIL 3 - MAY 14

Handwritten Bible

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Encounter scripture in a new way...

NEWS FROM THE Children's Ministry

Movement Ministry Has Returned!

'THE BLESSINGS OF CHRIST' is made up of 3rd-6th grade students under the direction of Mary Underwood. They will be leading worship on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. Mary is doing a phenomenal job in teaching kids how to worship through movement.

We are blessed to have her in the Children's Department. Thank you Mary for all your hard work!



The children will be singing a special Mother's Day song so please bring them to the library at 10:30 so they can practice and go in together and sit as a group. Children's Church will follow.

Children's Church will run through May 15th. It will resume Sun., Aug. 7th.

There will be no Sunday School on May 22nd. There will be one service at 10:00am. We are looking for summer Sunday School teachers.

If you are interested please contact Colleen McGuire. Colleen's email is colleen@westernhillsep.org or you can call the church office at 584-2133.



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

Sun., May 8
 Mother's Day
 No WHY Fellowship

Mon., May 9
 Youth Svc Rehearsal
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 SFLC Mtg. Rm.
 Bring White T-Shirt

Sat., May 14
 Work at the Garden
 Change The World
 Meet at 8:00 a.m.
 Return after Lunch,
 1:00 p.m.

Sun., May 15
 Youth Svc Rehearsal
 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary

Wed., May 18
 Youth Svc Rehearsal
 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sun., May 22
 Youth Worship Svc 10:00
 Arrive at 9:00 a.m.

Sun., May 29
 Memorial Day Weekend
 No WHY Fellowship



RITMO CAMP

June 13—17

Early Bird Registration
 (Before May 15): \$285
 After May 15: \$300

Register with Mitzi or online at
www.sacramentoassembly.org

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Sun., June 5th
 11am service

Attention graduating seniors, please
 contact Mitzi if you would like to be
 recognized and participate in our
 special morning, including the Rose
 Breakfast.

Also, see Mitzi regarding scholarship
 applications.



VBS

June 20 to 24
 Mornings (8:30 to Noon)

Sign up with Mitzi to volunteer.
 You can use this toward community
 service hours.

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR"

Mission & Mystery Trip
 July 9 to 17

Construction
 of a home in
 Juarez,
 followed by
 five days of
 mystery fun! Cost: \$550



Commitment and \$55 deposit due to
 Mitzi May 1.

VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

You never know what an invitation to church might bring. About six years ago, I was speaking with one of the teachers at Western Hills Academy (then Western Hills Day School). I mentioned that we would be starting a new faith community called The Ridge. I asked if she and her husband would like to be a part of beginning this venture. She invited me to come and speak with her and her husband, and low and behold they said yes! That teacher was Roberta Chestnut. Since then she and G.W. have become very engaged in The Ridge's life and ministry. Today G.W.'s parents attend regularly, their oldest son and his girlfriend have recently joined the church, and as you can see by the pictures, we baptized her youngest son Ethan this last month! God is so amazingly good! So, if you ever wonder what God can do with your inviting someone to church with you, just take a long look at these pictures and consider who in your life might be changed for the eternal Kingdom of God!



IT'S NOT CHURCH. IT'S HOME.



Farewell

JOIN US AS WE BID FAREWELL TO
Bill, Wendy, David and Ryan Case
AS THEY JOURNEY TO CLOVIS TO SERVE AT KINGSWOOD UMC

Sunday, June 5th
following worship

You are invited to bring
cards/notes/tokens of appreciation.

MISSION MATTERS



GARAGE SALE 2016

\$7200 Raised for MISSIONS

THANK YOU! By making the garage sale truly churchwide – we collected a whole gymnasium full of items and passed it on..... We are grateful for all of your donations and for the incredible number of hours that volunteers

provided. A special thanks to Pat and Bob Phillips who helped us organize, manage and survive what seemed an insurmountable job. We had people available to pray with those who came to purchase items and it was a genuine team effort that was MINISTRY in action.

We provided inexpensive items to many in the community, and donated what was left to other thrift store ministries. Hopefully those items will continue to be a source of funds for them. The items that were remaining at the end of the sale were given to:

- The Assistance League
- Houchen
- Candlelighters
- Savers

The Missions Team and UMW representatives on April 19, 2016 voted to disperse \$1816.50 to each of the following mission ministries supported by Western Hills United Methodist Church.

- Sobremesa Food Truck
- The Rescue Mission
- Centro Santa Catalina – scholarship fund
- Korean Ministry in El Paso

Additionally, we are sending \$5555 for In Place of Poinsettia's for water wells in Nicaragua in 2016. Our In Lieu of Lilies funds of \$2470 will be spent on May 2016 Change the World projects and Operation Turkey Sandwich in November. Our Annual Conference Offerings will be funded by our Noisy Offering at the end of May. Remaining Noisy Offerings will be earmarked for Back to School Scholarships for Centro Santa Catalina (July) and the MEG Street Ministry (October).



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

SYMPATHY

*Family & Friends of
Barbara Cotton
The Mina Family, in the loss of their son, Tristan Mina
Peggy Craig & Family, in the loss of her brother, John Buchanan

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

*Bob Horn, healing
Jeanne Baker, healing
Edna Ely, health concerns
Eldene Amundson, health concerns
Felix Salinas, health concerns
Paula Davis, health concerns
Betty, health concerns

THE WORLD

Flooding victims
Earthquake victims in Japan & Ecuador
People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

*Ronnie Phillips, uncle of Dallas Cooke, health concerns
Barrett & Wills Baez, infant twins, health concerns
Paul, nephew of Pam & Bill Hooten, health concerns
Rob Gentile, health concerns

Elizabeth Garcia, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

*Robert Askelson, father of Colleen McGuire
*Jill Askelson, mother of Colleen McGuire
*Shannon Bowles, friend of Kelly Cooke
Rick, friend of Manny Gonzalez
Joseph "Bud" Jay, father of Cindy Jay
Donna Williams, family member of Martha Jo Cavanna
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
Linda Snow, cousin of Rick Snow
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

April 3, 2016
Worship.....256
Sunday School.....114
The Ridge.....63
Sidewalk SS.....n/a

April 10, 2016
Worship.....248
Sunday School.....115
The Ridge.....102
Sidewalk SS.....n/a

April 17, 2016
Worship.....264
Sunday School.....94
The Ridge.....72
Sidewalk SS.....n/a

April 24, 2016
Worship.....255
Sunday School.....91
The Ridge.....94
Sidewalk SS.....27

WITH OUR GIFTS

February 2016 Revenue: \$55,653.46
February 2016 Expenses: \$61,276.77

YTD Revenue: \$178,549.91
YTD Expenses: \$190,342.62

2016 Revenue Budget YTD: \$213,593.76
2016 Expense Budget YTD: \$204,651.69

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

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Honor Your Graduate

With a Donation to the WHUMC Foundation

The Western Hills Foundation's theme for 2016-17 is *Investing Today in Western Hills' Tomorrow*. Each month we will be focusing on various distributions that the foundation makes to support Western Hills and its Ministries. The **Scholarship Fund** in the Foundation provides scholarships to outstanding seniors who are in our Youth Program. This year our church was blessed to receive a donation of \$10,000 to the scholarship fund in honor of Robert Pelfrey with the challenge that the church members match this generous donation. As we enter the graduation month of May, please prayerfully consider honoring a graduate and supporting our youth with a donation to the **Foundation Scholarship Fund**. There is no better investment in our future than supporting our Western Hills' Youth as they pursue their collegiate careers and grow as disciples of the Lord.



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