

FEBRUARY 2018

Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC * EL PASO, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

**ASHES AND PRAYER
7AM - 9AM * SANCTUARY**

STOP BY THE CHURCH ON THE WAY TO WORK OR SCHOOL FOR A TIME OF PRAYER AND TO RECEIVE ASHES. THERE WILL BE COFFEE, BREAKFAST TACOS, AND JUICE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AS YOU HEAD OUT FOR YOUR DAILY ROUTINE.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
6:30PM * SANCTUARY**

JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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 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

SYMPATHY

- *Family & Friends of Virginia Dean
- *Family & Friends of Betty Hill

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- *Edna Ely, health concerns
- *Craig Larramore
- Ida Mae Ellis, health concerns
- Tom Davis, health concerns
- Bill Bostick, health concerns
- Bob Phillips, health concerns
- Harold Alexander, health concerns
- Esther Reynolds, health concerns
- Gylene Bostick, health concerns
- Gayle Kipp, health concerns

THE WORLD

- People living in war zones
- People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- *Kelly Phillips, health concerns
- *Adelynn, premature baby of Kelly Phillips

- Stephen, son-in-law of Carol Pancoast, health concerns
- Adrian Archuleta, grandson of Susie Perez, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

- Linda Daniels, mother of Christy Gasman
- Mike Cook
- Billy
- Rosemary Graves
- Jacob Sotello
- Bob Sneed
- Ron Richards
- Debby Carovella
- Linda
- Michael Canava
- Pat Travers
- Gail Hill
- Hector Salcedo
- Sylvia Villagrana
- Fred Haberlein
- Robert Askelson
- Jill Askelson
- Rick

WITH OUR PRESENCE

January 7, 2018

Worship.....	195
Sunday School.....	86
The Ridge.....	83
Sidewalk SS.....	n/a

January 14, 2018

Worship.....	163
Sunday School.....	76
The Ridge.....	76
Sidewalk SS.....	n/a

January 21, 2018

Worship.....	188
Sunday School.....	80
The Ridge.....	70
Sidewalk SS.....	33

January 28, 2018

Worship.....	170
Sunday School.....	89
The Ridge.....	55
Sidewalk SS.....	31

WITH OUR GIFTS

Revenue MTD December 2017:	\$96,067.63
Expenses MTD December 2017:	\$64,972.22

Revenue YTD December 2017:	\$751,145.03
Expenses YTD December 2017:	\$814,236.63

Revenue Budget YTD December 2017:	\$654,726.00
Expense Budget YTD December 2017:	\$860,433.00

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

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staff appreciation

JOIN US AFTER 11:00AM WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 11 FOR A RECEPTION HONORING OUR WESTERN HILLS STAFF



NOTES AND TOKENS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE STAFF CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE KUDOS TREE IN THE NARTHEX STARTING FEBRUARY 4

JENNY ABBOTT

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

MINDY ARCHEY

PUBLICATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

NANCY BICKLEY

MINISTER OF MUSIC

LAURIE MCBRIDE

BUSINESS/FACILITIES MANAGER

DAVID PENA

DIRECTOR OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

ARTURO CERDA & BERTHA DE LUNA

JANITORIAL STAFF

SUZY SNOW

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MITZI UNDERWOOD

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

AINA OLONADE

JUDI WILKINSON

PIANIST/ORGANIST

JESSICA FLORES, KATIE HOUX, & AIDE TERRAZAS

NURSERY STAFF



Shiprock/Four Corners *Mission Trip*
Native American Ministry

INFO PACKETS NOW AVAILABLE
DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE FEB. 15
FINAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 1
SEE PASTOR AMY OR
PASTOR ROBERT FOR MORE INFO

March 10-17, 2018
Cost/person: from \$290 to \$415
cost varies depending on transportation option chosen

OPEN TO ALL SKILL LEVELS - ALL AGES

Children/Youth must be accompanied by a parent or youth sponsor. May do home repairs, work in Navajo Thrift Shop, or Daycare. Hoping for 10 -12 persons on this trip; the max number we can take is 20.

- Cost: \$290-415 (for different transportation options)
+ Chance to meet and hear a Navajo Code Talker
+ Meet a sandpaint artist
+ Evening trip to Shiprock and hear the native lore.

Deposit of \$100 due Feb. 15
Final payment due March 1

21-DAY FINANCIAL FAST

SUNDAY MORNINGS
FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 18
9:45 AM TO 10:45 AM
LIBRARY
BOOK COST: \$9

Call the church office at
584-2133 to register.

MICHELLE SINGLETARY

AWARD-WINNING NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
COLUMNIST FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The 21
DAY
FINANCIAL
FAST

Your Path to
FINANCIAL PEACE
AND FREEDOM



FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP Page Turners

February 15th
7:00PM
SFLC Lobby

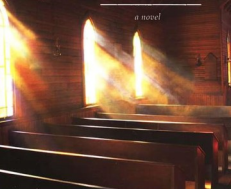
and the Shofar Blew
Francine Rivers

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

FRANCINE RIVERS

INTERNATIONALLY BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

and the Shofar Blew



THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,
As we are closing up 2017, I want to take this opportunity to send a special thanks to you for standing beside us. With your help, we have cared for hundreds of homeless people—many of them elderly, disabled, or fragile in many ways. Without your support, we could not have kept our doors open. Thank you so much.
Ray—The Opportunity Center

WELCOME



We are pleased to welcome Nancy Bickley to the Western Hills UMC staff as the Minister of Music.

Nancy is a life-long resident and musician in El Paso. She received her degree at the University of Texas at El Paso in Music Education and has extensive graduate work in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting. She performed numerous lead roles in operas and won various vocal competitions at NATS and SAI.

Within the El Paso community, Nancy Bickley served as choir director at McNeeley Presbyterian Church, Ft. Bliss Center Chapel and Grace Presbyterian Church. She was the choir director for, The El Paso Chorale, Girls and Young Ladies Choir, and a chorus member in, The El Paso Opera Co. She is the Assistant Director in the, El Paso Choral Society and sings in the Chamber Choir. Nancy is the Music Director for the gifted and talented, The Cultural Arts, Renaissance Program, as well.

Presently, Nancy is the Choir Director at Chapin High School. She routinely has students who participate in the prestigious TMEA, All State Choir in San Antonio, Texas.

Nancy and Joe Bickley are parents to one daughter, Laurel Arenivar, and proud grandparents to four grandchildren.



\$10,000 GRANT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR SOBREMESA FOOD TRUCK MINISTRY

Thanks to our in-house grant writer Mary Bell Haney – we have received a \$10,000 mini-grant from the NM Annual Conference New Church Development Team towards the purchase of a food truck.

You've heard about this ministry – you've supported this ministry – many of you have already received your food handler certificates.

This grant, together with funds we have raised through the Sobremesa Café (more than \$14,000) means that the time is NOW to locate, purchase and outfit a food truck.

We've talked about using this ministry to feed folks at the Opportunity Center, folks stranded in the airport, students studying for finals on the campus at UTEP but now is the time to form teams to tackle all aspects of the ministry. If you've got organizational, culinary, cleaning, hospitality, or planning skills – we need your help. **There will be a meeting on March 4th, time and place TBD, to discuss this ministry and get us ROLLING...**

Please call Pastor Amy at the office (584-2133) if you are willing to help.

NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry

**AN ADVENTURE
AT CAMP IS
Life Changing!**

KING'S KIDS CAMP
JUNE 8 - 10
ENTERING GRADE 2-4

MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN
JULY 8 - 13
ENTERING GRADE 7 - HS GRAD

JR. HORSE CAMP
JUNE 11 - 15
ENTERING GRADES 4-6

PROMISE SEEKERS CAMP
JULY 9 - 13
ENTERING GRADES 4-6

SACRAMENTO YOUTH CAMP
JUNE 18 - 22
ENTERING GRADE 7 - HS GRAD

FAMILY HORSE CAMP WEEKEND
JULY 20 - 22
FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

GIRLS JR. HORSE CAMP
JUNE 25 - 29
GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 4-6

YOUTH HORSE CAMP
JULY 23 - 27
ENTERING GRADE 7 - HS GRAD

SACRAMENTO FAMILY CAMP
JULY 2 - 6
FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

CAMP SUNSHINE
JULY 30 - AUGUST 3
AGES 16 - ADULT
FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL CHALLENGES

SACRAMENTO
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

**NEED MORE INFO?
CONTACT JENNY ABBOTT**



**JOIN THE FUN
VBS**

JUNE 25 - 29

**SEE JENNY IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING**



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 Fellowship

Sunday Evenings

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Stewart Family Life Center

Sun., Feb. 4

No WHY Fellowship

Feb. 9 to 11

CCYM Sr. High Weekend
Retreat

Sun., Feb. 11

No WHY Fellowship

Fri., Feb. 16

Confirmation Mini Retreat
5:15pm to 11:00pm

Sun., Feb. 18

Parent Appreciation Luncheon
12:30pm, SFLC

Sun., Feb. 25

Purposeful Parenting/Session 1
5pm to 7pm SFLC Mtg. Rm.



March 2 to 4

ROC Mid High Retreat
Weekend

Sun., March 4

No WHY Fellowship



Sidewalk Sunday School

Sunday Night Sillies



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

- The pictures below are from our Christmas Eve prayer service held at our new location on Doniphan. Our very first service in our new space!
- The New Ridge is opening soon! We expect to be ready to open in mid to late March at our new location at 5500 Doniphan! Right now walls are being painted, the ceiling lifted, and other last minute preparations. We are so excited for this new chapter of the Ridge's story!
- Upcoming workdays: Feb. 3, 10, and, if needed, 24th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Bring work gloves!
- Ash Wednesday sites:
 - 7:30-8:00am—New site, 5500 Doniphan suite H
 - 9:30-10:30am—Starbucks on I-10 and Redd Road



Did you know that young people who spend at least one hour a week involved in activities within a faith-based organization are more likely to (1) want to serve others, (2) follow and provide positive peer influence, (3) exercise restraint when it comes to risky behaviors, and (4) report a greater sense of self-worth? (Search Institute)

**WHEN WE INVEST IN FAMILY, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH MINISTRY WE CHANGE LIVES!
JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR LEARNING AND BRAINSTORMING ON THE
FUTURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND FAMILY MINISTRY AT THE RIDGE.**

Parents, teachers, passionate adults, and, of course, children and youth are encouraged to attend.

2/25

1:30 PM

5500 Doniphan, Suite H

For more info, contact Pastor Josh

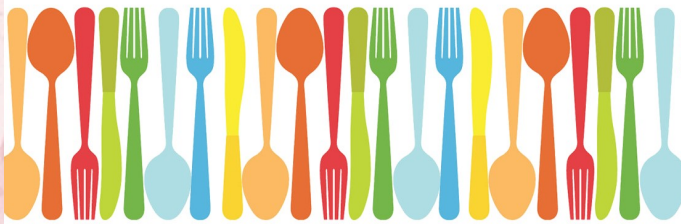
**CHILDREN
YOUTH &
Summit**

IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME

LUNCH IS ON US!

parent appreciation

FEBRUARY 18 12:30 SFLC



RSVP
BY 2/11
CHURCH OFFICE
584.2133

parent appreciation lunch

ALL PARENTS INVITED

(PARENTS OF YOUNG, TEEN, OR EVEN ADULT CHILDREN)
TEACH/VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS? YOU ARE INVITED TOO!

CHILDCARE PROVIDED INFANT THRU 5TH GRADE

Robert Hart, Exec. Dir. of Living Hope Christian Counseling Service & Mitzi Underwood, Director of Youth Ministries, are partnering to bring parents an important new ministry designed to create a community of loving support.

Sunday, February 25

session one

5:00 - 7:00pm
SFLC Meeting Room
childcare provided



WESTERN HILLS UMC STAFF

Ministers

All Members

Rev. Robert Pelfrey
Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Mercer
Mission & Discipleship

Rev. Josh Kouri
The Ridge

Mitzi Underwood

Director of Youth
Ministries

Jenny Abbott
Director of Children's
Ministries

David Pena
Director of Praise
& Worship

Nancy Bickley
Minister of Music

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