

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC * EL PASO, TEXAS

HOLY WEEK AT WESTERN HILLS UMC



3/25: PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP - 8:30AM & 11AM

3/29: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7PM

3/30: GOOD FRIDAY EVENTS

- MT. CRISTO REY HIKE 8AM
- SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER NOON TO 3PM
- RIDGE GOOD FRIDAY GATHERING 6:30PM

4/1: EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP - 8:30AM & 11AM

Reaching... Murturing... 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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS
Harold Alexander, health
concerns

Joy Kaerwer, health concerns
Edna Ely, health concerns
Ida Mae Ellis, health concerns
Tom Davis, health concerns
Bill Bostick, health concerns
Bob Phillips, health concerns
Esther Reynolds, health concerns
Gylene Bostick, health concerns
Gayle Kipp, health concerns

THE WORLD

Victims of violence in Parkland, FL People living in war zones People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

*John Rudinger, health concerns
*Tres Sharp, 4 year old burn victim
*Gay & Rick Super, health
concerns

*Carlton & Carmen Tedrick, health concerns

Lera Powell
Tony C., health concerns

Lea Magruder, health concerns
Joyce Snead, health concerns
Kelly Phillips, health concerns
Adelynn, premature baby of Kelly
Phillips

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer Debbie Sites

Linda Daniels, mother of Christy Gasman

Mike Cook

Billy

Rosemary Graves
Jacob Sotello
Bob Snead
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

February 4, 2018 February 4, 2018 Worship 208 Sunday School 99 The Ridge 83 Sidewalk SS 31 Sidewalk SS 31 Sidewalk SS 201 Worship 201 Sunday School 65 The Ridge 70 Sidewalk SS 26

February 18, 2018	
Worship	203
Sunday School	
The Ridge	
Sidewalk SS	n/a
February 25, 2018	
Worship	197
Sunday School	
The Ridge	66
Sidewalk SS	n/a

WITH OUR GIFTS

Revenue YTD January 2018: \$46,699.09 Expenses YTD January 2018: \$65,533.22

Revenue Budget YTD January 2018: \$55,212.50 Expense Budget YTD January 2018: \$72,287.25

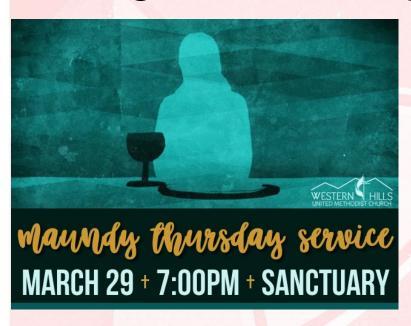
If you would like further detail, please call Laurie in the church office. (584.2133)

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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP—MARCH 25 8:30AM AND 11:00AM











EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP—APRIL 18:30AM AND 11:00AM



11th Annual Youth Mystery Dinner Theater proudly presented by the Western Hills UMC Youth

APRIL 20 & 21, 2018





MARCH

Opportunity Center

RICE BEANS SUGAR

OR MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF GROUND BEEF



April 12 7:00PM SFLC Lobby

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven

Fannie Flagg

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

Refreshments Provided





Sunday, March 25 5:00 - 7:00pm SFLC Meeting Room childcare provided

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

Purposeful Parenting... a new ministry designed to create a community of loving support



MARCH CIRCLE MEETING ESTHER
March 20
9:30am
John Wesley Room

MARY MARTHA
March 20
11:30am
SFLC Mtg Room









Approximately 120 people attended the El Paso District listening session on "A Way Forward," held at Western Hills on Sunday, February 18. We will have a church-wide discussion in April.

Notes from the session can be found at http://www.westernhillsep.org/meeting-minutes/

NEWS FROM THE Children's Ministry



Be sure to keep an eye on our caterpillar in the Narthex.
Some exciting changes are coming!

All Children and their parents are invited to <u>help</u> with the Sidewalk Sunday School Easter Party on March 31. Contact Jenny Abbott for more info.



Our children's Sunday school classes recently made Valentine's for our homebound members. The ones pictured above, and about 25 more, were delivered by the Care Ministry to our homebound members thanks to Barbara Kusserow and her team.

WHY Fellowship

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



March 11 and 18 Spring Break No WHY Fellowship

Sun., March 25 Purposeful Parenting 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., SFLC Mtg. Rm.

Holy Thursday, Mar 29 Youth Participation in Worship 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday, Mar 30 Mt. Cristo Rey Pilgrimage 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sat., March 31 Sidewalk Sunday School 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Easter, April 1 Confirmation at 11:00 Svc Confirmation Luncheon 12:30

No WHY Fellowship

April 18 & 19 Dress Rehearsals 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

April 20 & 21 Show Time 4:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Sat., April 21 Cast and Crew Party 10:30 p.m. to Midnight

Sun., April 22 Purposeful Parenting 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., SFLC Mtg. Rm.

No WHY Fellowship



CCYM Sr. High

ROC

Mid

High

VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

Greetings from The Ridge as we experience this Lenten Season! My personal theme and discipline for Lent this year is prayer. Because of the season, and because of our congregation's season in life, prayer has grown from a daily habit to a near constant theme in my life over the last few weeks.

On the subject of prayer, Anne Lammott writes: "I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe, over the past twenty-five years, that there's something to be said for keeping prayer simple. **Help. Thanks. Wow.** ... That's all I ever need." In that spirit, I need your help and your prayers along these same 3 themes. When you read this, would you consider joining me in a vigil of prayer between now and Easter Sunday?

Please pray with me on the following themes:

Help – We are so excited about the new possibilities for the Ridge as we open our new building space. But we need God's help as we finish the final touches. Please pray for our congregation as this challenging process nears completion, and as we prepare for a change.

Thanks - On a theological note, Lent reminds us that to arrive at Easter and Resurrection, Jesus chose a path that included the cross and death. I'm trying to remember to say, "Thanks," to God for that big sacrifice for us. This is the essence of the Gospel.

Wow - The Ridge is excited about this year's confirmation class. We began on January 28 with 2 interested students. The next week, we had 3. The week after, we had 5 in attendance. Last Sunday, we had 8 students in attendance. The growth in class size over time is both unusual and exciting. Some of our students have been a part of the Ridge since the beginning. Others attended church for the first time and joined our class the same afternoon. Wow! I am in awe of the spirit and openness of the students as well as the ways God works in their lives. This group is coming together and our young people's faith is coming alive. It's worth praying twice on this one. WOW! I am indescribably thankful for the prayers of everyone at the Ridge and Western Hills. Please know, that I pray for all of you every day as well. As we pray together – help, thanks, and wow – I have faith that



The sign is up, and we're getting close to opening our new location at 5500 Doniphan. An exact opening date will soon be publicized. We are so excited for this new phase in our congregation's story!



We have helpers of all sizes and gifts helping get the new Ridge location ready!



BRING A DISH TO SHARE

Child care provided - RSVP

CONTACT SAL AND YADIRA PERALES.

needed by April 1 if childcare is needed. The most rewarding, challenging, and life-giving relationship you will have in life is with your spouse. Study the Word together and grow closer with other couples.



TS NOT CHURCH



Come to the Mountain for some...





Rock'n Prayer

Sprinkled with lots of laughter

April 26th - 29th 2018

Springtime Adult Retreat

Hiking

Crafts



Sing-a-longs

- Campfire
- * Massages by Brenda Crowe
- * ATV Riding
- * Horseback riding



Peace

Devotions by Walt Case Sermons by Roland McGregor Bible Study/Prayer time by Pat Dunn & Sara Sroufe Music by Dacia Lust Food by Sacramento

Laughter

Games

1960's Themed Talent Show

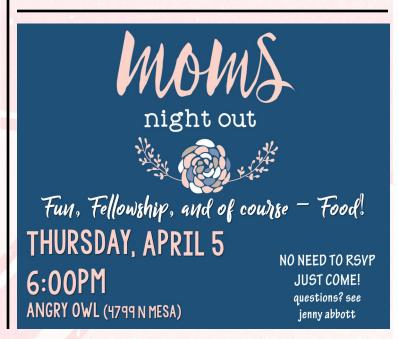


* Extra Fees

Springtime Adult Retreat — April 26-29

This retreat is designed for the young-at-heart! It's a 60's theme this year, so come to the mountain for some Peace, Love, and Rock'in Prayer (and lots of laughter, of course.) Adults of all ages welcome. Learn more: http://sacramentocamp.org/activities-events/other-events

JOIN THE VBS FUN JUNE 25 - 29 SEE JENNY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING





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