

APRIL 2018



Connections

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

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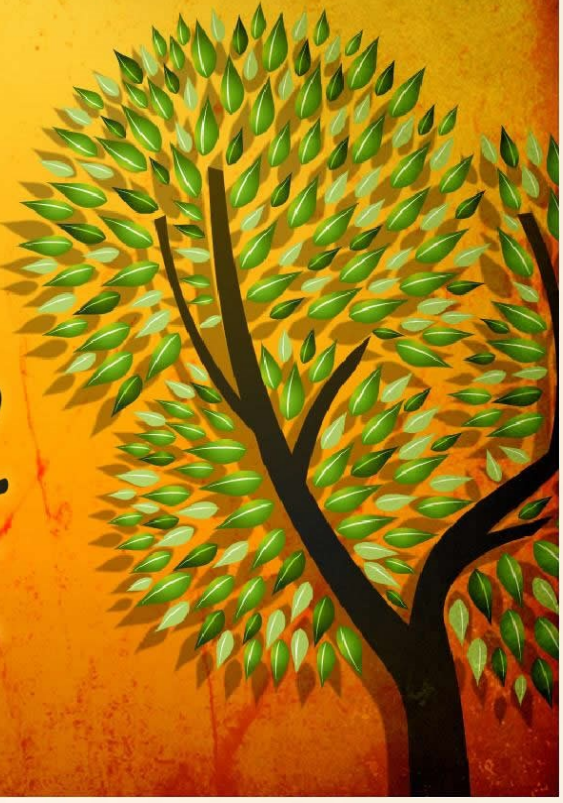
GROWING TOGETHER

JOINING JESUS AS HE TRANSFORMS
OUR LIVES, OUR CHURCH, AND OUR COMMUNITY

**ALL CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

APRIL 8, 15, 22

9:45AM * SfLC





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 Edna Ely
*Family & Friends of C.E. Dugger

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Betty Tritton, health concerns
Harold Alexander, health concerns
Joy Kaerwer, 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

People living in war zones
People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

*Marcia Vargas, niece of Ruth Salinas, health concerns
*Kathy Pflug, sister of Peggy Craig, health concerns
John Rudinger
Vicki Allen
Donna & Billy

Rita, health concerns
Karina Arriela, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

Babette Lucas
Roy Van Nostrand
Catherine Laje
Katherine
Stephanie Fisher
Debbie Sifes
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

March 4, 2018

Worship.....171
Sunday School.....70
The Ridge.....74
Sidewalk SS..... n/a

March 11, 2018

Worship.....144
Sunday School.....64
The Ridge.....75
Sidewalk SS..... n/a

March 18, 2018

Worship.....196
Sunday School.....86
The Ridge.....83
Sidewalk SS..... n/a

March 25, 2018

Worship.....203
Sunday School.....104
The Ridge.....91
Sidewalk SS.....24

WITH OUR GIFTS

Revenue MTD February 2018: \$50,690.15
Expenses MTD February 2018: \$69,857.57

Revenue YTD February 2018: \$97,389.24
Expenses YTD February 2018: \$135,390.79

Revenue Budget YTD February 2018: \$110,425.00
Expense Budget YTD February 2018: \$144,574.50

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

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SERIES BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

DOUBTING LIKE THOMAS

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT YOUR DOUBTS, QUESTIONS, AND STRUGGLES?

Moms

night out



Fun, Fellowship, and of course - Food!

THURSDAY, MAY 3

7:00PM

VILLAGE INN (DESSERT & FELLOWSHIP)

NO NEED TO RSVP
JUST COME!
questions? see
jenny abbott

session three




Sunday, April 22
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




FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

Page Turners

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




United Methodist Women's
SPRING
BAKE SALE

May 6, 2018
Narthen

Calling ALL Bakers
Anyone who would like to bake
items can bring baked goods to
the Narthen on 5/5 from 2-4pm.


All money raised goes to United Methodist Missions.



church wide
Potluck
April 29
5:00pm
SFLC

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SAFE SANCTUARY TRAININGS
June 10 at 4:00pm *** June 14 at 6:00pm**

Attending one yearly Safe Sanctuary Training is required for any
volunteer helping with VBS, Children/Youth Sunday ministries, etc.



MAY 16—19
SAVE THE DATE

In Lieu of Lilies

Your donations in honor and in memory of your loved ones have generously raised \$1,435 for our 2018 Change The World mission projects.

Thank You!



WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS
COME ONE! COME ALL!

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?
CAN YOU CARRY A TUNE?
CAN YOU READ MUSIC?

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FOR LAUGHTER & SONG
7:30-9:00PM

...SPEAKING TO ONE ANOTHER WITH PSALMS, HYMNS,
AND SONGS FROM THE SPIRIT. SING AND MAKE MUSIC
FROM YOUR HEART TO THE LORD, ~ EPHESIANS 5:19



BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

ANYONE INTERESTED IN RINGING BELLS
SOME NOTE READING NECESSARY
OPEN TO 6th GRADE THROUGH ADULT



WEDNESDAYS 6PM -7:15PM
Join Us for a Fun Evening of Ringing



APRIL
2018

Opportunity Center

**RICE
BEANS
SUGAR**

**OR MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS
THE PURCHASE OF GROUND BEEF**

APRIL UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER

APRIL 17

9:30AM

JOHN WESLEY RM

MARY MARTHA

APRIL 17

11:30AM

MEMBER'S HOME

NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 25-29

8:30AM - 11:50AM



COST: \$15

INCLUDES CD & T-SHIRT
(ONE CD PER FAMILY)

FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

AGES 4 YEARS* TO 6TH GRADE

*IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN VBS 2018,
CHILDREN MUST HAVE TURNED 4 YRS OLD BY SEPT. 1, 2017.

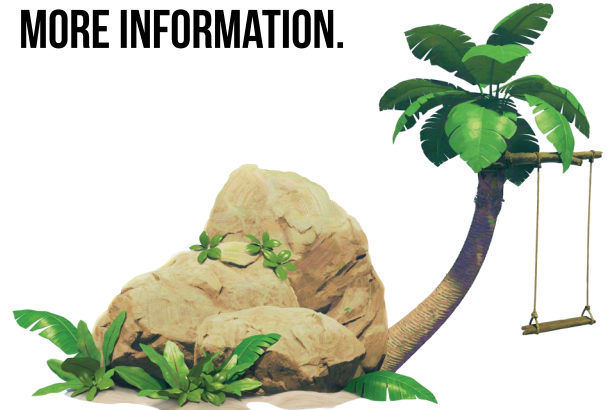


REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 8
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WESTERN HILLS UMC
524 THUNDERBIRD DR

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH VBS?

CONTACT JENNY ABBOTT AT THE CHURCH OFFICE 584.2133 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Moms
night out



Fun, Fellowship, and of course - Food!
THURSDAY, APRIL 5

6:00PM
ANGRY OWL (4799 N MESA)

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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 WERE HIS YOUTH

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

Sun., April 22
 Purposeful Parenting/Session 3
 5pm to 7pm SFLC Mtg. Rm.



Sun., April 29
 All Church Potluck
 5pm SLFC

Sun., May 13
 Mother's Day
 Youth Led Worship Service

Deadline for Early Bird
 Registration for Youth Camp
 at Sacramento



Congratulations to our Confirmands

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| Danielle Bayliss | Maddie Pelfrey |
| Alec Felhaber | Mikayla Query |
| Cole Felhaber | William Raley |
| Jordan Garcia | Charles Spencer |
| Jordan Larramore | Virginia Winter |
| William Leeper | Seth Wood |



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

MAY 6 IS OPENING DAY

All are invited to join us for our first Sunday in the new Ridge location at 5500 Doniphan. We'll have a big celebration worship followed by a reception and grand opening party!



PRE-OPENING VIGIL OF PRAYER

10am on May 5th—10am on May 6th

Help us to pray as we prepare for worship in our new location at 5500 Doniphan. For the 24 hours preceding the opening worship, we'll have a vigil of prayer in the new building. If you'd like to pray during this time, contact Troy Hughes or sign up in worship.



Thanks to Simon of Cyrene (Troy Hughes), Pontius Pilate (Ken Runk), Mother of the Thief (Yadira Perales), and Joseph of Arimathea (Jack Phillips) for leading the congregation in our Good Friday Pilgrimage. We had great turnout and many people shared that the experience was spiritually moving. Thanks for sharing your gifts!

NEW SERIES BEGINS APRIL 8

HOUSE  home

IT'S NOT CHURCH,
IT'S HOME

**SHIPROCK/FOUR CORNERS
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES
MISSION TRIP
2018**



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

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Director of Children's
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