

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

# Connections

AUGUST 2018

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC \* EL PASO, TEXAS

Sunday  
School

# KICK-OFF

AUGUST 19TH  
9:45AM - SFLC

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

MEET THE TEACHERS

BASIC INFO FOR PARENTS

After the children meet their teachers, they will head to **Room C9** for a mission project and snacks. Parents will remain in the SFLC.

Beginning August 26th children will go to:

PreK & Kinder: Room C10

Grades 1—3: Room C8

Grades 4 & 5: Room C9

The Nursey (Rm. C7) is available 8:15am—Noon for infant—age 3.

Youth (grades 6—12): Room C12

Children's  
CHURCH



Children's Church, for kids in PreK, Kinder, & 1st Grade, will start back up on August 19. The children will be dismissed from worship after the Children's Moment. Parents will pick up their children in Room C8 following worship.





## NEED PRAYER?

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a part of our Prayer Chain, email [ZDMFHM@aol.com](mailto: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 Matias Arroyo

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

\*Bettie Tritton, health concerns  
 Thuy Lan Heisler, health concerns  
 Sue Williams, health concerns  
 Barbara Kusserow, health concerns  
 Sarah Raffel, health concerns  
 Roberta Harrison, health concerns  
 Wendy Dickman, health concerns

### THE WORLD

Traveling safety for immigrant families being reunited  
 The people of Nicaragua  
 People in the city of Juarez

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

\*Ruth Wren, mother of Marilyn Taylor, health concerns  
 \*Brian Charic, health concerns  
 \*Janis Tanner, health concerns  
 \*Rebecca, health concerns  
 Kathy Pflug, health concerns  
 Evelyn Haramija, health concerns  
 Betty Bauers, health concerns

### FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

Linda, sister of Beverly  
 Courtney  
 Karen Boguki  
 Bob Phillips  
 Bob Sneed  
 Kelly Doan  
 Lori Rockwell  
 Billy  
 Babette Lucas  
 Roy Van Nostrand  
 Catherine Laje  
 Katherine  
 Stephanie Fisher  
 Linda Daniels  
 Rosemary Graves  
 Sylvia Villagrana  
 Robert Askelson  
 Jill Askelson  
 Rick

## WITH OUR PRESENCE

### July 1, 2018

Worship ..... 1444  
 Sunday School ..... 47  
 The Ridge ..... 78

### July 8, 2018

Worship ..... 159  
 Sunday School ..... 46  
 The Ridge ..... 65

### July 15, 2018

Worship ..... 160  
 Sunday School ..... 56  
 The Ridge ..... 93

### July 22, 2018

Worship ..... 162  
 Sunday School ..... 55  
 The Ridge ..... 68

### July 29, 2018

Worship ..... 116  
 Sunday School ..... n/a  
 The Ridge ..... 65

## WITH OUR GIFTS

Revenue MTD June 2018: \$55,446.23  
 Expenses MTD April 2018: \$57,915.28

Revenue YTD June 2018: \$343,744.23  
 Expenses YTD June 2018: \$398,536.69

Revenue Budget YTD June 2018: \$331,275.00  
 Expense Budget YTD June 2018: \$433,723.50

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

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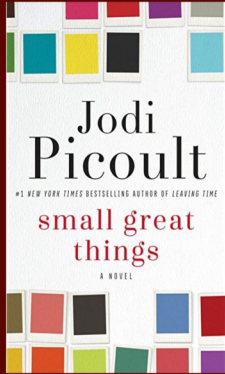
FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

# Page Turners

**AUGUST 9TH**

**7:00PM**

**SFLC LOBBY**



EVEN IF YOU DON'T FINISH THE BOOK, JOIN US FOR LIVELY DISCUSSION & BRING A FRIEND. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

## WHUMC SHIRTS

**PRE-ORDER  
YOURS NOW**



**T-SHIRTS**  
\$10 EACH  
CHILD & ADULT SIZES  
MAROON W/WHITE INK  
&  
GREY W/MAROON INK

**EMBROIDERED  
POLOS**  
\$30 EACH  
MAROON W/WHITE THREAD

Pre-Order your shirts Sunday in the Narthex or by calling the church office. *Payment due when shirts are delivered—late August.*



Wesley



# FIESTA

& Silent Auction

St. Paul's UMC Las Cruces | 225 W. Griggs

Saturday August 18th | 6-9pm

RSVP by Saturday August 11th to [nmsuwesley.org/fiesta](http://nmsuwesley.org/fiesta) or 575-571-5910

Celebrating  
60  
Years!

\$25 per person  
\$40 per couple



**BLUE BIN  
COLLECTIONS**

Kelly Memorial  
Food Pantry

Summer  
Food  
for  
Kids

**FRUIT CUPS  
CANNED PASTA  
(RAVIOLI/SPAGHETTIOS)  
MAC-N-CHEESE  
CEREAL**

# UMW BAZAAR INFO

As many of you know, in addition to the vendors at the Bazaar, we also have Grandma's Attic, a Book Sale, and Silent Auction. In order to make all that a success, we need your help. Monies raised at the Bazaar go towards missions/charities.

**We are collecting a variety of donated items. We ask that you set them aside for us, and we will begin collecting those closer to the Bazaar in October. THANK YOU!!**

**Grandma's Attic:** new/gently used toys, home décor, electronics, etc (*no clothes/shoes*)

**Book Sale:** new/gently used books, books on CD, CDs, and DVDs

**Silent Auction:** new items or gently used items that you think people would be interested in bidding on.



# NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry

## Sunday School Kick Off is August 19

We will gather in the gym at 9:45am for Sunday School registration, meet the teachers and to share basic information with the parents. After meeting the teachers, the children will go to C9 for mission projects and snacks.

### Classes are:

PreK3 – Kinder: Rm C10

Grades 1-3: Rm C8

Grades 4-5: Rm C9

Nursery birth – 3yrs: Rm C7 (available 8:15 – Noon)



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Children's Church: PreK – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Room C8



Safe Sanctuary Trainings will be held Sunday, September 9 at 4:00pm and Thursday, September 13 at 6:30pm in the SFLC Meeting Room. Training is not only for those who work with children and youth, but also people who work with The Opportunity Center as well as Caring Ministries, including hospital visitation, homebound communion, and flower ministry.

**B**e still, and know I am God. *(Psalm 46:10)*

**A**ll things God works for the good. *(Romans 8:28)*

**C**ast all my anxiety on Him. *(1 Peter 5:7)*

**K**now whose I am! *(1 John 3:1)*

**T**rust in the Lord with all my heart. *(Proverbs 3:5)*

**O**pen my eyes to see the truth. *(Psalm 119:18)*

**S**how me your ways, Lord. *(Psalm 25:4)*

**C**reate in me a clean heart. *(Psalm 51:10)*

**H**e who is in me is greater... *(1 John 4:4)*

**O**bey the Lord my God. *(Deut. 27:10)*

**O**h Lord, you are my strength & shield. *(Psalm 28:7)*

**L**et love and faithfulness never leave me. *(Proverbs 3:4)*

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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.**

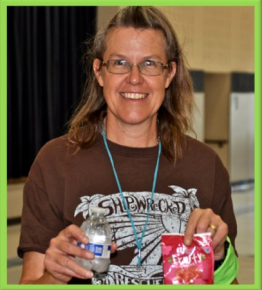




**WHY Fellowship**  
**Sunday Evenings**  
**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**  
**Stewart Family Life Center**  
**6th—12th Grade**







**VBS  
2018**





# VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

THANKS TO ALL AT THE RIDGE AND WESTERN HILLS  
WHO HELPED US HAVE A GREAT FIRST SUMMER IN OUR NEW DIGS!



**Men's Retreat  
July 2018**



**Guest Preacher  
Anastasia Marcum**



**Opening Sunday  
Selfie!**



**Nora Delach  
Baptism Day**



**TAKE ME OUT TO  
THE BALLGAME**

**August 31  
7:05pm**

**Tickets \$14**

*Tickets include a  
\$2 off coupon for  
food/drink/souvenirs.*

**TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW**

**WORSHIP UNDER THE STARS**

at White Sands

**AUGUST 10**

MEET AT GROUP PAVILLION

3PM—Gather & Fellowship

5PM—Dinner (meat & drinks provided)

6PM—Worship

Park closes at 9PM

PLAN TO BRING:

- Chairs
- Side dish or dessert to share



Tomorrow morning when you look in your bathroom mirror - Ask yourself "what does a disciple look like?"



## DISCIPLE 1

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study  
Sundays 2:30pm—4:30pm  
Starts September 16<sup>th</sup>

## DISCIPLE 3

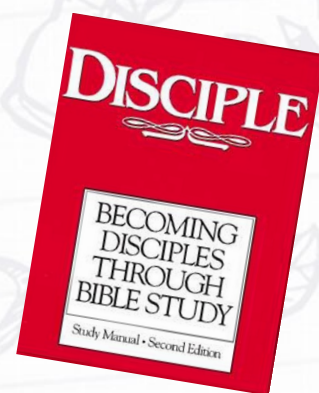
Remember Who You Are  
Wednesdays 9:30am—11:30am  
Starts September 19<sup>th</sup>

### Who will be our 2018-2019 DISCIPLE LEADERS?

Are you a person who can facilitate a small group with good humor, faithful study habits and the ability to ask good questions? We are NOT looking for people who think they have all the answers – but instead we are looking for people who delight in finding new insight into the scriptures as they study with a group of diverse individuals.

Please consider if God is calling you to step forward this year and make Disciple Bible Study available for a new group of Disciples. We would like to be able to offer more than just one "group of 12" for our congregation.

IF you have already taken Disciple 1 and feel that this is the year for you to try your hand at being a leader/facilitator for Disciple Bible Study – please contact Rev. Amy Mercer at 915-584-2133.



## WESTERN HILLS UMC STAFF



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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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WH Academy