

OCTOBER 2018

Be Love.  
BELONG. BELIEVE. BE USEFUL.

# Connections

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



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**9:00AM - 5:00PM**

**STEWART FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

BOOK SALE

VENDORS

CRAFTS

BAKE SALE

DOOR PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

SOBREMESA CAFE

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE WHUMC UMW MISSIONS**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

RAZZA  
AUTUMN



**WESTERN HILLS**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**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 Bob Phillips

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS**

Rose Rocha, health concerns  
Anita Fuentes, health concerns  
Bettie Tritton, health concerns  
Sarah Raffel, 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**

Al Shurtz, health concerns  
Briseida Lopeinadakas, surgery & healing  
Wendy, health concerns  
Irma, health concerns

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**with cancer**

\*David Breitling  
\*Carmen Carmona  
Ron Richards  
Linda  
Courtney  
Karen Boguki  
Bob Sneed  
Kelly Doan  
Lori Rockwell  
Billy  
Babette Lucas  
Roy Van Nostrand  
Catherine Laje  
Katherine  
Stephanie Fisher  
Rosemary Graves  
Sylvia Villagrana  
Robert Askelson  
Jill Askelson  
Rick

**WITH OUR GIFTS**

Revenue MTD August 2018: \$43,230.81  
Expenses MTD August 2018: \$71,569.88

Revenue YTD August 2018: \$433,926.91  
Expenses YTD August 2018: \$539,933.46

Revenue Budget YTD August 2018: \$441,700.00  
Expense Budget YTD August 2018: \$578,298.00



**WWW.WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG**

# SOUL TRAINING

ENGAGE WITH SCRIPTURE IN A NEW WAY

OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 & 28

9:45 AM IN THE LIBRARY

Bring your favorite pen – or writing utensil.

We will have the list of daily scriptures for the month and paper.



COME SIT — AND SCRIBE —  
AND CONSIDER HOW GOD IS  
WORKING IN YOUR LIFE

"I started doing a daily scripture writing plan a few years ago and it has been life changing. I've been encouraged and humbled by the answers and guidance found in the pages of the Bible, always exactly what I've been seeking at exactly the time needed. Although it only takes about 10 minutes to write out, each day's scripture is a deep dive into the monthly theme. Past monthly themes have focused on such diverse topics as courage, obedience, joy, Sabbath and rest, friendship and God's promises. If you're seeking guidance, direction and a personal connection with the word of God, I invite you to begin this daily scripture writing practice." - Cindy Blake

## FLOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to come in on Monday mornings and help with flower arrangements. Interested in helping? See Barbara Kusserow or call the church office.



## CHURCH CONFERENCE 2018

OCTOBER 7  
3:00PM  
SANCTUARY



## Sunday, October 14th 11:00am Worship

If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader (or 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader who hasn't received a Bible) please call the church office or contact Jenny Abbott so we are sure to include your child in the upcoming Bible presentation.

Third Grade  
**BIBLE**  
PRESENTATION



**FOLLOW US ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**FACEBOOK:**  
WESTERN HILLS UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH—EL PASO  
**INSTAGRAM:**  
WESTERNHILLSMETHODIST



Dear Western Hills and Ridge family,

What an amazing year we've had so far! We've done so much kingdom work among our children and youth, migrant children and families on our border, the hungry and needy in our community, and all kinds of classes and missions and baptisms and new members and many other ways we have lived out our purpose to *Belong, Believe, and Be Useful!*

**BE LOVE.**  
**BELONG. BELIEVE. BE USEFUL.**

The only downside is, **the year isn't over but our finances almost are.** So, we offer these 3 ways that you can help your church finish the year strong:

1. If every Western Hills and Ridge household would **give an extra \$100 per month** for October, November, and December, we will be on track for the year.
  - If you are in a position to give more, thank you and God bless you!
  - If you are not in the habit of giving, or are not able to give \$100/month extra, any amount is helpful. And, you will be blessed by participating in the life of your church in this way.
2. We work hard to be good stewards of God's blessings, and God has everything we need to do God's work. Please faithfully **hold your church in prayer.**
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2.

Any questions can be directed to your Finance Team, the church office, or the pastor. *For secure and easy electronic giving, please visit the church website—[www.westernhillsep.org](http://www.westernhillsep.org)—and simply click on '**Donate**' under the '**Giving**' tab.*

Let's join together in this act of love and worship, giving generously to our Lord who has been so generous to us.

Grace and peace,

Your Finance Team and Pastor:

Bob Craig  
Nate Peevey  
Steve Putnicki  
Robert Pelfrey

LET OUR  
LIVES BE FULL  
OF BOTH  
thanks  
&  
giving

# NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry



## Potluck Fun!



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**

**Sun., Oct. 14**  
Paintball at Winky Doodles  
401 Anthony Ave., Canutillo  
79835  
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
Lunch Provided; Cost \$20  
*No WHY Fellowship*

**Sun., Oct. 21**  
La Union Corn Maze  
Meet at church at 4:00 p.m.  
Return to church by 7:00 p.m.  
Cost \$11, Plus Food Money

**Sun., Oct. 28**  
Purposeful Parenting  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.,  
SFLC Mtg. Rm.

**Nov. 9**  
Deadline to Register for  
CCYM Service Camp

**Nov. 16—18**  
CCYM Service Camp at  
Sacramento



## Summer Camp Memories

Now we have the opportunity to give back to the camp that we all love by participating in the CCYM Service Weekend coming up Nov. 16 through 18. See details below.



New Mexico Conference Council on Youth Ministries

**Sacramento Service  
Camp Registration  
Is Now Open!**

## EXCITING NEWS!

CCYM's Fall Event is open to  
6th through 12th Grades as well as adults.

AND...

The cost is only \$60 for the weekend.

**Registration is open now at**  
**[www.sacramentocamp.org](http://www.sacramentocamp.org).**

We will be doing service work for the camp, as well as enjoying small groups and worship together.



# VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE



THE RIDGE WELCOMES  
SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER  
*Bishop Earl Bledsoe*  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM WORSHIP

Bishop Bledsoe has served as Bishop for both the New Mexico and Northwest Texas Annual Conferences since 2013. He and his wife, Leslie, reside in Albuquerque, NM.

Our area Bishop will be visiting to see our new digs! Please be sure to join us for church that morning. We are excited to welcome the Bishop and show him all the exciting things happening at The Ridge.

Also, we'll get a visit from the Western Hills UMC Sobremesa Food Truck, so join us for lunch after church!



## YOUTH PAINTBALLING OCTOBER 14

Join us and the youth of Western Hills for an afternoon of paintballing fun. Right after church on Sunday, October 14.

Transport will be from The Ridge to Winky-Doodles and back. Lunch will be provided. For more info, contact Lisa Telford.



We are so proud of the band and Pastor Josh, who helped lead worship and spoke at the Step One Conference in Albuquerque. Step One was a conference for potential church planters. A BIG thank you to David, Kasha, Homer, JC, and Daniel for leading worship Thursday afternoon. Pastor Josh got to share The Ridge's story with the attendees on Friday morning.

Christopher Loving leading worship with the band on September 16! Christopher, you sound great; we hope you'll join the band again soon!





## TODAY'S GIFTS FOR TOMORROW'S MINISTRIES

## ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION

The Western Hills Foundation kicked off the 2018-19 *Friends of the Foundation* **TODAY'S GIFTS FOR TOMORROW'S MINISTRIES** Campaign earlier this year. The purpose of the campaign is to grow the permanent endowment funds through a **yearly membership**.

The Foundation is vital for the present and future growth of our church. Over the past 14 years the Foundation has distributed over a million dollars to a wide variety of ministries, programs, capital improvements, land purchases, furniture/equipment purchases, and many other church needs that are not covered in the operating budget. In 2017 alone, over \$60,000 was distributed for various ministries and maintenance needs of our facility.

If you haven't had a chance, we are asking you **RENEW** your membership to *Friends of the Foundation*

with a donation of \$100 for a family and \$50 for an individual. If you have never committed the resources to become a *Friend of the Foundation*, now is your opportunity, and we invite you to join.

Prayerfully consider becoming an **ANNUAL** member of *Friends of the Foundation* and help provide for the growth of Western Hills Ministries!

The Foundation Board includes Debbie Hand, Ray Marshall, Charlotte Nobles, Martha Jo Cavanna, Bill Hooten, Randolph Young, Larry Ellzey and Nate Peevey. Please contact any member for more information.



## WESTERN HILLS UMC STAFF

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Senior Pastor

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**Rev. Josh Kouri**  
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Director of Children's  
Ministries

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