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BELONG. BELIEVE. BE USEFUL.

Connections

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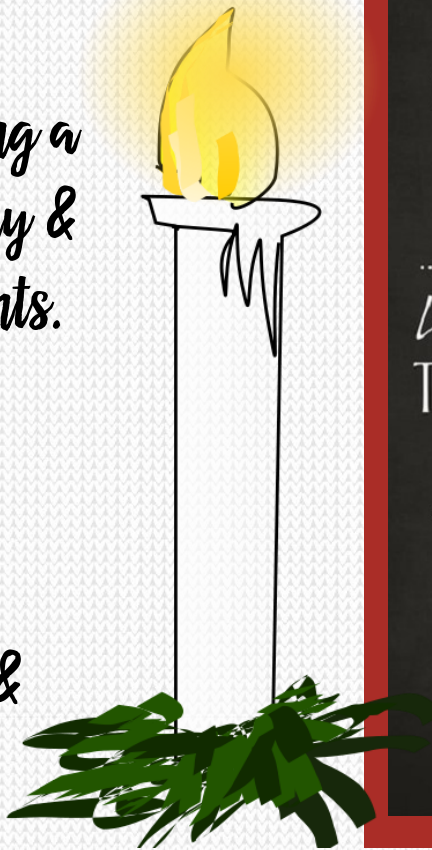
Christmas Eve Worship

5:00PM

Candlelight service featuring a blend of both contemporary & traditional worship elements.

11:00PM

Traditional candlelight service including carols & Holy Communion.



For unto us
a child is born,
..... HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
Wonderful Counsellor,
THE MIGHTY GOD
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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

*Carl and Pam Johnson, in the loss of their son, Scott Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Frank Harrison, health concerns

Ida Mae Ellis, health concerns

Bill Bostick

Gylene Bostick

FAMILY & FRIENDS

*Kathy Prentiss, health concerns

Javier Hernandez, health concerns

Terry Evenstad, sister of Joe Evenstad, health concerns

Micah Gray, health concerns

Michael, father of Cindy Blake, health concerns

THE WORLD

Traveling safety for immigrant families being reunited

The people of Nicaragua

People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

Shannon

Melissa Cheeseman

Linda Hengst

Meredith

Steve's daughter

Eva Mowad

David Breitling

Carmen Carmona

Babette Lucas

Roy Van Nostrand

Catherine Laje

Sylvia Villagrana

Robert Askelson

Jill Askelson

Rick



WITH OUR PRESENCE

November 4, 2018

Worship.....160
Sunday School.....79
The Ridge.....68
Sidewalk SS.....30

November 11, 2018

Worship.....196
Sunday School.....90
The Ridge.....70
Sidewalk SS..... n/a

November 18, 2018

Worship.....177
Sunday School.....71
The Ridge.....87
Sidewalk SS.....42

November 25, 2018

Worship.....177
Sunday School.....79
The Ridge.....66
Sidewalk SS..... n/a

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December

23 & 30

We will have one worship service at 10am.

10:00AM WORSHIP

Christmas
& New Year's



Hours

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, AND 1/1.**

DURING THE WEEKS AROUND CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MANY OF OUR STAFF WILL BE OPERATING ON CHANGING AND/OR ABBREVIATED SCHEDULES. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE/STAFF MEMBER THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO REACH BEFORE DROPPING BY THE OFFICE. THANKS!

**CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL &
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL OR CHILDREN'S CHURCH
OFFERED ON 12/23 & 12/30.
WE WILL RESUME OUR REGULAR
SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 6.



**Noisy
Offering**
DECEMBER 30



**YOUR CHANGE
WILL HELP WITH**



HEIFER
INTERNATIONAL

Thank You

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE
WHO SUPPORTED OUR GIVING
TREE AND PURCHASED GIFTS FOR
THE CHILDREN AT CENTRO SANTA
CATALINA. WE ALSO WANT
TO THANK EVERYONE WHO
SELECTED & FILLED A BOX FOR
OUR SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.



BEGIN THE YEAR
WITH A
*FRESH START:
BECOMING YOUR
TRUE SELF.*

MAKE 2019 THE YEAR
YOU BEGIN TO
EXPERIENCE ALL THAT
GOD HAS PLANNED
FOR YOU TO BE AND
DO! SERMON SERIES
BEGINS JANUARY 6.



**FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA**

FACEBOOK:
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Thank you to all those who helped make this year's Operation Turkey Sandwich a success.

This Thanksgiving, with the help of our **123 volunteers**, Operation Turkey Sandwich was able to provide **300 gourmet meals** to people in our community!



IN PLACE OF POINSETTIAS

\$20 PROVIDES ONE MEAL FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE



\$20



In Place of Poinsettias Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

QTY \$20 each

_____ In memory of _____

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Total Donation: \$ _____

Return your completed order form & payment to the church office or place in the offering basket this Sunday, December 16.

NEWS FROM THE Children's + Ministry



Advent Poster Coloring on Sunday mornings.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Children, youth and young at heart caroling at Monte Vista.

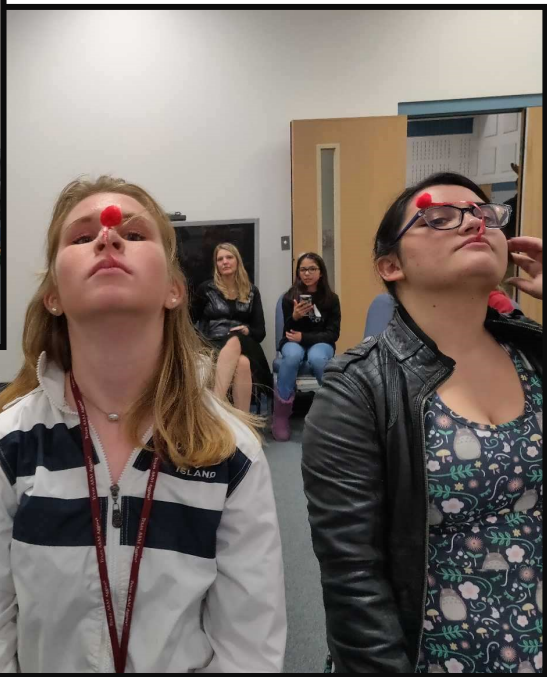


Christmas cookie decorating (AND EATING) at our Christmas party.





**YOUTH
CHRISTMAS
PARTY FUN!**



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

Thanks to everyone who helped ring bells for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing!



To all who supported Rancho Los Amigos Orphanage with your generosity and Christmas Gifts this year, a very big thank you!

January 6: This Epiphany Sunday join us for worship as we Journey to the King!

Here's how you can participate as we celebrate the day the 3 Wise Men arrived to visit Jesus.

December 30: Come early, at 9 o'clock to help us pack Manna Bags for the following weekend. Manna bags will include a sleeping mat, water, socks, and snacks for persons experiencing homelessness in El Paso.

January 6: Join us at 10 AM at the Ridge for a brief time of singing and a message. We will carpool to EMMANUEL UMC for worship, manna bag distribution, hot chocolate and snacks from Sobremesa Food Ministry, and time with people experiencing homelessness.



19 for '19: Pray in the New Year!

This New Year's Eve, you can join The Ridge for our 19 for 19 prayer vigil. Simply sign up and then from Noon to Midnight, you'll receive a text reminder every 40 minutes reminding you to pray for a different topic (prayer guide can be obtained at church on December 30).



IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME

JOIN US IN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHEER

as Western Hills and Trinity First
United Methodist Church Choirs

BRING THE SPIRIT OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOR, THE
CHRIST CHILD'S BIRTH ALIVE
IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS



DEC. 16 2:30pm
WHUMC Sanctuary



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