

Connections

APRIL 2019

Holy Week 2019

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Processional

Children of all ages are encouraged to join together and process in with palms at the beginning of the 11:00am worship service.

Children wishing to participate need to meet in the Narthex at 10:30am for a quick overview.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18 | 7:00PM | SANCTUARY

Mt. Cristo Rey Pilgrimage



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 8AM

Join others from WHUMC & The Ridge for the annual pilgrimage to the top of Mt. Cristo Rey.

Walking to the Cross Labyrinth Walk

Good Friday, April 19
Noon - 6pm
WHUMCSFLC



This Is What We Saw

A JOURNEY WITH THREE WITNESSES TO THE CROSS
A DRAMATIC RETELLING OF JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND THE PEOPLE WHO SAW IT HAPPEN

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

THE RIDGE

IMPERIAL RIDGE PARK
7:00PM



EASTER

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

8:30AM & 11:00AM





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

*Rick Snow & family, in the loss of his brother, Larry Snow
Pam Hooten & family, in the loss of her mother

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Charlotte Nobles, health concerns
Marie Conn, health concerns
Duane Coleman, health concerns
Elsa Jernigan, health concerns
Ida Mae Ellis, health concerns
Bill Bostick
Gylene Bostick

THE WORLD

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Savannah Wood, health concerns
Beverly Laiks, health concerns

Juan Barrios, health concerns
Krystal, health concerns
Mike Mason, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

Juanis Morales
Kevin Lawson
Marlene Miller
Bob Snead
Tom Lothamer
Sharon King
Jeff Jacobsen
Courtney
Ron Banas
Eva Mowad
Babette Lucas
Roy Van Nostrand
Catherine Laje
Sylvia Villagrana
Robert Askelson
Jill Askelson
Rick

WITH OUR PRESENCE

March 3, 2019

Worship 186
Sunday School 73
The Ridge 48
Sidewalk SS 26

March 10, 2019

Worship 166
Sunday School 75
The Ridge 64
Sidewalk SS 30

March 17, 2019

Worship 195
Sunday School 67
The Ridge 47
Sidewalk SS n/a

March 24, 2019

Worship 185
Sunday School 69
The Ridge 62
Sidewalk SS n/a

March 31, 2019

Worship 190
Sunday School 83
The Ridge 68
Sidewalk SS 17

WITH OUR GIFTS

Revenue MTD February 2019: \$60,166.34
Expenses MTD February 2019: \$64,584.37

Revenue YTD 2019: \$104,610.98
Expenses YTD 2019: \$131,146.11

Revenue Budget YTD 2019 \$107,825.67
Expense Budget YTD 2019 \$142,606.95

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

Staff Appreciation

Help us say thank you to the amazing employees of Western Hills UMC. You are encouraged to bring cards/tokens of appreciation for these hardworking people to the Narthex on April 7 and April 14.

Admin/Office Staff

Laurie McBride, Business & Facilities Manager
Suzy Snow, Administrative Assistant
Mindy Archey, Publications/Communications

Children & Youth Ministry

Mitzi Underwood, Director of Youth Ministries
Jenny Abbott, Director of Children's Ministries
Katie Houx, nursery staff
Jessica Flores, nursery staff
Aide Terrazas, nursery staff

Custodial Staff

Bertha De Luna, custodian
Gabriela Roldan, custodian (interim)

Music Ministry

Nancy Bickley, Minister of Music
David Pena, Worship Leader
Judi Wilkinson, pianist
Sarah Hernandez, organist

CHOIR NEWS

Our choir is blessed to have two UTEP vocal students singing in the choir with us. You are invited to take a moment and get to know them after the 11:00am worship service on April 7.



FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

Page Turners

APRIL 11
7:00PM
LIBRARY

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



SAVE THE DATE
UMW BAKE SALE
SUNDAY, MAY 5



UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN

APRIL 16

ESTHER CIRCLE @ 9:30AM

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE @ 11:30AM

In Lieu of Lilies

Monies from this year's *In Lieu of Lilies* will support our 2019 Change the World projects.

\$10

FOLLOW US ON
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METHODIST CHURCH
—EL PASO



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24 - 28

8:30AM TO 11:30AM

4YRS THRU 6TH GRADE*

**CHILDREN MUST BE 4YRS BY 9/1/18*



WWW.WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG



Safe Sanctuary Trainings:

June 6 at 6:30pm
June 9 at 4:00pm

Contact Jenny if you
would like to volunteer
for VBS 2019.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES, JENNY ABBOTT

WHY WERE HIS YOUTH

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

youth group

SCHEDULE

April 5 & 6

Food Handlers' Training

April 12 & 13

Dinner

Theater



Sunday, April 14

NO WHY Fellowship

Sunday, April 21 (Easter)

NO WHY Fellowship

Sunday, May 12

Youth Led Worship Service

One Service @ 10am

Sunday, May 19

Senior Recognition Sunday,
11am Service



SACRAMENTO YOUTH CAMP (SYC)

JUNE 17 - 21

7TH THRU 12TH GRADES

COST: \$299 CAMPERS/\$149 ADULTS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
SACRAMENTOCAMP.ORG



Dinner
Theater
Prep



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

Dear Friends at The Ridge and Western Hills,

As you may have heard by now, this June I will be reappointed to Mesa View United Methodist Church in Albuquerque. As you can imagine, reappointment is a bittersweet event for most pastors. On the one hand, it is exciting to begin a new chapter and I know that good things await me. At the same time, I realize that I am leaving behind something good as well.

I am so grateful for the last three years at The Ridge and Western Hills. I am grateful for the time shared with you all, worshipping and praising God, for your partnership in meeting the challenges that have come up along the way, and for all the things I've learned about ministry, faith, and life through my time at the Ridge. Most of all though, I am grateful for the friendship of so many of you in both congregations. I know that those friendships will remain, even after I move.

A few things you need to know:

- First: El Paso District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Eddie Rivera is already working along with the Bishop and appointive cabinet of the New Mexico Conference to find the right person to be pastor at The Ridge going forward. We expect to be able to announce that appointment in the weeks ahead.
- Second: While pastors come and go, Jesus always remains the Lord of the Church. If you feel anxiety or worry about this transition, you may always come and talk with me. But, I've always found that keeping my faith fixed on Jesus, helps alleviate my worry in any season of change.
- Finally, I am at peace with this transition because I know that the congregation at the Ridge is strong, the lay-leadership is committed, and the God we serve is faithful. If you have any questions about my departure this Summer, please feel free to email me at josh@theridgeep.com. Blessings to all of you. I feel lucky to be spending the next few months with you all!

Holy Week is coming. Time to remember Jesus' journey to the cross, the grave, and to resurrection.

Join us Friday, April 19 at 7 PM at the Park on Imperial Ridge, between Redd Road and Resler for a special good Friday remembrance.

Also, SPECIAL EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10 AM Sunday morning.

DO YOU KNOW A FAIR TRADE WHEN YOU SEE ONE??

This Mother's Day Weekend, celebrate women around the world as you support our first ever FAIR TRADE Sale at The Ridge!

Saturday, May 11, 10 AM – 4 PM @ The Ridge

Sunday, May 12 – before and after church @ the Ridge and Western Hills UMC

If you're not familiar with the term, Fair Trade products are made by persons living in developing countries. Organizations partner with local residents to create products made for a fair-wage. This is an amazing process which brings products to the United States that are high-quality, useful, and personal while empowering persons around the world to help themselves out of poverty and create economic opportunity.

This spring, the Ridge is hosting it's first-ever Fair Trade Sale. Partnering with Eternal Threads, a fair trade Christian organization, we will be selling items such as jewelry, décor, bags, house-wares, and more. All day Saturday at The Ridge, or before or after church on Mother's Day (So yeah, if you forgot to get that Mother's Day gift, we've got you covered!) For more info, contact Josh Kouri, or Fred Palm, GW Chestnut, or Aubrey Sallee.



IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME

THE WESTERN HILLS UMC YOUTH
PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR 12TH ANNUAL
MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

APRIL 12 & 13

6:30pm

(doors open at 5:45pm)



Who's cookin' up a scrumptious meal and who's cookin' up a shady scheme to win this charity competition? Be our guest at an elite gala where three celebrity chefs including **Patty Deen, Gordy Whimsey, and Rochelle Ray** battle to lead their teams to victory. Pairs will fight for votes but when the coveted grand prize starts slipping away, will the mischief of self-absorbed, win-at-all-costs celebrities bring the evening's events to a halt? Or will YOU help solve the mystery and crown the true victor?



**SOLVE THE
CRIME
CONTESTS
& PRIZES
GREAT FOOD
& MORE!**

Complimentary childcare & pizza dinner provided for children 10 & under.

*All
proceeds
will go to
support our
2020
spring break
mission trip to
Puerto Rico.*

ON THE MENU

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
(VEGETARIAN/GLUTEN FREE OPTION UPON REQUEST)
POTATOES AU GRATIN
GREEN BEANS WITH LEMON ZEST
CARROT SALAD
DESSERT - COBBLER
MEAL CATERED BY *SOBREMESA*



**CONTACT MITZI @ 915.449.4476
FOR TICKET INFO. TICKETS CAN ALSO BE
PURCHASED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.**



Are you a *Friend of the Foundation*?

The Western Hills Foundation is kicking off the 2018-19 *Friends of the Foundation - "Today's Gifts for Tomorrow's Ministries"* campaign this month. 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 15 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 2018 alone, over \$103,000 was distributed for various ministries and maintenance needs of our facility. We are asking you to **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, Larry Ellzey, Bill Hooten, Randolph Young and Nate Peevey. Please contact any member for more information.



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