

SEPTEMBER 2019

Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC * EL PASO, TEXAS

JOIN US

LET'S
DO
THIS



TOGETHER

BACK TO CHURCH

WORSHIP
8:30AM
& 11AM

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
FOR ALL
AGES

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
YOUTH FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST
CLASS/STUDY SIGN UPS & MORE

SEP
8

COMING UP @ WHUMC

- Sept. 8th - TOGETHER Sunday—Back to Church
- Sept. 8th - Sermon Series Begins—PSALMS: Ancient Songs/Modern Message
- Sept. 8th - Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast
- Sept. 15th - Confirmation Begins
- Sept. 21st - NAMI 5K Walk
- Sept. 29th - Noisy Offering
- Sept. 29th - WHUMC/Ridge Potluck and Games
- October 19th - Charge Conference
- October 20th - Join the Church Sunday

BE LOVE.
BELONG. BELIEVE. BE USEFUL.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- Anita Fuentes, health concerns
- Gylene Bostick
- Charlotte Nobles, health concerns
- Susan Godwin, health concerns
- Anastasia Marcum, health concerns
- The Pelfrey Family
- Bill Bostick

THE WORLD

- Precious lives lost due to violence
- Healing for the wounded and the grieving community
- Traveling safety for immigrant families being reunited
- People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- *Jack Wilson, health concerns
- April Benson
- Toni Maresco, health concerns
- Anita Davis, health concerns
- Eva Richie, health concerns
- Donna Walker, health concerns

- Bill, health concerns
- Len, health concerns
- Jacob

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

- Loretta Knight
- Cheryl Coon
- Washington Watley
- Fred Fraser
- Jesus Peinado
- Claudette Hillis
- Charles Cancellare
- Amy
- Bettie Tritton
- Frank Taylor
- Jeff Jacobsen
- Babette Lucas
- Roy Van Nostrand
- Catherine Laje
- Sylvia Villagrana
- Robert Askelson
- Jill Askelson

WITH OUR PRESENCE

August 4, 2019

- Worship 177
- Sunday School 52
- The Ridge 69

August 11, 2019

- Worship 198
- Sunday School 67
- The Ridge 64

August 18, 2019

- Worship 195
- Sunday School 81
- The Ridge 60

August 25, 2019

- Worship 185
- Sunday School 67
- The Ridge 53

WITH OUR GIFTS

Income MTD May, June, July 2019: \$139,430.74
Expenses MTD May, June, July 2019: \$208,081.20

Income YTD 2019: \$460,491.03
Expenses YTD 2019: \$474,328.79

Income Budget YTD 2019: \$377,389.83
Expense Budget YTD 2019: \$500,174.31

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

WESTERN HILLS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

church wide

Potluck
SEPT 29

5:00pm
SFLC

pancake breakfast fundraiser

HOSTED BY THE WESTERN HILLS UMC YOUTH

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8
7:30AM - 11AM

ALL-YOU-CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE
YOGURT PARFAITS, JUICE & COFFEE

COST: \$10/ADULT
\$5/CHILD AGE 4 - 12, AGE 3 AND UNDER FREE
A LA CART PARFAITS: \$5

WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH - 5K

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

Register today and join Pastor Kim and Pastor Amy and the HEART, SOUL, MIND Team as we walk this 5K to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness in our communities!

MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

- Register to walk with us
- Raise funds and awareness
- Make a donation to the team/individual walker

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT
www.namiwalks.org/team/31853

NAMIwalks
National Alliance on Mental Illness

UMW BAZAAR

HOW CAN I HELP?

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BAZAAR A SUCCESS, THE UMW RELIES UPON A VARIETY OF DONATED ITEMS FROM THIS CONGREGATION. WE ASK THAT YOU SET THEM ASIDE FOR NOW, AND THEN ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH CLOSER TO THE BAZAAR IN OCTOBER. ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE:

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.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Prayer requests can be made by filling out a prayer request slip or can be emailed to Zoe Dean Middleton at ZDMFHM@aol.com.

ADD ME TO THE EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, please contact Zoe Dean Middleton @ 915.581.3051 or email her at ZDMFHM@aol.com

PRAYER LIST

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS

TEXT WHUMC TO 940-90 TO OPT IN

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK:
WESTERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—EL PASO

INSTAGRAM: WESTERNHILLSMETHODIST

FALL STUDY

6 WEEK STUDY

STARTS SEPTEMBER 26

THURSDAY NIGHTS

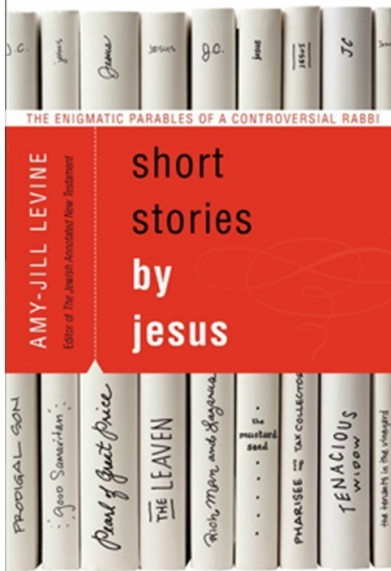
6:30PM

JOHN WESLEY ROOM

LED BY: STEVE PUTNICKI

INTERESTED?

Email stevenputt@gmail.com

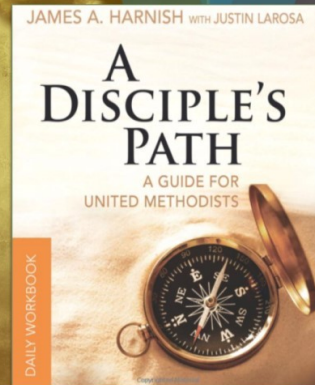


NEW MEMBER CLASS

CALLING ALL NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

SIGN UP TODAY

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15 9:45AM LIBRARY



DISCIPLE

UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE

Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life is the final study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program. The study concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation. 32 WEEK STUDY

**WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30AM
STARTS 9/25 * SIGN UP TODAY**

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

The first study in the program is DISCIPLE: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY, a 34-week overview of the entire Bible. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God.

34 WEEK STUDY

**SUNDAYS AT 5:00PM
STARTS 9/22 * SIGN UP TODAY**

Thank you for the outpouring of prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food we have received following Manny's passing. We have felt so loved and supported by the Western Hills community.

-- The Gonzalez Family

Many "Thanks" for the prayers and gifts bestowed upon me over the past months prior to and after my Mother's Passing.

Sincerely,

Your Choir Director, Nancy Bickley



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



REDUCING THE RISK OF ABUSE IN THE CHURCH FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

UPCOMING TRAININGS

SEPTEMBER 15 @ 4PM

SEPTEMBER 19 @ 6:30PM

ATTENDING A YEARLY TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL THOSE WHO
WORK WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.
THIS IS ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH OUR CARE MINISTRIES.

DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES,
JENNY
ABBOTT



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

PREK 4 – 1ST GRADE (RM C8)

2ND – 5TH GRADE (RM C9)



CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
SUNDAY MORNINGS
FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S TIME
AT THE 11AM SERVICE
PREK—1ST GRADE
ROOM C8

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

Sunday, September 8
Back to Church!
Breakfast Fundraiser
Servers: Arrive at 7:00am
We will serve until 11am.
Wear your WHUMC shirt.

Sunday, September 15
Confirmation Class
2020 Begins
Sundays @ 9:45am
SFLC Meeting Room

Saturday, September 21
NAMI Walk at Ascarate
Park
Meet at Church @ 8am
GET SPONSORS!

Sunday, September 29
Church Wide Potluck
Praise Bands, Food, and
Bingo!
5pm—7pm
SLFC



**Youth
Week
2019**

VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

I would like to take the time to just say, "Thank you", to all the wonderful folks of The Ridge and Western Hills UMC, for welcoming me and my family with such open arms and for all the support. August was a tough month with what happened on the 3rd and focusing on Faith for the whole month, but I thank God for watching over us and keeping us in His arms of Love throughout this whole process.

Blessings – Pastor Sal

- **Giving Back**—Last month, The Ridge was able to (kind of last minute) come up with 9 fully equipped back packs for our friends over at Hut Brown Middle School! Great job, Church!
- **September Sermon Series**—We will continue to build on Faith in September as we dive into a sermon series on the Armor of God, equipping ourselves for a world that can be more and more unpredictable. We must now, more than ever, put on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17) to fend off the spears, arrows and weapons of the enemy in the world.
- **Sunday, September 8th**—We are going to kick off our new way of doing Children's Church this Sunday. We can't wait to see our new volunteers in action!
- **September 15th**—The Ridge will have a Back to Church Sunday as we encourage people to get back in (or start) the routine of attending worship each week.



Continued prayers for The Ridge as we continue in the steps and process of identifying our future ministry and goals for the future of our faith-based community and church.

IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME

Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)

By Rev. Nicole Crouch

El Paso District Director of Missional Ministries

Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)

- + is a national United Methodist ministry
- + was founded by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)
- + is serving thousands of clients yearly at the 19 JFON sites in the US
- + is providing accurate information and reliable legal services for immigrants

The El Paso community experienced a tremendous surge of asylum seekers in the past year. Since this was not the first surge of immigrants in this community, we began to look for ways to create better systems and structures in order to respond more effectively to care for our immigrant brothers and sisters. One of the ideas we are pursuing is to bring JFON to our region to help us provide accurate information about immigration law to our community.

Earlier this year, we established a task force to begin exploring if a JFON site was something needed in our community and if it would be possible to establish a site here in El Paso. Conversations with attorneys and non-profits informed us of an overwhelmed system and the need for assistance.

Our next big step is to establish a board of directors for our future JFON site. We need suggestions and volunteers for board members, for those people who have a passion and heart for immigrant ministry. After a board is established, we will work towards fundraising to be able to hire an attorney and begin offering legal services. It is my hope that we can begin offering services in Summer 2020.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or would like more information about JFON, please contact Nicole at deacon.ncrouch@gmail.com or 571-512-2641.

Learn more about National JFON at <https://njfon.org/>



*I will instruct you
IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO,
I will counsel you
with My eye
upon you*

PSALM 32:8

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Mitzi Underwood
Director of Youth
Ministries

Jenny Abbott
Director of Children's
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