

OCTOBER 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC * EL PASO, TEXAS

Connections

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Saturday is our charge conference. It's one moment to take stock of the full ministry of our ministry and life together as a church. I'm grateful for the welcome I received in July and continue to be thankful for the many servants who work in our missions and ministries around the church. God has indeed blessed Western Hills with an abundance of resources to serve and witness in the world.

I have spent the last few months listening and observing as I teach, preach, and participate in the life of our church. I continue to invite God's Spirit into the present moment and seek wisdom as we move into the future. I look forward to all God has planned for us and the many activities that are planned as we near the end of the year.

Among them is our worship series "It's a Wonder-full Life." The classic movie has always been a favorite of mine and continues to lend me wisdom for my life. I look forward to discussing it in the context of stewardship and the life of our church. I ask you to pray specifically for our church as we worship and seek to live faithfully as disciples in the month of November.

Christ's Peace,
Pastor Kim

COMING UP @ WHUMC

- October 18th - WH Academy Trunk or Treat
- October 19th - Charge Conference
- October 20th - Join the Church Sunday
 - Tickets go on sale for Youth Christmas production, *The Christmas I'll Never Forget*
- October 27th - Movie Night for It's A Wonderful Life
- November 3rd - New Series Begins: It's a Wonder-full Life
 - All Saints Sunday
 - Daylight Savings Time ends
 - Prayer Stations @ 4PM

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

- Ruth Salinas, surgery & healing
- Stella Craig
- Barbara Kusserow, health concerns
- Sue Minor, health concerns
- Jody Garcia, health concerns
- Sarah Wood, health concerns
- Charlotte Nobles, health concerns
- Fran Brandt, health concerns
- Dottie Daily, health concerns
- Gylene Bostick
- Susan Godwin, health concerns
- Anastasia Marcum, health concerns
- The Pelfrey Family
- Bill Bostick

THE WORLD

- Traveling safety for immigrant families being reunited
- People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Stacey Holloway & mom, house fire
- Gay Super, health concerns

- Kristen Brandt, health concerns
- Peter Rice, health concerns
- Bob Cooley, health concerns
- Vickie McKnight, health concerns
- Jack Wilson, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

- Kevin Lawson
- Lee Cahania
- Jerri Taylor
- Carla Mosley
- Loretta Knight
- Cheryl Coon
- Washington Watley
- Fred Fraser
- Jesus Peinado
- Claudette Hillis
- Charles Cancellare
- Bob Snead
- Jeff Jacobsen
- Babette Lucas
- Roy Van Nostrand
- Catherine Laje
- Sylvia Villagrana
- Robert Askelson
- Jill Askelson
- Rick

WITH OUR PRESENCE

September 8, 2019

- Worship 160
- Sunday School 58
- The Ridge 60

September 15, 2019

- Worship 182
- Sunday School 72
- The Ridge 60

September 22, 2019

- Worship 177
- Sunday School 89
- The Ridge 46

September 29, 2019

- Worship 184
- Sunday School 79
- The Ridge 51

WITH OUR GIFTS

Income MTD August 2019: \$46,852.43
Expenses MTD August 2019: \$60,497.49

Income YTD 2019: \$507,343.46
Expenses YTD 2019: \$534,845.78

Income Budget YTD 2019: \$433,459.18
Expense Budget YTD 2019: \$574,485.92

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

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SUNDAY
MOVIE NIGHT
OCTOBER 27th
 4PM * SLFC
all ages invited



**DRINKS
 &
 POPCORN
 INCLUDED**




By Rev. Amy Mercer

Why should anyone give to the church?
 At a recent Leadership Board meeting, we asked – what are some good reasons and/or bad reasons to give to the church? These were some of the responses.

TEN GOOD REASONS TO GIVE

(please consider your own reasons too...)

- So that there is a safe place for our children and youth
- Because people that I admire and respect give
- Gifts should be shared
- It brings me closer to God
- A generous friend encouraged me
- Because we are blessed with an abundance
- Because we want our children to learn to be generous
- Because I have more than enough
- I was taught to give – it became a good habit
- Because it's a joy, a struggle, a discipline and it's biblical

TEN BAD REASONS TO GIVE

(please don't give for these reasons....)

- To show off
- It guarantees me a place in heaven
- Out of guilt
- So that God or the pastor "owes me a favor"
- To get my name on a pew
- Because I want a worry free life
- So that my daughter can sing a solo
- To make myself feel good
- I want to be able to tell the pastor what to preach on
- So my name stays on the membership rolls



TRUNK OR TREAT

**FRIDAY,
 OCTOBER 18th**
5PM – 7:30PM

*JOIN US FOR
 A FUN EVENING*

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

STUFF THE TURKEY



FEED THE HUNGRY TURKEY BY STUFFING HIM WITH BOXES OF STUFFING STARTING NOV. 3RD



OCTOBER 19
3PM

THE RIDGE
 5500 DONIPHAN
 SUITE C

ANNUAL MEETING

CHARGE CONFERENCE
 WESTERN HILLS UMC & THE RIDGE



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

Wonder-Full

This November, Pastor Kim begins her sermon series, *It's A Wonder-Full Life*. Everyone is invited to submit pictures of the people and things that make your life wonder-ful. Photos can be posted on our WHUMC Facebook page or emailed to mindy@westernhillsep.org. Photos will be used during our worship services throughout November.



**SIGN UP
TO RECEIVE
TEXT
ALERTS**

**TEXT WHUMC
TO 940-90 TO OPT IN**

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY

**9:30AM
LIBRARY**

Refreshments
& Fellowship



Coping With Loss
a grief support group

See Marie Conn or Ginny Moe for info.



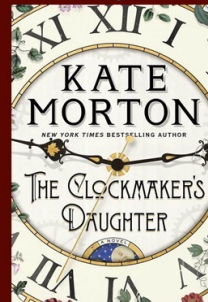
**HANGING OF THE GREENS
NOVEMBER 24**

**4PM • DECORATING
5:30PM • DINNER**

CHILI/SOUP DINNER PROVIDED BY OUR YOUTH FAMILIES

FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

Page Turners



**NOV. 14
7:00PM
LIBRARY**

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

**FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA**



FACEBOOK:

WESTERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—EL PASO

INSTAGRAM: WESTERNHILLSMETHODIST

OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH 2019

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gather to cook, assemble and deliver fancy sack lunches to those in the community who have to work on Thanksgiving Day. Cooks, assemblers, and delivery drivers needed. All deliveries will be completed by 11:30am. You will still have time to enjoy your own Thanksgiving family dinner that day.

If you know of a friend, neighbor or relative in El Paso who will be working that day – and you would like to deliver a lunch to them - you may “reserve” a lunch for them and their co-workers and pick them up on Thanksgiving morning to deliver it. Fill out the form below to volunteer or call Pastor Amy at 584-2133.



JUST A FEW OF OUR AWESOME
OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH
2018 VOLUNTEERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 * 8AM -12 NOON OR 12 NOON - 4PM

- _____ Kitchen/Cook Team - cook, portion, package side items for the lunches
- _____ Meeting Room Assembly Team - iron/fold/tie/stuff napkins, fold boxes
- _____ Clean -up Team

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 * 8AM -12 NOON

- _____ Kitchen/Cook Team - cook, portion, package side items for the lunches
- _____ Clean-up Team

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 * THANKSGIVING DAY * VARIOUS TIMES

- _____ Kitchen Assembly Team * 7am -9:30 am — Slice meat/croissants/make sandwiches
 - _____ Meeting Room Box Assembly Team * 8am – 10am — Box the lunches, cards, napkins
 - _____ Clean Up Team * 8:00am – 10am
 - _____ Delivery Teams * 10:15am - 11:30am
- Drive along the back alley and stop by Stewart Family Life doors. You will be given your route/directions/and about 10-12 box lunches – we will even help load them in your car. Then head home to your family Thanksgiving meal.

Name _____

Email/Phone # _____

WHY WERE HIS YOUTH

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

Sunday, Oct. 20
 Terror Trail
 7PM - 9PM

Sunday, Oct. 27
 "It's a Wonderful Life" Movie Night
 Families and Friends
 4PM - 7PM, SFLC

Sunday, Nov. 3
 Mission Trip Parent/Youth Meeting
 5PM, SFLC Mtg. Rm.

Nov. 15 to 17
 CCYM Weekend @ Sacramento Camp

Sunday, Nov. 17
 No WHY Fellowship

Sunday, Nov. 24
 Hanging of The Greens
 Youth-Sponsored Soup/Chili Dinner
 4PM—7PM

CCYM
 PRESENTS...

grades 6th-12th & adults
 Band: CCYM band
 Speaker: Matt Bridges

TRANSFORMERS SERVICE CAMP

NOVEMBER 15TH-17TH

TALENT SHOW

\$65 PER
 PERSON

email:
ccymnm@gmail.org
 website:
ccymnewmexico.org

Adobe Spark



Hunger Games 2019

Please let Mitzi know if you have registered and plan to attend so that plans for transportation can be made. In addition to the \$65 registration fee, we are asking for \$25 per family to go toward the rental vans.

VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

God's Kingdom: In Care of - YOU
Current Sermon Series

From the beginning in Genesis, God gifted us His kingdom and all His creation here on earth in order for us to care for. We were to have dominion over all His creation, which does not mean that we do what we want with it, but to take care of it and use what we need in order to fulfill God's will, not ours. So this month we dive in to what it means to manage our gifts, to serve, caring for His creation and bringing the first fruits and tithes to the storehouse.



This November—Count Your Blessings Sermon Series



This is the time of the year and season, that we look at all the blessings that God bestows upon us. We look back at scripture and see how we give thanks for all that we have to our almighty God. Join us as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior all month long, as we prepare ourselves for the Advent season to come.

Keep The Ridge Outreach Team in your prayers as they prepare to go out and hang door hangers in over 500 homes around and near The Ridge. The team will be distributing door hangers on Saturday, October 19th.



IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME

A Western Hills UMC Youth Christmas Production



THE CHRISTMAS

I'LL NEVER FORGET

by Nancy Bond

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 2PM

All funds raised will go to support the youth mission trip.



Joe Maddock plans a fabulous Christmas trip to the Bahamas as his gift to his wife and 3 grown (or nearly grown) children. However, hazardous weather conditions force the family to seek shelter before ever reaching the airport. Audience members will laugh and cry as they experience a very different Maddock family Christmas celebration!

TICKETS ON SALE 10/20

\$15/ADULTS

\$5/CHILDREN AGES 5 - 12

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 4 & UNDER



Thank you to everyone who helped make the UMW Autumn Bazaar a success!



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