

NOVEMBER 2019

Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC * EL PASO, TEXAS

Dear church family,
Thank you for the beautiful receptions, written notes of thanks, and gifts last Sunday. Know that you are appreciated in return and I look forward to our continued journey in ministry together.

Advent is fast approaching. We will decorate after church this Sunday. This year's preparation for Christ's coming is centered around the song "Silent Night." For so many of us, this song is the pinnacle of the Christmas Eve service with candles, family and friends, and the sense of Emmanuel- God with us. More than decorations and gift giving, I encourage you to spend this Advent season anticipating how God will work in your life and our world. I pray that God will be present to you in ways that renew your heart and strengthen your faith.

Christ's Peace,
Pastor Kim

Advent Series Begins
Sunday, December 1



COMING UP @ WHUMC

- November 22nd - Prayer Service @ Trinity First UMC
- November 23rd - Bishop speaking at St. Marks UMC
- November 24th
 - Return Commitment Cards
 - Hanging of the Greens
- November 27th
 - Happy Thanksgiving!
 - Operation Turkey Sandwich
- December 1st - Advent Begins
- December 3rd - UMW Christmas Potluck
- December 7th - Youth Christmas Production
- December 8th
 - Children's Christmas Party & Caroling
 - Youth Christmas Party
- December 14th - Sidewalk SS Christmas Celebration
- December 15th - Christmas Cantata (Trinity First UMC)
- December 22nd - Blue Christmas Service
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Worship, 4PM & 11PM

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

SYMPATHY

*Judi Ellzey & Family, in the loss of her brother, Jay Logan Tontz
 Nancy Nelson & Family in the loss of her sister

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Margaret Horn, health concerns
 Thuy Lan Heisler
 Sue Minor, 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

Al Aceituno, health concerns
 Len Brooke, health concerns
 Stacey Holloway & mother, house fire
 Vickie McKnight, health concerns
 Jack Wilson, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

Bettie Tritton
 Tom Lothamer
 Kevin Lawson
 Lee Cahania
 Jerri Taylor
 Carla Mosley
 Claudette Hillis
 Charles Cancellare
 Jeff Jacobsen
 Babette Lucas
 Roy Van Nostrand
 Catherine Laje
 Sylvia Villagrasa
 Robert Askelson
 Jill Askelson

WITH OUR PRESENCE

October 20, 2019

Worship 189
 Sunday School 84
 Sidewalk SS..... 33
 The Ridge 53

October 27, 2019

Worship 179
 Sunday School 77
 Sidewalk SS..... 36
 The Ridge 55

November 3, 2019

Worship 199
 Sunday School 82
 Sidewalk SS..... 42
 The Ridge..... 54

November 10, 2019

Worship 188
 Sunday School 83
 Sidewalk SS..... 30
 The Ridge..... 53

WITH OUR GIFTS

Income MTD September 2019: \$49,782.82
 Expenses MTD September 2019: \$59,806.17

Income YTD 2019: \$557,126.28
 Expenses YTD 2019: \$578,359.93

Income Budget YTD 2019: \$485,215.50
 Expense Budget YTD 2019: \$643,081.26

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

WWW.WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG

PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, November 22nd * 7:00 PM

Trinity-First UMC * 801 N. Mesa, El Paso



"COME & SEE"

Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe

DIVISION

to

Vision

BISHOP'S ITINERATION

NOV 23

Join Bishop Bledsoe in a time of sharing information and conversation about where we are as a denomination and where we are going. **2PM @ St. Marks UMC**

HANGING OF THE GREENS NOVEMBER 24

4PM • DECORATING
5:30PM • DINNER

CHILI/SOUP DINNER PROVIDED BY OUR YOUTH FAMILIES

SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

HELP GIVE A CHILD AT SIDEWALK A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TAKE A BOX
BOXES AVAILABLE 11/24

FILL IT UP
DETAILS ON BOXES

BRING IT BACK
RETURN BY 12/8



GIVING TREE

TAKE A TAG TODAY

Stop by the Giving Tree in the back of the Sanctuary and select a tag. The tree is for the 1st – 3rd grade children at Centro Santa Catalina in Juarez. Each tag is for a warm-up/sweat suit and a toy. Thank you!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ** WINTER GEAR
COATS/JACKETS,
HATS, SCARVES,
& GLOVES



Please make sure that items are clean and new or gently used.



Pastor Kim Kinsey—Certified Professional Coach

What is Coaching? Coaching assumes a certain level of health and well-being – it is NOT counseling. It doesn't assume expertise or experience – it is NOT mentoring or advising. The main premise is that the Coachee has all the answers within themselves. A coach uses their innate curiosity, ability to listen and coaching training to help the Coachee shift perspective, identify obstacles or limiting beliefs, and regain momentum in order to move toward their goals or desires. As a way to say **THANK YOU**, the NM Conference will be offering FREE half-hour coaching sessions during the Monday through Wednesday leading up to Thanksgiving – Nov. 25 – 27th. See Pastor Kim to learn more or to schedule a coaching session. You can also learn more at: <https://www.nmconfum.com/vital-congregations/coaching>

The challenge of this stewardship season is to embrace the fullness of life with wonder, grace and generosity. As we look to next year, can we count on you to contribute to our ministry?
If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, please bring it to worship this Sunday.



Name: _____ Spouse _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

My/Our commitment toward the Operating Budget in 2020 \$ _____

My/Our commitment will be paid as follows:

Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____

Semi-Monthly \$ _____ Other (specify) \$ _____

Please contact me/us about electronic giving.

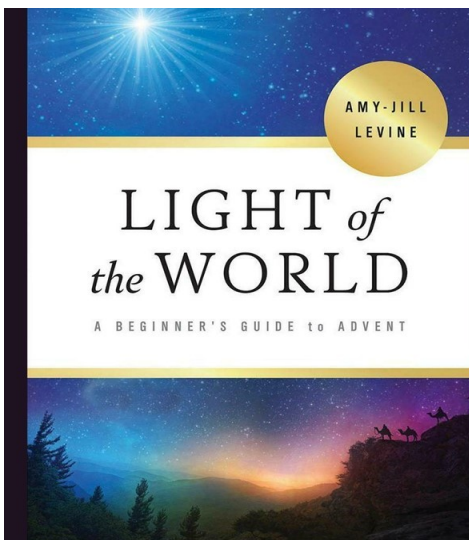
Please contact me/us about other ways to give back to WHUMC.

I/We promise to give something every week.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED UP TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH.

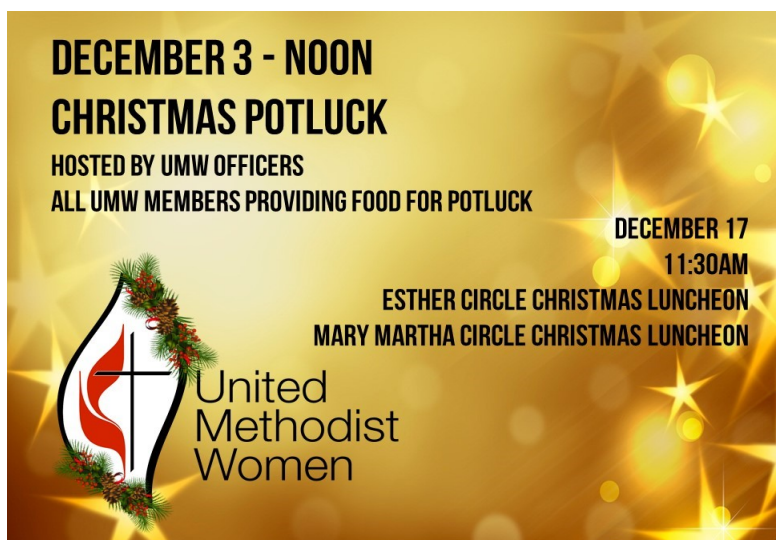
Be in prayer for our volunteers as they gather to cook and deliver 300 gourmet meals this Thanksgiving.



ADVENT STUDY

**OPEN DOOR
ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS**

**SUNDAY
MORNINGS
9:45AM
SFLC LOBBY**



PICTURES NEEDED

THIS ADVENT,
PLEASE SEND US
YOUR PICTURES
OF STARS.

SEND PICTURES TO
MINDY@WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG



DEC. 6
&
DEC. 20

9:30AM
LIBRARY

Refreshments
& Fellowship



Coping With Loss
a grief support group

See Marie Conn or Ginny Moe for info.

Trinity-First UMC and
Western Hills UMC
Sanctuary Choirs
present their annual
Christmas Cantata



Heaven's Child

by **Pepper Choplin**

Featuring the Quintessential
Brass

Musical Directors: John Eby
and Nancy Bickley

DEC. 15, 2019 • 2:30 PM
TRINITY-FIRST UMC
801 N MESA ST

Contact the church office for a
parking map 915.533.2674

Blue Christmas

a service of healing and hope



December 22nd
3:00PM

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
4:00PM &
11:00PM



Our 4PM worship service will include a special
no-rehearsal Christmas pageant. Any children and
youth at the 4PM service are invited to participate.

**FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA**



FACEBOOK:

WESTERN HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—EL PASO

INSTAGRAM: WESTERNHILLSMETHODIST

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hanging of The Greens—Sunday, November 24

While the youth and adults are decorating this Sunday, our children are invited to join us in the John Wesley Room. We will be painting crafts.

Children's Christmas Party & Caroling—December 8

Please contact Jenny for more information.

No Sunday School December 29

NEW ADULT CLASS!!!! - Starts Sunday, January 12

SALT Adult Sunday School Class (Sharing And Learning Together):

A new video and discussion based class meeting in room C6 beginning January 12. Lessons will be facilitated by members on a rotating basis in a round table conversation format. We welcome all, but the class is designed for couples who still have children living at home. Our goal is to provide an encouraging place to nourish spirits and discover ways to connect with our faith and build community despite our busy schedules.

**DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES,
JENNY
ABBOTT**



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

Matthew 19:14, NIV



**Look for
the new
Children's
Worship
Bags
hanging
in the
Narthex.**



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 NOW

\$15/ADULTS

\$5/CHILDREN AGES 5 - 12

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 4 & UNDER

WHY Fellowship
Sunday Evenings
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Stewart Family Life

Sunday, Nov. 24
 Hanging of the Greens
 Decorate: 4PM
 Soup/Chili Potluck Dinner: 5:30PM

Saturday, Nov. 30
 Cookie Baking for Christmas Show
 8AM—Noon

Saturday, Dec. 7
 Christmas Show 2PM

Sunday, Dec. 8
 WHY Christmas Party
 4PM—7PM
 Bring \$5 Silly Gift for exchange

Saturday, Dec. 14
 Sidewalk SS Christmas Celebration
 10AM—2PM Lunch included

Sundays, Dec. 15, 22, 29
 NO WHY Fellowship



VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

**NOW
HIRING**



**Director of Children and Family Ministries/
Nursery Associate**

Part Time: Approx. 8-10 hours/week

Nursery Coordinator

Part Time: Approx. 3-5 hours/week

SEE FULL JOB POSTINGS & DESCRIPTIONS
AT WWW.THERIDGEEP.COM

COME AND BE A PART OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

A Journey to Bethlehem

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:00PM – 7:00PM

AN OUTDOOR RE-CREATION OF THE
CHRISTMAS STORY, COMPLETE WITH
NARRATION, COSTUMES, AND LIVE ANIMALS.



5500 Doniphan Dr.



Blue Christmas

A Worship Service of Remembrance and Hope

Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 PM

*All are warmly welcome to this peaceful and comforting service.
May you experience God's light in the darkness of the longest night of the year.*

Light Shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. John 1:5

The Ridge
5500 Doniphan Dr. Ste. C
El Paso, TX 79932

7:00PM

Christmas

Eve Service



5500 Doniphan Dr. Suite C
El Paso, Texas

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