

MARCH 2020

Connections

NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC

EL PASO, TEXAS

MARCH 3 ★ 7PM ★ SFLC MEETING ROOM



Volunteer ROUND-UP



ALL VOLUNTEERS, CURRENT OR NEW, PLAN TO ATTEND.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE – COME AND HEAR ABOUT THIS
EXCITING MINISTRY AT WESTERN HILLS UMC.
IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A VOLUNTEER – THINK ABOUT A FRIEND
TO INVITE AND BRING TO THIS ONCE A YEAR MEETING.





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

- *Family and friends of Lisa Hofer, cousin of Ginny Moe
- Family and friends of Carol Underwood, mother of Rob Underwood
- Family and friends of David, son of Betty Anderson
- Family & friends of Jim Rewis

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- George Ellis, on hospice home care
- Kathy Wilson
- WHUMC Staff, transitions

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Wyatt Stevens, health concerns
- Debi Stites, health concerns
- Jerry Rogers, family health concerns
- Joe Harris, surgery
- Anita Diaz, health concerns
- Matthew Schmitt, health concerns
- Mary Lee Bucanan, stroke
- Celia, suffered miscarriage
- Melissa, loss of child to accident
- Jerry Ragur, health concerns

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

- Bruce Raneich
- Gavin Moon
- Fred Fraser
- Tom Lothamer
- Kevin Lawson
- Lee Cahania
- Jerri Taylor
- Carla Mosley
- Claudette Hillis
- Charles Cancellare
- Jeff Jacobsen
- Babette Lucas
- Roy Van Nostrand
- Catherine Laje
- Sylvia Villagrana
- Robert Askelson
- Jill Askelson

THE WORLD

- Our nation's Armed Forces and their families
- Traveling safety for immigrant families being reunited
- People in the city of Juarez

WITH OUR PRESENCE

January 5, 2020

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| Worship | 181 |
| Sunday School | 85 |
| Sidewalk SS | n/a |
| The Ridge | 45 |

January 12, 2020

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| Worship | 187 |
| Sunday School | 111 |
| Sidewalk SS | n/a |
| The Ridge | 34 |

January 19, 2020

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| Worship | n/a |
| Sunday School..... | 100 |
| Sidewalk SS..... | 34 |
| The Ridge | 34 |

January 26, 2020

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| Worship | 169 |
| Sunday School..... | 105 |
| Sidewalk SS..... | n/a |
| The Ridge | 55 |

WITH OUR GIFTS

Income MTD January 2020: \$61,557.07
Expenses MTD January 2020: \$62,259.47

Income Budget YTD 2020: \$54,499.46
Expense Budget YTD 2020: \$65,696.28

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

MISSIONS CALENDAR 2020

FEBRUARY/ MARCH

In Lieu of Lilies (funds for 2020 Change the World projects)
Sobremesa at EPCC March 25
Noisy Offering—Change the World

APRIL/MAY

In Lieu of Lilies (funds for Change The World Projects)
Sidewalk Sunday School Easter Baskets
Sobremesa at EPCC
Noisy Offering—Annual Conference Missions

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

Vacation Bible School Mission Project
Change the World Projects
Sobremesa at EPCC
Kelly Food Pantry Food for Children Collection*

SEPTEMBER

Change The World—Sobremesa
Noisy Offering—Centro Santa Catalina
Sobremesa at EPCC

OCTOBER

UMW Bazaar—Sobremesa Café
Sobremesa at EPCC
“Sock-tober” – socks for Opportunity Center*

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Food Collection*
OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH November 23-26
Noisy Offering—Sidewalk Sunday School

DECEMBER

Giving Tree – Centro Santa Catalina
Sidewalk Sunday School Christmas Shoe Boxes
In Place of Poinsettias—Sobremesa Ministry

We also serve each month at the Opportunity Center (with two evening meals, weekly sandwiches and health kits) For info about any of these mission opportunities or to volunteer please call Pastor Amy at 584-2133

** = Blue Bin Collections*

NOW HIRING



Director of Youth Ministries

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING RESUMES/INQUIRES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES. THIS 3/4 TIME POSITION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND LEADING YOUTH PROGRAMS. INQUIRIES AND/OR RESUMES CAN BE SENT TO YOUTHMINISTRY@WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG

MAR. 13
&
MAR. 27

9:30AM
LIBRARY

Refreshments
& Fellowship



See Marie Conn or Ginny Moe for info.

Coping With Loss
a grief support group



weekly
FINANCE INFO

IF YOU'D LIKE TO RECEIVE
THE WEEKLY FINANCE INFO EMAILS,
PLEASE EMAIL

MINDY@WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG

TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.



MARCH UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

ESTHER
MAR 17 * 9:30AM
JOHN WESLEY ROOM

MARY MARTHA
MAR 17 * 11:30AM
WHUMC



FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

Page Turners

MARCH 12
7:00PM
LIBRARY

Even if you don't finish the book,
Join us for lively discussion and fellowship.

CARE MINISTRY

Safe Sanctuary Training

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & VULNERABLE ADULTS

MARCH 15 • 3PM • SFLC MEETING RM

IF YOU VOLUNTEER WITH ANY OF OUR CARE MINISTRIES,
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING.

Retirement Reception

HONORING LAURIE MCBRIDE

MARCH 22 | 12:15PM | NARTHEX

After many, many years of dedicated service to Western Hills UMC, Laurie will be retiring at the end of the month. Join us after the 11am service in the Narthex as we celebrate Laurie and all she has done for WHUMC over the years. Cards/tokens of thanks and appreciation are welcomed and encouraged.

Flowering Cross

This Lent, stop by the Narthex and add a flower to the flowering cross for those times that you've experienced **God's presence**:

- with answered prayer
- in worship
- in & with family and/or friends
- in circumstances
- in your daily life

Take a moment to make a note of these times in the book that is provided.

In Lieu of Lilies

Monies from this year's *In Lieu of Lilies* will support our 2020 Change the World projects.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



**VBS
2020**

**June
22-26**



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES, JENNY ABBOTT

VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

On February 9th, Pastor Sal & Yadira, along with Jack Phillips, attended a training at El Alfarero UMC, Reaching Your Neighbor, specifically on how to reach and start Hispanic ministries in our church.

The training was given by Rev. Adrian Garcia and his wife Rev. Lily Garcia, who came from the Illinois

Conference. Rev. Eddie Rivera (El Paso DS), and his wife Hilda, hosted them. It was a great training on some of the different ways they reached out to the Hispanic communities in the areas outside Chicago. Pastor Sal looks forward to using some of their ideas and resources that were provided by the Garcia's, in order to start and expand Hispanic ministry opportunities at The Ridge.

REACHING YOUR NEIGHBOR
Rev. Adrian & Lily Garcia
Best Practices to reach Hispanic-Latino to Christ

SUN. FEB 9
EL PASO - LAS CRUCES AREA
2pm-5:30pm
El Alfarero
306 Torres St.
El Paso, TX 79922

"If you have a passion to reach out to your neighbors, and they happen to be Hispanic, you don't need to speak Spanish, you just need to know and love them, and this workshop is for you and your church members."
-Rev. Garcia

EL PASO DISTRICT
United Methodist Church



COMING UP AT THE RIDGE

- LENTEN SERMON SERIES BEGINS—
QUESTIONS OF THE LAST WEEK
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
- BRING A CROSS FOR THE FAMILY CROSS WALL
- SISTERS IN CHRIST BREAKFAST—MARCH 7TH
- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY—MARCH 8TH
- MEN'S MINISTRY INFO MEETING—MARCH 28TH
- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE @ THE RIDGE—APRIL 9TH
- COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR @ THE RIDGE—MAY 2ND
- BIBLE STUDY ON ROMANS—WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

THE RIDGE **FREE EVENT**
Community
HEALTH FAIR
MAY 2, 2020 | 9AM - 2PM
THE RIDGE | 5500 DONIPHAN DR., SUITE C

Allstate
EL PASO REHAB SPECIALTY GROUP
SPORT MEDICINE + PHYSICAL THERAPY
Project VIDA HEALTH CENTER
vitalant
RIO GRANDE PHARMACY

- BLOOD DRIVE WITH VITALANT
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- RX RESOURCES
- SPORTS MEDICINE & PHYSICAL THERAPY RESOURCES
- INSURANCE & FUNERAL INFO
- MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- WHEELCHAIR & WALKER INFO
- DOOR PRIZES & FACE PAINTING
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!

Admin/Office Staff

Laurie McBride,
Business & Facilities Manager
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 De Luna, *custodian*

Music Ministry

Nancy Bickley, *Minister of Music*
David Pena, *Worship Leader*
Aina Olonade, *organist*
Judi Wilkinson, *pianist*

STAFF APPRECIATION *March 1*

Help us say thank you to
our amazing WHUMC.
A reception will be held
on March 1, after the 11am
worship service.

You are
encouraged to
bring cards/
tokens of
appreciation for
the staff.



WESTERN HILLS UMC STAFF



Ministers

All Members

Rev. Kim Kinsey
Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Mercer
Mission & Discipleship

Pastor Sal Perales
The Ridge

Mitzi Underwood

Director of Youth
Ministries

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Lent BE LOVE.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR A JESUS FOCUSED LIFE

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| <p>Reflections from "Living the Way of Love" by Mary Bea Sullivan (Church Publishing, 2019). Used with permission.</p> | <p>Feb 26 Bless What challenges are you facing today? Job 1:1-18</p> | <p>27 Worship How do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. 1:3-4</p> | <p>28 Pray Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention. Isa. 2:3a</p> | <p>29 Learn How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52</p> | <p>Mar 1 1st Sunday of Lent</p> | |
| <p>2 Turn How might you share what brings you great joy with others? Rom. 12:6-8</p> | <p>4 Turn How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake? Luke 15:18</p> | <p>5 Rest What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3</p> | <p>6 Go Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt 5:4</p> | <p>7 Bless Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7</p> | <p>8 2nd Sunday of Lent</p> | |
| <p>9 Worship How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? John 1:12-13</p> | <p>11 Rule of Life How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God? John 7:38</p> | <p>12 Learn Practice lectio divina with this scripture. Luke 15:17-24</p> | <p>13 Turn What relationships do you need to mend? Isa. 55:8-9</p> | <p>14 Rest How do you incorporate rest in your life? Jer. 6:16</p> | <p>15 3rd Sunday of Lent</p> | |
| <p>16 Go Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world? Isa. 48: 6b</p> | <p>18 Worship What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10</p> | <p>19 Rule of Life How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5</p> | <p>20 Pray What are you thankful for? 1 Chron. 29:15</p> | <p>21 Learn Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God? Ps. 119:105</p> | <p>22 4th Sunday of Lent</p> | |
| <p>23 Turn Where do you find joy and passion? Luke 24:32</p> | <p>25 Go Create a prayer representing how you seek to serve God and follow Jesus. Matt. 5:15</p> | <p>26 Bless When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44</p> | <p>27 Rule of Life How do others experience the love of Christ through you? Gal. 5:22-23</p> | <p>28 Worship What is most meaningful to you in worship? BCP prayer, p. 281</p> | <p>29 5th Sunday of Lent</p> | |
| <p>30 Pray Listen to the daily office today at missionstclair.com Ps. 55:17</p> | <p>April 1 Turn Today, intentionally listen devoutly to another. Mark 4:23</p> | <p>2 Rest How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal? 1 Kings 19:11-12</p> | <p>3 Go Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you? Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5</p> | <p>4 Rule of Life Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life? 2 Cor. 3:6</p> | <p>5 Palm Sunday</p> | |
| <p>6 Go Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45</p> | <p>8 Worship In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6</p> | <p>9 Pray Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1</p> | <p>10 Learn Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22</p> | <p>11 Way of Love Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19</p> | <p>12 Easter Day</p> | |