



THE HILLTOP NEWS

2820 Laredo Dr.,
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
April 13, 2011

*The purpose of Western Hills United Methodist Church is to
continue the ministry of Jesus by making disciples through faith, hope and love.*

Wednesday—April 13

9:30 a.m., ESL Classes
6:00 p.m., Bible Study
6:00 p.m., Jesus In the
Gospels Bible Study
6:30 p.m., Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

Thursday—April 14

9:00 a.m. to noon, Food Pantry
10:00 a.m., United Methodist
Women Meet at the home of
Agnes Powell

Friday—April 15

10:00 a.m., TGIF Bible Study

Saturday—April 16

Great Day of Service for
Methodist Youth at
Meadowbrook UMC

Sunday—April 17

Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:50 a.m., Morning Worship
4:30 p.m., Youth
5:00 p.m., Why Not Now
6:00 p.m., Disciple I Bible
Study
6:00 p.m., Financial Peace
University

Reflections:

Can you believe that Holy Week starts next Sunday with our church's celebration of Palm Sunday? This year our celebration will focus on the image of journey or let's say pilgrimage. I want you to prepare your mind and spirit toward beginning this most important part of the journey with your participation in Sunday's worship service. The power of the Easter story is our experience of journeying with the Christ through the way of suffering. It was this passion story that ends with the death of Jesus on the cross that makes the resurrection of Jesus the most powerful expression of our salvation.

On this Sunday, for those who are able, let us as a congregation meet in the courtyard and prepare to process with the children waving palms as we enter the sanctuary. Let us be part of the excitement and spirit of celebration that saw Jerusalem of old usher into the city the Savior of the world. The Chancel Bell Choir will be playing and the children of our church will be singing in a most beautiful of Palm Sunday anthems.

Then on Maundy Thursday at 7p.m. in our sanctuary, let us return to participate in the celebration of the Last Supper. The sermon for the service will center on the reflections of the Upper Room owner who allowed Jesus' disciples to prepare the room for this most sacred sacrament.

On Friday at 7pm, we will gather again for a service of remembrance on the liturgy of the way of the cross. Persons from our congregation will give readings to the moments where Jesus paused on the way to the cross and offer their personal reflections. The service ends in silence and the sanctuary is stripped of all the symbols of our faith.

I invite you also to then come back on Saturday for our Easter Party with our children. Donald and Brandi Nemec have written an article in our newsletter explaining this most awesome celebration.

Sunday morning Easter services promise to be filled with the excitement of celebrating our faith in light of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. There are two worship services on Sunday. The Easter Sunrise worship service will be held in the courtyard at 7a.m. Let's fill up the sanctuary for the 10:50 am service. On this special day it should be shoulder to shoulder seating in the sanctuary. Let me commission each of you to be a herald of good news. Invite your whole family and friends to come and worship at Western Hills UMC, it will truly be a day of celebration and rejoicing.

Raul

PS There will be hot cross buns for all the children attending the Easter worship services.

Supporting My Church

Gifts of Prayer

Current Concerns: Janie Bielefeld; Penny Comparini; Warren Dush, Evelyn Jackson's grandson; Evelyn Jackson; Ray Farmer, son-in-law of Sue and George Hanson; Littlewolf Goss and Cheyenne; Jane Higginbotham, has cancer; Sherron Hunt, friend of Brenda Mills; Richard Lambing, co-worker of Barbara Gormley; Martin Leimer, father of Tina Alderson; Elmo Livingston; Joy McGlaun, Doug McGlaun's sister; Fred Marten; Bill Mills, father of Brenda Mills; Rubin Mills, brother of Brenda Mills, is recovering from a heart attack; Jena Morrison, niece of Becky and Al Riibe, expecting twins; Harry Morton, having tests; James Norton, friend of Ken Brower; Jan Stockton, who is recovering from surgery; Paul Stricklin, nephew of Ralph and Shirley Fagan; Fay Taft, Reta Strack's sister; Lisa Tennison, Jan Fisher's daughter, who has health problems; George Wendt, friend of Fil and Vickie Peach, who has cancer

Ongoing Prayer List

• Health and Healing:

Florine Brooks, Katherine Busby, Kristi Butler, Sharma Castillo, Larry Cornett, Martha Davis, Misty Dush, Anne Ellison, Ted Evans, Robert Ewing, Carl Hibscher, Doug McGlaun, Wilma Moderow, Margaret Moore, Bruce Newman, Bill Newton, Sarah Odom, Eric Paige, Camille Redden, Al Riibe, Zebula Robinson, Debbie Sarnachuck, Josh Taylor, Leanne Roth, Shalamar Stricklin, Kristi Vickers, Tristan Watkins

• Military:

Sam Brooks, Jason Busby, Sarah Davis, Dan Fagan, Sarah Harris, Angela Herrington, Trinity Herrington, Daniel Kinnibrugh, Danny Martin, Thomas Morton, Robert Newman, Daniel Newman, Richard Ray Owens, Jr., Nicholas Perez, Jacob Rangel, Alex Ruth, Chris Sotello, Cole Teer, Brandon Wilson

With Presence

Worship Attendance:

April 3rd:	145
Why Not Now	20
Youth— 4 adults	7 youth
April 10th:	126
Why Not Now	10
Youth—5 adults	9 youth

Gifts of Money

Needed for General Budget
each week: \$5,000.00

April 3rd:

General Budget	\$ 7,733.69
Memorials	1,045.00
Apportionments	200.00
The Grace Fund	83.00

April 10th:

General Budget	\$ 2,186.00
The Grace Fund	100.00
Memorials	435.00
Heifer Fund	33.00
Food Pantry	15.00

Welcome New Member



Pam Hernandez

Pam attends the Why Not Now Service!

Great Day of Service

April 16 is the Great Day of Service for the youth in the Fort Worth and Mid-Cities Districts. The United Methodist Women have been asked to support this project this year. Troy Chapman would like for us to be at Meadowbrook UMC to help serve breakfast to the youth. He would like for us to arrive around 7:30 am, the youth will be served at 8 am. Breakfast will mostly consist of breakfast bars, juice, fruit, milk, etc. We won't be frying eggs or flipping pancakes so it will be fairly easy and not labor intensive.

After breakfast, the different youth groups will move on to the work sites where their projects will be. We are encouraged to attend one or more of those sites to offer encouragement and thanks.

April Anniversary

Addition to the April Anniversary List: Bo and Renee Brown will be married 21 years on April 14th!

The deadline for the next newsletter is
Monday, April 25, 2011!

"The Reason?"

The children's ministry team is so excited about the upcoming Easter event "The Reason?" happening on Saturday, April 23 at 10am. In lieu of a community wide Easter egg hunt, we are going to be sharing the good news of Christ with our friends and neighbors. We will have an egg hunt on Sunday after worship service for all of the children that are there.

The following items are still needed:

- Bright and pastel plastic Easter eggs
- White lunch sacks
- Candy
- Hot dogs, chips, popcorn

You! If you feel led to volunteer your time, we will put you to work! We want our community to see how many of our members come together to make them feel welcome and share the love of Christ.

Monetary donations are always useful, make your check out to WHUMC and write "children's department" in the memo. We will put those funds to good use. Please let me know if you plan to volunteer, as I have open places that I need to plug people into.

-Brandi Nemec

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Thank You

Thank you to all who sent me birthday cards to help me celebrate my 85th Birthday and thanks to all for good wishes on my hip replacement. I am slowly but surely getting back to normal.

Peggy Stephens

Adult Ministry

Opportunity to Participate in Ministry

(Expanding Congregational Care Groups)

There is an opportunity for you to participate in the ministry of Western Hills UMC by contacting 5 or 7 members monthly. You would be:

- Responsible to call 5 or 7 people on list once per month
- Be attentive to the person:
 - Remember birthdays and special days
 - Have an open communication with the person especially concerning changes in the church
 - Give attention or help guide the church to any practical help the person or family would need.
- Be a friend in the faith and example to others
 - Be in prayer for your friend
 - Send cards to people on your list
 - Ensure confidentiality with the sharing and prayer request
- Guide your group to have social events in and outside the church.

Pray about joining this very important ministry of your church, if you feel you want to serve God and this church in this ministry, please contact the church office or Terry Meyer.

Western Hills Elementary School

Career Day at Western Hills Elementary School will be on Friday, May 6. Volunteers that are comfortable talking to 2nd-5th graders would be welcome to come talk to our students.

Please contact Becky Grimland,
School Counselor, WHES, at (817) 815-6815, Fax- (817) 815-6850 or
Rebecca.Grimland@fwisd.org.

Thank you!

Free Nutrition Classes

In cooperation with Western Hills Elementary School and the AgriLife Extension of Texas A & M, nutrition classes will be offered free at Western Hills United Methodist Church on Mondays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. These classes begin April 18th and end on May 23rd.

For more information, please contact
Sonnya Gomij @817-212-7501 or
srgomij@ag.tamu.edu.



Lay Director of Family Ministries

The undertakings I have set for myself in writing this article will be partly personal and what I view about family ministries. Edna and I came to this church about 4 years ago. What we found was a community of faith that was part of a family (God's family) and this community wanted to reach out and invite more people into their family. Like all families, there are struggles in the family but God's love has been so prevalent in this church that I have always felt God's love helps us overcome our human's frailties. I am looking forward to taking this opportunity as your Lay Director of Family Ministries and helping this community of faith to spread God's love throughout this area that God has given us to care for.

I view family ministries with the vision that people are created in the image of God and because of being created in this image that people are of immeasurable value. Each person inside and outside the church (community of faith) deserve to experience the knowledge that God loves them. Therefore, the family (community of faith) as the body of Christ becomes the real presence of the Christ in the world when the people come together with all of our failures and problems that we bring with us to relationships. Christianity must work in our relationship between husband and wife, between siblings, between parents and children, and between believers and unbelievers. The family's picture would be the presence of Christ surrounded by all people (men, women & children), and all cultures.

Family ministry as a relational ministry works better and more effectively in out-of-the-way places such as when people come together in homes, backyard cookouts, baseball games, women and men get-togethers and going out for breakfast together or mission trips. Places where many people feel more comfortable because they do not have to look a certain way or feel there is a certain behavior. Many of the above suggestions are done here at Western Hills but I will encourage more of these social events and to invite people that have not participated before. I think small group activities are very important to the life of a church so we will offer more Bible studies, Sunday school classes, trips as a family group to different events. I hope you have a feeling of my thoughts on family ministry at Western Hills UMC. We are a church on a hill so let's continue to shine God's love from the hill.

Terry Meyer