



THE HILLTOP NEWS

2820 Laredo Dr.,
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
May 12, 2009

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

Tuesday—May 12

9:00 a.m. to noon, Food Pantry
5:30 pm, WHLL Baseball
7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts

Wednesday—May 13

9:30 a.m., English as a Second
Language Class

6:00 p.m., Youth
6:15 p.m., Bible Study
6:30 p.m., Handbells
6:30 pm, Elementary Choir
7:30 pm, Chancel Choir

Thursday—May 14

9—12, Food Pantry open
11:30 a.m., UMW Salad Lunch at
the church
5:30 pm, WHLL Baseball
7:00 p.m., House of Mercy of
Church

Friday—May 15

5:30 pm, WHLL Baseball

Saturday—May 16

10:00 am, Pack 135 Bike Rodeo in
church parking lot

Sunday—May 17

9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:50 a.m., Morning Worship
1:00 p.m., House of Mercy
Church
2:00 p.m., Bible Study
4:30 p.m., Youth
6:00 pm, Children's Musical
Rehearsal
7:00 pm, Children's Musical

Western Hills - Celebrating 50 years of God's Grace

Reflections

I check my calendar every day, because, sure enough, I will miss something, if I don't. This morning my calendar told me that the sun will rise at 5:33 a.m. on Tuesday May 12, 2009. That piece of information is not so important to me, except it is a reminder of the consistency of God's nature. God is faithful to His promise and His love.

The calendar also reminded me of some very important events that I want to remind you.

May 31 We will be celebrating the *Confirmation* of several of our young people. These young people are old enough to discover their own faith and make their own decision to follow Christ as their Lord and Savior. They will also have an opportunity to be "professing members" of Western Hills United Methodist Church. This will be a sacred worship experience for all of us.

June 21 - 24 These are the dates for our *Vacation Bible School*. Yes, VBS begins Sunday through Wednesday evening beginning with a supper at 5:30 followed with Bible Study and activities that all our kids will enjoy. WE NEED YOUR HELP! - both your financial support and helping hand during these days. Please let Joyce Brown know of your interest and your willingness. VBS is the one of the most evangelistic opportunities that we have.

Each Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon throughout the summer - *Intense Bible Study* will be offered to you.

Every Sunday morning we will be lifting our praise to the Almighty in worship - *Sunday School* begins at 9:30 and *Worship* begins (more or less promptly) at 10:50.

September is anniversary month - This Church has been lifting to her neighbors the Grace and love of God for 50 years. Throughout the month of September we will be celebrating the birthday of this church. We want to recognize our Charter Members and Every Member since the beginning who have worshiped and lived out their faith through God's church.

Hopefully your calendar and mine will not be burden, but will be a "road map" to the good things that are happening through your church. The events listed above are just the beginning to the days ahead.

"Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

from "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 140 UMH

Landy

Supporting My Church

Gifts of Prayer

Current Concerns: **Sharma Castillo**, Fay Nettleton's granddaughter; **Mariann Deering**; **Misty Dush**, Evelyn Jackson's granddaughter has breast cancer; **Ava Eiler**, sister of Reta Strack; **Gregg Eiler**, nephew of Reta Strack; **Ted Evans**, Anna Fry's nephew; **Randy German**, Linda Eden's brother, recovering from an injury; **David Harris**, Anna Fry's brother; **Reed Justus**, father of Amber Redman, is recovering from surgery; **Ken Leach**, recovering from knee surgery; **Gene Lindsey**, Roy & Bev Newman's friend; **Mike Long**, friend of Ken & Barb Leach; **Jadyn Meyer**, granddaughter of Edna & Terry Meyer; **Nina Moore**, friend of Al & Becky Riibe, who has cancer; **Kay Newman**, Roy & Beverly Newman's Family; **Tom Newman**, Roy Newman's cousin, recovering from surgery; **Pete Revello**, friend of Roy Newman, has cancer; **Fern Smith**, Bev Newman's step-mother; **Dru Spalding**, Tamera Austin's brother, recovering from surgery; **Dr. Doug Spear**, Al Riibe's cousin, recovering from a stroke; **Faye Taff**, sister of Reta Strack; **Juanita Wilson**, friend of Gerry Marten, had a massive stroke

Our Missionary: Sam Rodriguez

On Going Prayer List

• Health and Healing:

Odean Allison, Orene Beatty, Janie Bielefeld, Florine Brooks, Debra Brown, Katherine Busby, Kristi Butler, Harlene Cornett, Larry Cornett, Martha Davis, Anne Ellison, Robert Ewing, John Fant, Elmo Livingston, Fred Marten, Doug McGlaun, Elli McKillips, Roy Newman, Bill Newton, Sarah Odom, Eric Paige, Agnes Powell, Al Riibe, Zebula Robinson, Marissa Steward, Jan Stockton, Carolyn & Pete Taylor, Josh Taylor, Ronnie Thelman, Leanne Roth, Kristi Vickers, Tristan Watkins, Tom Wilson

• Military:

Josh Boston, Sam Brooks, Jason Busby, Sarah Davis, Dan Fagan, Sarah Harris, Daniel Kinnibrugh, Nicholas Minotti, Jesse Mystic, Thomas Morton, Robert Newman, Daniel Newman, Nicholas Perez, Jacob Rangel, Alex Ruth, Robert Smith, Chris Sotello, Michael Stricklin, Brandon Wilson

With Presence

Worship Attendance:

May 3rd:	110
May 10th:	135

Sunday School Attendance:

May 3rd:	79
May 10th:	66

Gifts of Money

May 3rd:

General Budget	\$6,931.00
Pastor's Emerg. Fund	25.00
Apportionments	100.00
Food Pantry	55.00
Bicycles—Pack 135	415.00

May 10th:

General Budget	\$2,608.25
Pastor's Emerg. Fund	10.00
Apportionments	100.00
Bicycles—Pack 135	290.00

Supporting My Church

Gift of Time and Talent

As I was preparing to write this article, I received a highly appropriate daily devotional in my email entitled “I Am Only One, But I Am One” written by Jim Liebelt. The following is the scripture and a quote mentioned in the devotional:

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared for us in advance to do.” ~Ephesians 2:10

*I am only one, but I am one;
I cannot do everything
But I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God, I will do.
~Canon Farrar*

I was asked to write about why I do what I do for the church...specifically, creating the Sunday Worship PowerPoint file for the overhead projectors, running it (most Sundays) and maintaining the church’s website.

Since I have children and grew up in the church, one of my beliefs is that if we can, we give where we can. We may not be able to give like we should where we should all the time, but we can do what we’re able all the time.

Since we take a vow to support our church with our gifts of time, talents, tithes and service, it is important to me that I live up to that vow, any way I can. I offer my technically-inclined talents as part of that vow.

It’s only a small part of what helps make up our church, what we believe in and what we do. But it is still an important part. We all are an important part, no matter how big or small a part we play!

Homeward Daily Devotional: “I Am Only One, But I Am One”

We live in a culture that constantly shines a spotlight on the famous: pretty or especially gifted people (or both!) We live in a celebrity-focused culture. Just think about all of the media devoted to celebrities. It would be great if the church was immune from this culture, but it isn’t. Even the Christian community tends to highlight our best people, from musicians to speakers, to those involved in doing incredible ministry. While I’m not saying that the spotlighting is wrong, I am concerned that there are many of us who become disheartened because we know our efforts don’t approach the skills or successes of the extremely gifted. I am concerned that some of us give up attempting to make a difference when we think we can’t measure up.

True, we may never be celebrities in the eyes of the world or even within the Christian community. But, God doesn’t call us to be famous. He calls us to love one another. He calls us to give ourselves away to serve others. The needs of our world are great, and we cannot do everything. Still, as part of the body of Christ, we have a unique and invaluable role to play. God has purposely designed us for accomplishing good works in His name.

Stop playing the comparison game. Anyone who plays that game loses. There will always be someone else who does things better or is more effective. We are called to serve the Lord. Our desire should be solely to please Him. Serve Him today to the best of your abilities. Your service will be a sacrifice of praise to the King.

Tina Shaw

Elementary Choir Sings For May 17 Worship

Our Elementary choir will sing "Like the Waters of Jericho" for our 10:50 a.m. worship service Sunday.

This song comes from the musical HURRY ON DOWN which the choir will present at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Pianist is Lola Mae Fant and flutist is Julian Rodriguez.



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will have a luncheon on Thursday, May 14th, 11:30 a.m. at Western Hills UMC. Everyone is to bring their favorite salad.

Food Pantry Report

Food is given to people in the 76116 zip code area on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. —12 noon.** For the month of March we served 51 families which includes 139 family members.

Food is purchased from the Tarrant Area Food Bank, as well as local grocery stores. Your donations of food or money are needed to support this outreach program.

These items are needed for our food pantry: pork and beans, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, spam, tuna, peanut butter, crackers, rice (1 lb.) and dried beans (1 lb.).

The deadline for the next newsletter is
Monday, May 25, 2009!

Making of the Bible

Matthew 4:4 says, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

The Bible goes beyond being another book to read. The Bible has a unique value as the word of God. This class will study how biblical writings came into existence. We will look at the structure of the Bible. Some of the topics of this study will be the background of the writings and how they became known as the Bible, the division of Old Testament, New Testament, and other division of the writings.

The main text will be the 25th Anniversary Edition of William Barclay's *Introducing the Bible*.

Class date/time: start Sunday, May 31st from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm for 6 weeks

For additional information contact Terry Meyer at terrymeyer@sbcglobal.net

God bless,
Terry

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers during my surgery and recovery this past week, especially Betty Jo Robinson for keeping Barb company during my surgery and Anna Fry for those fresh, hot, and delicious apple dumpings that she and Jerry brought to me. May God bless all of you.

Ken Leach

Elementary Choir Musical: HURRY ON DOWN Coming at 7 p.m. May 17

Our Elementary Choir will present the musical, HURRY ON DOWN at 7 p.m. this coming Sunday, May 17, in the sanctuary.

Our choir is small this year (only 5 kids) but they have decided to be brave and present a musical. Come support our brave singers.

HURRY ON DOWN tells the story of Zachaeus who met Jesus and changed from a cheating tax collector to a man willing to obey the teachings of Jesus. The musical ends with a song asking Jesus to come into OUR lives.

Singers are: Christopher Gonzales, Ashia Harvey, Bayley Holland, Grace Kambanda, and Timothy Mc Cune.

Lola Mae Fant will provide piano accompaniment, Julian Rodriguez will be flutist, and Jonathan Webber will be drummer. Chester Shaw will be sound technician. Director is Joyce Brown.

Even young children will enjoy this 15-minute musical. Since we are presenting the musical in the sanctuary, making the cry room is available, We will NOT provide a separate nursery.

Refreshments will be served following the musical presentation.

Come and bring your friends. You will receive a blessing.

Recycle!

WHUMC will receive funds when the following items are recycled.

Please bring only the items listed: Ink Jet cartridges, cell phones, MP3 Players, digital cameras, Digital video cameras, iPods, and laptop/notebook computers.

Need A Handyman?

The United Methodist Men are willing to do minor maintenance and / or repairs at your request, when we are capable and available.

If you would like to have us come and do something for you please let John Fant or the Church Office know of it.

There is no charge for our service but a donation to the Church Food Bank Fund would be welcome and appreciated.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, May 23rd,
8:00 a.m.**

**Reverend Charles Holland
pastor at Wesley UMC will be
the guest speaker**