



# THE HILLTOP NEWS

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May 1, 2018

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

## Wednesday—May 2

- 10:00 a.m., ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m., Disciples Choir
- 6:30 p.m., Handbell Choir
- 7:00 p.m., LaVida Cristo Centrica
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

## Thursday—May 3

- 9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
- 7:00 p.m., Alzheimer's Support

## Saturday—May 5

- 6:00 p.m., Praise

## Sunday—May 6

- 9:30 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m., Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m., Confirmation Class
- 5:00 p.m., U.M.Y.F.

## Monday—May 7

- 10:00 a.m., ESL Class
- 1:30 p.m., Stephen Ministries

## Tuesday—May 8

- 9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
- 11:30 a.m., Altar Guild Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m., IDEA HS (F. Hall)

## Wednesday—May 9

- 10:00 a.m., ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m., Disciples Choir
- 6:30 p.m., Handbells
- 7:00 p.m., LaVida Cristo Centrica
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

## Thursday—May 10

- 9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry

## Saturday—May 12

- 10:30 a.m., Neighborhood Cookout (Pavilion)

- 11:30 a.m., UMW Luncheon

## Sunday—May 13—Mother's Day

- 9:00 a.m., Culto de Adoracion
- 9:30 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m., Escuela Dominical
- 10:50 a.m., Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m., Confirmation Class
- 5:00 p.m., U.M.Y.F.

## Monday—May 14

- 10:00 a.m., ESL Class

## Tuesday—May 15

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- 9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
- 1:30 p.m., Heavenly Needles

## Wednesday—May 16

- 10:00 a.m., ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m., Disciples Choir
- 6:30 p.m., Handbells
- 7:00 p.m., LaVida Cristo Centrica
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

## Thursday—May 17

- 9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
- 12:00 noon, LVT Rise Bus (P. Lot)

I am totally amazed when I hear stories of our Christian faith. Amazed because, when we tell our unique story, we are in the act of being a witness to the reality of God. I can picture myself in church since childhood and hear the melodious hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story". (UMH#156) Through the singing of the hymn, we share how we feel about Jesus. One fact is true about God - God is love. God reveals God's love to us in the person of Jesus the Christ. So we sing of "of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love." The joy of telling our story of faith is that, "tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet."

Last Sunday afternoon, our Confirmation class of five young people came over with their parents and families to the parsonage. After a time of fellowship and eating Mama's Pizza, we had a time of sharing our faith stories. We are privileged, as a church, that the candidates for confirmation have a strong Christian faith foundation in the Sunday School program of our church. You can detect the strong Christian witness of Dennis and Betty Jo Robinson, Joyce and Dan Brown, Mike and Debbie Elrod, and Amy Bailey in the way our confirmation candidates speak about their relationship with God. **Mike and Debbie Elrod are the parents of Rachael and Mattie Elrod.** Mike shared how the church, as a Christian community, has brought his family closer to God and how exciting it is to be part of Christ's ministry in our church. **Chester and Tina Shaw are the parents of Ashton Shaw.** Tina and Chester shared why they are so involved and engaged in the ministries of the church. They feel that their relationship with God makes a remarkable difference for the good in their lives. **Brian and Amber Topolski are Andrew Rushing's parents.** Amber and Brian looked for a Methodist church and found our church using the internet. What they experienced on their first Sunday was a down to earth friendly congregation that made their whole family feel at home. They had intended to shop around for a church but never left our church after their initial visit. **Efrain and Felicitas Martinez are the parents of Jennifer Martinez.** Felicitas expressed her strong desire to know the God who loves her and a church community that best expresses, for her, the love of God. So, each of these Christian faith stories convey what our hymn singing points to, "I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee."

Let's continue to teach our children and youth the story of God as told through Holy Scripture and given proclamation through personal faith stories. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 during the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service. We will celebrate together as Christian community our confirmands reception into full membership in the church with a covered dish luncheon. During the luncheon we will also honor our graduates from their respective schools of graduation.

I look forward to joining you in celebrating our common heritage of our faith when we worship and serve God by sharing the love of God with a world that desperately needs it. Your pastor, Raul.

# Supporting My Church

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Lewis Atterbury, Vicki Peach's father; Family of Shirley Brock, friend of Anna Fry; Joan Brown, Allen Brown's mother; Dorothy Burton; Mattie Elrod; Pete Gutierrez, Raul's brother; Ken Leach; Liola Allison Lester, Margaret Lester's daughter; Julia Moore; Becky Riibe; Tyler Robinson, friend of the Fry's; Shalimar Strickland; Jill Taylor; Sara Wanderer, friend of Jeanne Cochran

*(Current prayer concerns will be posted for one month unless a request is received for the name to continue on the prayer list)*

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Renee Brown, Dorothy Burton, Penny Comparini, Beverly Contakos, Kaylan Covan, Mike Dobbs, Jan Fisher, Dale Ford, Jessica Gray, Jann Green, Mike & Carolyn Grimes, Kenneth Holley, Aaron Jennings, Liola Allison Lester, Mike Magee, Doug & Jean McGlaun, Ethel Meads, Mildred Rankin, Camille Redden, Ann Tolleson

## Our Military:

Sam Brooks, Jason Busby, Garret Comparini, Sarah Davis, Dan Fagan, Sarah Harris, Angela Herrington, Trinity Herrington, Christopher Moore, Thomas Morton, Robert Newman, Richard Ray Owens, Jr., Nicholas Perez, Jacob Rangel, Chris Sotello, Blake Strack, Johnny Waldrop, Melvin Williams, Brandon Wilson

**The deadline for the next newsletter is**

**May 14, 2018 by 12:00 p.m.**



## With Presence

### Sunday School Attendance:

April 22nd	67
April 29th	64

### Worship Attendance:

April 22nd	119
April 29th	96

### Spanish Worship Attendance

April 22nd	11
April 29th	18

### Praiz'n

April 21st	13
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## Gifts of Money Needed for General Budget each week: \$5,000.00

### April 22nd

General Budget	\$2,222.00
Heifer Fund	26.00
Food Pantry	140.00
VBS	20.00

### April 29th

General Budget	\$2,860.00
Heifer Fund	12.00
Books	100.00
Royalties	192.43



## SECURITY TEAMS/ LOCK UP TEAMS

May 6  
Security: Ralph Fagan  
Lock Up: Ralph Fagan

May 13  
Security: Jerry Warburton  
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If you are unable to work on your assigned day, please make arrangements for a substitute.

### What is 100x25 FWTX?

It is the mission of the Fort Worth ISD, with support from the city leaders, city's businesses, non-profit organizations and faith communities, that 100% of third graders will be reading on grade level by 2025. Why is literacy important to us? There are many scripture verses that tells us how important children are to Jesus. One of my favorite verses comes from Mark 14 that says, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' (NIV)

Christians want all children to have the best possible chance in life in a relationship with Christ but also in everyday life. Studies show that, for children to be successful, children learn to read until third grade and read to learn. Statistics show that third grade will be a turning point in a child's academic opportunity that can determine success in all subjects for years to come and that it will be true to all subjects.

One person can make the decision to help one child and be part of the success of that child. Fort Worth ISD has 83 elementary schools with children that can use your help. 100/25 FWTX volunteers readers are needed. As a volunteer reader, you focus on assisting students in grades K-2 so to prepare students for entering third grade. To learn more, or learn how to help, just go to [www.FWISD.ORG/100x25](http://www.FWISD.ORG/100x25).



### THE ALTAR GUILD'S FINAL MEETING OF THE SEASON

May 8, 2018  
11:30 a.m.  
LaPlaya Maya Restaurant,  
62009 Sunset Drive  
(near Sprouts Grocery south of Camp Bowie)

Please contact Pat Engle at 817-919-7635 or at [pannengel@hotmail.com](mailto:pannengel@hotmail.com) to confirm your attendance.



All ladies and young women who attend our church (member or non-member) are invited to the United Methodist Women's Spring Covered Dish Luncheon.

Saturday, May 12th  
11:30 a.m.

Please let us know you are coming by contacting Pat Engel ([pannengel@hotmail.com](mailto:pannengel@hotmail.com) or 817-919-7635) or Ruth Holder (817-223-0349 or [holdergillian@yahoo.com](mailto:holdergillian@yahoo.com)). Let us know what dish you will be bringing as well. Look for directions as you enter the courtyard.

*Thank you!*

Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers following my knee surgery. I really appreciate my church family.

Ken Leach



Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits I received during my knee replacement. And praise for my faster than normal recovery.

Katherine Busby



A big thank you to Lauren and her manager, Teresa, from the Subway at 301 Clifford Center Drive, for their generous donation of loaves of bread for our food pantry.