



THE HILLTOP NEWS

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April 30, 2019

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 1

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

Thursday—May 2

9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
4:00 p.m., Alzheimer's Support Group

Saturday—May 4

6:00 p.m., Prais'n

Sunday—May 5

7:00 a.m., Sunrise Service
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:50 a.m., Worship Service
4:00 p.m., Confirmation Class

Monday—May 6

10:00 a.m., ESL Class
2:00 p.m., Stephen Ministries
6:00 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday—May 7

9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
2:00 p.m., Heavenly Needles

Wednesday—May 8

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

Thursday—May 9

9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
10:00 a.m., UMW Day Circle
11:00 a.m., UMW Potluck Lunch
7:00 p.m., UMW Night Circle

Saturday—May 11

6:00 p.m., Prais'n

Sunday—May 12—Mother's Day

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

Monday—May 13

10:00 a.m., ESL Class
5:30 p.m., Sigma Alpha Iota (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday—May 14

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9:00-11:00 a.m., Food Pantry
1:30 p.m., Altar Guild

Wednesday—May 15

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

Incidents of hate are of no surprise in our current culture. The latest hate crime incident took place at a house of worship at a Jewish Synagogue on the last day of Passover. The Synagogue Chabad of Poway is located about 25 miles north of San Diego, CA. The gunman surprised the congregation that had assembled for a time of worship and prayer. In attendance was a married couple, a medical doctor and his wife. As a result of the horrific shooting, Lori Gilbert Kaye was mortally wounded when she stepped in front of her rabbi, thus saving his life but sacrificing hers. Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein lost his index finger and cried out that Lori saved him from sure death. Sadly, her husband learned of her death as he tried to save her. He discovered that it was his wife after he tried to check her pulse while giving her heart compressions. He then collapsed and fainted with expressed emotion after recognizing that the person he was working on was his wife. I pray that we will hold this Jewish faith community in our prayers and commit our prayers to the resolution to eradicate violence and hatred in whatever forms they present themselves.

Prayer is a holy act that arises out of our devotion to God. Interestingly, our gathering place is often called sanctuary and house of prayer. Therefore, one should feel safe when coming to church and gathering as a faith community. The Gospels teach that one should love one another even to the extent of praying for our enemy. Our Christian faith teaches us to forgive one another and to work toward peace. We have just celebrated the holy days of Lent and of Easter. Let us then, with renewed devotion, work toward making disciples for Jesus Christ. That means making Christ present by our witness as we seek to live out our Christian faith. We are a church that stands tall on the hilltop of Western Hills. Let us be known to others by the kind of faith that we live. Here, at Western Hills UMC, we care for the immigrant, the down trodden, the poor, the oppressed, the physically injured and mentally distressed. Our message is one that seeks transformation by sharing Jesus through faith, hope, and love.

So, let us not be fearful to gather together in God's House of Prayer, Let us boldly pray to God for peace. Let us defeat hate by practicing the discipline of the love of Christ. Let us pray and respond to the victims of hate and look for ways to be involved in acts that express God's mercy, justice, and kindness.

I pray to meet with you and together pray for peace. Raul

Supporting My Church

Current Prayer Concerns:

Ralph & Shirley Fagan; Zachary Fistic; Leanne Green; Family of Ruth Lee, Christi Meyer's grandmother; James Pendergrass; Charles Powell

(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:

Joan Brown, Renee Brown, Katherine Busby, Alice Clinesmith, Penny Comparini, Beverly Contakos, Kaylan Covan, Mike Dobbs, Dale Ford, Jessica Gray, Jann Green, Mike & Carolyn Grimes, Pete Gutierrez, Aaron Jennings, Mike Magee, Doug & Jean McGlaun, Jane McGoodwin, Jennifer Meister, Spencer Powell, Camille Redden, Marvin P. Rudd

Our Military:

Sam Brooks, Jason Busby, Garret Comparini, Sarah Davis, Dan Fagan, Sarah Harris, Angela Herrington, Trinity Herrington, Christopher Moore, 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

Monday, May 13, 2019 by 12:00 Noon



With Presence

Sunday School Attendance:

April 21st	67
April 28th	60

Spanish Worship Service

April 28th	7
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Worship Attendance:

April 21st—Sunrise	127
April 21st	119
April 28th	94

Praiz'n

April 20th	11
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Gifts of Money Needed for General Budget each week: \$5,000.00

April 21st

General Budget	\$5,972.82
Heifer Fund	20.00
Easter Lilies	40.00
UMCOR	300.00
Grace Fun	46.71

April 28th

General Budget	\$2,552.80
Heifer Fund	14.00
ESL	20.00
Food Pantry	200.00
ESL	460.00

At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought, but what we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but our character; and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters. Live a life of love.



SECURITY TEAMS/LOCK UP TEAMS

May 5th

Security: Ralph Fagan
Lock Up: Ralph Fagan

May 12th

Security: Jerry Warburton
Lock Up: Jerry Warburton

If you are unable to work on your assigned day, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WHAT IS NEXT AFTER EASTER?

We have just celebrated Easter and now you might be asking yourself the question: what is next in my spiritual journey? If you are like me, after a couple of weeks go by and after all the uplifting worship services for Lenten and Easter are over, that question is forgotten. Something else takes priority—especially in our life journey, but I believe that my faith journey makes the rest of my life journey either good or bad. Our faith journey should be at the center of our lives. Chris Hodges has published a book entitled “*What’s Next?*” This book helps to answer in our lives the following questions:

- ◇ “What do I do next?”
- ◇ “How do I stay motivated to grow deeper in my relationship with God when I feel complacent, intimidated, or confused?”
- ◇ “What can I do to get back on track when I hit a Spiritual rut?”

Starting Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00pm we are having a study using scriptures and Chris’s book to help answer the above questions in our lives. I want to invite you to join me in this search for answers. There will be a sign up sheet on the table outside of the Sanctuary. For additional information call the office for Terry or email at fm@westernhillsumc.org.

May Birthdays

- 3—Michael Magee
- 4—Ashton Shaw
- 5—Mike Crockett
- 6—Margaret Johnson
- 8—Rick Valentine
- 10—Claire Tschetter
- 11—Judy Van Roosenbeek
- 16—Kristin Higginbotham
- 17—Taylor Nicole Rampy
- 18—Katherine Bastidas
- 19—Linda Brown
- 19—Sharon Fowler
- 22—Joel Massey



May Anniversaries

- 4 - Ken & Karen Leach
- 19—Dennis & Jeanine Robinson
- 23—Eric & Kris Johnson
- 27—Charles & Agnes Powell



The Altar Guild Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 12:00 noon. The location is the Olive Garden at 925 Alta Mere just north of Ridgmar Mall.

Cliburn in the Community



Enjoy a free concert by prize-winning pianist Leonardo Pierdomenico at the Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W. Third St., at **6 p.m. May 2**. The performance is made possible by the Cliburn in the Community program.

Winner of the Raymond E. Buck Jury Discretionary Award at the 2017 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the 26-year-old Italian pianist won the 2011 Premio Venezia piano competition in Venice and was a semifinalist at the 2016 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels.

He recently earned his master’s degree cum laude at the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia of Rome, studying under 1989 Cliburn bronze medalist Benedetto Lupo.

He has performed with many prominent orchestras and has played solo recitals in Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands and in the major venues of Italy.