



THE HILLTOP NEWS

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December 8, 2020

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

Wednesday—December 9

6:00 pm, Bible Study/Beginners
6:30 pm, Handbell Choir
7:00 pm, La Vida Cristo Centrica

Thursday—December 10

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry

Sunday—December 13

9:00 am, Culto de Adoracion
10:50 am, Worship Service
2:00 pm, Cantata Rehearsal
2:30 pm, Advent Study

Monday—December 14

10:00 am, ESL Class
6:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday—December 15

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry

Wednesday—December 16

10:00 am, ESL Class
6:00 pm, Bible Study/Beginners
6:30 pm, Handbell Choir
7:00 pm, La Vida Cristo Centrica

Thursday—December 17

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry

Sunday—December 20

9:00 am, Culto de Adoracion
10:50 am, Christmas Cantata
2:30 pm, Advent Study

Monday—December 21

6:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday—December 22

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9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry

Wednesday—December 23

6:00 pm, Bible Study/Beginners
6:30 pm, Handbell Choir
7:00 pm, La Vida Cristo Centrica

Thursday—December 24

Christmas Eve—Office Closed
7:00 pm, Worship Service

Sunday, December 27

9:00 am, Culto de Adoracion
10:50 am, Worship Service

Monday—December 28

6:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday—December 30

6:00 pm, Bible Study/Beginners
7:00 pm, La Vida Cristo Centrica

We are in the middle of a very perilous time of human survival as we struggle to stay safe from the threat of being infected with COVID-19. So, wear your face masks, keep your hands sanitized, keep social distancing, and avoid crowds. Persevering and reverencing life is a holy act. I am continually amazed how current events are mirrored by Holy Scripture. Each time that the Revised Lectionary directs my attention to the readings from the Old Testament, which at times is referred as the Hebrew Scriptures, I am totally intrigued.

The Old Testament readings for the previous month have come from two towering old testament prophets, Ezekiel and Isaiah. Both write of the Word of God that is directed for God's people and creation to hear. It speaks of God's promise of salvation to a people who are desperate to be saved. Therefore, we, in our Christian faith, wrestle with a threat to our survival. And the good news is that a vaccine has been developed that will protect us from this viral threat. The problem is that we are having to wait. We wait with fearful expectation and we are needing it to be hopeful expectation. Is it not ironic that we know that there are those that will reject vaccination? Just like the response of old. It leads the prophet to ask, "who will believe our message? Is. 53:1

Let me invite you to tune into our live stream worship service on Facebook live and YouTube. As a people of the Christian faith, we have sought answers to life's enduring questions. What God provides is a journey of faith. In the journey, we recognize what we need to know. Advent is a season in which we journey to prepare to receive from God a Savior of the world, which is Christ Jesus, our Lord. Think on this as we await God's salvation from a viral pandemic, which is COVID-19. As the song goes, "And there will be an answer, let it be." The Beatles.

So, come let us reason together, says the Lord. Let us anticipate and celebrate God's salvation that comes to us in human form. And let us celebrate together. "Surely, it is God who saves us. We will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense. God will be our Savior." Isa. 12

Your pastor, Raul

Supporting My Church

Current Prayer Concerns:

Mary Jo Chamness; David & Wendy Clay; Delaine Clifton; Bonita Elliott; Karen Green; Family of Mike Grimes, step-father of David Clay; Margaret Hughes;
(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:

Frankie Adams, Barbie Brewer, Joan Brown, Katherine Busby, Sabrina Chelette, Penny Comparini, Beverly Contakos, Kaylan Covan, Mike Dobbs, Carole Ewing, Jessica Gray, Jann Green, Pete Gutierrez, Robert Gutierrez, Aaron Jennings, Jennifer Meister, Charles Powell, 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

Sunday, December 20, 2020 by 12:00

With Presence

Worship Attendance via Facebook Views:

November 29th	289
December 6th	227

Gifts of Money

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

November 29th

General Budget	\$1,945.00
Heifer Fund	15.00
UMCOR	1,000.00
Grace Fund	200.00
Food Pantry	150.00
U.M.Y.F.	20.00

December 6th

General Budget	\$6,562.00
Heifer Fund	11.00
Memorial Fund	80.00
Food Pantry	75.00

**When this is over May we never
again Take for granted**

A handshake

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbours

Holidays with friends and family

The stadium roaring

Friday nights out

Each deep breath

A crowded theatre

Life itself

When this ends, may we find that we
have become more like people we wanted
to be, we were called to be, we hoped to
be and may we stay that way- better for
each other because of the worst.



SECURITY TEAM

**David Clay, Stivett Levy
Jeff Shahan**

**If you are unable to work, please make
arrangements for a substitute.**