



THE HILLTOP NEWS

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Western Hills United Methodist Church is rooted in a multicultural mission field in West Fort Worth, where our purpose is to follow the example of Jesus in worshipping God, welcoming all people, and serving others in faith, hope and love.

Wednesday—July 13

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

Thursday—July 14

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry
10:30 am, PWR Moves
6:30 pm, WH Neighborhood Assn.

Saturday—July 16

9:00 am, Congolese Bible Study

Sunday—July 17

9:30 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship Service
11:00 am, Congolese Worship
3:30 pm, U.M.Y.F.

Monday—July 18

6:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday—July 19

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry
10:30 am, PWR Moves
1:00 pm, MHMR Lifestyles

Wednesday—July 20

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

Thursday—July 21

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry
10:30 am, PWR Moves
7:00 pm, Pastoral Conversation

Saturday—July 23

9:00 am, Congolese Bible Study

Sunday—July 24

9:00 am, Culto de Adoracion
9:30 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship Service
11:00 am, Congolese Worship
3:30 pm, U.M.Y.F.

Monday—July 25

10:00 am, Prayer Group
6:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm, Church Council

Tuesday—July 26

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9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry
10:30 am, PWR Moves
1:00 pm, MHMR Lifestyles

Wednesday—July 27

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

Thursday—July 28

9:00-11:00 am, Food Pantry
10:30 am, PWR Moves

Saturday—July 30

9:00 am, Congolese Bible Study

Sunday—July 31

9:30 am, Sunday School
10:50 am, Worship Service
11:00 am, Congolese Worship
3:30 pm, U.M.Y.F.

Dear Church,

With splendid joy and pleasure, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Whether I have met you in person or not, I look forward to meeting you soon.

I am aware of the profound influence pastor Raul had on Western Hills UMC, having served as your pastor for the past 12 years. In general, pastoral change is not an easy task for the pastor or the congregation. It is not like changing employment where the pastor can easily pick up on the next assignment, and the Church quickly accepts a new pastor. The Church is about a relationship with God and with the people. I hope we can point one another towards those critical relationships, be cheerfully involved in one another's lives, and broaden our circle of human relationships and our perspective of God.

With a pastoral change, we are both humbly reminded that it is not our Church; instead, the Church belongs to Christ. We are stewards. We are also reminded that nothing is forever; everything happens in seasons. Thereby, the only figure we need to be attached to is Jesus. We all have the same mission goal: making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we move forward in our season together, may we become better and more faithful followers of Jesus.

While I am beginning to learn about you individually, your collective reputation precedes you. With your faithfulness and generosity, I have gained an inner knowledge of who you are as a people of God. Thank you, Church, for your generous gifts and welcoming attitude. I especially enjoyed reading the notes and cards attached. The cards with the photos were a perk. I want to thank Stephen and the SPPRC for organizing the reception for my first Sunday.

Special thanks to David Clark and the trustees for their dedication and hard work with the parsonage. I know they went the extra mile with preparation, thoroughness, and urgency. David and Mary were kind enough to meet delivery persons on a Tuesday night around 10 P.M. and met my family and me the next night around the same time. I am grateful.

Lastly, one of the ways we can quickly get acquainted is to meet in small groups. If you can host a small group (no more than 10-12) in your home for approximately one hour, please let Terry or me know as soon as possible. Anytime is fine; please respond with a date and time. I want to begin meeting next week. I appreciate your assistance.

Questions to consider during our small group:

1. What is the one thing I, as your new pastor, need to know about this Church?
2. What is one way that we are going to reach new people in this area?
3. What is one dream or vision you have for Western Hills UMC?

Until then, if you would like to visit during the week, I am available. You may call, text, or email. I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue with Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae.

Malō 'aupito! In Christ!
Pastor Sela

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Supporting My Church

Current Prayer Concerns:

Sammie Ellis, Family of Pete Gutierrez, Brenda Mills

(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, Katherine Busby, David & Wendy Clay, Mike Dobbs, Bonita Elliott, Carole Ewing, Robert Gutierrez, Julia Denise Moore, Cyndi Waldrop, Russ Wright



The deadline for the next newsletter is

Sunday, July 24, 2022 by 12:00

With Presence

Worship Attendance via Facebook Views:

July 3rd	136
July 10th	84

Worship Attendance In Person

July 3rd	111
July 10th	109

**Conversation
with the
Pastor**

Pastor's In-home Conversations

Rev. Sela Finau would like to meet with our congregation in small groups.

Our pastor would like to have an open conversation with groups of members so she would have a chance to hear from each member.

We need members to host these small groups in their homes. Please pray and consider being a host to open your home for one of these conversation groups.

There is a signup sheet on the table outside of the Sanctuary for anyone that would be willing to open up their homes for up to 10 people for a meeting with the pastor.

If there are any questions, please contact Terry at the office (817-244-1153) or email me at fm@westernhillsumc.org

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

July 3rd

General Budget	7,135.00
Heifer Fund	20.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Royalties	159.95

July 10th

General Budget	\$4,321.06
Heifer Fund	27.00
Memorial Fund	50.00

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Would you like to have a conversation with the Rev. Sela Finau?

This is your opportunity to have a conversation with our pastor. We will be meeting in small group of 10. Please email or call the office at 817-244-1153 or email fm@westernhillsumc.org to be added to a group. You will be notified the location, date, and time. Our first group is lined up for next Thursday, July 21st at 7:00pm, at the home of Lou Strack, hosted by Debbie & Mike Elrod. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Terry

Finance Report

The following is a financial report for the second quarter of this 2022 calendar year (April, May and June).

Year to Date Actual Revenues	\$71,718.41
Year to Date Actual Expenses	<u>\$74,488.57</u>
	(\$2,770.16)

Due to the generosity of a few members, we have received funds to cover the shortfall between our revenue and expenses.

Our apportionments (connectional giving) budget for 2022 is \$22,281.00. For this second quarter, we have paid \$6,049.35

The church has received the following funds in a couple of designated areas:

Memorial Gifts – \$325.00
UMCOR (primarily for Ukraine) – \$13,345.00

Thank you for your commitment and service to our church.

Brenda Bearden
Chair, Finance Committee



Free to Good Home

Bar height table and four bar stools.

If interested, contact Collette McFarland at 817-98-3638



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Starting July 3rd, please wear your name tags so that our new Pastor will have an opportunity to learn names and faces.

