

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

02/01/2017

Find the Happenings on our church website: <https://cpfumc.org/find-out-whats-happening/>

If you prefer NOT to receive these Happenings each Wednesday, please reply and let us know that.

"If we believe Christian lives are worth more than non-Christian lives, we need to examine our claim to be Christian."

— The Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, senior pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Prayers just added:

Will Burks, Pam Burk's father, recurrence of colon cancer; needing surgery & chemo
Andy Carver, at home after further surgery to deal with spread of cancer
Mike Duncan, Sarah Price's father, cancer has returned
Karen Goodman, had surgery for her detached retina and is progressing well
Martha Orr, having much trouble breathing will receive a pacemaker today at 1pm
Bob Packard, for healing, surgical procedure went well !!!!
Carmelo Perez, prayers requested by Edna Soto
Lauren Hohle Shoup, feeling better but remains in the hospital while trying to adjust to a "normal" diet
Bonnie Stroyer, healing for my broken kneecap.....
Allen Thompson, In Brackenridge recuperating well from double pneumonia will move to Cottonwood soon
Martha Vinson's brother, Steve, struggling with dementia.
A family struggling with marriage & financial problems. Prayers for strength to overcome
Sue Beall, sister-in-law of Par Keys, hospitalized with blood clots in her lungs.
Eric Mullen, waiting as decisions are made on how to treat the melanoma which had not spread.
Cosamina & Connie, friends of Monica Moser, need our prayers for health and strength
Charlie Goss, doctoring therapy sessions...
MacKenzie Salome, Kristin & RJ's newborn, heart valve procedure went well at Dell
Geraldine Shaw, Susan's mom, diagnosed with lymphoma... Chemotherapy starting
Bob Slater, having defibrillator generator replaced...came through the procedure very well...

Continued prayers:

Garet Aucoin,	Sterling and Marilyn's Grandson, a policeman in Slidell, LA		
Joanna Blake & Allison Becker	RN's with high risk pregnancies Pastor Ronnie Calcotte, friend of Jan James		
Cathy Davis & her family	recovering from colon cancer surgery; facing additional chemo & radiation therapy		
Molly Couch	Monica Moser's mom, has COPD... Help her breath better....		
Skyla Casso,	Debbie MacCarroll's granddaughter		
Serita Enney	Child's Haven Family, living with cancer.		
Marc & Dorothy Hall	caring for Marc's brother now residing in Cottonwood Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation		
Jim Lancharic	Leslie Foyt's uncle, living with cancer & heavy duty chemotherapy		
Mel & Brenda Morrell	Sterling Hartman friends, struggling with health concerns		
Bonnie Papick	Monica Moser's good friend, for healing of her body and her spirit.		
Rhea (Ray) Robison	Sarah Price's brother-in-law, who continues to fight through sepsis & infections		
Susan Shaw	hurting physically		
Kris Uglum	Carol Slater's cousin, cancer of tongue in therapy to learn to talk		
Rev. Tina Carter	Clara Crank	Sterling Hartman	Marilyn Hartman
Diane Kelly	Martha Orr	Bob & Carol Slater	Beth Spaulding
Duke Squibb	Alan Thompson	Marsha Venable	Adalid Verastegui
Ruth West	Carol Wyatt	Mary (Grover) Williams	JoAnne Wilshusen

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS Josi Heermans, going through the neighborhood doing art for friends for HCCM donations, received over 100lbs!!!

THANKS Paying 100% apportionments in 2016 (*our 2 for 20 collections*)

THANKS Sending St Andrews Potato Project \$425.33 during 2016!!!

Please RE-MEMBER

TRUSTEES TO RE-KEY DOORS

Following a couple of security incidents in 2016, the Trustees are planning to re-key all of the exterior doors in both the Sanctuary and the Multi-Ministries buildings. In addition, there is already a new, separate key for the church office doors in the Multi-Ministries building. If you need a key to access the exterior doors of either of these buildings or the church office, please contact Carolyn Smith (carolynsmith2215@gmail.com). Trustees are also instituting a key control process which means that key holders will have to sign for their key and be responsible to return it when no longer needed.

FEB. 4

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION MAMAS

- Leadership Development at Berkeley UMC: Anita, Irene, Pauline, Sheryl, Sue will be attending... anyone else interested is welcome to join us = 8am in the church parking lot on Saturday 4th (really you need to attend to see Sue in the MFCC fashion show!!)

FEBRUARY 4

RETHINK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

BETHANY UMC

9:30am-3:30pm @ Bethany United Methodist Church; 10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, TX 78750
With 17 workshops spread across 3 sessions, The Capital District is proud to showcase our mission focus in our community and beyond. The United Methodist Church has opportunities for real global change and RETHINK offers a good start.

Free Registration is OPEN to clergy and lay people.

Free childcare is available for the day-

please note your needs on your registration form.

Workshop, directions & registration on the website.

***Online registration is optional but appreciated:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHxa3860265ED0jZivwfX-iiZqUmMEw6QII09ZrPuSn1MLAQ/viewform>

WED. FEB 8

BIBLE STUDY

ROMANS

Wednesday, FEB. 8th An 8 session "**Study of Romans**" will begin at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Facilitator is Priscilla Gregory asks that anyone interested PLEASE sign up on the sheet at the back of the Sanctuary (even if you signed on the previous list)

SAT. FEB 11

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S RETREAT

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

ANNUAL RIO TX CONFERENCE UMM RETREAT at the Cathedral Oaks Worship and Retreat Center (1225 Co Rd 248, Weimar, TX).

The featured speakers are Rev. Leslie Tomlinson - Senior Pastor and Rev. Kit Tomlinson Youth Minister of Lutie Watkins Memorial UMC, Llano.

Registration fees are \$15.00 for EMS Members and \$25.00 for Non-EMS members to RSVP please contact Dave Glanzer daglanzer@aol.com.

If you want to become an EMS member, please use the following link <http://www.gcumm.org/support/ems> your support of EMS helps to fund The Upper Room Prayer Telephone line.

Cathedral Oaks is offering free lodging overnight Friday, February 10th, you will need to bring your own linens or sleeping bag and pillow. Showers are provided, bring your own towel and soap. Please contact Dave Glanzer daglanzer@aol.com for more information.

Chuck McGarity, Capital District UMM President, Rio Texas Conference Vice President

WED., FEB. 15

THE RED BENCH ARRIVES IN CEDAR PARK

6:30-8:30PM

LOCATION: Cedar Park First United Methodist @ 600 W Park Street, Cedar Park: www.cpfumc.org

The Red Bench is an on-going dialogue program designed to address the most pressing needs of our time: improving interfaith understanding and civil-discourse in our society. Each conversation is centered on moderated small group discussions that are genuinely respectful and safe. This **TOPIC** for this conversation will be "Community" Light vegetarian meal will be served by the UMW....

Please **RSVP** @ www.interfaithtexas.org/cedarpark

FEBRUARY 24-26

YOUTH

**Please check the YOUTH bulletin board in the Narthex!!!
Meals needed for Sunday night meetings .. talk to Rev. Bonnie!!**

Join the **Capital District Youth** on a vibrant **Midwinter** themed "**ROOTED**". We will be spending the weekend of February 24-26, 2016 at Camp Tejas in Giddings, TX in fellowship with other youth.. We will have a great speaker, Rev. Ruben Saenz III.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

WEDNESDAY, February 1st
1:00p NO Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, February 2nd
10:15a Disciple IV

FRIDAY, February 3rd
9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, February 4th
8:00am UMW Leadership Development @ Berkeley
9am
9:30a Rethink Leadership @ Bethany UMC

SUNDAY, February 5th Lydia Patterson Inst
8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,-
9:45a Classes for all ages ; Children(MMB); Youth;
Seekers(Library); Followers(MMBCR); Book
Discussion (MMB);
10:45a WORSHIP Come, Celebrate, Communion
6:00p Youth

MONDAY, February 6th
6:30p Church Council
7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, February 7th
9:15am Prayer in the Library
9:15am Tuesday Trekkers
10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the Sanctuary
11:30a Young at Heart

WEDNESDAY, February 8th
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
7:00p Roman's Bible Study

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Feb 11 th Cancel UMW Meeting	Feb 19 th 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
Feb. 13 th 6:30p Finance Committee	Feb 20 th 6:30p Trustees
Feb 15 th 9:30a Membership Hospitality	Feb 24-26 th Youth MidWinter @ Camp Tejas
Feb 15 th 5:30p Red Bench Conversation on "Community"	Feb 25 th 8am Open Doors
Feb 17 th Newsletter Input	Feb 28 th Shrove Tuesday
Feb 19 th UMW Sunday w/ Becky Harrell	Mar 1 st Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm

Please check the Calendar at our website: www.cpfumc.org

INFORMATION ON CHURCH FINANCES!

JANUARY 2017

Anticipated expenses	\$ 18,500.
Contributions (5/5 Sundays)	\$ 20,797.
Needed (Surplus):	\$ (2,297).
Additional Giving	
\$2 For 20	\$ 400.
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 1710
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 113.
HCCM	\$ 20.
Communion(Becky Harrell)	\$ 131.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

6 / WEEK

WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY

AWESOME !!!!

Remember: 2 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 2 Dinners & 4 Snacks

*** Needing: lunches, vegetables, fruits, milk ***

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JUNE 26-30, 2017

CHILDREN

A WEEK OF FUN IN THE SON!

Summer **Overnight church Camp** at Cross Roads Retreat in Caldwell, Tx for **children entering 3-5th grade** Arts, crafts, sports, water balloons, water slide and worship, along with fellowship and activities using the many amenities of Cross Roads will sure to be a memorable and rewarding experience for your child. This year marks the 2nd year of Son Days Overnight Camp at Cross Roads Retreat Center and we are thrilled! Our camp counselors have all been trained by standards set by the State of Texas and the Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our aim is to *create an atmosphere of inclusiveness and guidance to set as example the lessons that Jesus taught us in a serene and nurturing setting.* Each day children will be able to select small group activities such as arts or sports and will begin and end with large group time of worship in either indoor or outdoor sanctuary.

Camp Cost: Before May 1: \$290 per child for entire week After May 1: \$310

ONLINE REGISTRATION HERE: <http://www.capitaldistrictumc.org/son-days-camp-registration/>

Camp Directors are Martha Calhoun, Children's Ministry Coordinator of the Capital District UMC
cdchildren@capitaldistrictumc.org ; Capital District Office 512-444-1983
and Kristen Hillert, Children's Director at Servant Church, Austin.

Interested in being a camp counselor?

Contact Martha Calhoun We need leaders and assistant leaders 16 years old and up!

The Cross Roads Retreat Center 1-979-567-7974 www.crossroadsretreat.org

WED. MARCH 29TH

CALLING ALL COOKS & TASTERS

There is a rumor, CPFUMC has several great cooks and you are one of them. On Wednesday, March 29th you are invited to participate in our first **SOUP/STEW COOK OFF**. The cook off is opened to all ages and it is free to enter. You may register online at www.cpfumc.org or print and complete the registration form.

You will find a complete list of rules on the entry form. The rules are simple:

- Prepare the dish at home Bring the dish to the church kitchen between 6:00pm and 6:30pm
- Judging begins at 6:30pm. Sampling will follow the judging.

Everyone is invited, cooks and non-cooks. Come, sample the soups and stews. Cheer on the winners. An exciting game of bingo will follow with prizes.

For more information or to become a Cook Off Team members, please contact Carolyn Smith (512) 970-9087, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

Sunday April 2, 2017

6th Annual Crop Hunger Walk

Description of Event: Fund Raiser for Hill Country Community Ministries & Church World Service

Section of **Trail** being used: From Twin Lakes YMCA Parking lot to the one mile marker of the Brushy Creek Trail

Time of Event: **Registration** at 1PM Start time: Walk 2 PM Stop Time: 3 PM Clean up: 3-4 PM

Number of Participates: 40 POC: Roger Brandimarte Phone: 512-528-8353 my cell (5126695951)

TIDBITS

United Methodist News Service Launches Four-Part Cuba Series

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: United Methodist News Service is set to launch a **four-part series** that examines the state of the Methodist Church in Cuba. The articles, which are scheduled to be published January 31, February 2, 7, and 9, take a widespread look at how Methodism is growing throughout urban as well as rural regions of the nation.

Linda Bloom, assistant news editor for UMNS, and Mike DuBose, veteran United Methodist Communications photographer, spent one week traveling throughout Cuba, taking advantage of a recent loosening of travel embargoes for Americans to the Caribbean Island, to meet with pastors, members and missionaries.

The objective of the series, according to Bloom, is to diminish any stereotypes of Cuba that pertain specifically to the country's political environment and the belief that Cubans could not be religious under the Fidel Castro regime, and "to show not only that the Methodist Church in Cuba is thriving, but it has become part of the Cuban identity and is not just a copy of American Methodism."

Today, the **Methodist Church in Cuba** claims more than **400 churches, approximately 43,000 active members** and a community of more than 65,000, with 80 percent of the municipalities having a Methodist church and 98 percent having preaching locations.

Cubans have deep roots in Methodism, dating back to 1898 when the Rev. W.A. Candler became bishop of the Florida area of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and sent missionaries to Cuba, Bloom said.

Until 1968, the Methodist Church was part of the U.S. Methodist Church and a member of the Florida Annual Conference, although the Cuban revolution, which ended in 1959, had splintered the connection years earlier. Although the Methodist Church in Cuba presently is not part of The United Methodist Church connection, the two denominations continue close alliances. Annually, on average, 20 United Methodist Volunteers In Mission teams visit Cuba and some U.S. United Methodist churches maintain partnerships with Cuban congregations and Methodist ministries.

In addition to the four articles, the series features a [slideshow](#) and a [Flickr album](#) of DuBose's photographs. All of the content can be viewed at umc.org/cuba.

Jan. 25 UMNS Pastor Among Dreamers Waiting For Citizenship

The Rev. Orlando Gallardo was 15 when his mother decided it was worth the risk to send her youngest child across the border of Mexico illegally to give him a chance at a better future.

"My mother always worried about me. She pushed me to get an education," he said.

Gallardo had an older brother, a U.S. citizen through marriage, living in Iowa. He agreed to take parental rights and responsibilities for his youngest brother and filed the papers to get legal status for Gallardo.

"Just coming to the U.S. as an ordinary person is very difficult. I got denied," he said. "My mother and brother made a decision I should just come to the U.S. without documents — that it was my best shot."

He has a harrowing tale of his journey into the U.S., from waiting in the freezing river naked and afraid of being abandoned at one point in a hotel with strangers and no food.

"I was 15 years old; I had no idea what I was getting myself into," he said.



Gallardo, now 33, is a graduate of Saint Paul School of Theology and associate pastor of United Methodist Trinity Community Church in Kansas City. He got a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals when President Barack Obama signed the executive order in 2012.

DACA allowed certain undocumented young people brought to the U.S. as children to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit. During the presidential campaign, now-President Donald Trump promised to terminate amnesty programs issued by President Obama and the fate of DACA is unknown at this time.

Nearly 120,000 young people with **DACAs**, also known as Dreamers, are awaiting a response from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services about the status of their applications for initial or continued inclusion in the DACA program, according to data released in September.

However, the Homeland Security Department is continuing to accept and process requests.

"There is justifiable fear among those who have DACA about their future," said Rob Rutland-

Brown, executive director of National Justice for Our Neighbors, a United Methodist immigration ministry that offers free legal assistance to immigrants.

"Will they lose their work authorization? Will the government use their personal information against them? What happens when their DACA expires? These are all great questions," Rutland-Brown said.

"JFON sites across the country are receiving an unprecedented amount of calls not just from those with DACA, but from immigrants in general about what their options will be in the Trump Administration," he said. "Currently JFON sites are not helping people apply for DACA because, based on what Trump has said, it is likely that he will end this executive action and there is a cost and a risk to applying."

There are two proposals in Congress for how to deal with DACA recipients if Trump repeals the executive order.

"**JFON** serves hundreds of aspiring young Americans who have DACA, and we're inspired by their stories every day.

They are school teachers, students, fellow churchgoers, neighbors. This is their home. They should not have to fear losing their jobs or being deported," Rutland-Brown said.

"Justice for Our Neighbors will continue to remind our communities and our leaders in Washington that those with DACA represent what it means to be American and deserve permanent access to the same opportunities as all Americans," he said.

Gallardo believes his mother's prayers got him to this point in his life. He counts it as divine intervention that he got into high school in Waterloo, Iowa, into college at the University of Northern Iowa and to Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

An internship at Trinity United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa, ignited his call to ministry within The United Methodist Church. He is a provisional member of the denomination and appointed to the church where he does ministry with Latino and Anglo young people. He was married July 16 to a "beautiful woman named Emily."

If he is deported, he may be forced to leave the U.S. and go back to Mexico for as much as 10 years. He has petitioned for a waiver from that ban. "With **DACA**, I was able to answer my call to ministry. I know a lot of DACA recipients that have been able to develop themselves and they are really afraid now," he said. Gallardo is working to make his church a sanctuary church that would shelter anyone threatened with deportation.