

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

04/26/2017

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.

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!

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PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Prayers just added:

Ann Carter, with pneumonia must wait for her move into Highland Estates
Bob Packard, for healing & health, as he & Karen travel to Arizona to have a heart check-up
Priscilla Gregory traveling to Houston for a thorough health check-up
Taylor Smith, granddaughter of Sterling Hartman, having a difficult pregnancy
Beth Spaulding, Vicki's Mom, at home fighting infection
Alan Thompson, Vicki's Husband, at home fighting infection
Danny Long, finishing a week of chemotherapy at Seton Hospital Main (38th street)
Deb Pauly, Jill Lundstom's aunt, breast cancer surgery followed by chemo and radiation
Jake Rainwater, critical condition suffering from Valley Fever; Aaron How's housemate's 25 year old son in law.
Kimberly, daughter of Par's friend, had a double lung transplant & heart surgery
Kris Uglum, Carol Slater's niece, on feeding tube as a result of cancer & unable to see her dad before he died.
Parker King, daughter of Sarah King, had spinal surgery & is doing well
Poppie Swart, sister of Corrie Van Rensburg, with breast cancer; lives in South Africa

Prayers of Sympathy

Bea Baldwin, colleague of Jodi Blount, whose daughter, Ellen, died of cancer

Continued prayers:

Carmelo Perez, prayers requested by Edna Soto
Donna M, Rosa D, Mina, Cosamina & Connie friends of Monica Moser, needing prayers
Serita Enney, Child's Haven mom surgical biopsy was "clean"
Sue Beall, sister-in-law of Par Keys, moved to rehab & progressing.
Martha Vinson's brother, Steve, struggling with dementia.
Steven and Meleah request prayer as they settle here in Cedar Park
Geraldine Shaw, Susan's mom, diagnosed with lymphoma... Chemotherapy starting
Steven Wehlmann, Carolyn Smith's brother-in-law, diagnosed with kidney cancer

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 **EMPOWER was GREAT!** We had 11 amazing children join us for an evening of making new friends, visiting with old friends, and sharing new talents. Please see our pictures in the newsletter. Thank you to everyone to attended, assisted, and most importantly prayed for us.

THANKS **BEING THE CHURCH!!!** UMCOR Flood Buckets galore were assembled...with much joy!!!.

BE THE CHURCH

T-SHIRTS

T-Shirt will be available for those who did not pick theirs up on Sunday at the Be the Church Worship event.

Please **RE-MEMBER**

Jean Benson c/o Merrilee Dauer 630 5131156 1320 Brook St. Apt.D St Charles, Ill.60174	Diane Kelly Isle at Cedar Ridge #201 2200 S Lakeline Blvd; Cedar Park 78613	Phyllis Myers 310 Chisholm Trail #206 Round Rock, TX 78681	Carol Wyatt Cedar Ridge Care Center 2100 S Lakeline Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613
		E. Duke Squibb 12042 Bittern Hollow Austin TX – 78758	Marsha Venable 2112 West Riviera Drive Cedar Park, TX 78613

APR 29TH MORNING SP[RING CHURCH CLEAN-UP CONGREGATION!

SEE the Lists of tasks below --- See you Saturday morning!!

APR 29TH EVENING SOCK HOP !!! A CHILD'S HAVEN

Open Enrollment for A Child's Haven, early childhood program begins Feb. 28th for the 2017-2018 school year. Contact Director, Lesley Foyt, director@childshaven.net / 512.335.9540 for more information..

Spring Fundraiser Sock Hop!!- April 29th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm-

Silent Auction; Food; Fun; mark your calendar....

Tickets are \$10 with the proceeds going to Child's Haven and their Scholarship fun

We have tickets for the Elvis Sock Hop, supporting the ministry of Child's Haven, available in the church office for \$10, and at the door. The event is from 5pm- 8pm.

MARK CALENDARS CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

VBS Mega Sports Camp June 19th – 23rd....6-8pm	MEGA SPORTS VBS is for all children entering Pre-K through 5 th grade in August 2017. Please make your calendars and invite your friends. Remember VBS is FREE.
Arts Camp July 24th-28th... 8am-3pm	Our next EMPOWER is in the Pumpkin Patch in October, hope to see you there

VBS does need your help. There will be an **organizational meeting** on **Sunday, May 21st** immediately after 2nd service in the sanctuary. Not only do we need volunteers to lead the sports but we need volunteers to be spiritual leaders, song leaders, organizational, refreshments, and creative leaders. Please plan to attend this organizational meeting, it will be a short meeting.

Any questions, please contact Carolyn Smith (512) 970-9087, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

APRIL 2017

Month to Date Finances	This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	April 23rd "BE the Church"
Contributions (4/5 Sundays)	
Needed (Surplus):	
Additional Giving	
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	
\$2 For 20	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	8:30am 28 (0 visitors)
Communion(UMCOR)	10:45am 55 (4 visitors)
HCCM	Sunday School 8 children 22 adults
CROP Walk	
Youth	

CALENDAR OF EVENT

WEDNESDAY, April 26th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
 7:00p Roman's Bible Study in MMB Conference Room

THURSDAY, April 27th

10:15a Disciple IV

FRIDAY, April 28th

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, April 29th

9am Spring Clean-Up Day
 5pm Sock Hop!! Child's Haven

SUNDAY, April 30th POTATO JAR SUNDAY

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,
 Noonish Pot Luck Lunch
 Noonish Memorial Committee
 6:00p Youth

MONDAY, May 1st

6:30p Church Council
 7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, May 2nd

9:15am Tuesday Trekkers
 10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
 7:00p Roman's Bible Study in MMB Conference Room

LOOKING FORWARD !!

May 8th 6:30p Finance
 May 13th 9am UMW Meets
 May 15th 6:30p Trustees
 May 17th 9:30am Membership
 May 17th Red Bench @ LDS church
 May 19th Newsletter Input

May 21st noon VBS Committee
 May 27th Open Doors
 May 31st 6:30pm Spaghetti Cook-Off
 June 19-23rd 6pm VBS Mega Sports

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

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

YOUTH

Meals needed for Sunday night meetings .. talk to Rev. Bonnie!!

6 / WEEK

WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY

Shelves EMPTY !!!!

Remember: 2 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 2 Dinners & 4 Snacks

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

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

RED BAGS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR "RED BAGS" FILLED FOR HCCM....

NEEDED: TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTH PASTE, & TOILET TISSUE

CHOIR

April 30th - practice after second service
 May 4th - #2058

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 June 4th -sing something - don't know what yet

- Thanks, Jodi; 512-633-0009

COLLECTION FOR UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS

5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
Liquid laundry detergent
Liquid household cleaner:
Dish soap: 1 can air freshener: Aerosol or pump
1 insect repellent spray
1 scrub brush:
18 cleaning wipes:

5 scouring pads:
50 clothespins
Clothesline:
24-roll heavy-duty trash bags:
5 dust masks
2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
1 pair work gloves:

7 sponges:

All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.

APR 29TH

SPRING CHURCH CLEAN-UP

TRUSTEES

#	Description	Tools Required
1	Pull weeds on the north bed (along the north side of the main parking lot)	Bucket, wheelbarrow, lawn and refuse bags, gloves
2	Pull weeds in the east bed (along the east easement)	Bucket, wheelbarrow, lawn and refuse bags, gloves
3	Sweep and Power wash all sidewalks	Blower, power washer
4	Sweep and power wash the porch of the Sanctuary	Blower, power washer
5	Clean out and organize the closet at the end of the hall in the Sanctuary building. Give extra stuff away to Child's Haven Garage Sale.	Sound mind *Be aware that some of the items are for the youth...which ones?
6	Clean out and organize the Shed. Give extra stuff away to Child's Haven Garage Sale.	Sound mind, bug spray, gloves
7	Clean the Sanctuary Building carpets	Shampoo machine
8	Check push mowers for operation, repair/fix/donate to Child's Haven Garage Sale as required	TBD
9	Fix screen on Sanctuary NW window (outside)	Screwdriver, longer screw (1"-1.25")
10	Trim bushes along Sanctuary front access ramp railing (south side railing).	Clippers, hedge trimmer, lawn and refuse bags, gloves
11	Anything in the MMB attic that we should get rid of?	
12	Anything in the Sanctuary building attic that we should get rid of?	
13	Repaint the white plastic bench in the small playground outside the MMB (west side).	Sandpaper, wire brush, regular brush, white spray paint
14	Replace the 4 lettered signs on the Peace Pole	New replacement signs to match the originals
15	Power wash stonework on E side of Sanctuary Building	Powerwasher
16	Get rid of old TVs in the MMB Conference Room.	Truck.
17	Fix any signs that are leaning	
18	Disposition the trailer. John Vinson knows how to license it.	
19	Take down tents	Truck
20	Paint curb stops and parking space lines in MMB parking lot.	
	Whatever you see to do!!!	

TIDBITS

WALKING WITH CHRIST: DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO EMMAUS?

By Heather Hahn, United Methodist News Service

Christ shows up in the most unexpected places — in the wisdom of a stranger, in the breaking of bread and even in those moments when all hope seems lost.

That is one lesson from Luke: 24:13-34, the only detailed account of **Jesus' post-resurrection walk to Emmaus**. The risen Christ travels about seven miles from Jerusalem alongside two grieving disciples. The two already know the testimony of the women at the empty tomb, but they fail to recognize their teacher until he joins them for a meal.

Here is another lesson from the story: A Christ encounter tends to get people up and moving. After Jesus reveals himself, the disciples rush back to Jerusalem with a fervor that **the strangely warmed heart of John Wesley** would recognize.

"Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the Scriptures for us?" the two say to each other.

The familiar Bible story remains cherished Easter reading and, in fact, is one of the possible lectionary passages for this **Easter Sunday**. The account also provides the name of **the Walk to Emmaus movement**, a ministry of ecumenical spiritual retreats organized through The Upper Room at United Methodist Discipleship Ministries.

Scholars and other Christians see plenty of reasons why the story still resonates with Christ's followers today.

"The storytelling catches me every time," said **Ryan Schellenberg**, a New Testament professor at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He calls the Walk to Emmaus one of his favorite Bible passages.

"There's this beautiful irony in the disciples not knowing it when Jesus is walking among them. Then there is this scene of revelation when Jesus reveals himself in the breaking of the bread."

The passage explains how people in the post-resurrection era come to recognize Christ, said **the Rev. Thomas E. Phillips**, a New Testament scholar and dean of the library at United Methodist Claremont School of Theology in California.

"They come to recognize Jesus through the opening of the Scripture (24:27) and through the breaking of bread (24:30)," said Phillips, who served as the lead translator for the Gospel of Luke in the **Common English Bible (Abingdon, 2010)**. "That is, Christ is made known to us through preaching and Eucharist."

Making the Bible cut

The four biblical Gospels each offer slightly different takes on what happened Easter morning and its immediate aftermath. For example, only the Gospel of John recounts Jesus appearing to **Mary Magdalene outside the tomb** and later appearing to the once-doubting Thomas.

Schellenberg and other scholars believe Luke includes the Emmaus account in his biography of Jesus because it fits well with themes the Gospel writer wants to emphasize.

One of those themes is the importance of table fellowship. Schellenberg noted that in Luke, Jesus reveals himself to be someone "who likes a good banquet."

As happens when he reaches Emmaus, Jesus often acts as host, even when he is a guest in the house. Jesus is an inclusive host. He feeds the 5,000 with loaves and fishes. He eats with sinners and tax collectors. In Luke, unlike other Gospels, Jesus also eats with the observant Jewish lay leaders known as Pharisees.

"Someone is sitting down and eating with Jesus in almost every chapter of Luke," Schellenberg said. "So it's not at all coincidental where Jesus is recognized when he sits at the table with his disciples."

Another theme the Emmaus story underscores is the importance of the Hebrew Scriptures in understanding who Jesus is, Phillips of Claremont said.

"Jesus (in Luke) is the fulfillment of the whole of the Old Testament — that is, Jesus's life, death and resurrection complete the overall trajectory of Old Testament hope," he said. "This is very different than in Matthew where Jesus fulfills the specific verses in the Old Testament."

In Luke, Jesus takes time to explain Scripture before his disciples can truly see him.

Rethinking the Messiah

Why were the disciples so blind that they could not immediately identify their beloved master? Schellenberg suggests it is because they saw Jesus' death as the end of God's plan.

They expected a Messiah who would liberate Israel. They did not expect God's anointed to suffer. However, as Jesus himself tells his traveling companions, that is what the prophets promised.

"Those who are looking for a glorious Jesus to come and rescue them from their enemies with violence and power might miss the humble Jesus who shows up on the road with them," Schellenberg said.

He added that Luke's emphasis on the suffering Messiah is not about the doctrine of atonement — **that Christ had to die so human sin could be forgiven**. That lesson is elsewhere in the New Testament; Luke had a different interpretation.

"He focused on the fact that what it means to be faithful to God in a world that is addicted to wealth and power and other values that contradict what God's kingdom is about is necessarily suffering," the scholar said. "The Messiah must suffer because those who obey God will end up suffering because of the nature of the world. Jesus is the model for what faithfulness to God looks like."

FROM: Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President Council of Bishops

Grace and peace to you from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Council of Bishops hereby calls a special session of the General Conference per Division Two - Section II - Article II of The Constitution of The United Methodist Church (§14 of The Book of Discipline (2016)). The special session of the General Conference will be held **February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.**

The purpose of this special session of the General Conference shall be limited to receiving and acting upon a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward.

According to Article II of The Constitution (§14 of the Book of Discipline (2016)), this special session of the General Conference shall be composed of the delegates to the 2016 General Conference or their lawful successors, except when a particular annual conference or missionary conference shall prefer to have a new election.

The Secretary of the General Conference will be in communication with annual conference secretaries regarding updated delegate information, seating of reserve delegates, and the issuance of new certificates of election for annual conferences choosing to hold a new election.

The Commission on the General Conference and the Business Manager of the General Conference will develop and forward additional information regarding the logistics of the special session of General Conference at the appropriate time.

The Council of Bishops encourages the entire church to continue in deep, unceasing prayer for Holy Spirit breakthroughs for the Commission on a Way Forward and the special session of General Conference.