

# HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

06/14/2017

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.

**Combined 10am Sunday Worship June 18, 25**



"I know the burden of food provision falls on the woman, and she has to work twice as hard to put food on the table. Chaya will lessen the burden of women having to travel long distances to fetch water." — [Margaret Tagwira](#), Africa University agricultural researcher, on drought-resistant chaya.

Her compassion for women has made her an evangelist for chaya, a drought-resistant shrub she calls a "woman's plant" because it is loaded with protein, iron, calcium, potassium and Vitamin A — all essential nutrients, especially for women and babies

## PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

### Prayers:

TraceyAnne Carter also requests prayer for needed dental work.

TraceyAnne Carter requests prayer for Vicki Cowan, recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

From Janice Burris for her brother, Ronald Sage; sister in law, Cheryl Sage; and sister, Fern Hardy, each dealing with health issues

David Lewis, Pam Hardin's partner, chronic pain from digestive disorders

Prayer requests from Sterling Hartman: Marilyn Hartman at Highland Estates;

Francis Smith, daughter-in-law; Denise Mabrey, friend; Shelly Aucsin, & Patti Hartman, sister-in-law

Taylor Smith, granddaughter of Marilyn & Sterling Hartman, having a difficult pregnancy

Frances Cannon, Beth Spaulding's big sister & Vickie Thompson's Aunt, had myrsid cancer – surgery on Tuesday

Deb Pauly, Jill Lundstrom'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.

Poppie Swart, sister of Corrie Van Rensburg, with breast cancer; lives in South Africa

### Continued prayers:

Bob Packard, for healing & health,

Carmelo Perez, prayers requested by Edna Soto

Donna M, Rosa D, Mina, Cosamina & Connie friends of Monica Moser, needing prayers

Danny Long, at home between cancer treatments.(Kris, Emily, Dillon)

Geraldine Shaw, Susan's mom, diagnosed with lymphoma... Chemotherapy starting

Julie Hughes, dear U.K. friend of Cynthia Lawrence, battling cancer

Martha Vinson's brother, Steve, struggling with dementia.

Thompson Family, Vicki, Alan, Andrew, Beth Spaulding, Frances Cannon, *Beth Spaulding's big sister*

Sarah Price, recovering from surgery for a thoracic spinal cyst. Care Calendar details below

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

UMW & 'Be The Church' for the 21 Flood Buckets being delivered to UMCOR

**THANKS**

UMW Mission u! training in Houston.... Missionary Conferences in UMC

Please **RE-MEMBER**

**JUNE 19-23**

**MEGA SPORTS VBS**

**NEED LIST....**

The planning has begun for our MEGA SPORTS VBS, the week of June 19, Monday through Friday. The children will begin by hearing bible stories with discussion on how these stories apply to their daily lives. They will also learn new sporting skills of basketball, soccer, cheerleading, and martial arts. VBS is open to all children who will be on September 1st, 2017 at least age 4 and entering Pre-K through 5th grades. Please find the registration form on the church website. We currently have **44 Children** registered!!! **VBS is free to all children, no families will be charged. In order to make this happen we need your help.**

Please consider making donations for our **concessions**. Please drop off the items in the narthex

**WE NEED:**

- Basketballs (to borrow)
- Small paper cups, 12 oz.
- Nacho chips
- Individual pudding or jello cups
- Hotdog wieners
- 16 oz. bottles of water (50+)
- Velveeta-cheese
- Soccer Balls (put name on)
- Cool Whip (Whipped Cream)
- Trail Mix, no nuts
- Individual granola bars
- Hotdog buns
- Goldfish
- Paper boats for food

We also need you as a **volunteer**. At this time we still need assistant sporting coaches, individuals to reinforce the daily bible stories, other general positions.

If you are available please contact Carolyn Smith. Also plan to attend our next organization meeting Sunday, June 11th immediately after service.

Everyone is invited to attend our **Demonstration Day, Friday, June 23rd at 6:00pm**. The children will show us the new skills they have learned. Hope to see you there.

**JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**UM ARMY MISSIONS**

**SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

The Youth are participating in the Rio TX UM Army Mission experiences. They need supplies such as 2"/4" paintbrushes, paint rollers, drop cloths, tin snips, trailer to haul stuff, etc, etc, etc. Cards to **provide these supplies** can be found on the back table in the sanctuary ... indicate on there if you want to **donate the supplies** to the church or have them returned to you when the youth are finished. With questions talk to Sean Dubler !!



**BASIC Middle School:**

- Sunday- Thursday • June 25-29<sup>th</sup> @ Dripping Springs UMC
- Students grade 6-8
- Cost is \$200/participant



**High School UM ARMY:**

- Sunday-Saturday: June 25-July 1 @ LaGrange FUMC
- December, June and July
- students grades 9-12
- Cost is \$250/participant

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**CHOIR**

We will meet at 9:20 am next Sunday - June 18th-- to rehearse for the 10 am service. The only Sunday we will not practice is June 25th as I am in Ala. with Audrey for her orientation. Thank you! Jodi; 512-633-0009

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>****UNITED METHODIST WOMEN****ALL WOMEN WELCOMED**

The remaining **FLOOD BUCKETS** were assembled at Sheryl McNichols house at June 11th All of the buckets will be delivered that week to Leander UMC . Their Youth Mission Trip to UMCOR will take the buckets to the UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana to deliver. A marvelous partnership in mission!!!  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> the UMW will lead Worship at The Pointe...

**MARK CALENDARS****CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**OPEN HEARTS SUMMER CAMP**  
**July 24th-28th....8am-3pm**

Our next **EMPOWER** is in the Pumpkin Patch in October, hope to see you there

Any questions, please contact Carolyn Smith ([512\) 970-9087](tel:5129709087), [carolynsmith2215@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsmith2215@gmail.com).

**INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!****JUNE 2017**

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 18,500.	<u>June 11<sup>th</sup></u>
Contributions (2/4 Sundays)	\$ 8,703.	June Schedule
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 9,797.	<b>One combined Service</b>
Additional Giving		
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 65.	
\$2 For 20	\$ 68.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 22.	<u>10:00am</u>
Communion(UMCOR)	\$ 243.	77
Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary	\$ 400.	
Youth (UMArmy)	\$ 150.	<b><u>NO Sunday School</u></b>
HCCM	\$ 112.	

**CALENDAR OF EVENT****WEDNESDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

1:00p **NO** Easy Line Dancing Class

**THURSDAY, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:15a Disciple IV

**FRIDAY, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SATURDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup>****SUNDAY, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

10am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Choir,  
 Communion,-  
 3:30pm Worship at The Pointe UMW  
 6:00p Youth

**MONDAY, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30p Contemplative Prayer  
 6-8pm **VBS** Mega Sports Camp  
 6:30p Trustees Committee

**TUESDAY, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30-9:50am Morning Prayer Service  
 10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the Sanctuary  
 6-8pm **VBS** Mega Sports Camp

**WEDNESDAY, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:#0a Membership Committee  
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class  
 6-8pm **VBS** Mega Sports Camp

**LOOKING FORWARD !!****ONE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE DURING JUNE**

June 24<sup>th</sup> 8am Open Doors UUMC  
 June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> UM Army Middle school Mission @ Dripping Springs

July 18<sup>th</sup> 7p Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog  
 July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30a Membership Care  
 July 20<sup>th</sup> 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog

June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> UM Army High School @ LaGrange  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30p Trustees  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> Church Closed  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> UMW Meets  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30p Finance  
 July 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30p Worship at The Pointe  
 July 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30p Church Council

July 21<sup>st</sup> Newsletter Input  
 July 24-28<sup>th</sup> Arts Camp  
 July 25<sup>th</sup> 7p Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog  
 July 26<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream CookOff  
 July 27<sup>th</sup> 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog  
 Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 7p Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog  
 Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog

**Please check the Calendar at our website: [www.cpfumc.org](http://www.cpfumc.org)**

## ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

**SUNDAYS 6PM**

**YOUTH MEETINGS**

**Youth meeting 6pm Sundays .....!!**  
*Meals needed for Sunday night meetings .. talk to Rev. Bonnie!!*

## THE COOK-OFF SCHEDULE

**LOOKING FORWARD and MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for our upcoming events:  
 Ice Cream – July 26<sup>th</sup> Chili – October 25<sup>th</sup> Plan to SEE YOU THERE.

**HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

**RED BAGS**

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

**JULY 24TH- 28TH**

**OPEN HEARTS SUMMER CAMP**

**SPREAD THE WORD!**



CPFUMC has a summer art camp!  
 This is the 2nd year to sign your kids up for a fun and educational summer camp.  
 Activities include (1) art, (2) music, (3) movement, and (4) science.  
 Your child will make creative art projects like shrinky dinks and use water colors. They will learn about various music composers and musical styles in music. In movement they will be learning fun games and dances from various parts of the world and in science we will make slime among other things.  
 Please go to [www.cpfumc.org](http://www.cpfumc.org) for more information

## TIDBITS

### SMALL CHURCH AS SURROGATE FAMILY

*Lewis A. Parks, author of Small on Purpose, says the small church offers a surrogate family for those whose basic family unit is dispersed or in need of wider circles of reinforcement. Smaller congregations today are not unlike the house churches in the New Testament era, he says, which redefined familial relationships around the bonds of faith.*

Outside my front door is the campus of a megachurch that averages 3,000 persons in worship weekly. Some parents with children have left my church for this church. They wanted a more complete Christian environment for their family — for their children to be around other children as they learned, played, came to confession of faith, and grew into adulthood. It is a compelling logic, & I never tried to argue against it. *Small churches have a quiet but diffuse witness to share with congregations of all sizes. It is a witness to the worth of being a place where everyone knows your name and all together we can call upon the name of the Lord and thereby experience more abundant life.*

What I have tried to do is figure out what the alternative logic might be for a small church. And I think it may be this: the small church offers a surrogate family for those whose basic family unit is dispersed or in need of wider circles of reinforcement. There are widows and widowers that fear being swallowed by their

memories, regrets, and health issues. They know they need regular face-to-face and name recognition contact. They know they need their faith to be tangible and incarnate.

There are empty nesters whose grown children and fast-growing grandchildren live at a distance. These empty nesters have surplus space to care for persons to whom they are not related, except by the waters of baptism and a shared Christian worldview. She has time to be aunt to the young single mother who struggles with addiction. He has time to be uncle to the young man trying to start a new business.

Together they visit those of the church family who can no longer leave their residences.

There are the young single adults who obviously are just passing through on their way to life after college, military service, or the entry-level job. For a few months they lend their enthusiasm, their gifts, their surprising preference for small church and traditional liturgy. They sit alone in the pews comfortable and confident in their youth but give themselves freely in the social exchanges through which their elders soak up their energy.

Grandparents bring their grandchildren. They are not giving up on the missing generation with its casual secularity, but they would see their children's children exposed to religious faith. It is a gentle act of subversion. Those who thrive in large families where celebrations are frequent plan surprise birthday and anniversary celebrations for those who have no one else to remember. The well-dressed, bookish homeless man settles into the pew next to the family of five sporting the casual Hawaiian look.

### **The surrogate family of Jesus**

Sometimes it occurs to me that I am witnessing the last stages of decay of a once vibrant organism, the leftovers of the heyday of nuclear families of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, the church on its way down. I counter those gloomy thoughts by remembering some other churches on their way up, the house churches of the New Testament and first two centuries. The persons in those small churches, so to speak, come from broken homes. They answer the call to exclusive, ultimate loyalty to Jesus as Lord.

In the new surrogate family of Jesus, some of the established family patterns and practices of the ancient Mediterranean are left behind such as exclusion by bloodline, firm hierarchical relations, and the limited roll assigned to women. Other patterns and practices, such as sibling solidarity, fellowship around the table, and worship, are kept but reminded to fit the members of the new surrogate family. In the Gospels Jesus builds that first surrogate community precursor to the church.

The drama of the loss of biological ties and traditional family ties and the gain of new faith-based and future-oriented family ties saturates the pages of the New Testament. It is a narrative of collapse and restoration ignited by the example and lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a staple of the soul care that can be replicated in the small-church setting.

### **The worth and witness of the small church**

The decline of mainline churches has brought the nature and mission of the church front and center. Some see small churches as part of the problem. They judge their size as a business enterprise that never quite took off; small churches have not carried their weight. I prefer to see the small church as part of the solution. These "failed enterprises" have been around a long time. They have replenished themselves with new players and new services for decades, and in some cases centuries. That's a durability worth pondering.

Small churches have a quiet but diffuse witness to share with congregations of all sizes. It is a witness to the value of maintaining focus over the long run, of being thrown again and again on the Spirit for buoyancy and gifts, of being shrewd in dire circumstances. It is a witness to the worth of being a place where everyone knows your name and all together we can call upon the name of the Lord and thereby experience more abundant life.

This article is excerpted from *Small on Purpose: Life in a Significant Church* (Abingdon Press, 2017) by Lewis A. Parks. Used by Permission. The book is available at [Cokesbury](#) and [Amazon](#).