

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

07/19/2017

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.

Worship times 8:30 & 10:45

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Ramping it up in Cortland, NY

Imagine not having access to your own home. Seventy-four year old Charlie Yager faced this situation in June of 2016. He struggled with lung problems for several years and was hospitalized for two weeks with severe breathing problems. Charlie came home on hospice, in a wheelchair, yet no way to enter his home. Within 24 hours, Cortland FUMC's Ramp it Up ministry came to Charlie's house and built him a ramp.

When Charlie came home that day last June, he was given two weeks to live. Now, over a year later, Charlie still struggles with breathing and is wheel-chair bound for the remainder of his life, but feels well most days. Janet Zimmerman, his daughter, said, "The Ramp it up 5K is a God-send and the fact that the ramp ministry was able to build a ramp in an emergency situation amazes me. I'm pretty sure were it not for the ramp, my father wouldn't be alive today. He is a mover and needs to be out and about. He's a very social person."

*See Responses Below
in the Tidbit section*

*Where are your
"sacred" spaces?*



PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Prayers:

Please Remember Miranda Smith Williams @ RAF Croughton; PO Box 71; Brackley: NN13 5XP

Molly Couch, Monica Moser's friend, COPD

Jose Gonzalez, co-worker of Shawn Dubler, battling leukemia

Pam Moots, Sue Sidney's sister, Lymphoma starts chemotherapy on Monday

Pat Sowder & family, found remains of brother-in-law, Darrell, after several years

Carol, Monica Moser's friend, recovering from colon cancer surgery

Deborah Hatcher, Terry Adams sister, in ICU in Memphis

Christy Ibarra, Karen Jones friend, to find a job soon.

Holly Laughlin and family

Denise Mabry, the Hartman's friend for healing, dropped a glass; fell on broken glass & hit her head resulting in a brain bleed

John Payne, Sheryl McNichol's father, having heart issues.

Traceyanne Carter also requests prayer for needed dental work.

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 (rm 303);

Francis Smith, daughter-in-law; Denise Mabry, 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, cancer

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 doing much better.

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)

Vicki Cowan, recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

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*

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

The peace being felt even in the midst of chaos and concern over health and life.

THANKS

Safe traveling with friends

Please RE-MEMBER

CANCEL

OPEN HEARTS SUMMER CAMP

SPREAD THE WORD!



With sadness the Art Camp has been canceled due to a lack of registrations

JULY 26TH

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

THE COOK-OFF SCHEDULE

Please plan on attending the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on **Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 in the sanctuary.**

We invite **all** to bring their favorite homemade ice cream and participate in the contest. You can register online at www.cpfumc.org or pick up a registration form at the church. When registering on line from the home page please scroll down to "Upcoming Events" to locate the registration form. Complete the form and do not forget to **click on the "register" button**. Once completed you will receive a confirmation email.

If you do not wish to make homemade ice cream you are also welcomed to bring your favorite ice cream from the store. The ice creams purchased in the store will not be part of the contest but available to all to enjoy. Please leave in the original containers.

There will be a **SMALL CHEST FREEZER** available beginning the morning of Wednesday, July 26th. You are welcome to place your ice cream in the freezer anytime during the day. Please be sure your name is on the container.

Remember all are invited including friends. Please come and enjoy this special treat with us followed by games of **BINGO**.

If you would like to be part of the planning team, please contact Carolyn Smith (512) 970-9087.

SEE YOU THERE.

AUG. 3

ISHMAEL & ISAAC IN DIALOG

NEW DATES

MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE CLASSES WILL BE HELD :

Due to a scheduling conflict, our joint class with the Islamic Center of Brushy Creek will now be meeting for **five consecutive Thursday mornings, beginning August 3**, from 10-11:30 a.m. The **Evening sessions will be held later in the fall**. We apologize for this schedule change!

Last summer several members of Cedar Park Church and their friends participated in a book group to read and discuss *Memories of Muhammad* by Omid Safi.

Many of us were amazed to find out we knew practically nothing about Islamic religion. So, the book was a real eye opener for us. We even took a trip over to the Islamic Center of Brushy Creek to have some conversations with several of our Muslim neighbors there.

The classes will consist of reading the Bible and the Qur'an side-by-side to consider the parallels between the two books. Please consider joining us for this wonderful series of opportunities to be a real neighbor to these wonderful people in our community.

AUG 12TH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ALL WOMEN WELCOMED

July 7-9 so our NEXT Unit gathering will be in August (12th)

AUG 14, 10:00AM BOOK DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR, ANDREA LUCADO ALL WELCOME

Please ALL come and enjoy meeting the author of "English Lessons", Andrea Lucado, as well as participating in a discussion surrounding her writing.

English Lessons, The Crooked Path of Growing Toward Faith

Could She Come to Love the Questions Themselves?

The church wasn't just a part of Andrea Lucado's childhood. It *was* her childhood. It provided more than happy moments. It provided an invitation to know Jesus.

When Andrea arrived in Oxford the year after she graduated from college, she expected to meet God there. What she didn't expect was that God would be much bigger than she'd believed.

In this engaging memoir, Andrea speaks to all of us who wrestle with doubt and identity. "So many nights in Oxford," Andrea writes, "I felt like the details of my faith were getting fuzzier. Nights turned restless with questions. I questioned God's existence, and the doubt was getting into my bones."

In *English Lessons*, Andrea takes us through the roads of England and, **more importantly, the paths of the soul. Here she explores the journey of a changing faith and an unchanging God—and why growing up starts with realizing just how small we are.**

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

JULY 2017

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 18,500.	<u>July 16nd</u>
Contributions (3/4 Sundays)	\$ 13,888.	<u>8:30 am</u>
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 4,612.	27 (Visitors:0)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 30.	69 (Visitors: 6)
\$2 For 20	\$ 347.	<u>Sunday School</u>
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 47.	Children: 11
Communion(MFCC)	\$ 145.	Adults: 12
Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary	\$ 90.	
Youth	\$ 97.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, July 19th

9:30a Membership Care

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, July 20th

FRIDAY, July 21st Newsletter Input

SUNDAY, July 23rd

8:30am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion, -

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

10:45am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, -

MONDAY, July 24th

7:30p Contemplative Prayer

6:30p Church Council

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee
SATURDAY, July 22nd
 8:00am Open Doors @ UUMC

TUESDAY, July 25th
 9:30-9:50am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, July 26th
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
 6:30p Ice Cream CookOff

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Aug 2-30 Communications Webinars on Wednesday mornings
 Aug 3rd 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog
 Aug 7th Trustees
 Aug 10th 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog
 Aug 12th 9:30a UMW
 Aug 14th 10am Book Discussion with Author
 Aug 14th 6:30p Finance
 Aug 16th 9:30a Membership

Aug 17th 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog
 Aug 18th Newsletter input
 Aug 20th 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
 Aug 21st 6:30p Church Council
 Aug 22nd Young at Heart
 Aug 24th 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog
 Aug 26th 8am Open Doors
 Aug 31st 10a Ishmael & Isaac in Dialog

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

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

JULY-AUGUST CHOIR

Just a reminder that you are now off for the summer - enjoy your rest -- we will resume towards the middle of September with a start on Advent music--It seems that most folks want to do a pot luck for choir at the end of July -- so how about July 30th after second service at my house?
 Thank you! Jodi; 512-633-0009

MARK CALENDARS CHILDREN'S SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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.

SUNDAYS 6PM YOUTH MEETINGS

*Youth meeting 6pm Sundays!!
 No Sunday night Youth meetings while the youth are with the UMArmy!!
 Meals needed for Sunday night meetings .. talk to Rev. Bonnie!!*

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES RED BAGS

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

TIDBITS

JULY 11, WE CAN PRAY ANYWHERE. WHERE'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE? BY JOE IOVINO

We know God hears us wherever we pray, but some United Methodists find special places where they most like to spend time with Jesus.

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At home

Many return to a room in their house. Brenda Grundrum, for example, prays in her den. "That is my turf," she shares, "Me and my Lord's space."

Some like Fran Wheeler are a bit more specific. "A particular chair in a particular room," is her special spot for prayer. "It seems to have been **sanctified** over years of use."

Others have special pieces of outdoor furniture where they enjoy time with God. "I pray and chat with Jesus on my swing in our backyard," Simone Sutter shares. "All I see is nature. All I hear is birdies and frogs... I feel so very close to Him there."

While active

Melody Daily also pauses for prayer in her backyard, but she doesn't sit still. Melody prays while working in her garden. "There's not much that's as holy as that to me," she writes. "God is right there in the earth and the sounds of the birds and crickets and the breeze rustling up some little patch of dust."

Similarly, Lee Cole prays, "While riding the farm tractor while mowing or plowing."

Robin Hamm prays while walking her dog, and Lisa Hughes and her husband "pray together as we walk in our neighborhood park every morning before work."

"Deep in the woods while hiking," is a special place for William White, and Rhiannon-John Thomas prays while running. "Clearing the mind and focusing on the Word while I run," Thomas explains, "helps immensely in my faith walk."

In nature

Whether active or still, nature is an important element of many special prayer spots.

Charlotte Johnson Bennardo has a meditation garden that sounds like a wonderful place for prayer. "No one bothers me there," she writes, "and I have as long a chat with God as I need. The beauty of the flowers, trees, birds and such, calms me."

Lilia Mopas beautifully describes "quiet places where I can feel the presence of the Lord every time I want to talk to Him. In those places where you can see the beauty and amazing creation of God."

Pat McClain Thomas looks for "private, quiet, tranquil surroundings," and Verlyn de la Cruz says it "doesn't matter where I am as long as I'm alone and without any noise."

Bodies of water are also popular nature spots for prayer. Lakes, beaches, and oceans were mentioned by several. Jan Coulbourne likes to pray while walking on the beach, adding, "I'm sure Jesus tucked a few pieces of sea glass in his robe pockets too."

Some like Paul Sebastian Gómez have specific spots to which they return. Gómez found his special place when he was 15 years old and his father became pastor of Red Mountain United Methodist Church in Mesa, Arizona. "I remember taking a short drive on the Bush Highway just a few miles north of the church, and seeing these cliffs. It was the most comforting thing to see in a completely new world. Throughout the years, this little spot has become a safe place where I know God has called me to be."

While driving

Praying behind the wheel is another popular spot among respondents. The quiet alone-time makes the car a substitute "prayer room," as Dena Kea Jackson describes it.

Lenna Mullins pauses for prayer at the end of her driveway in the morning. "It faces east. The sun is rising. Birds are singing. The air is fresh. We get to start the day with a clean slate."

Sandra Elaine Pyles Parker prays during her commute. "I like to pray in my car while headed to my teaching job in the mornings. I feel God's presence as I call out to Him. It makes my day!"

Deb Overdahl likes "to pull over by a peaceful lake or pretty scenery," to pause and "thank God for such a beautiful site."

In churches and chapels

Others drive to a church or a camp for special times of prayer.

Skippi Posey travels to Dooly Campground in Vienna, Georgia, where, "I went to **Emmaus** and worked **many walks**... When I drive on the grounds I can feel the presence of our God."

Other United Methodist camps like **Lakeview** in Palestine, Texas, and **Sky Lake** in Windsor, New York, were mentioned as favorite prayer spots by those who had been campers as children.

Churches are also favorite places to pray. Small chapels and empty sanctuaries are favorites, but others like Alex Byrd find smaller, nearly secret spots. "There's a hidden hallway behind our stage for access to the baptistery. The way it's laid out and the feeling I get from praying there is like the holy of holies."

In bed

After a full day, many take time to close their day with prayer in their favorite spot... bed.

"Every night, I get on my knees, by my bed, and humble myself before my Lord," Sharon Gilbert says. "I can't crawl into bed, no matter how tired I am, without my time with Him!"

Cynthia Fuller, who gave us her age to assure us she wasn't "a little kid," was more descriptive. "I meet with my father in my bed. I sit in the middle with the covers over my head and we have a wonderful time. I pray. I talk. The wonder and the richness of Him being there with me is amazing." She then rhetorically asks, "When you think of spending most of your life there... Where oh where would you want His Presence more?"

Special places are wonderful additions to our prayer lives, reminding us that God is ready to hear us wherever we pause to pray.

"The Lord is close to everyone who calls out to him,
to all who call out to him sincerely." (**Psalm 145:18 CEB**)

Where do you find "sanctuary" to pray?