

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

10/11/2017

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.

Sunday Worship times 8:30a & 10:45a



❖ Pumpkins arrived on Monday, October 9th at 5pm !!!

❖ ALL HELPING HANDS THANKED !!!

❖ Pumpkin Patch **Helping Sign Up** online at :

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/6775657374/1935594/false#/invitation>

OR Call the Church Office 512.335.9540 M-Th 9-1p

Times available this week:(*other times next week*): **Wed 11th 12-2p; 6p-dark;**

Thurs 12th 2-4pm; Fri 13th: 12-2p; Sun 15th 6p-dark;

❖ Fall Festival Oct. 28th <https://cpfumc.org/pumpkin-patchfall-festival/>

see below for Garage Sale information.....

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Elaine Stolfuss, broken foot

Karen Jones having surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon

Amy Stringer, sister of Lesley Foyt the Child's Haven Director, is pregnant and found out she has per-eclampsia and may have to be hospitalized.

Adam Maund's sister, Lindsey Upton, and her family have been completely flooded out in Houston.

Rod & Stella Hycho, friends of the Thompsons, on the death of her mom.

Carol Slater's daughter-in-law, Asia, caring for her parents in poor health in Zyrardow, Poland

Connie Hayden, Corrie & Clunie's daughter, Alan Thompson's caregiver, NO breast cancer FOUND

Ed Golden, friend of Bonnie How, battling Leukemia.

Sue Raske, friend of Bonnie Hicks, diagnosed with cancer

Jackie Vaughtner, Glenda Goss' sister, with cancer

Jim Wyndham family, Spring Tx in Hurricane

Lora, friend of Vikki Mock, found out she has lung cancer & lupus

Miranda & Victor Williams, Victor being deployed to Turkey & Miranda while he is gone

Charlane Zigmond, Vikki Mock friend, moving to Wisconsin to be with family after divorce.

Keith & Caroline Jensen, cousins of Carol Slater

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS To all those that worked very hard unloading the Pumpkin Truck on Monday evening!!!

THANKS Ethan How returning home after 2 years of missionary service with LDS church in Las Vegas

OCTOBER

NEEDED

FLOWER MINISTRY

VASES for the flower ministry as the flower provider is now charging \$15 per container

Canned FRUIT for Hill Country Ministries.... FILL red HEB bags with any kind of canned fruit!!!

SAT, OCT. 14TH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ALL WOMEN WELCOMED

Faithful UMW, Mission Mamas, Thank you for your commitment to the UMW of CPFUMC.

Some events that will participate in:

Oct 14th MFCC 60th Anniversary Party; 2-5pm at MFCC

Oct 20-21 Rio TX UMW Annual Meeting in Corpus

Oct 27th-28th Fall Fest Garage Sale and fun time!!

Dec 9th Advent Brunch We will be sponsoring this for women on Sat. Dec. 9th...



EMPOWER in the PUMPKIN PATCH

All children from Pre-K through 5th grade

NO registration fee - Canned goods for Hill Country Ministries are welcomed.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

6pm to 9:30pm

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

Come share your talents.

You will have up to 5 minutes on stage to perform, sing, dance, demonstrate, or anything you would like to share.

After the talent time we will enjoy group games and a movie. The outdoor chapel does not have lighting so we ask the children to bring a flashlight, blanket, pillow, etc.

Participation forms will be available on the church website or at the front desk.

A snack will be provided - roasted hot dogs, and s'mores. Invite all your friends.

COME, DANCE LIKE NO ONE IS WATCHING.

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

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

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c/o Merrilee Dauer
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St Charles, Ill.60174

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

Continued PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

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

Continued prayers for our families & friends:

Christy Ibarra	David Lewis	Deb Pauly	Denise Mabry,	Poppie Swart
Frances Cannon,	Holly Laughlin	John Payne	Jose Gonzalez	Kris Uglum
Pam Moots	Ronald Sage	Cheryl Sage	Fern Hardy	Francis Smith
Denise Mabry	Shelly Aucsin	Patti Hartman	Taylor Smith	
Bob Packard	Carmelo Perez	Danny Long	Vicki Cowan	Geraldine Shaw
Julie Hughes	Martha Vinson's brother,	Steve	Thompson Family	Steven Wehlmann
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	Mary Linda Verastegui		Ruth West
Carol Wyatt	Mary (Grover) Williams	JoAnne Wilshusen		

OCT. 28TH 10A-2PM

FALL FUN FEST

SAVE THE DATE

PUMPKINS, GAMES, CHILDS HAVEN GARAGE SALE UMW MISSION GARAGE SALE & MORE

GARAGE SALE ITEMS may be brought to the church Conference Room the week before the sale: M-Th 10/23-26th from 9a-1p...or while being set-up Friday evening. Be sure to indicate if they are for the Child's Haven Sale OR the UMW Sale. Pick-up can be arranged – call Leslie at the church.

OCTOBER 2017 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 18,500.	<u>October 8th</u>
Contributions (2/5 Sundays)	\$ 10,301.	<u>8:30 am</u>
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 8,199.	30 (Visitors:2)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 65.	60 (Visitors:5)
\$2 For 20	\$ 72.	<u>Sunday School</u>
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 33.	Children: 23
Communion(Disaster Relief)	\$ 35.	Adults: 40
Communion(Scholarships)	\$ 48.	
UMW	\$ 200.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, October 11th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
6:30-8pm Powerful Tools for Caregivers

THURSDAY, October 12th

10:15-NOON Disciple Bible: Genesis
7 - 8 pm Choir extra rehearsal if can come from

FRIDAY, October 13th

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

SATURDAY, October 14th

9:00am NO UMW
2-5p MFCC Anniversary Party
6-9:30p Empower for Children

SUNDAY, October 15th

8:30am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,-
9:45am Sunday School for ALL ages;"
10:30a Choir Warm up
10:45am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,-
Noon NO Choir Practice
1:00-3:00 Youth
3:30p Worship at The Pointe (all welcome)

MONDAY, October 16th

6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, October 17th

9:30-9:50am Morning Prayer Service in Outdoor Chapel
10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the Sanctuary
6:30pm The Alpha Course

WEDNESDAY, October 18th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
6:30-8pm Powerful Tools for Caregivers

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Oct 19th - Choir extra rehearsal if can come from 7 - 8 p
Oct 22ND - Noon Choir normal choir rehearsal - possibly
sing out of TFWS at second service
Oct 28th 9a-2p Fall Fun Fest with Garage Sale
October 29th Noon -Choir normal choir rehearsal

Oct 29th Church Charge Conf @ NW Hills 3pm
Nov 1st 6:30-8pm Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Nov 8th 6:30-8pm Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Nov 15th 6:30-8pm Powerful Tools for Caregivers

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

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

YOUTH MEETINGS

Youth will be practicing with the choir after second service and meet afterwards ... 1-3p..!!
Meals needed for Sunday meetings .. talk to Rev. Bonnie!!

CHOIR

Thanks! Jodi Blount 512-633-0009

Thursday October 12th - extra rehearsal if can come from 7 - 8 pm
Sunday October 15th - warm up 10:30 am & sing at second service #2174 -

Sunday October 15th - NO rehearsal after second service
 Thursday October 19th - extra rehearsal if can come from 7 - 8 p
 Sunday October 22nd - normal choir rehearsal - possibly sing out of TFWS at second service
 Sunday October 29th - normal choir rehearsal

WEEKLEY **BACKPACK MINISTRY** **WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY**

Each week we pack and deliver 6 backpacks to Whitestone Elementary
 Each backpack contains 2 Breakfasts; 2 Lunches & 2 Dinners plus 4 Snacks.
 The backpacks are sent home with children that might not have food over weekends.
 Still in need of Dry Cereal for the Breakfasts....

OCT. 19TH -21ST **UNDOING RACISM® WORKSHOP #2** **Capital District UMC**

If you are interested in attending this event or for more information regarding future events, please submit the form below. If you have questions regarding the form, please contact Bill Carter at bbillcarter@netscape.net.

The Capital District UMC will convene its second **Undoing Racism** workshop, at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 4509 Springdale Rd, Austin, Texas. The goal of this event is to help build a strong community of UM leaders across the district who are familiar with the evil of racism and are equipped to resist it in whatever form it presents itself in our personal lives, our churches, and our world. If you sense a call to a deeper understanding of racism and how to undo it, please read on or register your support.

Thursday, Oct. 19th, 6- 9 pm; Friday, Oct. 20th, 8 am-6 pm - Saturday, Oct. 21st, 8 am-4 pm
For more information.. <http://www.capitaldistrictumc.org/amos-commission/>

OCT, 21ST, 24TH **LITERACY CONNECTION** **TRAINING**

By volunteering 30 minutes a week in 2-15 minute sessions reading 1 to 1, you can help solve the school drop-out problem. For more information: www.education-connection.org /512.813.5918 or ask Karen Packard about it. **Training** Sessions will be on:

October 21st (Saturday), 8:30 – 10:30 AM,
 Cedar Park Middle School, 2100 Sun Chase Blvd, Cedar Park

October 24th (Tuesday), 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM,
 Hill Country Bible Church Lakeline, 12124 Ranch Rd 620 N, Austin (*Building A - Northwest Lobby Entrance*)

Returning literacy partners are required to attend the first hour only.

WED, OCT 25TH **CHILI COOK OFF**



Only 14 more days until our Chili Cook Off
Wednesday, October 25th
 Starting at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary
 Bringing a pot of chili is not mandatory for your attendance
 Contact Carolyn Smith

I am beginning to hear secrets. Something about chiles, chocolate, and even cream cheese. What is your **secret ingredient?**

All are welcome and we hope you will attend.

Please plan to arrive at the sanctuary between 6:00 and 6:30. Judging will begin at 6:30.
Entry forms are not required. If you plan to participate please advise Carolyn Smith. She will designate a place on the serving table just for you.
 There will be tasting, judging, and most important a time to get to know your fellow church members.
 Do you **remember** the game show "Win, Lose or Draw" from the late 1980s? This is a game of teams who compete by drawing out phrases. One team member draws while the other members of the team guess the phrase. Stay and play with us.
 Bringing a pot of chili is not mandatory for your attendance. All are welcome and we hope you will attend.

IMPORTANT: Volunteers are still needed to help organize and clean up. Please contact Carolyn if you are available.

JANUARY 27, 2018

RETHINK LEADERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE

TIDBITS

4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL TENSION

Pastor Carey Nieuwhof believes the church is uniquely positioned to respond to the political tension and division that characterize our age. He discusses four ways Christians can bring hope to the increasingly fragile culture around us.

You don't need to be anything more than a casual observer of American (and Western) culture to know that something significant is happening. The current political division is as bad as it's been in a long time. No church can pretend we're not living in an age of heightened tension. So how do we respond to the situation we're in? While some in our culture believe the church is part of the problem, I believe it's key to the solution. Jesus is the love we keep missing as human beings. So how does the church better function as part of the solution rather than as part of the problem? Here are four ways Christians and the church can bring hope to the increasingly fragile culture around us.

There's a generation of people looking for love in a world of hate. Looking for truth in an age of relativity. Looking for something to cling to when everything else seems to be falling apart.

1. Be a Confessor in a Culture of Blame

It's so easy to point the finger at someone else. Too often Christians focus on what we can't change and ignore what we can. All of this is what confession is designed to root out. Imagine what would happen if Christians owned the racism, sexism, and other *isms* that live in our hearts. Imagine what might happen if we confessed that we have not adequately loved people who are different than us. Maybe true prayers of confession are rare in church because they're rare in leaders. It's so easy to believe you're right and everyone else is wrong. But you are not always right. And you don't hold a monopoly on truth. Your perspective and mine are flawed. None of us loves perfectly or deeply enough. When you confess that you're part of the problem, the solution becomes clearer. You will never address the wrong you don't confess.

2. Foster Conversation in a Culture that Shouts

Thanks to social media, everybody has a platform. A ridiculous number of people use theirs to shout rather than to listen. This translates into real life too. Conversations seem to be devolving into an exchange of monologues between two people who don't seem terribly interested in each other. People appear to be talking *at* each other as much as they're talking *with* each other. I'll share my opinions and then you can share your opinions. That's *not* conversation. You know what's missing in the current culture? Listening. Thoughtfulness. Humility. Kindness. Openness. Genuine, authentic conversation features all those elements and more. When was the last time you had a genuine conversation with someone who doesn't share your values? By that, I mean an exchange where you listened as much as you spoke and tried to understand more than you tried to be understood. That's what conversation is. And conversation is an endangered species in our current culture. Love listens; so should Christians.

3. Broker Meaning in the Age of Information

Information used to be rare. You had to ask. Find an expert. Pull an encyclopedia off the shelf. The last decade has fundamentally changed that in two ways. You can find almost any information you want for free, and online platforms have turned almost everyone into content producers. Now we have more information than we know how to process. Consequently, we have a new crisis. The current crisis isn't a crisis of information, it's a crisis of *meaning*. We have a million springs of endless information and we have no idea what it all means. The challenge for church leaders is not just to produce more content but to provide *meaning*. I believe the future belongs to leaders who broker *meaning* in the sea of endless content. The key to providing meaning isn't *more*, it's *better*. *More* without meaning will make you less relevant. *Better* is not nearly as easy as *more*. *Better* requires thought, reflection, digestion and ultimately resonance, which tells you your content is connecting.

This provides a huge opportunity for church leaders. Who better to provide meaning than the leaders called to share timeless truth in an era starved for meaning? There's a generation of people looking for love in a world of hate. Looking for truth in an age of relativity. Looking for something to cling to when everything else seems to be falling apart.

4. Be the Counter Culture

If there were ever a time for the countercultural message of Christianity to offer a real alternative, this is it. When the church simply reflects the social or moral values of an increasingly post-Christian culture, we echo the current emptiness; we don't echo God. This is where the message of authentic Christianity and the church have so much to offer.

Christianity is a fusion of grace and truth because Jesus is the embodiment of grace and truth. The challenge, of course, is that most of us instinctively lean toward *either* grace or truth. It seems easier, but it's incomplete and wrong. Neither reflects the heart of God. Christ is truth and grace majestically woven together. Fusing grace and truth is an exceptionally difficult venture and is usually only successful when you spend significant amounts of time in prayer. But when you see grace and truth fused, it takes your breath away. In Christ, people experience the fusion of grace and truth every heart most deeply longs for.

What Are You Doing to Diffuse the Tension?

Your most significant contribution to diffusing the tension will not be in what you think but in what you do. How diverse is your dinner table? Do you only ever have people over to your house who look like you and share your values? Or are you engaging people who are different? This is about race but also goes far beyond race to the myriad of other barriers we erect in our lives. When was the last time you listened as much as you spoke? When was the last time you confessed *your* sin to God rather than asking God to change someone else? How long has it been since you helped someone who is different than you?

This article is adapted from a post that appeared on Carey Nieuwhof's blog, careynieuwhof.com.

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