

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

11/22/2017

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



While preparing for a UMW study: "Created for Happiness", I read several of John Wesley's Sermons. I have pondered since his statements about Happiness being Gratitude and Benevolence. During this season of thanksgiving I think about Wesley's definition of Happiness.

"Give thanks with a grateful heart..."

Meister Eckhart, the 13th-century mystic and philosopher, said it best: "If the only prayer you ever say in your life is thank you, it will be enough."

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Sterling Hartman underwent an EEG Friday to see if his neurologist can find out why he is having seizures
Pauline Eng came through well from cancer surgery Tuesday and should be at home in a day or so...
Diann Russell, has been in hospital with kidney infection – preparing to go to rehab.
Family & Friends of Rev. Richard Don Lilljedahl, who passed away on November 9
John, the Hartmann's' backyard neighbor, fighting bladder cancer
The family and friends of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, TX.
The family & friends of Michael Martin, Shawn Dubler's friend, who died today of cancer
Prayers for Rev. George Holcomb who has been diagnosed with cancer
Diane Iannorone & Anita Muzetska, cousins of Irene Carrillo
Emma Aylene Aviles, step-daughter of Jorge Soto
Olivia Coleman, soccer mate of Sabrina Blount & Cori James, torn ACL healing so she can play soccer again
Becky Harrell Wright, missionary friend, at home after car accident-broken pelvis & collarbone
Karen Jones had surgery today to repair a torn Achilles tendon - Healing at Rehab

Eileen Kreh's unborn grandchild be born healthy

Amy Stringer, sister of Lesley Foyt, is pregnant with pre-eclampsia on bed rest.

Pauline Eng, breast cancer not spread to lymph nodes!!! Surgery soon.....

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS Commitment Sunday PotLuck We were deliciously lucky!!! And abundantly blessed with helpers !!

THANKS Commitment Sunday report of 39 Pledges for \$159,512.
Pledges still being accepted. Pledge cards on back table in sanctuary

URGENT NEEDS

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

JAM & JELLY

PLEASE bring more **JAM & JELLY**, if possible. HEB Stores and CAFB donate cases of Peanut butter but seldom are there donations of jam/jelly -

We need your help to feed the community on Thanksgiving Day! Last year was our 1st Thanksgiving Day Community meal, we served over 130 families. We had a HUGE outpouring of prepared, donated food. This year we decided to do everything online in hope to alleviate any confusion as to who is bringing what.... Unfortunately, very few people have signed up to bring food.

WE NEED: Mashed potatoes Sweet potatoes Corn Stuffing

Each donated food tray needs to be prepared, hot and ready to feed 12 people. If you have already started a sign-up sheet.... Awesome!!!! Though, we need to know. You may also email me directly to let me know.

When: Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd – Food Drop Off Time 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Where: Leander Church of Christ at 300 Crystal Falls Parkway in Leander
 THANK YOU ALL soooooo much!!!! We appreciate YOU and all that you do for our community!!!!
 With gratitude, [Tiesa Hollaway, Executive Director, Hill Country Community Ministries](#)
 Location: 1005 Lacy Drive, Leander, TX 78641; Phone: 512-259-0360, Ext. 204 www.hccm.org

SAT, DEC. 9TH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ALL WOMEN WELCOMED

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

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

Book Discussion Group,

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| Wed. Jan.10 , 2018 at 6:30p.m. Novel: <i>The Feathered Bone</i> by Julie Cantrell Genre: General Fiction Leader: Author Julie Cantrell | Wed. March 7 , 2018 at 6:30p.m. Novel: <i>Counted With the Stars</i> by Connilyn Cossette Genre: Biblical Fiction Leader: Author Connilyn Cossette | Wed. Oct. 3 , 2018 at 6:30p.m. Novels by Katherine Reay <i>Dear Mr. Knightly; Lizzy & Jane; The Bronte Plot ; & The Austen Escape</i> Genre: General Fiction Leader: Katherine Reay |
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SAT, DEC 9TH ADVENT BRUNCH FOR WOMEN ALL INVITED

You are invited Saturday, December 9, 2017 First UMC, Cedar Park 10am-1pm to share brunch & fellowship

Women's Advent Brunch - Angels Among Us

We will be collecting donations of New socks & pillowcases for the women and children at the Williamson County Crisis Center, **Hope Alliance** And Newborn/#1 or #2 Diapers & Baby Wipes for the babies cared for by **Acts Of Love** Monetary Donations are always welcomed ...

WEEKLY NEEDS BACKPACK MINISTRY WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY

NEEDS: Hot & Cold Breakfast Cereal & Fruits, Veggies, Lunches, MILK etc...
 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.

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:

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| Christy Ibarra | David Lewis | Deb Pauly | Denise Mabry, | Poppie Swart |
| Frances Cannon, | Charlane Zigmond | John Payne | Jose Gonzalez | Kris Uglum |
| Pam Moots | Ronald Sage | Cheryl Sage | Fern Hardy | Francis Smith |
| Denise Mabry | Shelly Aucsin | Keith & Caroline Jensen | | Patti Hartman |
| Taylor Smith | Connie Hayden | Carmelo Perez | Vicki Cowan | Geraldine Shaw |
| Julie Hughes | Thompson Family | Steven Wehlmann | Rod & Stella Hycho | Ed Golden |
| Rev. Tina Carter | Sue Raske | Jackie Vaughter | Jim Wyndham family | Lora |
| Clara Crank | Sterling Hartman | Marilyn Hartman | Diane Kelly | Holly Laughlin |
| Danny Long | Martha Orr | Bob Packard | Bob & Carol Slater | Beth Spaulding |
| Duke Squibb | Alan Thompson | Marsha Venable | Adalid Verastegui | Mary Linda Verastegui |
| Ruth West | Mary (Grover) Williams | Carol Wyatt | JoAnne Wilshusen | |

NOVEMBER 2017 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

| Month to Date Finances | This Week's Attendance |
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| Anticipated expenses \$ 18,500. | November 19th |
| Contributions (3/4 Sundays) \$ 18,329. | 8:30 am |
| Needed (Surplus): \$ 171. | 33 (Visitors:0) |
| Additional Giving | 10:45am |
| Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) \$ 175. | 76 (Visitors:2) |
| \$2 For 20 \$ 117. | |
| True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) \$ 32. | |

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| Communion(Disaster Relief) | \$ 20. |
| Communion(HCCM Turkeys) | \$ 472. |
| Memorial Outdoor Garden | \$ 3,800 |

Sunday School

Children: 22
Adults: 44

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, November 22nd

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, November 23rd THANKSGIVING

10:15-NOONNO Disciple Bible: Genesis

FRIDAY, November 24th

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek

10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, November 25TH

8:00a Open Doors

SUNDAY, November 26th

8:30am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion

9:45am Sunday School for ALL ages;"

10:45am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,-

Noon NO Choir Practice

1p -3:00 Youth

MONDAY, November 27th

7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, November 28th

9:30-9:50am Morning Prayer Service

10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the Sanctuary

6:30pm The Alpha Course

WEDNESDAY, November 29th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Dec 3rd Advent Begins-New Study

Dec 4th 6:30 TRUSTEES

Dec 6th 7p Muslim Dialog

Dec 7th 10:15 Disciple

Dec 7th 6:30p Cookie Exchange

Dec 9th 10a Advent Brunch for Women

Dec 11h 6:30 FINANCE

Dec 12th 6:30p The Alpha Course

Dec 15th NewsLetter Input

Dec 18th 6:30 COUNCIL

Dec 20th 9:30a Membership

Dec 23rd 8a Open Doors UUMC

Dec 28th 9a Advent VBS

Jan.27th, 2018 ReThink Leadership

Jan 28-30th UMW TX Legislative Event

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!!

Nov 12TH

CHOIR

November 26 – No Singing NO PRACTICE

December 3 - meet at 10:30 am and sing Gloria at second service and practice after second service

December 10 - meet at 10:30 and sing Tue, Tue at second service & practice after second service

December 17 - sing for special program - 4 songs at BOTH services - meet for 7:50 am to warm up: *Christmas Gloria; Christmas Wish; Prepare the Way: Once in Royal David's City* - may be replaced with another

December 17 - 3:00 pm meet at The Pointe to sing for nursing home (Discovery Blvd.)

December 31 - meet at 10:30 am and sing at second service song from 12/17

January - end of month start music for Lent/Easter

We will start early for Lent/Easter music as I think I will be out a few Sundays in March for my job at St.

Stephen's

Let me know if questions-Thanks, Jodi 512-633-0009

DECEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS

12/7 Rockin' Cookie Exchange ALL

12/28

Advent VBS

Children

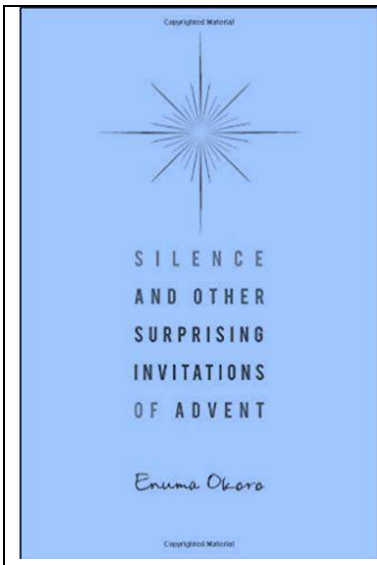


Cookie Exchange: Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and joy. This will be a time to get to know your fellow church members, sing a few Christmas carols, and try our hand at cookie and gingerbread house decorating. If you can, but not mandatory bring 3 dozen cookies. You will taste a few and take home others to try later.

Recipe Exchange

Anyone who wishes to share their holiday recipes, please send a copy to Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 5th. This is not only for your cookie recipes but any recipe that you enjoy during the holidays and would like to share with others. See you there.

DEC. 3RD PASTOR PETER TO LEAD 4-WEEK ADVENT STUDY 9:45am SUNDAYS



Pastor Peter to lead Advent study
 Four Sundays, beginning Sunday, DECEMBER 3
 from 9:45-10:30 a.m. to discuss:
"Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent",
 Enuma Okoro's beautiful book consists of 28 daily meditations (4 week's worth) which explore the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth and the birth of John the Baptist.
 Each Sunday we will consider a week's worth of these meditations and reflect on our own experiences of waiting and longing, of grief and the need for community, and of hungering for God.
Copies of the book are available on the back table for \$10.
To prepare for next Sunday's class, please read through p. 39 in the book.
We will meet in the last classroom on the right in the Multi-Ministries Building.

TIDBITS

GIVE THANKS

By Don Moen; Listen Here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bk_7wUR2Wdg

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
 Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus

Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)
 Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
Give...

A WORD FROM TERESA

CAPITAL DISTRICT NEWS

The Fall Charge Conference season continues, but will soon be coming to an end. It's been a good and full season for me. I enjoy connecting with our local churches at this time of year. We conduct necessary business. But we also pray for saints who have gone on to glory. We affirm candidates for ministry. And every encounter leaves me learning something new about the ways you are being the church. I am grateful for you!

I also know that I am running out of steam a bit. I rarely sense it first in my energy level and stamina. The signs instead show up in my temperament. If I don't notice it first, those closest to me no doubt do. My irritability increases. My patience decreases. Earlier this week I was about to hit a wall. (Or maybe I did.) The breaking point had nothing to do with charge conference forms or consultation forms. Instead, it was trying to find Clare's shoes for my brother's upcoming wedding. Do you know how difficult it is to find the right dress shoes for a 7 year old who is as tall as she is and who has a foot as wide as hers is? My dear husband finally informed me that I was to no longer look for the shoes and that he would take care of it. And he did. Next week we host Thanksgiving Day dinner at the district parsonage for our family and I will try and let others help and take care of things on that day, too.

One of my favorite Anne Lamott quotes goes like this:

Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides. It means that you are willing to stop being such a jerk. When you are aware of all that has been given to you, in your lifetime and the past few days, it is hard not to be humbled, and pleased to give back.

I've not often been called a jerk. (At least not to my face!) But in moments when I am self aware and honest, I can identify such behavior in myself. It usually comes at times when I get worked up and stressed out about things that are, in the end, of no real consequence. Like wedding shoes and the right Thanksgiving appetizers.

I don't know how it is with your soul this season. But I pray you exercise self care and spiritual disciplines that keep you close to God, family and those you serve. It is a busy time with the busier season of Advent and Christmas upon us. May the joy of Christ dwell fully in us as we prepare to live into all that is ahead.

Be encouraged!, teresa

JANUARY 27, 2018

RETHINK LEADERSHIP

@ NORTHWEST HILLS UMC

HAVE A CHALLENGING QUESTION?



Ask the UMC! Explore a library of questions and their answers to learn more about denominational beliefs, history and structure. Helpful for church members, leaders and pastors, Ask the UMC helps clarify and inform common inquiries. Recent questions include "What is the Methodist belief about forgiveness of sin?", "Where is the church headquarters?" and "Do United Methodists swear oaths?" and more

READ MORE AT : http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc?utm_source=email-&utm_medium=JM240A&utm_term=AskUMC&utm_content=newsletter&utm_campaign=RFM-11-01-17&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT0Rnd1ltVXZMlkyWXPneilsInQiOiJzS2JTd2dZaHBjVTZRanJhRGk3UmdESW9kSTdyaEQzUndNVk9BOGxlM2hIN0lnYkh3ZVIMVW1SQXJ0MnJJMmRTZGhV0hjZ0d0M05VdENBc0JiQXR2WIZhc2ZEcVVMIVvR0hXMytreXhPamdUTUdPNDB4TIZjQkhEN2ttWU9vbyJ9