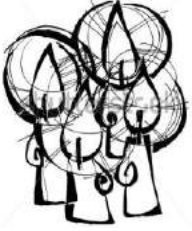


HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

12/13/2017

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



Loving Fully

*How can my life be a reflection of divine love in **this** time and place? The classic Christian phrase for discipleship—the imitation of Christ—means that we were made by God to become like God, loving all others, loving universally. —Sallie McFague, *Blessed Are the Consumers: Climate Change and the Practice of Restraint* (Fortress Press: 2013),*

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

College students preparing for exams, graduating, traveling "home for the holidays" ...
Will Burks Jr, Pam's brother, for a job and peace in his life.
Renee Carver at CP hospital with pneumonia
Priscilla Gregory having surgery on Jan 12th – lump on neck
Sterling Hartman, that Blue Cross approves a 3-day brain scan to find out why he is having seizures
Presela Henely, Pam Burks friend, return of ovarian cancer.
Marsh Horsford, friend of Dave Sidney, hospitalized since June as a result of pneumonia.
Terry Lopez, friend of Sterlings, inability to keep a budget.
Diann Russell , now at Health South Rehab in RR ... please call before visiting
Lilian Smith, preparing to go to Cottonwood Manor for rehab
Luci, Ruth Gray's sister, fell & hit her head – brain swelling, continue healing
Marsha Venable, neuroathy in feet
Irma Alvarez, Sylvia Carrothers, Mark Smith, friends of Vickie Thompson, lost their moms.
Juanita Jacobs, Jarred's mother, Gigi's cousin, health issues that they are not serious & quickly recovered.
Help ease her anxieties & bring her happiness.
Edna Davidson, Joan Davidson's mother, fell and broke her ribs...
Bernadine Santucci, Irene Carrillo's cousin, healing from back surger
Pauline Eng at home waiting for next step
John Baugh, the Hartmann's' backyard neighbor, fighting bladder cancer
Pattie Hartman, sister-in-law of Sterling, broken foot needing another surgery since first not successful
John Hartman, infection from pacemaker installation
Karen Jones, had surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon - Healing at home
Dave & Jennifer Ruffcorn, needing new jobs
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

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS There were cookies everywhere at the **Rockin' Cookie Exchange**. Thank you so much for everyone who attended. Please check out our pictures on Facebook.
Don't tell anyone but we have another event scheduled in January. See you there.

THANKS Wonderful Women's Advent Brunch and the response to Acts of Love & Hope Alliance

THANKS Sarah How graduates this week from North TX in Denton

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



Get the latest church event updates and reminders from Facebook. Simply "like" our Facebook page, Cedar Park First United Methodist Church. Do you have an event you would like to include in our Facebook announcements?

Please email Colleen at colleen.litaker@yahoo.com with the details. If possible, send the information at least two weeks or more prior to the event.

You will also find church event pictures on Facebook. From Facebook, to to the Cedar Park First United Methodist Church page, click on the photo albums. You just might fine yourself.

If you have event pictures you would like to share on Facebook please email them to carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

ON WINTER HOLIDAY**BACKPACK MINISTRY****WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY**

Beginning the first week in January we will Really need to restock the shelves!!

Thank YOU for the continuing support for this ministry and to the ladies that pack and deliver the Backpacks to Whitestone Elementary....

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

Third of Four Sundays, from 9:45-10:30 a.m. to discuss:

"Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent",

To prepare for next Sunday's class, please read through week 3 in the book. We will meet in the Conference Room in the Multi-Ministries Building.***

DECEMBER 28TH 9AM-1PM**ADVENT VBS****ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN****CPFUMC ADVENT VBS**

Thursday, December 28
9:00a to 1:00p

All elementary age children and their friends are invited

Lunch will be provided ...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you to help us make this event a success.

If you are available, please email Carolyn,

carolynsmith2215@gmail.com

Youth are also encouraged to volunteer as helpers

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

On the website:

<https://cpfumc.org/> then select:

When's the Next then

Vacation Bible School (at the bottom of this page is the link to the registration form for Christmas VBS

<https://cpfumc.org/christmas-vbs-registration-form/>

OR Pick up a form at the church...

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,	Charlane Zigmond	John Payne	Jose Gonzalez	Kris Uglum
Pam Packard	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	

DECEMBER 2017 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 18,500.	<u>December 10th</u>
Contributions (2/5 Sundays)	\$ 14,161.	<u>8:30 am</u>
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 4,339.	32 (Visitors:1)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 5.	90 (Visitors:4)
\$2 For 20	\$ 58.	<u>Sunday School</u>
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 19.	Children: 23
Communion(ACTS/Hope)	\$ 155.	Adults: 30
HCCM	\$ 120.	
LISD Backpacks	\$ 100.	
Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary	\$ 400.	
Sunday Cookies	\$ 50.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, December 13th
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
THURSDAY, December 14th Pastor Peter's Birthday
 10:15-NOON Disciple Bible: Genesis
FRIDAY, December 15th
 NewsLetter Input
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee
SATURDAY, December 16th

SUNDAY, December 17th Third Sunday of Advent
 8:30am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
 Choir
 9:45am Sunday School for ALL ages;" -
 10:45am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,- Choir
 1p -3:00 Youth
 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe - Choir
MONDAY, December 18th
 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
 7:30p Contemplative Prayer
TUESDAY, December 19th
 9:30-9:50am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Discussion in the MMB Conference
 Rm
 11:30a Child's Haven Christmas Program Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, December 20th
 9:30a Membership
 1:00p NO Easy Line Dancing Class

Dec. 24th Worship at 10am, 5pm, & 7pm
Dec. 31st Worship at 10am

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Dec 21 st 10:15 Disciple	Dec. 31 st 10am One Worship Service
Dec 23 rd 8a Open Doors UUMC	Jan.27th, 2018 ReThink Leadership
Sunday, Dec 24 th Worship 10am, 5pm, 7pm	Jan 28-30th UMW TX Legislative Event
Dec 28 th 9a Advent VBS	

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!!

DEC. CHOIR

December 17 - sing for special program - 4 songs at BOTH services - meet for 7:45 am to warm up: <i>Christmas Gloria; Christmas Wish; Prepare the Way (quartet): Please wear pink or blue for this Sunday.</i>	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

The United Methodist Church's Social Principles recognize the right of people to, with nonviolence, "resist or disobey laws that they deem to be unjust or that are discriminately enforced."

Cole and others point out that obtaining the protected status takes hard work.

To qualify for DACA, recipients had to be under 31 as of June 15, 2012. They also had to come to the U.S. before reaching their 16th birthday and needed to be a high school graduate or have obtained an equivalent certificate.

DACA recipients have paid \$495 and undergone an extensive criminal background checks to ensure they had a clean record. To remain DACA recipients, they have gone through the same process, including payments, every two years.

Polls show a substantial majority of U.S. voters support allowing these immigrants to stay in the U.S. According to a Politico/Morning Consult Poll, 68 percent of self-identified Trump voters want these immigrants to be able to stay.

United Methodist leaders have called for Congress to pass — and for President Trump to sign — a clean DREAM Act that provides a path to citizenship.

Melissa Bowe, program and advocacy manager for National Justice for Our Neighbors, has joined in those efforts and attended the Dec. 6 rally. She works with the United Methodist ministry that provides legal services for immigrants at clinics around the U.S.

On Dec. 5, she visited with members of Congress to advocate for DACA recipients and other immigrants with temporary protected status. The Trump administration rescinded that status for Haitians and Nicaraguans last month and plans by January to issue a ruling on an additional 200,000 from El Salvador with temporary protected status.

"It's important to us because we know Dreamers and folks with temporary protected status and refugees are our neighbors," Bowe said. "They make our communities better. We want to be on the right side of history and fight for an America we believe in, and that is an America that is welcoming, that honors and celebrates the richness immigrants bring to our country."

METHODIST HISTORY: THE SALVATION ARMY

The red kettles and ringing bells of The Salvation Army are a familiar part of the Christmas season. Less familiar is the story of how this 165-year-old organization traces its roots to a British Methodist preacher who found his calling serving the poor.

View more at umc.org/videos

Script: (Madison, New Jersey)

Dale Patterson, General Commission on Archives and History: "In many communities, they became one of the first safety nets, what we might call today a social safety net. When people were down and out on their luck, they were able to go to this place. They could get a hot meal. They could sometimes maybe find work. They could worship."

Church historian Dale Patterson says The Salvation Army has a strong link to Methodism. The organization was founded in 1860's England by British Methodist preacher William Booth, a pastor in London who sought to bring the lost souls, the poor, hungry and homeless to Christ.

Dale Patterson: "Booth started what was called The London Mission in the late 1850's, early 60's. His great discovery was, 'My goodness. How can I evangelize people who are so hungry that they cannot pay attention? How do I evangelize people when I hand out tracts and they can't read? How do I help these people?'"

Booth looked to Methodist founder John Wesley for inspiration.

Dale Patterson: "Salvation Army theology is very Wesleyan. It is very much part of a larger tradition we often refer to as the holiness tradition. So, they look for the positive work of God in the souls of all people."

The American Civil War had just ended, the British Empire was growing, military images were familiar. This provided a framework for organization.

Dale Patterson: "So he said, 'We need to be an army for the Lord. We need to provide salvation through our army. Heart, mind and soul, how do we reach out to these people?'"

From the earliest days, The Salvation Army opened free kitchens and thrift stores. The ministry came to the U.S. in the 1880's.

The red kettles first appeared in 1891 in San Francisco as a way to raise money to feed 1000 people Christmas dinner. The idea quickly spread.

Today, the kettles raise more than 100 million dollars each year to provide food, shelter, and disaster relief and The Salvation Army continues in the Wesleyan tradition to serve physical and spiritual needs in 128 countries around the world.