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 f

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

Sarah How graduates this week from North TX in Denton

THANKS

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 -



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 <u>colleen.litaker@yahoo.com</u> 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

9АМ-1РМ

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,

<u>carolynsmith2215@gmail.com</u>

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:

Deb Paulv

| Christy Ibarra | David Lewis | |
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| Frances Cannon, | Charlane Zigmond | |
| Pam Packard | Ronald Sage | |
| Denise Mabry | Shelly Aucsin | |
| Taylor Smith | Connie Hayden | |
| Julie Hughes | Thompson Family | |
| Rev. Tina Carter | Sue Raske | |
| Clara Crank | Sterling Hartman | |
| Danny Long | Martha Orr | |
| Duke Squibb | Alan Thompson | |
| Ruth West | Mary (Grover) William | |
| | | |

John Payne J
Cheryl Sage F
Keith & Caroline Jensen
Carmelo Perez V
Steven Wehlmann R
Jackie Vaughter J
Marilyn Hartman D
Bob Packard B
Marsha Venable A
Carol Wyatt J

Denise Mabry,
Jose Gonzalez
Fern Hardy
en
Vicki Cowan
Rod & Stella Hycho
Jim Wyndham family
Diane Kelly
Bob & Carol Slater
Adalid Verastegui

JoAnne Wilshusen

Poppie Swart Kris Uglum Francis Smith Patti Hartman Geraldine Shaw Ed Golden Lora

Holly Laughlin Beth Spaulding Mary Linda Verastegui

DECEMBER 2017 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

| Month to Date Finances | | This Week's Attendance |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Anticipated expenses | \$ 18,500. | December 10 th |
| Contributions (2/5 Sundays) | \$ 14,161. | 0.00 |
| Needed (Surplus): Additional Giving | \$ 4,339. | <u>8:30 am</u> 32 (Visitors:1) |
| Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) | \$ 5. | , |
| \$2 For 20 | \$ 58. | <u>10:45am</u> |
| True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) | \$ 19. | 90 (Visitors:4) |
| Communion(ACTS/Hope) | \$ 155. | , |
| HCCM | \$ 120. | Sunday School |
| LISD Backpacks | \$ 100. | Children: 23 |
| Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary | \$ 400. | Adults: 30 |
| Sunday Cookies | \$ 50. | |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, December 13th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
THURSDAY, December 14th Pastor Peter's Birthday

10:15-NOONDisciple 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

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

SUNDAY, December 17th Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday School for ALL ages;" -9:45am

10:45am WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, - Choir

1p -3:00 Youth

Worship @ The Pointe - Choir 3:30p

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

11:30a Child's Haven Christmas Program Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, December 20th

9:30a Membership

1:00p NO Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD!!

Dec 21st 10:15 Disciple

Dec 23rd Open Doors UUMC Sunday, Dec 24th Worship 10am, 5pm, 7pm

Dec 28th Advent VBS 9a

Dec. 31st 10am One Worship Service 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!!

CHOIR DEC.

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

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

JAN 10TH 2018 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ALL WOMEN WELCOMED

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

Book Discussion Group,

Wed. **Jan.10**, 2018 - 6:30p.m. Novel: *The Feathered Bone* by

Julie Cantrell

Genre: General Fiction Leader: Author Julie Cantrell Wed. **March 7**, 2018 at 6:30p.m. Novel: **Counted With the Stars**

by Connilyn Cossette Genre: Biblical Fiction

Leader: Author Connilyn Cossette

Wed. **Oct. 3**, 2018 at 6:30p.m. Novels by Katherine Reay

Dear Mr. Knightly; Lizzy & Jane; The Bronte Plot; & The Austen Escape

Genre: General Fiction Leader: Katherine Reay

APRIL 27-28, 2018

SeaSide Escape

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Wish you were at the beach?

Longing for time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand, and bask in the warmth of God's presence?

Join us at SeaSide Escape. It's a beach-themed retreat where you'll experience meaningful Bible study; and worship, connect with other women, and have time for quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!

6pm April 27th- 6pm April 28th Cedar Lodge 1400 RR 261, Buchanan Dam, TX \$80 per person.

- Limited tickets available on a first come, first served basis.
- Participants need to be 18 or over.
- Tickets go on sale January 1st, 2018.
- Registration will be online at goodnewsumc.org.
- For more information, contact Pat Roberts at
- patsrob@swbell.net or Sue Sidney
- Sponsored by Good News UMW

JAN.27TH, 2018

RETHINK LEADERSHIP

NWHILLS UMC

TIDBITS

DEC. 7, 2017

PROTESTS FOR DREAMERS LEAD TO ARRESTS

United Methodists were among hundreds arrested on the steps of the U.S. Capitol as they demonstrated in support of the DREAM Act.

Some 2,000 young immigrants and their supporters converged on Washington on Dec. 6 to rally congressional support for legislation that would protect the immigrants — commonly known as "Dreamers" — from deportation. Altogether, some 11,000 participated in marches for the DREAM Act around the country as part of the day of action.

Around 200 DREAM Act supporters — including six United Methodists, a mix of clergy and laity — were arrested for refusing to move from the Capitol steps in an act of civil disobedience. Also joining in the sit-in were U.S. Reps. Luis Gutierrez, D-Illinois, and Judy Chu, D-California. Rally organizers arranged with U.S. Capitol Police ahead of time that those arrested would not go to jail but instead pay a \$50 fee.

Rebecca Cole, the director of organizing for the denomination's Board of Church and Society, was among those arrested. "I see this as a critical moment to live out my faith," she said. "If I can raise my voice through an act of nonviolent resistance like civil disobedience to encourage members of Congress to act on behalf of DACA recipients, I will."

She and others demonstrators say time is running out for young immigrants who are part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The program, created under President Obama in 2012, has allowed some 800,000 young immigrants who have grown up in the U.S. to attain temporary legal status. They have been able to attend college, get jobs, obtain driver's licenses and even buy homes.

The Trump administration announced earlier this year that it would end the program in March unless Congress acted. Currently, 690,000 immigrants are enrolled in the program.

Cole said the action was one of many United Methodists have taken on behalf of these immigrants — including meeting with and calling their congressional representatives.

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 <u>umc.org/videos</u>

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.