

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

02/21/2018

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

The Universe
Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

The New Story of the universe is a biospiritual story as well as a galactic story and an Earth story. . . . Each particular being in the universe is needed by the entire universe. With this understanding of our profound kinship with all life, we can establish the basis for a flourishing Earth community.
—Thomas Berry (1914-2009)

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

All those suffering with flu, allergies, infections, sore limbs, etc.

Ruth West has fallen and fractured her hip Home, in bed with heating pad, taking 800 mg ibuprofen.

Returns to doctor Monday for consultation - MRI - surgery - whatever?? Prayers needed. Jim West

Karen Goodman, fell and broke hip while visiting new grandbaby – at St David's RR

Sympathy for the Laughlin family on the death of William's mother, Glennie Laughlin, Thorndale

Mary Linda Verastegui in rehab at New Hope Manner

Prayer of Thanks: Marilyn Hartman fell twice, and does not need brain surgery. Home recovering

Hardy & Marie Porterfield at home gaining strength after illnesses

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS Pancakes galore !!!!!

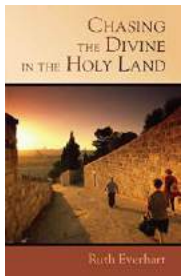
THANKS Wonderful Ash Wednesday Worship to start preparation for Easter

FEB 14TH

METHODIST READING CLUB

LENT

Seven Wednesdays at noon, beginning February 14



Pastor Peter will be leading a Wednesday noon book study during the season of Lent. For seven consecutive Wednesdays, beginning February 14 and ending March 28, Peter will be exploring Ruth Everhart's *Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land*. The book, a 2016 UMW Reading Program selection, recounts Ruth's experiences on an unforgettable pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as one of several ministers taking part in a documentary about pilgrimage. Ruth admits that she had little idea just how demanding – yet ultimately rewarding – her transformation from Presbyterian minister, wife, and mom to pilgrim would be. It's a candid and delightful book, one that will surely serve as a wonderful companion to our Lenten journey.

JOIN this group ...Feb 28 Discussion of Chapters 7-9.

FEB. 27

DIVORCECARE PROGRAM

Rockbridge Church in Cedar Park is holding a DivorceCare program starting February 27, 2018. I am a licensed professional counselor and a member of Rockbridge. I will be co-leading the group and would like to invite anyone who is interested. DivorceCare is a 13-session video seminar series featuring experts on divorce and recovery topics. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented. Childcare, workbook, and snacks provided. Materials fee: \$15.00 payable at first session. More about DivorceCare <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>

More about Rockbridge Church www.rockbridgelife.com

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm (no meeting March 13) at Rockbridge in Portable A at Rockbridge Church
2001 W. New Hope Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613

Please share with interested clients, colleagues, church members and community members. Feel free to contact me at 512-817-3388 or kathyquinncounseling@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

WELCOME HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES RED BAGS

Welcome to our new delegate to HCCM

Morgan Wertman, Email: Morgan Wertman: Notaspamfan@yahoo.com
 Phone : 419-212-2935 Wife : Julie

Thank YOU to Jim West (Old /previous delegate)

PLEASE Fill the RED HEB bags in celebration of February – heart month -

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:

Frances Cannon,	Rev. Tina Carter	Vicki Cowan	Christy Ibarra	Ed Golden
Jose Gonzalez	Fern Hardy	Connie Hayden	Julie Hughes	Rod & Stella Hycho
David Lewis	Denise Mabry	Pam Packard	Deb Pauly	John Payne
Steven Wehlmann	JoAnne Wilshusen	Jim Wyndham family		Charlane Zigmond
Clara Crank	Sterling Hartman	Marilyn Hartman	Diane Kelly	Holly Laughlin
Danny Long	Martha Orr	Bob Packard	Bob & Carol Slater	Lillian Smith
Beth Spaulding	Duke Squibb	Alan Thompson	Thompson Family	Marsha Venable
Mary Linda Verastegui	Adalid Verastegui	Ruth West	Mary (Grover) Williams	Carol Wyatt

FEBRUARY 2018 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances	This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses \$ 21,865.	February 18th
Contributions (3/4 Sundays) \$ 15,283.	8:30 am
Needed (Surplus): \$ 6,577.	29 (Visitors:2)
Additional Giving	10:45am
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) \$ 175.	80 (Visitors:2)
\$2 For 20 \$ 246.	Sunday School
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) \$ 68.	Children: 27
Communion(Disaster) \$ 140.	Adults: 24

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, February 21st

9:30a A Matter of Balance
 Noon Book Discussion
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, February 22nd

FRIDAY, February 23rd

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

SATURDAY, February 24th

Youth MidWinter

SUNDAY, February 25th

Youth MidWinter
 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages;
 10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate
 12:30 Communication Team
 6:00p NO YOUTH at church

MONDAY, February 26th

6:30p FINANCE
 6:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, February 27th

9:30am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Discussion

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

9:30a A Matter of Balance

Noon Book Discussion
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

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

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

YOUTH MEETINGS

MEALS NEEDED

Youth will be meeting...6p Sundays..!!

Confirmation begins Sunday, Feb 4th through May 20th – noon -1:30

PLEASE SIGN UP on back table to provide meals for the Youth

Typically lunch for 10 people, dinner for 12 people.

DATE	EVENT/ TIME	NAME/CONTACT INFO.
April 15	Confirmation Lunch 12p	
April 15	Dinner 6p	
April 22	Confirmation Lunch 12p	
April 22	Dinner 6p	
April 29	Confirmation Lunch 12p	Steve Howard
April 29	Dinner 6p	
May 5	Confirmation Retreat Snacks 10a	Debra Longoria
May 5	Confirmation Lunch 12p	Neil Howard
May 5	Confirmation Retreat Snacks 3p	
May 6	Dinner 6pm	

FEB./ MAR. .

CHOIR

Starting back on Sunday January 21st for choir practice to get ready for Lent and Easter. Let me know if questions -Thanks, Jodi 512-633-0009

Practice after second service:

February 25th sing #2106 and practice

March 4th - I'm in Ireland - NO PRACTICE

March 11th - sing #2108 & practice

March 18th - I'm in Florida - NO PRACTICE

March 25th - sing "Lenten Prayer" & practice

March 29th - Holy Thursday sing "Wonderous Love" out of Easter book

March 30th - Good Friday sing "Kyrie" out of Easter book

April 1st - we shall see but thinking "Risen in Glory", "WOnderous Love" and "Kyrie"

2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS

MAR. 7TH

METHODIST READING CLUB

YET TO COME:

Wed. March 7, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

Allison Pittman, author from San Antonio, will lead a discussion of her recent novel "**Loving Luther**", a beautifully rendered historical romance, told from the point of view of Katherina von Bora (1525–46), the wife of Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation. *Library Journal* remarks that the book's "accessible writing infused with romantic tension creates a provocative and heartwarming read." Please join us for a night with the author..

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

MAR. 10TH 2018

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ALL WOMEN WELCOMED

Faithful UMW , Mission Mamas, Thank you for your commitment to the UMW of CPFUMC. Our regularly scheduled gathering for planning, discussion, learning ... who shall UMW be in 2018?

Saturday, March 10th @ 9am

ALL Women welcome to join discussion of what we will be in 2018!!!

STOCK SHELVES

BACKPACK MINISTRY

WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY

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

2 BREAKFASTS(cereal, milk, fruit) 2 LUNCHESES(main dish,+) 2 DINNERS(main dish, veggies) 4 SNACKS

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

APRIL 15TH

CROP HUNGER WALKS

CROP Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. We are having our event on April 15, 2018.

For Information or to donate now on-line Go Here: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/leandertx/>

Location: Twin Lakes YMCA **Registration Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Walk Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Roger Brandimarte rjbrandimarte@yahoo.com

TIDBITS

NEW TRAINING CENTER FOR WOMEN OPENS IN SIERRA LEONE

By Phileas Jusu

Feb. 20, 2018 | BO, Sierra Leone (UMNS)

The Sierra Leone Conference, with support from The United Methodist Church in Germany, dedicated a new United Methodist Women's Training Center in Bo, southern Sierra Leone.

This is the fourth United Methodist Women's skills training center in the country, with the others in Freetown, Kono and Yonibana.

The centers were set up to educate and empower disadvantaged young men and women in Sierra Leone affected by the civil conflict in the country between 1991 and 2002. Women who were abused through rape or forced labor or who dropped out of school because of the war were given skills training in tailoring, hairdressing, catering and other areas to help them become self-reliant.

Fifteen years on, many women in Sierra Leone still drop out of school because of cultural practices that favor male children getting an education over girls. Domestic abuse and teenage pregnancy are other contributors; the country's education laws forbid pregnant girls from continuing in the formal school sector. The United Methodist Church is providing empowerment for these women through its training centers.

The edifice, he said, will be used for "the training of young girls and middle-aged women who cannot enter into the senior secondary school or other tertiary institutions in the formal educational system — some due to the rebel war that happened in the country some 15 years ago, others due to other social vices in our country."

The center also would be open to creating new opportunities given the vast space they now have, said coordinator Comfort Bangalie. She and Bo United Methodist Women started the center in April 2013 with nine trainees.

As more girls and women started coming to the center, the small hut at the Centenary United Methodist Church compound could no longer hold them all. Bangalie and United Methodist Women pleaded with their German partners to help build a larger center.

"Words cannot express how happy I am to see my dream, your dream and our dream come true," Bangalie said. "If you take delight in the Lord, he will give you your heart's desire. And today, the Lord has given me my heart's desire ... my heart desire for Bo women.

"We opened this center for vulnerable girls and widows who could not fend for themselves. It was to provide training for them that would enhance them to fend for their families. Hence our motto: 'Empowerment for self-reliance.' We wanted our women to be self-reliant because depending on men all the time is burdensome," she said.

The center graduated the first set of 11 trainees in 2015 — six with tailoring skills and five in the gara tie-dyeing component.

"It will amaze you to know that trainees who entered the center who never darkened the doors of a school can now read and write English," Bangalie said.

Retired German Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, who attended the dedication ceremony with Bishop Christian Alsted from the Nordic and Baltic Area of The United Methodist Church in Norway and Sierra Leone Bishop John Yambasu, expressed delight in the work the women already are doing.

She addressed the women at the center, noting she was especially excited for "you, the young women who are trained and equipped to gain independence and self esteem. I urge you not only to use it for your own benefit, but also for the benefit of your family and the broader communities you are living in," she said.

She wished the women blessed hearts and minds in the new building. "I pray for you and for this school and for the people here in Bo. May God bless you and enable you to be a blessing to others," she said.

Trainees at United Methodist Women's centers across the country pay a cost recovery fee of the equivalence of \$25 for a whole year. "Our focus is the empowerment of the women; not profit making," said Ethel Sandy, United Methodist Women national coordinator.

Sierra Leone's deputy director of education in the Bo district, John Amara Swaray, chaired the dedication and official opening of the center. He expressed gratitude to The United Methodist Church for providing resources to build an institution that was going to provide training and expose young women to the opportunity of developing their skills for the good of their communities and Sierra Leone at large.