

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

04/11/2018

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

PLEASE find ALL of the church announcements and happenings on the website: <https://cpfumc.org>

**Wednesday,
April 11, 2018**

**God Loves All
Bodies**

Barbara Brown Taylor shares her experience of falling in love with human bodies, her own and others. She writes in An Altar in the World:

Our bodies are prophets. They know when things are out of whack and they say so, although most of us welcome their news about as warmly as the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jeremiah's. We would rather lock up our bodies than listen to what they have to say. Where Christians are concerned, this leaves us in the peculiar position of being followers of the Word Made Flesh who neglect our own flesh or—worse—who treat our bodies with shame and scorn.

What many of us miss, in our physical dis-ease, is that our bodies remain God's best way of getting to us. . . Deep suffering makes theologians of us all. The questions people ask about God in Sunday school rarely compare with the questions we ask while we are in the hospital.

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Alan Thompson needing surgery
Andrew Thompson on a peace quest in co-parenting
Marilyn Hartman, fallen twice on tile floor – nothing broken
David MacCarroll, Debbie's brother, in hospital with diverticulitis
Vicky Starr, friend of Par Keys, has brain cancer
Nana Onley, friend of Par Keys, fell and broke her hip
Jorge Soto, has pain in his heel
Analiese, 12 yr old close friend of Priscilla Gregory, feet swelling, body rash & unable to determine cause ..
Clay & Megan Hollis, friends of Colleen Litaker, as they begin the foster/adoption path
Eric Daily, UMC Pastor in Bryan OH friend of the Wertmans, healing & recovery from cancer
Steffenson & Sowder families whose mother and wife, Kathy Steffenson, passed away last week.
Kellen Foyt, Lesley's nephew, recovering from mononucleosis
Andy Carver, at home after having surgery on an aneurism – getting better

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS Creativity of Children ...

APR. 14TH

SPRING EMPOWER

6-9:30P



All children Pre-K thru 5th grade are invited to **EMPOWER**.

Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 6pm to 10pm

In the sanctuary of CPFUMC

CHILDREN, please come and share your talents; show us your gift from God.
You will have 5 minutes to sing, dance, or demonstrate your special talent from God.

A light snack will be provided. The evening will end with a move.

You will find the registration form on the church website <https://cpfumc.org/>

See you there,

Carolyn Amanda Neil

APR. 14TH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

10AM

Saturday, April 14th Gathering by 10am to Serve Lunch to Lay Servant Training

ALL Women welcome to join discussion while serving

SUN APR 15**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP****THREE SIMPLE RULES**

The Sunday Discussion Group will begin reading and sharing from the book "Three Simple Rules" by Bishop Rueben Job. This provocative book delves into John Wesley's rules simplified to (1) Do No Harm (2) Do Good (3) Stay in Love with God.... **Join this group** in the MMB last room on the right at 9:45 !!

SUNDAY, APR. 15TH**CROP HUNGER WALK****1:30PM****COME WALK WITH US !!!!**

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.

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:** Bob Packard

SAT. APR. 21ST**DAY OF SAFETY****@ CPFUMC**

Church staff and volunteers we need your help to continue our ministries with children and vulnerable adults. We need to start preparing ourselves for the new regulations from the Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. These new regulations are not just for VBS, they are for all events where children and/or vulnerable adults are included.

Join us Saturday, April 21st**9:00 CPR/First Aid training – no fee for church members – required every two years**

This class is not mandatory but highly recommended. You do not need to register online.

Please let Carolyn Smith know you will be attending.

This class is open to the general public.

Friends may register online, <http://www.cpr-resources.com>

Lunch will be provided**1:00 Trusted con Confianza – no fee – required every two years****THURS, APR 26TH****2ND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI COOK OFF****6:30P**

**YOU ARE INVITED
ALL YOU CAN EAT
"SPAGHETTI"**

*Noodles and spaghetti squash will
be provided.*

Challenging All Chefs to make their specialty over Spaghetti:

Traditional Italian Red Sauce; Alfredo sauce, Vegan Meatballs, something over noodles; **Whatever is your specialty!!!**
BE the *chef!* BE the *judge!* BE the one that *samples* everything!!
Just **COME** and **enjoy** the food & fellowship!!

Join us **after** the **Spaghetti Cook Off**
LET'S MAKE a DEAL

What will you need to be a contestant?
What is in your bag?

For more information or if you would like to be part of the team behind the scenes, please see Carolyn Smith.

SAT, APRIL 28TH**PASTA WITH A PURPOSE****\$10 / ADULT KIDS FREE!**

A Child's Haven will hold its annual **Spring Fling Fundraiser** on Saturday, April 28th from **5:00-8:00pm**. Proceeds will **benefit** A Child's Haven scholarship program. Tickets, \$10 per adult with kids under 18 free, NOW on Sale

- Italian dinner catered by Ginos,
- Magician
- **Silent auction.**

There will also be **fun** activities for the kids:

- **Bouncy house, Balloon twisting, Visit from HEBuddy**

Continued PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Continued prayers for our families & friends:

Rev. Tina Carter

Pam Packard

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

APRIL 2018 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances	This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses \$ 21,865. Contributions (2/4 Sundays) \$ 12,543. Needed (Surplus): \$ 9,322. Additional Giving Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) \$ 175. \$2 For 20 \$ 246. True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) \$ 100. Communion (CROP Walk) \$ 231. Youth (T-shirt fundraiser) \$ 250.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April 8th</u></p> <p>8:30 am 37(Visitors:2)</p> <p>10:45am 63(Visitors:2)</p> <p><u>Sunday School Egg Hunt</u> Children: 17 Adults: 28</p>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, April 11th
 9:30a A Matter of Balance
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY April 12th

FRIDAY, April 13th
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, April 14th
 7:30 Lay Servant Training
 10am UMW Serving lunch for Servant Training
 6:30p Empower for Children

SUNDAY, April 15th
 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages;
 10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate
 Noon Confirmation Class
 1:30pm CROP Walk
 3:30p Worship at The Pointe Choir
 6:00p YOUTH

MONDAY, April 16th
 6:30p Contemplative Prayer
 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, April 17th
 9:30am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Bible Discussion

WEDNESDAY, April 18th
 9:30a Membership Care
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Fri Apr 20 Newsletter input	Sat May 12 9a UMW
Sat Apr 21 9am First Aide/CPR	Mon May 14 6:30p FINANCE
Sat Apr 21 1p Child Safety	Wed May 16 9:30a Membership Care
Thurs Apr 26 6:30p Spaghetti Cook Off	Fri May 18 Newsletter Input
Sat Apr 28 5-8p Child's Haven Fundraiser	Sun May 20 Pentecost
Wed May 2 6:30p Book Club	Mon May 21 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
Mon May 7 6:30p TRUSTEES	Thu May 24 Last Day Childs Haven
Sat May 12 7a UMM @ LUMC	Sat May 26 8am Open Doors

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..!!	DATE	EVENT/ TIME
	NAME/CONTACT	

Confirmation continues through May 20th
 – noon -1:30 with lunch

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yupt4Lw7C2Ba-sA1i2PQjWRiizz0rwEm3PM71SCQqgo/edit>

Typically lunch for 10 people, dinner for 12 people.

4/ 15	C/ Lunch 12p	Ann Pattridge
4/ 15	Dinner 6p	Sue Sidney
4/ 22	C/ Lunch 12p	Debra Longoria
4/ 22	Dinner 6p	
4/ 29	C/ Lunch 12p	Steve Howard
4/ 29	Dinner 6p	
5/ 5	C/ Retreat Snacks 10a	Debra Longoria
5/ 5	C/ Lunch 12p	Neil Howard
5/ 5	C/ Retreat Snacks 3p	Sue/Dave Sidney
5/ 6	Dinner 6pm	

APRIL CHOIR

Schedule:

Sunday April 15th - sing # 2115 out of TFWS and shorter practice afterwards AND meet at The Pointe for 3:15 pm
 Sunday April 22nd - sing # 2128 out of TFWS and shorter practice afterwards
 Sunday April 29th - sing # 2117 out of TFWS and shorter practice afterwards

---Thanks, Jodi 512-633-0009
 Sunday May 6th - NOT sing at service but meet for rehearsal after second service - my student will play at second service
 Sunday May 13th - sing #2123 out of TFWS but NO PRACTICE - Mother's Day
 Sunday May 20th - sing "Agnus Dei" - will have copy for you next Sunday and NO PRACTICE
 Choir finished until late September

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS MAKE PLANS

MAY 2ND METHODIST READING CLUB

YET TO COME:	<u>Wed. May 2 at 6:30pm</u> Author Christa Allen from Houston will be joining us. The book to be discussed is " <i>Walking on Broken Glass</i> ". It is primarily about alcoholism, but there are other discussion points too. I'll get an invitation in the next couple of weeks.	<u>Wed. Oct. 3, 2018 at 6:30p.m.</u> 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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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 LUNCHES**(main dish,+)
2 DINNERS(main dish, veggies) **4 SNACKS**

SAT, APRIL 28 FROM LANES 4 LIVES BOWL-A-THON 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM



Whether you specialize in strikes or gutter balls, come out to support a fantastic resource in our community - Samaritan Health Ministries!
 Mel's Lone Star Lanes: 1010 N Austin Ave., Georgetown, TX 78626
Contact: Sarah Carriker , Samaritan Health Ministries
scarriker@theshm.org

JULY 16-20 OPEN HEARTS SUMMER CAMP 9:00 AM - NOON

Open heARTS Summer Camp is becoming a tradition at Cedar Park First United Methodist Church. We invite all children ages 4-12. Come join us for a fun filled day of art projects, music and music history, movement and games! Bring a sack lunch and wear tennis shoes. Open heARTS Summer Camp has a per-participant charges shown below. Advanced registration is encouraged. Registration is usually opened about a month before the actual event starts. The next Open heARTS Summer Camp is scheduled for July 16-20, 2018 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Registration is open now. Click on the button below to register online.

Fee Schedule: \$175 – per child (payable by July 1, 2018)

Fees must be paid at the time of registration, no later than July 1, 2018. Bring or mail your check made out to "Cedar Park First UMC" or "CPFUMC" and designated in the memo field for "Open heARTS Summer Camp" to the church office at 600 West Park Street, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

JUNE 11-15TH

VBS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our very own Mega Sports Vacation Bible School is coming soon! We welcome all church and community children entering Pre-K through 5th grade in the 2018-2019 school year to join us! We are able to serve the children **free of charge** thanks to generous donations and our wonderful volunteers!

See list below of needed volunteers

Volunteer Roles & Descriptions:

- **Sports Helpers** - Assist in teaching children sports skills and setting up and taking down equipment for a particular sport: Basketball (Head Coach: Gigi), Soccer (Head Coach: Elizabeth), Cheerleading (Head Coach: Colleen), and Martial Arts has not yet confirmed, but we're hoping they can join us again this year
- **Bible Time Huddle Coaches** - Lead group discussion with children regarding the bible verse and story. There is a packet of stories/questions that you can use to guide this discussion.
- **Kitchen/Concessions Help** - Assist Sue, our Concession Coach, in planning, preparing, and serving snacks and refreshments
- **First Aid/Safety** - CPR/First aid trained individual who gives safety reminder at beginning of day (drink water, take breaks, play safe & don't wander off), and gives ice packs or band-aids to injured children
- **Registration** - Assist parents with checking in children from 5:15-6:15pm, and monitor children at 8pm as they are released to their parents
- **Pre-Game Coaches** - Monitor children from 5:15-6pm with provided crafts and games (duck duck goose, Simon says, etc.), and help demonstrate the rally dance with video
- **Watchers** - Trusted con Confianza trained individuals who can monitor children to make sure they are safe, but do not need to assist with sports or lead the Bible time huddle (although you are more than welcome to volunteer for those roles in addition)

How to Volunteer:

1. Tell Anna Mullen or Amanda Theriot that you would like to be at VBS
2. Take the free Trusted Con Confianza training (register & take online training here: <https://safegatherings.com/app/registration>, then attend in-person training April 21st from 1-3:30pm at church or do additional online training) Note: We need one trained adult (age 16+) for every eight children and youth under 15
3. Take the free CPR/First Aid training if needed (April 21st 9am-Noon at church) This is not mandatory but is helpful for many church events.
4. Attend a brief orientation May 6th after 2nd service to learn more about your role and ask questions

Thank you, Please consider how you can help serve this year and **contact** the VBS co-directors to get more information: Anna Mullen (anna.c.mullen@gmail.com, [512-297-6334](tel:512-297-6334)) and Amanda Theriot. (amanda.theriot@icloud.com, [512-934-8504](tel:512-934-8504)), .

IACT

PASSPORT: CEDAR PARK/HILL COUNTRY

Interfaith Action of Central Texas

Please join iACT as we expand the Passport Program and Red Bench Conversations into Cedar Park and the Hill Country!

April 7 – Community Celebration: Cedar Fest BBQ Cook-Off **Join us as we will be promoting interfaith dialogue and peace! – was VERY cold outside but warmed by interactions!!!**

May – Baptist Service (Location & Date TBD)

June 19 – Red Bench: Love

July 13 – Passport: Islamic Service

August – Red Bench: TBD Sept. 23 – Passport: Mormon

October – Red Bench: TBD

November 18 – iACT's 34th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

December – Community Celebration: Pajama Party (date and time TBD)

FEED THE HUNGRY

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

RED BAGS

PLEASE Fill the RED HEB bags in celebration of Spring !!! -

Welcome to our new delegate to HCCM: Morgan Wertman: Notaspamfan@yahoo.com 419-212-2935

TIDBITS



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

What a joy it is to live into the Easter season. Like other holidays and church seasons, Easter brings back for me a flood of childhood memories. One of my fondest is the adult Easter egg hunts at my grandparents' house. My grandparents had a spacious backyard complete with good climbing trees, lots of patio furniture, and garden beds sprinkled throughout. In other words, it was perfect for hiding eggs. I'm not sure when

the tradition started, but for years I recall the two Easter egg hunts held at my grandparent's home. One for the children. One for the adults. I can still picture my aunts and uncles and even great aunts climbing trees and arguing about who saw which egg first. I pray you have had time to reflect on Easter's past and to create some new memories.

The Easter season spreads before us for days and weeks leading up to Christ's Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. When I consider other times in the church calendar, it seems the time goes by all too quickly. We are given Advent to prepare for the birth of Christ. And while most years I'd like a sensible 9 months, we are given just four weeks. After the birth, Jesus grows up super fast. Within days of remembering His birth, we see Him as a young adult being baptized. Then, with the baptismal waters still fresh upon Him, we move into Lent and get 40 days to consider the breadth of His ministry that led to His crucifixion and ultimately resurrection.

But then Easter comes and the Christian calendar gives us ample time to hangout in the Easter season. Fifty days, in fact.

What does it mean to receive this gift of the Easter season? In part, it is accepting the invitation to recall the various encounters people had with the resurrected Christ. Mary who hears her risen Lord telling her to let go and bear witness to all she has seen. Thomas whose questioning faith led him to touch the wounds of Christ. Other disciples experienced the risen Christ's presence when they broke bread with Him. Still others who went fishing only to find Jesus sharing breakfast with them afterwards.

Receiving the gift of an Easter season is also an invitation to practice resurrection ourselves. We do that in our own lives when we strive to see something in a new way or when we take on a new challenge. We do that in our churches when we not only hope for something new to happen but also take action to join God's work of making all things new. We do that in our world when we choose to stand up for the marginalized and to speak out about injustice. As many preachers before have shared, resurrection is a hard message to sell in what seems to be a Good Friday world. And yet, we are called to do precisely that - to bear witness to Love's redeeming work by how we live the very precious lives we have been given. Poet Wendell Berry urges us to practice resurrection in his *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*. Among the lines are these: "Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing....Love someone who does not deserve it....Ask the questions that have no answers...Be joyful though you have considered all the facts."

When I visited my grandparents' home in the summer, my siblings and I would inevitably stumble across an overlooked Easter egg when playing in the backyard. Still buried under leaves and grass, the Easter egg called to mind a day of celebration and joy. I don't know about you, but I need to be reminded constantly to practice resurrection. To look at my very life and make different choices - better choices - that will lead to life abundant for all the other lives my own bumps up against in this world. To remember the day we rejoiced in Love's redeeming work and to claim that like Jesus, today we, too can rise to new life. Alleluia!

Blessings of joy and wonder as you live into this season and practice resurrection!

Be encouraged!, teresa