

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

04/18/2018

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>

The Sermon on the Mount: Week 1

The Wisdom Tradition

“Christianity isn’t a failure; it just hasn’t been tried yet.”

G. K. Chesterton, *What’s Wrong with the World* (1910)

In this great cultural monolith that we call Christianity, which has guided the course of western history for more than two thousand years, have we really yet unlocked the power to deeply understand and follow this Jesus along the radical path he is calling us to?)

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Ida Ramirez, Edna Soto’s dad’s wife
Puerto Rico
Jennifer & daughter, Molly, to find God & make Him part of their lives
John Baugh, Sterling’s neighbor, with bladder cancer
Alan Thompson needing surgery
Andrew Thompson on a peace quest in co-parenting

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS Community @ CPFUMC !!

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:

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**

SUN APR 29 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 !!

APRIL 2018 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance	
		<u>April 15th</u>	
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>8:30 am</u>	37(Visitors:2)
Contributions (3/4 Sundays)	\$ 15,435.		
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 6,430.	<u>10:45am</u>	63(Visitors:2)
Additional Giving			
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 175.		
\$2 For 20	\$ 292.		
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 110.		
Communion (CROP Walk)	\$ 231.	<u>Sunday School Egg Hunt</u>	Children: 17
Youth (T-shirt fundraiser)	\$ 250.		Adults: 28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

THURSDAY April 19th

FRIDAY, April 20th
 Newsletter input
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, April 21st
 9am First Aide/CPR
 1p Child Safety

SUNDAY, April 22nd
 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages;
 10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate
 Noon Confirmation Class
 6:00p YOUTH

MONDAY, April 23rd
 6:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, April 24th
 9:30am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Bible Discussion

WEDNESDAY, April 25th
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thurs	Apr 26	6:30p	Spaghetti Cook Off	Mon	May 14	6:30p	FINANCE
Sat	Apr 28	5-8p	Child's Haven Fundraiser	Wed	May 16	9:30a	Membership Care
Wed	May 2	6:30p	Book Club	Fri	May 18		Newsletter Input
Sun	May 6	noon	VBS Orientation	Sun	May 20		Pentecost
Mon	May 7	6:30p	TRUSTEES	Mon	May 21	6:30p	CHURCH COUNCIL
Sat	May 12	7a	UMM @ LUMC	Thu	May 24		Last Day Childs Haven
Sat	May 12	9a	UMW	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..!!
Confirmation continues through May 20th
 – noon -1:30 with lunch

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yupt4Lw7C2Ba-sA1i2PQjWRiizz0rwEm3PM71SCQqqo/edit>

Typically lunch for 10 people, dinner for 12 people.

DATE	EVENT/ TIME	NAME/CONTACT
4/ 22	C/ Lunch 12p	Debra Longoria
4/ 22	Dinner 6p	Walter & Charles
4/ 29	C/ Lunch 12p	Irene Carrillo
4/ 29	Dinner 6p	Steve Howard
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 22nd - sing TFWS # 2117 & NO practice afterwards
 Sunday April 29th - sing TFWS # 2128 & shorter practice afterwards
 Sunday May 6th - NOT sing at service but meet for rehearsal after second service - my student will play at second service

---Thanks, Jodi 512-633-0009

Sunday May 13th - sing TFWS #2123 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS

MAY 2ND

METHODIST READING CLUB

YET TO COME:

Wed. May 2 at 6:30pm
 Author **Christa Allen** from Houston will be joining us. The book to be discussed is "**Walking on Broken Glass**". It is primarily about alcoholism, but there are other discussion points too. I'll get an invitation in the next couple of weeks.

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

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**

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

YOU ARE NEEDED



June 11th thru 15th, 2018

6pm to 8 pm

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN TODAY

registration forms are on the church website, www.cpfumc.org

We need YOU to help make this year a success.

To learn more about how YOU can help:

Attend the orientation Sunday, May 6th at noon, immediately after 2nd service

OR Contact, Please: Anna Mullen, anna.c.mullen@gmail.com 512/297-6334

Amanda Theriot, Amanda.theriot@icloud.com 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!

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

BISHOP URGES NEW MINDSET FOR WAY FORWARD

The commission’s report to the bishops, she said, will include three sketches for the church’s future. In recent meetings, the commission has focused on the last two, but all three remain on the table.

The **three models** are roughly as follows:

- The **traditional model** would affirm the current language in the denomination’s Book of Discipline, the denomination’s governing document, and seek to strengthen enforcement. The church policy book says the practice of homosexuality “is incompatible with Christian teaching” and lists officiating at a same-gender union or being a “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy member as chargeable offenses under church law.
- The **one-church model** would remove the Book of Discipline’s restrictive language and leave decision-making around LGBTQ ordination closer to the conference and local-church levels. Steiner Ball said the bishops have yet to recommend which level of the church would vote on questions of marriage or ordination. However, the model specifically protects the rights of those whose conscience will not allow them to perform same-gender weddings or ordain LGBTQ people. She called it the most decentralized model because it puts decision-making closest to the ground. It also is similar to [a plan the Connectional Table itself proposed to the 2016 General Conference](#).
- The **multi-branch model** would replace the five U.S. jurisdictions with three connectional conferences, each covering the whole country, based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry — progressive, contextual and traditional branches. In this case, contextual means allowing churches flexibility in ministry with LGBTQ people as best fits their mission field. Central conferences — church regions in Africa, Asia and Europe — would remain as they are now. This plan would require amending the denomination’s constitution.

Under consideration in each of the sketches, Steiner Ball said, are different ways for handling funding matters such as bishops’ pay. For example, under the one-church model, bishops’ compensation might be funded by their episcopal areas rather than by the whole denomination as part of a shared Episcopal Fund.

“Please be respectful when you discuss these sketches,” Steiner Ball cautioned. “They represent the people who are in our churches. They also represent the people God has called us to reach.”

Germain Mupasa, a Connectional Table member from the Democratic Republic of Congo, said through an interpreter that he was struck by Steiner Ball urging people to listen without trying to convince others of their perspective.

“In a roundabout way, I think we will fail,” he said, “because then how do we convince people?”

Steiner Ball answered that United Methodists likely won’t succeed in changing each other’s stances but they can find common ground in the shared interests that lie underneath.

“There are ways we can work together even if we have different positions on homosexuality,” she said. “Our local churches are working with people who have different positions on human sexuality, and they are still feeding people and clothing people and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.”

After Steiner Ball’s presentation, Connectional Table members engaged in small-group discussions. Several spoke of how even during this time of uncertainty, they wanted to help the denomination continue to focus outward on its mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Dave Nuckols, a member of the Connectional Table and Way Forward Commission, told United Methodist News Service that he was doubly proud that the bishop provided an excellent overview and the Connectional Table responded openly and optimistically.

In her presentation, Steiner Ball had another piece of advice for church leaders: Trust God.

“If we trust that God will be the final judge and understand that we don’t have to be, if we understand that God gives the healing and we are called to be the caregivers, and if we care for people just as hard and as passionately as we can,” she said, “we can trust that God is going to do God’s work.”

Read the Entire Story Here:

http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishop-urges-new-mindset-for-way-forward?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTVdFek5EVXhabUV4TTJReiIsInQiOiJZV1NNRzJ0VDlnRFh4ZjlmOXVpRVVo5QWtDNWJvbFwvWHZGWmpHbWREWGs0bXEzdnVQV1F6bm1zZCtQVjRVVWwvK0RJVWgyWG5XSfHBTmY0dHFyK0FBNXdDRjZPenF0QjF5cXF4OERlcktiM2xiQlFxbjJwSVhGemJTQUpZUm1VOGFMin0%3D