

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

06/20/2018

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>

Justice: Week 2
You Are the
“Imago Dei”

Maybe we realize subconsciously that if we really recognized our True Self—which is the Divine Indwelling, the Holy Spirit within us—if we really believed that we are temples of God then we would have to live up to this incredible dignity, freedom, and love.

The single and true purpose of mature religion is to lead you to ever new experiences of your True Self. If religion does not do this, it is junk religion. Every sacrament, every Bible story, every church service, every sermon, every hymn, every bit of priesthood, ministry, or liturgy is for one purpose: to allow you to experience your True Self—who you are **in** God and who God **is in** you—and to live a generous and just life from that Infinite Source.

from Richard Rohr: *Essential Teachings on Love*

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing :*

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Karen Packard, “under the weather “

Martha Orr, had 4th procedure on June 18th to help manage chronic back pain.

Dave & Jennifer Ruffcorn, job uncertainty after companies bought out

Doug Zatechka, Sterling’s cousin, has stage 4 lung cancer and 6-12 months to live. He smoked for over 25 years. Prayers for Doug and his wife Jane and their family please.

Holly Laughlin, struggling with her health

Marilyn Hartman after spinal surgery is doing well at Sagebrook Rehab Room #104,

Renee Carver is doing Rehab at her group home.

Susan, sister of Sally Johnson, isolated, anxious, addictive, suicidal thoughts

June Mission Trips

Traveling Mercies

Joyful Experience

June 16-24: Appalachian Service Project in Kentucky

Bonnie & Mark How, Drew & Stephanie Talley, Jett Heermans, Hannah Long, Karsten Lundstrom, Spring Middleton, Will Talley, Elizabeth Talley, Luke Talley, Morgan Walker

June 24-28 UM Army in Gonzales, TX

Shawn Dubler, Anabel Creel, Taylor Cleveland, Keyla Creel, Kianna Creel, Abigail Dubler, Allie Short, Ashlyn Short

PRAYERS *of THANKS!! :*

THANKS WOW!! VBS !! What a Mega Experience for all that participated !!

THANKS Mission opportunities ... from Kentucky to Gonzales !!

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

THURS, JUNE 21ST SHORT-TERM DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ON PSALMS 10:30AM



Please, complete the readings for **Lesson 2** when you come to class on Thursday, 6/21. The Bible will serve as the primary text in this study, but a Participant Guide will also be utilized. Preparation on the part of participants is expected before class: several Psalms will be read each week, as well as a segment of the Participant Guide.

SUN, JUNE 24TH**BUFFALO GRASS MUSIC ENSEMBLE****IN WORSHIP**

This ensemble will be some of the following: Don Inbody picking his guitar, Scott Byars with his mandolin, Thom McNeil with his banjo, harmonica, and guitar, Tom Lindsey on his fiddle, and Scott Broberg playing bass.

Hailing from the central Texas area, they have been performing together and with other groups for a long time. They share an enthusiasm for traditional music and will perform whenever they can find an audience who will sit still long enough to listen. While some may call their music Bluegrass, Scott, Robert, and Don like to call it "BuffaloGrass," their own brand of traditional music with good vocals and a bit of folk and western flair; they just like to play and sing. They are thrilled and feel blessed to have an opportunity to share their enjoyment of music and hope you have a chance to be similarly blessed.

MONITORS FOR SALE

The church has several used monitors for sale. If you need backup or want to add a monitor to your PC, here are some options:

<u>Description</u>	<u>S/N</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Price</u>
KDS model Rad-7 17" monitor	1763BZC50000134	1280x1024, integrated speakers	\$5
Dell model 1704FPT 17" monitor	CN-0Y4299-71618-591-CBPP	1280x1014	\$5
Dell model E196FPf 19" monitor	CN-0GC811-72872-635S-0VML	1280x1024	\$7
Dell model 1905FP 19" monitor	MX-0W8690-48323-59L0Q2A	1280x1024, always ON	\$7

These are used monitors. All of these monitors work. Power and video cables included. No warranty.

Contact Neil Howard if you are interested (nhowardtx@gmail.com), 512-456-7034.

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.

WED, JULY 25 – AUG 29**POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS****9:30-11:00 AM**

This series of six classes is designed to empower family caregivers of older adults to take better care of themselves. The tools learned benefit caregivers by developing a wealth of self-care strategies to better handle the unique challenges faced by family caregivers. The evidence-based curriculum was developed by Dr. Kate Lorig and her colleagues at Stanford University.

For more information check the church website: <https://cpfumc.org/> There will be a link to find out more information and to register for the classes which are sponsored by AGE of Central Texas.

JULY 26TH**ICE CREAM SOCIAL****6:30PM**

What flavor of homemade ice cream will you bring?

What is your favorite flavor? Is it traditional or an exotic flavor. No matter your favorite, please plan to join us on **Thursday, July 26** at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

All are invite. If you do not make homemade ice cream, please plan to come anyway

. You may come as a guest or bring your favorite store brand of ice cream, it will not be part of the judging. A freezer will be provided a few days before to hold the ice cream, if you wish to bring your ice cream early. Plan to stay after the announcement of winners for a game of **"Let's Make a Deal"**. You never know what will be required to be the next contestant. So pack your bag accordingly. If you would like to be part of the planning team, please contact Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

JUNE UMW MISSION

UMCOR HYGIENE KIT

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of CPFUMC will be collecting items for Hygiene Kits for UMCOR during the month of May. Please see the lists on the bulletin board and the collection box for items or money to support this project.

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels • One washcloth • One comb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth ○ No pocket combs or picks ○ Rattail & combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth • One toenail or fingernail clipper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No emery boards or metal nail files | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Ivory or Jergen's soap ○ Do not remove from packaging • One adult toothbrush <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not remove from packaging ○ Personal advertising not acceptable • 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Common household bandages acceptable • One one-gallon size re-sealable bag |
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Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols
 - Please send a check for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping to Sager Brown. One check may be written for all of the kits.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

YOUTH MEETINGS

MEALS NEEDED

*Youth will be meeting...6p Sundays..!!
Typically, dinner for 12 people.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/ TIME</u>	<u>NAME/CONTACT</u>
6/17	Dinner 6pm	NO Meeting
6/24	Dinner 6pm	NO Meeting

JUNE 2018

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance	
		<u>June 17th</u>	
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	8:30 am	27 (Visitors:1)
Contributions (3/4 Sundays)	\$ 14,772.	10:45am	78(Visitors:2)
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 7,093.	Sunday	Children: 14
Additional Giving			Adults: 15
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 175.		
\$2 For 20	\$ 171.		
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 603.		
Communion (UMW UMCOR Kits)	\$ 236.		
Youth (Mission Trips)	\$ 1115		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, June 20th

ASP Mission

9:30a Membership Care

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY June 21st First Day of Summer

ASP Mission

SUNDAY, June 24th Buffalo Grass Music

ASP Mission Team Returns

UMARMY Mission Team Leaves for Gonzales

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, *Communion*

9:45a Sunday School for all ages;

10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, *Communion*

6:00p NO YOUTH

10:30a Disciple Psalms
FRIDAY, June 22nd
ASP Mission
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee
 10:00a UMW Inventory of Hygiene Kit Supplies
SATURDAY, June 23rd
ASP Mission

MONDAY, June 25th
UMARMY Mission
 7:30p Contemplative Prayer
TUESDAY, June 26th
UMARMY Mission
 9:30am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Bible Discussion
WEDNESDAY, June 27th
UMARMY Mission
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thurs June 28 th -Aug 14 th Psalms Study	Mon July 9 6:30p FINANCE
June 16-24 ASP Mission	Sun Jul 15 th 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
Sun June 24 th Worship with Buffalo Grass Bluegrass	Mon July 16 6:30p NO CHURCH COUNCIL
June 24-28 UM Army (Gonzales)	Mon-Fri July 16-20 9a Open HeARTS Camp
Sun July 1 6:30p UMW with Youth	Wed July 18 9:30a Membership Care
Mon July 2 6:30p NO TRUSTEES	Fri July 20 Newsletter Input
Wed July 4 th Office Closed	Wed July 25 th Powerful Tools for Caregivers

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

2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS

PARK STREET FRONTAGE LANDSCAPE PROJECT

One of the Trustees goals for 2018 is to improve our care of God's creation and gifts to us. We started the recycle project to work toward this goal. Another step along this journey is to landscape our property along our Park Street frontage.

When we finished the parking lot project in 2016, we realized that not only did we have adequate parking, but we also had some inviting landscaping bordering the parking lot to attract people who drive by. The parking lot landscaping is in sharp contrast with the existing landscaping farther to the west along Park Street.

Some of the goals of this landscape project are

- Blend well with our existing landscaping on our property along Park Street.
- It needs to eliminate the mud problem for parking in the MMB parking lot.
- It needs to shield the 4 HVAC units from view from Park St.
- All native live oak trees and large pine tree are to be retained.
- Any plants, trees and shrubs to be added should be native varieties, drought tolerant and deer resistant.
- Our goal is to make our Park Street frontage an inviting view from the road.
- Screen the shed from Park Street as much as possible while allowing for clear access to the shed front door.

The Trustees have solicited a landscaping plan for our Park Street frontage west of the main parking lot. Blair Landscape Architecture, LLC, the same firm that landscaped the parking lot

See the pictures on the bulletin board by the Sunday coffee table to get all the details....

OCT 18-21

POSAUNENCHOR IS COMING!

HOST HOMES NEEDED

What is Posaunenchor, anyway? Posaunenchor is a German word made, as the Germans like to do, by sticking two words together: Posaunen means "trumpet" or "trombone" and chor means "choir." So Posaunenchor means "trumpet choir" or "trombone choir" or "brass choir."

About 4 months from now, October 18-21, 2018, we will have a visit from a Posaunenchor from Hamm, Germany. They will be coming to Cedar Park First UMC to play at our worship services that weekend and also to play a concert at Highland Estates. This will be a wonderful opportunity for a cultural exchange. Our plan is to provide some Hill Country hospitality by providing accommodations for the band members in our homes and sharing a couple of meals and some Austin sightseeing with them while they are here.

We expect a group of about 20 to 30 musicians with ages from 12 to 62. Our German guests are pretty self-sufficient. All of them speak some English, most of them quite well. This is an opportunity for an informal cultural exchange. More information will be forthcoming as October nears.

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!

July 13 – <u>Passport: Islamic Service</u>	October – Red Bench: TBD
August – Red Bench: TBD	November 18 – <u>iACT's 34th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</u>
Sept. 23 – <u>Passport: Mormon</u>	December – Community Celebration: Pajama Party (TBD)

WED, OCT 3RD METHODIST READING CLUB 6:30PM

Please come and enjoy the discussion even if you have not yet finished reading the book.

YET TO COME:	<p><u>Wed. Oct. 3, 2018 at 6:30p.m.</u> Novels by Katherine Reay - Genre: General Fiction <i>Dear Mr. Knightly; Lizzy & Jane;</i> <i>The Bronte Plot ; & The Austen Escape</i> Leader: Katherine Reay</p>
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TIDBITS

Discernment . . . is about listening and responding to that place within us where our deepest desires align with God's desire. —Henri Nouwen

RIO TEXAS OFFERS HURRICANE RECOVERY TOUR

"The restaurant is gone!" the retired United Methodist missionary said. "Oh, my gosh. We used to come over here all the time."

Wright's dismay at not finding a favored seafood place from her years of living in and near Corpus Christi, Texas, came during a two-hour driving tour offered by the Rio Texas Conference during its recent annual gathering. The purpose was to show that damage remains from last year's **Hurricane Harvey**, and that United Methodist volunteers continue to be needed.

"We get questions all the time, people saying, 'You're still doing Harvey recovery? Aren't all those people home?'" said Vicki McCuiston, disaster recovery asset manager for the Rio Texas Conference. "This is an opportunity to drive the streets and show them that, no, not everybody is home."

The Rio Texas Conference and Texas Conference both were still responding to flood-related needs of recent years when Hurricane Harvey hit on Aug. 25, 2017, ultimately causing 88 deaths and more than \$125 billion in damage. The storm's torrential aftermath in Houston and nearby East Texas communities drew most of the media attention, thanks to searing images of flooding and **rescues by the Cajun Navy** and other volunteers, **including United Methodists**. But the hurricane first clobbered select parts of the Texas coast just north of Corpus Christi, with severe wind damage extending well inland. **Fourteen counties** within the vast Rio Texas Conference have seen some 118,000 FEMA registrations. And the damage, while intermittent, ranges far and wide.

"The most difficult thing to deal with is how widespread it is," said Gene Hileman, Rio Texas Conference disaster relief coordinator.

First United Methodist Church in Victoria, Texas, has been a center of Harvey-related volunteer work. Its pastor, the Rev. Timothy Brewer, estimates that 3,000 to 4,000 homes locally had damage not covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or private insurance.

"I think we've completed (restoration of) something like 500 of those homes," Brewer said.

The Rio Texas Conference is working closely with the **United Methodist Committee on Relief**, which **at its April meeting approved** grants of \$4.8 million to the Texas Conference and \$5 million to the Rio Texas Conference. UMCOR is one of five members of **National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster** to be chosen to work with FEMA and the state of Texas in **Project Comeback: Texas**, a first-of-its-kind collaboration aimed at more coordinated response.

The specific task for UMCOR is to train case managers for Harvey recovery work. The Rio Texas Conference and the nonprofit group Hope Disaster Recovery will help implement case management services.

"Our long history of providing disaster case management services that empower survivors to lead their own recovery is what makes UMCOR's work unique," said Cathy Earl, UMCOR director for U.S. disaster response.

Rio Texas has case managers and supervisors in place, helping clients with financing and identifying reliable contractors, as well as finding volunteer labor when possible. **First United Methodist of Victoria** and First United

Methodist of Sinton, Texas, are “volunteer villages,” with bunk beds, showers and kitchens. From almost the beginning, the Victoria church has housed volunteers, though it lost a roof and had water damage from the storm. “We’ve had somewhere over 1,000 people spending the night in our building,” Brewer said of the nine months since Harvey. “We expect 800 more in June and July.”

The connectional nature of United Methodism has been on display, with equipment coming from as far as the California-Pacific Conference, and volunteer teams arriving from around the state and well beyond.

The **June 6-8 Rio Texas Conference gathering in Corpus Christi** was the first since the hurricane, and a chance to tout all the recovery work done or underway. A **video shown to delegates** included emotional testimonies from people who are back in their homes thanks to the conference’s leveraging of volunteers and financial resources. But the ongoing need for volunteers and donations, including from within the conference, led to the idea of a Harvey recovery tour as part of the annual meeting.

On June 7, about 30 people devoted their lunch break to climbing into one of two church vans and heading out with Rio Texas officials for a drive to Aransas Pass and Rockport— two hard-hit communities just north of Corpus Christi. Along the way, they saw businesses boarded up or under reconstruction, as well as vacant lots where businesses operated before Harvey. In residential areas, there was more of the same, with van riders remarking on how many new roofs there were, and how many blue tarps indicating the roof was still to come.

At First United Methodist of Aransas Pass, the group got a briefing from McCuiston and Sophie Longoria, a case management supervisor. They also met case management workers based at the church. One of those, Amy Collins, noted that life goes on for those waiting to get back in their homes.

“There’s deaths in the family, there’s divorce, there’s sickness,” she said. “All that’s going on in the midst of (them) trying to recover. Those are the stories that get to you.”

From McCuiston, the group heard that volunteer numbers are strong now, thanks in part to youth groups. “**August** is available for anyone who wants to come,” she said. “We have lots of space available in the volunteer villages through the fall and spring.”

The Rev. Daniel Flores was among those on the tour. He’s an elder in the Rio Texas Conference, but he’s living in the North Texas Conference, doing extension ministry at a community college. He’d followed the Harvey story closely through the news. “Now I have an opportunity to see firsthand the recovery effort at nine months, and get a better idea of what I might contribute,” he said.

Wright planned to return to her current home town of New Braunfels, Texas, and let United Methodist churches there know what she saw and how they might be helpful. She’ll go with a sense of gratitude for United Methodists at work already. **“They’re doing what we’re supposed to do, being the hands and feet of Jesus.”**

JUNE 19TH

JUNETEENTH

Each year on June 19, Texans commemorate the day news of the abolition of slavery reached the Lone Star State.

The Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery, went into effect on Jan. 1, 1863. Texas was the last state to end slavery, abolishing it when Union General Gordon Granger came to Galveston with the announcement more than two years later.

It was not until the end of the Civil War, when the Confederacy was defeated, that Texans learned of the Proclamation, said Benjamin Wright, associate director for communications at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

“Juneteenth celebrates when this news came to Texas,” said Wright, a history graduate student. “It’s not just the news of freedom, but actually the reality of it.”

Wright said even though the former slaves were then free, they faced a plethora of other challenges, such as financial hardships and the inability to obtain land.

“In Texas, and in other southern states, there were several generations of slaves working on this land,” Wright said. “It was the sweat of their brows, their broken bodies, that had made the land profitable.”

At the time of Granger’s announcement, there were more than 250,000 slaves in Texas. Juneteenth is a portmanteau of “June” and “nineteenth,” and the day is the oldest-known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

In **1980**, Texas became the first state to recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday through the efforts of Texas state Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston.

“Every year, we must remind successive generations that this event triggered a series of events that, one by one, defines the challenges and responsibilities of successive generations,” said Edwards, sponsor of the bill, according to CNN. “That’s why we need this holiday.”

People celebrate Juneteenth with parades, rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, historical reenactments and “Miss Juneteenth” contests. Some other traditions include oral histories and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Emancipation Parks, in both Austin and Houston, were purchased specifically for Juneteenth celebrations. Now, Austin's Juneteenth celebration occurs in Rosewood Park, and the land where Emancipation Park was became the first African-American public housing complex in the country. "The economic, social and political climate for African-Americans in Texas was precarious and dangerous," said Nakia Parker, a history and African and African Diaspora studies graduate student. "It was a remarkable and brave thing to buy land to celebrate Juneteenth so openly, to say the least." Although the day is seen as the end of slavery in the United States, Juneteenth is still not a national holiday. Parker said she thinks Juneteenth is celebrated more locally than nationally because the conception of slavery being a brutal institution that only occurred in the South. "The more frank discussions we have about slavery being an integral part of American history ... the more Juneteenth will be more likely recognized like other celebrations," Parker said.

JUNE 16-21 POPE FRANCIS, KOREANS TO ATTEND WCC GATHERING

GENEVA (UMNS) — United Methodists will be among those present when the pope and a Christian delegation from North and South Korea take part in the June 16-21 meeting of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee at the WCC's headquarters. The visit by Pope Francis on June 21 also includes a large public mass. United Methodists will be among those present when the council's governing body meets at the WCC headquarters in Geneva. Retired United Methodist Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, who serves as co-vice moderator, is the denomination's top representative to the council.

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