

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

06/27/2018

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 Cost of
Consumption
Wednesday,
June 27, 2018**

The impulse to enhance the economic viability of life on earth *through* the recognition and preservation of all living systems is becoming increasingly central to religion, science, medicine, literature, the arts, and youth. It will be the dominant theme of generations to come. [1]

Reference:

[1] Paul Hawken, *The Ecology of Commerce: A Declaration of Sustainability, Revised Edition* (Harper Business: 1993, 2010), 16, 127, 140-141. See also <http://www.drawdown.org/>.

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Renee Carver is doing Rehab at her group home having some foot issues too.
Dorothy Hall fell and broke her hip starting therapy July 5th
Charlie Goss fell while trimming bushes ... wounded but not broken
Martha Orr, having 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,
Susan, sister of Sally Johnson, isolated, anxious, addictive, suicidal thoughts

June Mission Trips

Traveling Mercies

Joyful Experience

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

Home safe from 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

THANKS

Buffalo Grass Worship Leadership !!!

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

THURS, JUNE 28TH SHORT-TERM DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ON PSALMS 10:30AM

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.

Please, complete the readings for **Lesson 3** when you come to class on Thursday, 6/21

AUG 7TH

CPR CLASS

A CHILD'S HAVEN

Child's Haven will be having a CPR class at school on Aug 7 from 9-11 am. Cost is \$20 for CPR only and \$25 for CPR/First Aid The class is open to anyone who needs it. Lesley Foyt, Director, 512-335-9540

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.

JULY 1ST**UMCOR HYGIENE KIT****UMW MISSION**

We are heading to 30 kits!!! Just a few more combs and bandaids needed!!! Thank YOU all !!

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of CPFUMC is collecting items for Hygiene Kits for UMCOR . 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.

- **One comb**

- Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
- No pocket combs or picks

- **10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)**

- Common household bandages acceptable
- Rattail & combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth

Kits will be assembled on Sunday, July 1 at the Youth meeting at 6pm !!

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>
7/1	Dinner 6pm	
6/24	Dinner 6pm	NO Meeting

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

JUNE 2018**INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!**

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
		<u>June 24th</u>
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>8:30 am</u> 27 (Visitors:1)
Contributions (4/4 <i>Sundays</i>)	\$ 17,517.	
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 4,348.	<u>10:45am</u> 78(Visitors:2)
Additional Giving		<u>Sunday</u> Children: 14 Adults: 15
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 175.	
\$2 For 20	\$ 246.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 654.	
Communion (UMW UMCOR Kits)	\$ 236.	
Youth (Mission Trips)	\$ 1115	
Park Str Landscaping	\$ 200.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**WEDNESDAY, June 27th****UMARMY Mission**

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY June 28th**UMARMY Mission coming Home!!**

10:30a Disciple Psalms

FRIDAY, June 29th

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek

10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, June 30th**SUNDAY, July 1st**8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, *Communion*

9:45a Sunday School for all ages;

10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, *Communion*6:00p **YOUTH & UMW** Assemble Hygiene Kits**MONDAY, July 2nd**

6:30p NO TRUSTEES

7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, July 3rd

9:30am Morning Prayer Service

10:00am Lectionary Bible Discussion

WEDNESDAY, July 4th Happy Birthday USA!!**OFFICE CLOSED**

1:00p NO Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!Thurs June 28th -Aug 14th Psalms Study

June 24-28 UM Army (Gonzales)

Wed July 4th Office Closed

Mon July 9 6:30p FINANCE

Mon July 16 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL

Mon-Fri July 16-20 9a Open HeARTS Camp

Wed July 18 9:30a Membership Care

Fri July 20 Newsletter Input

Sun Jul 15th 3:30p Worship @ The PointeWed July 25th Powerful Tools for Caregivers***Please check the Calendar at our website: www.cpfumc.org*****2018****UPCOMING EVENTS****MAKE PLANS****TODAY****MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE****HELP US GROW**

Cedar Park FUMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at <https://cpfumc.org/>

2) Click on the **Donate** tab

3) Click on the **Create Profile** button, then

4) **Follow** the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Cedar Park FUMC now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. [The blue square at the top of the page will show the Donate tab]

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.

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 – 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 (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:**

Wed. Oct. 3, 2018 at 6:30p.m.
Novels by Katherine Reay - Genre: General Fiction
Dear Mr. Knightly; Lizzy & Jane;
The Bronte Plot ; & The Austen Escape
Leader: Katherine Reay

TIDBITS

CAMP OFFERS MIGRANT YOUTH FUN, FRIENDSHIP.....

For four days in June, **United Methodist Camp Colby** is a respite for children and teens who traveled a long, dark and dangerous journey.

These children, some as young as 8, are known as unaccompanied migrants and they arrive on the border of California alone and afraid. Their families in Central America send them away to escape gang violence and hopefully start a new better life for themselves in the U.S.

United Methodist leaders in the **California-Pacific Conference** started thinking about a way to show them welcome and shine God's love on them. The results is *No Estan Solos, You Are Not Alone*.

Just like thousands of U.S. children attending summer camps, these Central American children get four days to go hiking, sing around a campfire, make crafts out of construction paper and glue, and find best friends for life.



Youth from Central America enjoy swimming and other outdoor activities at United Methodist Camp Colby in Southern California. The youth arrived in the U.S. as unaccompanied migrant minors. Photo courtesy of California-Pacific Conference.

The **retreat and church-based welcome centers** were established by the conference in 2014 in response to the thousands of unaccompanied minors coming into Southern California primarily from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua, said the Rev. David Berkey, director of Camping Ministries and Operations for the conference.

“Along the way and in their home country, they experience trauma in many forms,” Berkey said. **“Once here, they are put into the U.S. immigration system, given paperwork as refugees seeking asylum and released to the community awaiting processing which can take years.”**

The kids, who usually speak no English, end up in the care of agencies, enroll in school and try to adapt to U.S. culture and life, Berkey said.

A **\$350,000 grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief** was used to create welcoming congregations and other programs like the retreat in the California-Pacific Conference. In 2016 two additional events were added — an Advent retreat for girls at Aldersgate Retreat Center and an overnight hike retreat for boys at Camp Sturtevant.

The church's **compassionate embrace of these young people** is needed now more than ever, said the Rev. David Farley, director of Justice and Compassion Ministries for the conference.

“It is crucial to continue and to grow this ministry in these times of increased cruelty when families are being separated, or incarcerated with their children, when children like these and their families are criminalized for seeking asylum and sent back to the violence from which they have fled. We give thanks to God that we have this program in place at this crucial time,” Farley said.

The first camp in 2015 had 38 campers — ages 10 to 18 — referred from agencies in Los Angeles.

“The design was to help them feel welcome, share their story with one another, find community and support in small groups and envision a healthy future,” Berkey said.

“They told their stories in skits and through art, traced their journeys on the map of Central America on the wall, played and enjoyed normal camp activities, and created a mural of their hopes and dreams for the future. We also provided limited health support while at camp.”

Berkey said they learned a lot from that first year and started revising the program. The second year had 48 junior high and high school age campers. The third year, they decided to take all children and youth who applied, ending up with more than 80 campers.

That was too much for their limited staff, Berkey said.

“We had 30 show up this year, junior high and high school ages, 13-17, 10 boys and 20 girls. Forty had enrolled but some got scared to come, as has happened every year, and some had summer school. Each year the planning gets better as we learn and we have a strong staff doing this ministry,” he said.

The camp is conducted in Spanish with bilingual leaders coached by Jennifer Berry, camp director, and Broghan Hunt, program manager.

“Each year we have about 50-50 returnees and new campers,” Berkey said. “They do not pay for camp. It is funded 100 percent out of the grant and donations.”

Since the UMCOR grant ran out in 2017, funding for the 2018 camp has come from donors and other grants, he added. One unexpected benefit from the camp has been that the children and teens who once viewed each other as being from rival countries and cultures are finding they have a lot more in common and are finding friendship and support, too, Berkey said.

“They were asked at camp in one activity to vision their life five years from now through art. They created a mural in which they saw themselves as lawyers, nurses, in business, parents, living in the U.S. and happy. It was very moving,” he said.

Farley said they try to keep the campers connected with one of a network of **welcoming United Methodist congregations**. Those include Huntington Park United Methodist Church, San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center Inc., Claremont United Methodist Church (Spanish) and IMU Manantial de Vida y Luz, United Methodist Church Escondido.

The camp is making a difference for the kids, Farley said.

Farley said as one of the children was getting back on the bus to leave No Estan Solos Retreat, he turned to his counselor and said, “This has been the best week of my life!”

SAINT PETER & SAINT ANDREW UMC PROVIDING SANCTUARY FOR IMMIGRANT MOTHER



6/22/2018

Debora Barrios and her children, Kener and Bereneice, sit inside the apartment created for them to be in sanctuary at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in Manhattan. (Photos by Cinthya Santos Briones) To read a message from Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton about responding to the immigration crisis as followers of Christ, click [here](#).

BY JOANNE S. UTLEY

Earlier this month, the Church of St. Peter and St. Andrew United Methodist (SPSA) in Manhattan was asked to put into action a commitment they had

made in January 2018 to become a sanctuary church.

Debora Barrios sought refuge in the church on June 4, bringing her 2½ -year-old daughter with her. She was facing imminent deportation back to Guatemala.

During a news conference in the church sanctuary on June 21, Barrios – with her 10-year-old son at her side – said, “I ask for the opportunity to present my case to the judge and fight for my right to live with dignity and safety. But most importantly, I want my children to know their dreams.

“It is our firm belief at St. Paul and St. Andrew that God’s abundant love and radical welcome are simply for all,” said associate pastor, Rev. Lea Matthews, to those gathered. “The U.S. is her home and separating her from her kids is inhumane, it’s wrong and it is decidedly un-Christian.”

According to Rev. James “K” Karpen, senior pastor at SPSA, Barrios came to the United States from her native Guatemala in 2005, when she was just 19. She fled her country in fear for her life and hoped to gain asylum here. After she missed a hearing because the notice went to the wrong address, her asylum case was closed. The attorney that she worked with was unable to get it reopened. But Barrios remained in this country, married and had two children, who are American citizens. Her son, who is living with other family members, has been joining his mother and sister on the weekends while school is in session.

READ full story here: https://www.nyac.com/newsdetail/spsa-providing-sanctuary-for-immigrant-mother-11524922?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTVROak9EQTFNalkzWVRjeilsInQiOiJ4RGRcL1IOcnUyb1FDcmo0UVdsT1ZyU2pPOXdKUFJJdDFlaG9FZ1pzendySnBIR2RPMjVEQmtiazBUZTdqbWM2Ym9BTmpFOGwxwFdsQ3hrREVPOTdVN2hPcDQrYVlwUWxUXC9VNzdQRkNSVVRoTVBiNTIXSGZYY1dSdjg0a1ZFOEg2In0%3D