

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

07/11/2018

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>

Questioning Our Loyalties

Wednesday,
July 11, 2018

Most of us need to have the status quo shaken now and then, leaving us off balance and askew, feeling alienated for a while from our usual unquestioned loyalties. In this uncomfortable space, we can finally recognize the much larger kingdom of God. Many churches don't seem to understand this, even flying the national flag in sanctuaries while daring to talk about "one God before us" in the same space. After authentic conversion, our old "country" no longer holds any ultimate position. We can't worship it any longer as we were once trained to do. Our national identity is okay, probably necessary, but very limited in its capacity for truth, much less universal truth.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Marilyn Hartman after spinal surgery is doing well at Sagebrook Rehab Room #104 until Saturday when she returns to Shenandoah Villa. She is having shots in her eyes for Macular Degeneration..

David MacCarroll, Debbie's 60 yr old brother in N Carolina, died this past week. He had been diagnosed with diverticulitis & spots on the liver in May but was discovered to be colon cancer....

Elizabeth Ramsey, Abigail's aunt, Recovering from a car accident

From Anne Cooney: For Jennifer, lifestyle; For Jimmy, Job; For Charlotte, Alzheimers

Charlie Goss fell while trimming bushes ... Taking it easy for a while

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

From the Capital District:

Our sympathy and prayers to Rev. Sheldon Johnson on the death of wife Sharon and son Ray in a tragic car accident on July 2. Sheldon remains hospitalized in Round Rock.

Our sympathy to the family of Rev. Dr. Jack Heacock following his death on July 9. A memorial service will be held in Austin later this summer.

Prayers for Rev. Roberta Goodman's husband, Devlon, who is recovering from surgery.

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS UM Army in Gonzales, TX: Shawn Dubler, Anabel Creel, Kevin Middleton, Taylor Cleveland, Keyla Creel, Kianna Creel, Abigail Dubler, Asuka Middleton, Allie Short, Ashlyn Short

THANKS **33** UMCOR Hygiene Kits delivered to Disaster Warehouse at Mt Wesley in Kerrville!!! Thanks to UMW+YOUTH who assembled the kits & to ALL those that contributed items & money for the supplies.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

JULY 16-20

OPEN HEARTS SUMMER CAMP

CANCELED

Open heARTS Summer Camp has become a tradition at Cedar Park First United Methodist Church. Sadly this year there were not enough registrations so the camp has been canceled.

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.

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

SAT, AUG 11 LACES FOR LEANDER HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries is holding its annual **Laces for Leander** event this summer August 11 at Leander United Methodist Church (107 S West Dr Leander). This event provides new athletic shoes for needy students of Leander ISD. To Donate shoes: CPFUMC will have a box for shoes in the Narthex/Lobby Our **"Stuff the Truck"** event is planned for August 4 at Cedar Park Regional Medical Center. Local LISD high schools will compete to collect shoes for the Laces event. We will need lots of **volunteers** for these events!

If you would like to volunteer for either Saturday 11th, or donate funds, please contact Kandy at 512-259-0360, Ext. 205.

33 !! THKS & MORE UMCOR HYGIENE KIT UMW MISSION

The UMW and YOUTH assembled kits on Sunday, July 1 at the Youth meeting at 6pm !! What a grand surprise when finished we had 33 kits and lots of leftover supplies !!! Thank YOU all for this wonderful contribution to disaster relief.

The kits will be delivered Thursday to the Disaster Warehouse on the Mt Wesley campus in Kerrville. They, along with the kits collected by other UMW Units in the conference will be delivered then to the main UMCOR warehouse at Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA. To be distributed throughout the country ...

THURS, JULY 12TH 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 5** when you come to class on Thursday, 7/12

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS YOUTH MEETINGS MEALS NEEDED

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	YOUTH ACTIVITIES
July 8, 15, 22	Sunday School (Teacher subs)	No Youth - Bonnie away
July 24	Schlitterbahn Day Trip	Costs: Must RSVP to Bonnie before July 22 nd
July 29	Sunday School	Youth
August 5	Sunday School	Youth
August 12	Sunday School	Youth

August 19	Sunday School	Youth
August 26	Sunday School	Youth
September 2 (Labor Day)	No Sunday School	No Youth

We have decided to go to the Water Park rather than Six Flags this year. The cost initially is a bit higher but we will cover the food!

COSTS: Students under 11 will be \$42; 12 and over will be \$54. This reflects the ticket price plus \$3 per student for food. We do need adult volunteers! Parents, you are welcome to bring your younger children as well, but they must be in your care. Ask Bonnie if you have any questions about that. The costs will also apply.

JULY 2018 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances	This Week's Attendance
	<u>July 8th</u>
Anticipated expenses \$ 21,865.	8:30 am 27 (Visitors:1)
Contributions (2/5) Sundays \$ 13,116.	
Needed (Surplus): \$ 8,749.	10:45am 78(Visitors:2)
Additional Giving	Sunday Children: 14 Adults: 15
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) \$ 0.	
\$2 For 20 \$ 93.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) \$ 129.	
Communion (JFON) \$ 387.	
Park Str Landscaping \$ 100	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, July 11th
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY July 12th
10:30a Disciple Psalms

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

SATURDAY, July 14th
9:00am UMW

SUNDAY, July 15st
8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, **Communion**
9:45a Sunday School for all ages;
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
3:30p Worship at The Pointe
6:00p **NO YOUTH**

MONDAY, July 16th
6:30p **NO CHURCH COUNCIL** (Aug 6)
7:30p Contemplative Prayer

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

WEDNESDAY, July 18th
9:30a Membership Care
1:00p **NO Easy Line Dancing Class**

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thurs June 28th -Aug 14th Psalms Study
Fri July 20 Newsletter Input

Wed July 25th Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Thursday July 26th Ice Cream Social
Sun July 29th Pot Luck ASP/ UArmy

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 **FROM THE TRUSTEES**

From the Trustees – We are in the process of finalizing the landscaping plan for the Park Street frontage. Thanks to all those who have contributed so far and to the Memorial and Endowment Funds for significant contributions as well. We still need about \$300 more in member contributions to finish paying for the plan. Total cost of the plan is \$1800.

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!

August – Red Bench: TBD September 23 – <u>Passport: Mormon</u>	November 18 – <u>iACT’s 34th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</u> December – Community Celebration: Pajama Party (TBD)
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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

LOOKING AT THE PAST AND FIGHTING FOR THE SEVENTH GENERATION *By Bethany Printup-Davis*

U.S. government **practices to separate families was wrong historically**, and it is wrong today. Beginning in the **late 1800s**, and for more than a century, federal and state governments forced tens of thousands of Native American children into Indian boarding schools. Children were taken from their families and forcibly assimilated into dominant white-American culture. This practice and policy left many children psychologically battered for the rest of their lives. We know from our Native communities today that a deep-seated, embedded trauma such as this leaves a people and culture devastated.

As part of my studies as a Master of Divinity student at Wesley Theological Seminary, I recently spent 10 days in the borderlands of Tucson, Arizona, including the border towns of Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta and Nogales in the Mexican state of Sonora. I witnessed our courtrooms shuffle in and out people who entered the United States in search of safety and a means of survival. They came in hopes of building and, ultimately, praying for the chance at a better life. Upon hearing and seeing breaking news of migrating families separating children and parents at the border, adults pleading in courtrooms not to be deported or sentenced without knowing the whereabouts of their child, all I could do was sit and listen to stories and try not to seep into a sense of re-traumatization.

America continues to repeat its history.

After my visit to the borderlands, I return to my life with more questions than I had when I left. How can we live in a society and participate in a government that separates families – literally ripping children from parents' arms? *America continues to repeat its history.* We are all children of Creator God. As Native peoples, I especially think this current concern of family separation is one of several for which I urge us to fight – to stand for mercy and justice and to promote solidarity and support for others who are impacted by current happenings at the border.

Many of us have heard the term “seventh generation.” I am familiar with this concept from my own social context as a descendant of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Nations and our Great Binding Law, the Iroquois Constitution: “We must consider the impact of the seventh generation ... even if it requires having skin as thick as the bark of a pine.” Many Native American nations and tribes and other indigenous people around the world have lived and still live by similar philosophies as well: “Look and listen for the welfare of the whole people and have always in view not only the present but also the coming generations, even those whose faces are yet beneath the surface of the ground – the unborn of the future Nation.”

We care for one another. We are conscious of how our choices today influence or set the stage for future generations. But just as important are the acknowledgement and lessons learned from generations that have come before us. How are we learning from the past? I believe one cannot simply forget it because, in my observation, we live in a country that has not learned. *America continues to repeat its history.* Let's continue sharing our stories, our support and our love for others.



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