

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

07/18/2018

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>

**Hope and
Humility**

**Wednesday,
July 18, 2018**

We live in a moment of grace. Through the hedges of our divisions we are beginning to glimpse again the beauty of life's oneness. We are beginning to hear, in a way that humanity has never heard before, the essential harmony that lies at the heart of the universe. And we are beginning to understand, amidst the horror and suffering of our divisions, that we will be well to the extent that we move back into relationship with one another, whether as individuals and families or as nations and species. . . .

John Philip Newell, *A New Harmony: The Spirit, the Earth, and the Human Soul*

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Lauren Hohle Shoup, pregnant undergoing tests

Audrey Blount, medical tests over next few weeks

Marilyn Hartman after spinal surgery has returned to Shenandoah Villa.

Trevor Martin, Sidney nephew, 42 yrs old having chemo for colon & liver cancer

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

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS UMW Mission u!! wonderful school at Mt Wesley Conference Center !!

THANKS 33 Hygiene Kits from CPFUMC helped make the 800+ kits sent by the Rio TX UMW to UMCOR !!
Thanks to all of you that made that possible.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

HARD DRIVES FOR SALE – ALL < \$25

Ten used hard drives for sale. These include 3.5" and 2.5" SATA drives and 3.5" PATA (IDE) drives. Prices between \$10 and \$25 each. All drives have been tested and function perfectly. A test report is included with each drive. Contact Neil Howard, nhowardtx@gmail.com if you are interested. This is a great way to add additional inexpensive storage to your computer.

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 28TH & 29TH

MEMBERSHIP CARE

HELP NEEDED!

The Membership Care Committee is asking for help to Set Up; Cook, Clean up for two important gatherings.

- (1) Saturday, July 28th a light supper after the 3pm funeral for Bob Slater
- (2) Sunday, July 29th the Pot Luck Lunch after second service celebrating the ASP & UMArmy mission experiences

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Karen Packard: kvpackard@aol.com / 928.246.2412

MISSION U!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

<http://www.umwriotexas.org>

Annually the UMW of each conference gather to study and discuss. The former Schools of Christian Mission are now called "Mission u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World." The name "Mission u" keeps the identity with mission and reflects the personal learning experience ("u" as in "university" and as in the text and web language for "you"). The tag line reflects the community aspect of learning and the mission goal of transformation.

The Rio TX Conference UMW has just completed their Mission u! at Mt Wesley in Kerrville. The schools are open to all interested women, children & youth along with some men that like to attend.

2018 Studies for adults:

- Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living
- Geographic: The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church (*led by Sue Sidney*)
- Social Issue: What About Our Money?

Study for children and youth: Is It Just Money?

For **2019 and 2020**, the standard geographic study will be replaced with a special study celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women.

2019 Studies for adults:

- Spiritual Growth: The Gospel of Mark (Radical Discipleship)
- Anniversary Study: United Methodist Women History
- Social Issue: What About Our Money?

Study for children and youth: : The Gospel of Mark

It would be delightful to have several women from CPFUMC attend this "stretching" event....

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Saturday, August 11th 9am Ask Sue Sidney

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 has 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.

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 6** when you come to class on Thursday, 7/19

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
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>July 15^h</u>
Contributions (3/5) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 16,769.	<u>8:30 am</u>
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 5,096.	21 (Visitors:0)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 0.	77(Visitors:6)
\$2 For 20	\$ 163.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 140.	<u>Sunday</u>
Communion (JFON)	\$ 387.	Children: 21
Park Str Landscaping	\$ 100.	Adults: 28
HCCM (food)	\$ 80.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, July 18th

9:30a Membership Care
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY July 19th

10:30a Disciple Psalms

FRIDAY, July 20^h

Newsletter Input
9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SUNDAY, July 22nd

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, **Communion**
9:45a Sunday School for all ages; [Followers is now studying 2 Corinthians]
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
6:00p **YOUTH**

MONDAY, July 23rd

7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, July 24th

9:30am Morning Prayer Service
10:00am Lectionary Bible Discussion

WEDNESDAY, July 25th

SATURDAY, July 21st

9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thurs June 28th -Aug 16th Psalms Study
Wed July 25th-Aug 29th Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Thursday July 26th Ice Cream Social
Sun July 29th Pot Luck ASP/ UArmy
Mon, Aug 6th 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
Tues Aug 7 9am CPR

Thurs, Aug 9th 8a Child's Haven Training
Sat, Aug 11th 9:00a UMW
Mon, Aug 13th 6:30p FINANCE
Wed. Aug 15th 9:30a Membership Care
Fri Aug 17 Newsletter Input
Mon, Aug 20th 9:00a Child's Haven First Day

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

2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS

NOW

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 – 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

WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY

THE UPPER ROOM

Many United Methodists are familiar with the bi-monthly, daily devotional guide called *The Upper Room*. Often found in the literature racks of our churches and [available online](#), *The Upper Room* is the first thing some read every morning and the last others read every night. For more than 80 years, the devotional thoughts have been shared over meals, discussed in Sunday School classes, and read aloud in hospital rooms all over the world.

Whether a daily reader or new to *The Upper Room*, these quick facts will give you a new appreciation for this publication of The United Methodist Church.

Groundbreaking

When the first, then quarterly issue of *The Upper Room* was released for April-May-June 1935, there was little else like it. Oswald Chambers' devotional classic *My Utmost for His Highest* was first published in the United States the same year, and *Our Daily Bread* would not be released for another three years.

Popular from the start

After much prayer and planning, 100,000 copies of the first issue were released as an "experiment for one quarter," according to the original motion. Worries over how it would be received were soon eased.

They printed 160,000 copies of the second issue, July-August-September, then 211,000 of the October-November-December one. By the end of 1936, 500,000 copies of the seventh edition were printed.

A proven format

In the first issue, each daily devotion contained a quoted scripture verse, a suggested Bible reading, some brief thoughts, a prayer, and a "Thought for the Day"—a phrase believed to have been coined by *The Upper Room*. More than 80 years later, the daily devotions follow the same format.

A meaningful name

The name *The Upper Room* helps provide a framework for the mission and vision of the devotional guide. Like the upstairs room where Jesus celebrated his last supper with his disciples ([Mark 14:15](#), [Luke 22:12](#)), the devotions offer readers an opportunity to sit with Jesus in prayer, devotion, and communion with him and one another.



The Upper Room name calls to mind the Last Supper where the disciples spent special time with Jesus. Photo by Kathleen Barry, United Methodist Communications.

Similarly, like the room where the disciples were staying at the time of [Pentecost \(Acts 1:13\)](#), the daily readings invite us to share the love of Jesus with everyone, as Jesus told the disciples the Holy Spirit would empower us to do.

Written by everyday people

The editors of the first issue invited pastors and leaders to write the devotions. Almost immediately, however, readers began submitting ones they had written.

In 1938, *The Upper Room* first included devotions written by readers and continues to welcome submissions from professional writers and those inspired to tell their story for the first time, both [laity](#) and [clergy](#). Approximately 4,000 submissions are received each year! ***Learn how you can submit your devotion.***

By focusing on stories written by Christians around the world about faith in everyday life, *The Upper Room* inspires readers to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Not just for United Methodists

Although started by the [Methodist Episcopal Church, South](#), *The Upper Room* devotional was never intended to be for one denomination. From that experimental first issue to today, the devotions are "a gift from Methodists to the larger church," according to [The Upper Room website](#), and our United Methodist [Book of Discipline](#) directs [Discipleship Ministries](#) to "continue to embody the interdenominational character of the ministry of *The Upper Room*."

Where the world comes to pray

Today, *The Upper Room* is translated into 35 languages and reaches millions of people living in 100 different countries. In every nation and every language, we read the same scripture, the same prayer, and the same story every day, uniting us in our spiritual growth.

Additionally, [The Upper Room website](#) offers opportunities for readers to connect in community by sharing comments and prayer requests. This is one more, wonderful way to share our spiritual journeys together.

Beyond the magazine

From the experimental publication of the first edition more than 80 years ago, *The Upper Room* has grown to form Upper Room Ministries. In addition to the daily devotional, they publish a devotional magazine for children called *Pockets*, one for youth called *devozine*, and an annual of lectionary-based, daily devotions called *Disciplines*. All are available in print and digitally.

Upper Room Ministries also offers a variety of resources on prayer including [The Upper Room Living Prayer Center](#) where you can have someone pray with you and for you over the phone.

They also lead and facilitate experiences like [The Walk to Emmaus](#) and [The Academy of Spiritual Formation](#). Explore all Upper Room Ministries offers at upperroom.org.

UMC CONFERENCES COME TOGETHER TO OFFER HELP – AND HOPE –

IN PUERTO RICO

“All of you are a gift from God because your presence here lets us know we are not alone,” Methodist Church of Puerto Rico Bishop Hector Ortiz told the 40 members of our joint mission team from the **East Ohio Conference** and the **Western Pennsylvania Conference**.

We spent the last week of June in Patillas, Puerto Rico, on the southeast coast of the island just west of where Hurricane Maria hit land in September 2017. People there are still recovering from the physical and emotional toll left behind in the wake of the deadly hurricane.

Bishops Cynthia Moore-Koikoi (Western PA) and Tracy S. Malone (East Ohio) responded to the report Ortiz gave to the Council of Bishops in November 2017, updating them on the condition of the island territory of the United States.

“As I was sitting there, I was moved with compassion and I said immediately in that moment, ‘I must go.’ I felt that God was calling me to be part of the recovery effort in Puerto Rico,” Malone said.

“We looked at each other and immediately had a connection and both of us knew that we had to come to Puerto Rico,” Moore-Koikoi added. “It has been a wonderful experience. We have seen God move in so many ways!”

The two bishops invited clergy and laity to join them on the joint mission team that brought together two conferences from two different United Methodist Church jurisdictions for one cause – to help the people of Puerto Rico. **“Love. Family. Connection.”**

Those are just a few of the responses offered by team members when asked to share one word that describes why they accepted the bishops’ invitation.

“People who are coming here can hear our story then return home and let others know that ‘there’s loving people there who need help,’” said Nidza Ivette Padilla Martinez, volunteers coordinator for the Puerto Rico Conference.

Teams from The United Methodist Church were easily identifiable in towns across the island because of the blue shirts provided by the Puerto Rico Conference. On the back of the shirts were these words:

Voluntario

“Haz todo el bien que puedas por todos los medios que puedas ... “ Juan Wesley

Which translates as:

Volunteer

“Do all the good you can with everything you can ... “ John Wesley

Each member of the team lived out Wesley’s call. We were one of nearly 60 groups from The United Methodist Church that have assisted in Puerto Rico since the island opened to outside mission teams in January – and the first group that included bishops. During the week we worked on six homes and the mission center that hosted the group.

“Caring. Hope. Duty.”

One bunkhouse at the mission center hosted the women while the other housed the men. Meetings, devotions and meals were held in a large common area. Our home-cooked meals were provided by members of the United Methodist Women of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. We learned that following Hurricane Maria, the women served more than 5,000 meals to people who had nowhere to go.

UMW President Alicia Reyes told the group, “We do everything and try anything to make people comfortable.”

Ten months after the hurricane, Pastor Isabelino Rivera Silva of Iglesia Metodista Unida, where we worshipped during our stay, continues to remind the congregation that they are not alone as they work to rebuild their lives.

“If you have faith in the Lord, anything is possible because you have faith in the Lord,” he preached.

The message applies to each of us.

“Justice. Faithfulness. Serving.”

When asked what he would say to people reading this article, Luis Acosta, a college student from Guayama, Puerto Rico who assisted the EOC-WPC team said:

“I want you to have this amazing experience of giving hope to those who lost everything. I encourage you to get involved – and it doesn’t have to be in Puerto Rico. You can help out in your community, in your church, in other states. There are many, many people in need.”

Individuals and groups interested in serving on mission teams in Puerto Rico should fill out this [Google document](#) and send an [e-mail](#) to Jason Frazer, who is the Puerto Rico volunteer coordinator on the mainland for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

