

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

08/15/2018

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>

Stages of Life

**Wednesday,
August 15, 2018
Fr. Richard Rohr**

Hinduism teaches that there are four major stages of life: (1) the student, (2) the householder, (3) the forest dweller or hermit (the "retiree" from business as usual), and (4) the beggar or wanderer (the wise or fully enlightened person who is not overly attached to anything and is detached from everything and thus ready for death).

Western cultures tend to recognize and honor only the first two stages at best. We are an adolescent culture. My experience tells me that when we do not intentionally cultivate the third and fourth stages, we lose their skills and fail to create the elders needed to understand the first and second stages and guide us through and beyond them.

Becoming a "forest dweller" and "beggar" is a slow, patient **learning and letting go**. This ripening is a seeming emptying out to create readiness for a new kind of fullness, about which we are never sure. If we do not allow our own ripening, resistance and denial set in. Yet when we surrender to our own natural journey, we find authentic hope, hope that is not identified with outcomes or goals.

Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* (Jossey-Bass: 2011).

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Diann Russell Heading home today from Sagebrook !
Joyce Bishop (Megan Pelt's mom - 2's teacher ACH) breast cancer.
Darlene Lannelli (Victoria Hutchings' mom) diagnosed with an aggressive stage 2 breast cancer
The family of Sandra Vinson who died this week; Service in Sanctuary Saturday 8/25 at 2pm
Vicki Thompson, Uncle died this past week.
Doug Zatechka, Sterling's cousin, age 54 with lung cancer
Andy Carver, "restricted to quarters" with pneumonia ..
Puerto Rico, still suffering from the devastation of hurricane Maria
Marcia Venable, painful neuropathy in her feet
Marie Porterfield, procedure on back on August 17th
Ronald, Ruth Gray's brother, their relationship
Laura Alvarado, friend of Jane Howard, Stage Two Breast Cancer, chemo & recovery.
Gigi Heerman, Health issues
Miranda Smith Williams, waiting for test results
Brenda Monell, friend of Sterling Hartman, waiting biopsy results

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS

Sterling Hartman will receive a special recognition for his 50 years as a Mason. Celebration will be Monday, 8/20 @ 6pm at the Masonic Lodge in Leander. *His Uncle John, a WWI veteran, is responsible for Sterling being a Mason.*

THANKS

Audrey Blount, back at college: Stamford U in Alabama
800 Lakeshore Dr., Homewood, AL 35229 PO #291234

THANKS

Victoria Hutchings starting her first teaching job at Hurst Elementary
1014 Mack Pl Denton TX 76209

THANKS

... the touch of rain

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

AUG 22ND PASSPORT: CEDAR PARK/HILL COUNTRY INTERFAITH ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Please join the Cedar Park/Hill Country Passport Program for a Red Bench Conversation at **Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church** (3315 El Salido Pkwy, Cedar Park, TX 78613). Our topic of conversation for the evening will be **Respect**. The event begins at 6:30pm-8:30p. If you plan to attend, please be sure to **RSVP**. Email iact@interfaithtexas.org

Sept. 23 – Passport: Mormon | November 18 – iACT's 34th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
 October – Red Bench: TBD | December – Community Celebration: Pajama Party (TBD)

9:45AM SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSION CLASS

As a way of contributing to the hard conversations about dismantling racism the United Methodist Church's General Commission on Religion and Race authored ***Vital Conversations on Race, Culture, and Justice, Series 1*** which features contemporary theologians, sociologists, laity, clergy, and other thought-leaders dealing with challenges of race, culture, and oppression in the Church and world today. Join this Sunday morning group which is using this video to focus on bringing God's vision of justice and equality to society today.

SUN, AUG 26, 3PM SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES SOUL LIFT

On the fourth Sunday of each month, Aug 26th, we will meet in the Sanctuary at 3pm to sing the old, familiar hymns, hear words of comfort from the Bible, and share Holy Communion. Please join us for this special worship service which aims to lift the soul.

SEPTEMBER 23 Special Worship Service: Soul Lift

We will meet in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary at 3pm to sing the old, familiar hymns, hear words of comfort from the Bible, and share Holy Communion. Please join us for this special worship service which aims to lift the soul.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) <http://www.umwriotexas.org>

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Saturday, September 12th 9am Ask Sue Sidney
 Learn about the Reading Program and How To participate in it.....See Discussion Group selections below !!
 Looking forward to

- District Annual Meeting on September 15th @ Emmanuel UMC,
- Austin Women's Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 8th featuring Acts of Love Day Care and The Storybook Project

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS YOUTH MEETINGS MEALS NEEDED

SIGN UP on table in back of Sanctuary to provide meals for the youth

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	YOUTH ACTIVITIES
August 19	Sunday School	Youth
August 26	Sunday School	Youth
September 2 (Labor Day)	No Sunday School	No Youth

JOB OPPORTUNITY CHRISTIAN FORMATION COORDINATOR CHRIST EPISCOPAL

Do you know of anyone who might want a 15-20 a week position as our Christian Formation Coordinator? We have a job description. Most of the program is in place.
 The Rev. Trawin E. Malone, D.Min., Rector
 Christ Episcopal Church 3520 West Whitestone Boulevard; Cedar Park, TX 78613
 (512) 267-2428; Cell: 512-820-0133 Friday is my Sabbath Day

FREE VGA MONITORS FREE

• **FREE: 19" VGA monitors.** Four to choose from: HP and ViewSonic. 4:3 and widescreen.
 Contact Neil Howard (nhowardtx@gmail.com) for more information if you are interested

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.

AUGUST 2018 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances	This Week's Attendance																														
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, August 15th

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

THURSDAY August 16th

8:00a Child's Haven Training
10:30a Disciple Psalms

FRIDAY, August 17th

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

SATURDAY, August 18th

SUNDAY, August 19th

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, **Communion**
9:45a Sunday School for all ages
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
6:00p **YOUTH**

MONDAY, August 20th Child's Haven First Day

7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, August 21st

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

WEDNESDAY, August 22nd

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

Sat Aug 25th 2pm Vinson Memorial Service
Sun Aug 26th 3pm Soul Lift Worship

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS




MAKE PLANS

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.

Please join us in the Sanctuary for a brown bag Noon discussion of the UMW Reading Program selections. Please come and enjoy the discussion even if you have not yet finished reading the book.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday, September 12, noon</u> <i>When Breath Becomes Air</i></p> <p>In this inspiring, exquisitely observed memoir, Paul Kalanithi finds hope and beauty in the face of insurmountable odds. Kalanithi, who died while working on this book, was an idealistic young neurosurgeon attempting to answer the question <i>What makes a life worth living?</i> Please join us in the Sanctuary for a brown bag discussion of the book, a 2018 UMW Reading Program selection.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UMW Reading Program</p>
<p>Special Time with the Author:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30p.m.</u> <i>Dear Mr. Knightly; Lizzy & Jane; The Bronte Plot ; & The Austen Escape</i></p> <p>Noted author Katherine Reay will lead a discussion of her novels. These are all beautifully written stories with a bit of “classics” flair. Please join us in the Sanctuary for a night with the author. .</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday, October 24th 12 noon</u> <i>The Sacred Secular</i></p> <p>Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Rob Rynders examine cultural spaces where people are experiencing something sacred. These places are not in the church. They’re in yoga studios, neighborhood potlucks, and TED Talks. Please join us as we explore new ways to let people know that the church is uniquely sacred and significant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UMW Reading Program</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday, November 14th 12 noon</u> <i>Year of Plenty</i></p> <p>This book is Pastor Craig Goodwin’s account of his family’s year-long experiment to consume only what was local, used, homegrown, or homemade. It’s a winsome story of how an average suburban family stumbled onto the cultural cutting edge of locavores, backyard chickens, farmer’s markets, simple living, and going green. More than that, it is the timely tale of Christians exploring the intersections of faith, environment, and everyday life. .</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UMW Reading Program</p>
<p>Special Time with the Author</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, January 15th , 6:30 p.m.</u> <i>Forgiving Natalie</i></p> <p>Kristin Fischer (Georgetown) to discuss her novel Forgive Natalie</p>	
<p>Special Time with the Author</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, March 5th , 6:30 p.m.</u> <i>Shadow of Croft Tower</i></p> <p>Abigail Wilson (Dripping Springs) to discuss her debut In the note: I have not read this novel and this will be an opportunity to support a new and local author</p>	

Posaunenchor, a brass band from Hamm, Germany will be here in less than 3 months!!

HOSTS

1. Provide a place to sleep for your guests Friday and Saturday nights, October 19th and 20th.
2. Provide 3 meals for your guests: Breakfast and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday.
3. Provide transportation for your guests between the church and your home. Four trips are expected, one each on Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

LUNCH

1. Provide a light lunch for 40 people **Friday, October 19th**. Approximately **12 noon** at the church.
2. The lunch will be at the church. It should be simple, e.g. sandwich, chips, drink.
3. The lunch includes setup and any cleanup afterward.

DRIVERS

1. You must have van that holds at least 6 people.
2. Drive your multi-passenger van on **Friday, October 19th** as we tour Cedar Park and Lago Vista. Approximately **1:00pm-3:00pm**.
3. Drive your multi-passenger van on **Saturday, October 20th** as we tour the capitol area in Austin. Approx. **8:30am-3:00pm**.
4. Answer questions as you are able about Cedar Park and the sights we will see on Saturday in Austin.

GUIDES

1. Ride "shotgun*" in a van with a Posaunenchor driver **Friday, October 19th** as we tour Cedar Park. Approximately **1:00pm-3:00pm**.
2. Ride "shotgun" in a van with a Posaunenchor driver **Saturday, October 20th** as we tour the capitol area in Austin. Approximately **8:30am-3:00pm**.
3. Give directions as required; make sure the driver doesn't get lost, especially in Austin. Help the driver to recover from any wrong turns.
4. Answer questions as you are able about Cedar Park and the sights we will see on Saturday in Austin.

TIDBITS

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*]

COUNTER-PROTEST BY UNITED METHODISTS DRAWS 1,500

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON — When Bishop LaTrelle Easterling of the Baltimore-Washington Conference heard there might be a white supremacy rally in her episcopal area, she issued a call to prayer and action. The resulting United to Love Rally brought close to 1,500 people to the National Mall for four hours of worship and witness. Melissa Lauber reports.

[Read story](http://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/united-methodists-unite-to-love/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT1dNME1HTmhaR1ZtT0RwaCIsInQiOiJNeER6bINkSEdJOERuemxgQU9wXC9wRDlcl3ltS0d3c0NCRFFJWjduU0htaitzYk wzODFnTktQTzV1emJreWt5bVBrMjRocEplOwrVDR1TFRiNEhbwV1TkpcL1VRNhd4UXdXeVwvVIZtZHVQUzZ2SzJaZWJlQWxPd nBIU3lOUjNKTHZDI n0%3D) http://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/united-methodists-unite-to-love/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT1dNME1HTmhaR1ZtT0RwaCIsInQiOiJNeER6bINkSEdJOERuemxgQU9wXC9wRDlcl3ltS0d3c0NCRFFJWjduU0htaitzYk wzODFnTktQTzV1emJreWt5bVBrMjRocEplOwrVDR1TFRiNEhbwV1TkpcL1VRNhd4UXdXeVwvVIZtZHVQUzZ2SzJaZWJlQWxPd nBIU3lOUjNKTHZDI n0%3D

A LESSON FROM MR. ROGERS

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS

'Appreciation is a holy thing': A lesson from Mr. Rogers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC.org) — When we look for what's best in others, "We're doing what God does." The Rev. Joe Iovino writes about the special way Fred Rogers modeled love and acceptance of others on his PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

[Read story](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/appreciation-is-a-holy-thing-a-lesson-from-mr-rogers?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT1dNME1HTmhaR1ZtT0RWaCIsInQiOiJNeER6blNkSEdJOERuemxqQU9wXC9wRDlcl3tS0d3c0NCRFFJWjduU0htaizYkwzODFnTktQTzV1emJreWt5bVBrMjRocEpcL0wrVDR1TFRiNEhbbWV1TkpcL1VRNHd4UXdXeVwvVIZtZHVQUzZ2SzJaZWJlQWxPdnBIU3I0UjNKTHZDIn0%3D) http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/appreciation-is-a-holy-thing-a-lesson-from-mr-rogers?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT1dNME1HTmhaR1ZtT0RWaCIsInQiOiJNeER6blNkSEdJOERuemxqQU9wXC9wRDlcl3tS0d3c0NCRFFJWjduU0htaizYkwzODFnTktQTzV1emJreWt5bVBrMjRocEpcL0wrVDR1TFRiNEhbbWV1TkpcL1VRNHd4UXdXeVwvVIZtZHVQUzZ2SzJaZWJlQWxPdnBIU3I0UjNKTHZDIn0%3D

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UMCOR HELPS DISPLACED PUERTO RICANS

UMCOR in Michigan, features assistance being given to Puerto Ricans who relocated in Michigan after devastating 2017 hurricanes. A \$100,000 UMCOR grant makes it possible.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — “People are starting here with nothing,” said Ruth Tobar. Ruth and her colleague, Guillermina Peguero, began work in Michigan in April as case managers for The United Methodist Committee on Relief. They are part of a six-month effort to support Puerto Ricans who were forced to leave their homeland after Hurricane Maria struck on September 20, 2017.

[Read story](https://michiganumc.org/news-stories/2018/08/07/mano-a-mano-assists-puerto-ricans/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJaa1lqQmpaVE5sTWpVNCIsInQiOiJyNVBclZlHkKdKV0trVHB1TFNHXC9NdllCTXhRYWtUXC82NEpEWldrUHpXMVRGb3JVanlobmdmciQyRHIUN2xUeW5zNkQxYUtQWVhPcjK0Z0taVVwvMG91VnJ3TFdPMTNKVFBtd1JVUkRVQ2poeE5ZdjNpUVh0R1wvZmFORWZRQzJtb3VklIn0%3D) https://michiganumc.org/news-stories/2018/08/07/mano-a-mano-assists-puerto-ricans/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJaa1lqQmpaVE5sTWpVNCIsInQiOiJyNVBclZlHkKdKV0trVHB1TFNHXC9NdllCTXhRYWtUXC82NEpEWldrUHpXMVRGb3JVanlobmdmciQyRHIUN2xUeW5zNkQxYUtQWVhPcjK0Z0taVVwvMG91VnJ3TFdPMTNKVFBtd1JVUkRVQ2poeE5ZdjNpUVh0R1wvZmFORWZRQzJtb3VklIn0%3D

LETTERS TO EDITOR

RE: LAST WEEK'S TIDBIT