

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

09/12/2018

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>

Healing Our Violence

The root of violence is the **illusion** of separation—from God, from Being itself, from being one with everyone and everything.

Your **absolute foundation** is communion with God and others. This is the “deepest me” to which you must return before you act

“God embraces all human beings. The heart of faith is the call to love one another.” — Dom Helder Camara

If we do not recognize the roots of violence at the disguised structural level (“the world”), we are largely wasting our time simply focusing on merely individual sin (“the flesh”), and we have almost no chance of recognizing our real devils, who are always disguised as angels of light (“the devil”).

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Pastor Peter on the death of his Aunt, Sylvia Richards (1932-2018), mother of his cousin/brother, Rex Richards [*Sylvia Richards, Commissioned Minister for Counseling & Community Life First Congregational Church, Houston*]

Baby Daniel Arthur Shoup, grandson of the Hohles.



Thank you so much for asking. He is at St. David's North, the same hospital that Lauren was, in the NICU. We saw him yesterday and he weighs 3 lb. 1 oz., they say he is doing really well. Lauren is doing pretty well, she had a C-section, so she is a little sore, but not too bad. We are doing fine, it was stressful when it all went down, but doing much better and so grateful for little Daniel Arthur.

So grateful for all the church prayers. Julie

Amanda Theriot's family: Ggrandmother , Eleanor Horn, passed away Monday at the age of 91 and Uncle Fred Horn passed away on Saturday. There will be a joint funeral later in the week. Thank you all for the prayers! Continue prayers for my family especially my dad and his siblings.

Derek & Anabel Creel, making decisions about their home

Dolores Keller, peace and healing after having a stroke.

Vicki Thompson, trying to recover from her surgery on 8/30.

Ruth Gray's brother, James and his new wife June struggling to creating their marriage partnership

Sterling Hartman's friends, Zalend Williams & family on a cruise near where hurricanes are due

Darlene Iannelli (Victoria Hutchings' mom) diagnosed with an aggressive stage 2 breast cancer starting chemo; so glad to see her in church on Sunday

Ron McClendon, cancer surgery completed; recovery started; waiting

Chris White, dad of Stephanie Talley's piano student, stage 2 tonsil cancer

Keith & Caroline Jensen, cousins of Carol Slater

Meg Moss, A Childs Haven mom, eager for due date (9/25)

Doug Zatechka, Sterling's cousin, with stage 4 lung cancer

Miranda Smith Williams, waiting for tests to be rerun and results given ... waiting

Diann Russell Healing at home!

Joyce Bishop (Megan Pelt's mom - 2's teacher ACH) breast cancer.

Puerto Rico, still suffering from the devastation of hurricane Maria

Marcia Venable, painful neuropathy in her feet

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS To our Loving Church Family, We are so blessed to be part of God's family with CPFUMC. Thans for all the prayers, cards, and for making Sandra's Memorial Service so meaningful. We are eternally grateful for all you hav done. Thanks & Love, John & Martha Vinson & family

THANKS Thank you for the Sunday afternoon service and the warm welcome. It lifted my spirit ad made me ever more appreciative of the church home of friends here. I hope they will be continuing and building enthusiasm so that this will become a regular service. Blessings, Myrl

THANKS Wonderful Wednesday, September 12, noon book group discussion of Paul Kalanathi's book: "**When Breath Becomes Air**"

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

Diane Kelly Isle at Cedar Ridge #201 2200 S Lakeline Blvd; Cedar Park 78613	Phyllis Myers 310 Chisholm Tr. #206. Round Rock, TX 78681	Lillian Smith 1912 S West Dr Leander, 78641	Diann Russell 1503 N Woodstone Cedar Park, 78613
	E. Duke Squibb Gracy Woods 12042 Bittern Hollow Austin TX – 78758	Marsha Venable 2112 West Riviera Drive Cedar Park, TX 78613	Miranda Smith Williams, RAF Croughton;PO Box 71; Brackley: NN13 5XP
College Students:	Audrey Blount Aaron How	Will Talley ?	Mark How ?who else??

FOOD NEEDED BACKPACK FOOD FOR WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY

Shelves are Empty ☹

Every week we prepare 6 Backpacks for the children at Whitestone Elementary.
Each Backpack contains food for the child for the weekend:

2 Breakfasts ; 2 Lunches ; 2 Dinners; 4 Snacks

These food items are individual servings of things the children can fix for themselves either eating right from the container or heat easily in a microwave.

Your help filling the shelves would be wonderful !!!

HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

. Pam Castles provides nursing services for the homeless at the Loaves and Fishes/All Saints Episcopal and Up Lift programs/University Presbyterian on Tuesdays and these hygiene bags are soooo appreciated. The cost of the bags are approximately \$10 each. Donate items or funds for these Hygiene bags for the Homeless

Items for the bags include:

- Toothbrush
- Tide Pods (I separate & place in zip lock. Two pods/bag)
- Razor
- Lip balm

Travel size:

- Lotion Shampoo
- Conditioner Toothpaste
- Tissue Soap

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS YOUTH MEETINGS MEALS NEEDED

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

DATE	DINNER		DATE	DINNER
Sept 16th	Longoria		Nov 4	
Sept 23	NO		Nov 11	Longoria
Sept 30 th	Morrison		Nov 18	
Oct 7			Dec 2	Longoria
Oct 14	Clinch			

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>September 9th</u>
Contributions (2/5) Sundays	\$ 7,631.	<u>8:30 am</u>
Needed (Surplus):	\$ 14,234.	21 (Visitors:1)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 420.	70(Visitors:2)
\$2 For 20	\$ 54.	<u>Sunday School</u>
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 19.	Children: 13
Communion (The Refuge)	\$ 114.	Adults: 12
Park Str Landscaping	\$	<u>Soul Lift</u>
HCCM (food)	\$ 5.	
Memorial: Sandra Vinson	\$ 40.	
Communion (Disaster)	\$ 5.	
Communion (Homeless Hygiene)	\$ 20.	
UMW	\$ 100.	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, September 12th

noonp Book Club
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY September 13th

FRIDAY, September 14th

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

SATURDAY, September 15th

9:00am UMW Capital District

SUNDAY, September 16th

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

MONDAY, September 17th

7:30p Contemplative Prayer
6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, September 18th

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

WEDNESDAY, September 19th

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

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Fri	Sept 21 st	Newsletter Input	Sat	Sept 29	9am	Congregation Work Day
Sun	Sept 23 rd	IACT Passport Mormon Worship	Mon	Oct 1	6:30p	TRUSTEES
Sun	Sept 23 rd	3pm Soul Lift Worship	Tues	Oct 2	6pm	National Night Out

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS

SEPT. 16TH

CHOIR


We are soon coming back to choir - practice - and singing - YEAH!! Please let me know if there is anyone else who wants to join us or I need to be communicating with -

We will begin to work on Advent music - let's **plan to start** on **September 16th** after second service and meet each Sunday from then on. I know I am out a few Sundays this fall - see dates below - but otherwise let's

meet and practice – **Oct 21st** - band is here so NO PRACTICE; **Dec 9th** - possibly out with Sabrina don't know yet for certain; **Dec 23rd - Performance** of Advent music ; See you in a few weeks !
 Mark your calendars for September 16th after second service Jodi, 512-633-0009

TUES OCT 9TH METHODIST READING CLUB NOON

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>Special Time with the Author:</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30p.m. <i>Dear Mr. Knightly; Lizzy & Jane; The Bronte Plot ; & The Austen Escape</i> 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>Wednesday, October 24th 12 noon <i>The Sacred Secular</i> 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>UMW Reading Program</p>

SEPT 23RD PASSPORT: CEDAR PARK/HILL COUNTRY INTERFAITH ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

please be sure to **RSVP**. Email iact@interfaithtexas.org

Sept. 23 – Passport: Mormon
 October – Red Bench: TBD

November 18 – iACT's 34th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
 December – Community Celebration: Pajama Party (TBD)

OCT 18-21 POSAUNENCHOR PLANNING IS UNDERWAY! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- With the Vinsons and Longorias recently volunteering to be HOSTS, we now have enough HOSTS signed up to accommodate all of our Posaunenchor guests.
- We found out today that the Posaunenchor vans hold 7 people. So we do not need the extra driver/van. Consequently, Par has graciously volunteered to become a Guide.
- Now all we need is **one more Guide for Saturday only**. If you could include this in the announcements on Sunday, I would really appreciate it.

**** **HOSTS Have enough now !!e**

*******GUIDES Need 1 more**

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.

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Second Saturday, November 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,
- **Women's Advent Brunch** on Saturday, December 8th featuring Acts of Love Day Care and The Storybook Project

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]

TIDBITS

A WORD FROM TERESA

CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC

Earlier this summer, my family celebrated my sister's wedding at the State Capitol. It was a small, lovely service. After the reception, my siblings, our spouses and our children walked around downtown to soak up just a bit more time together. At one point my daughter and I were several steps behind everyone else when we passed a homeless man sitting on the sidewalk. I rushed by, holding my daughter's hand and pulling a bit so that we could quickly catch up with everyone. After we passed by, Clare said, "Mom, you weren't very nice to that man." I stopped in my tracks. "You're right", I said, "What do you think we should do?" She looked at her bag of cookies from the reception and said, "We could give this to him?" I said, "That sounds good." We turned back and Clare offered the man the cookies, which he readily received. As we walked away, Clare said, "You know, mom, it's not about the cookies. It's about treating people like they matter." As any parent knows, it's humbling to have your own words come out of your child's mouth. Even more so for them to pick up on the fact that you don't always practice what you preach.

I know I'm not the only person who has been convicted by the things her kid has said.

Over the summer, I spent time looking back at old journals. I came across some notes I'd jotted down at the last Jurisdictional Conference. The last morning of the conference, Bishop Schnase met with the delegation for an informal breakfast. The night before we had heard he would be assigned to Rio Texas Conference and this was an opportunity for him to share and begin casting vision. Among the words he spoke were these: "We need to be about crossing borders."

In life, we encounter a great number of borders - both literal and figurative. Clare helped me cross a border to engage the homeless man we saw. At other times, we might cross a border by engaging in conversation with people who do not have our same values or theological perspective. Many of our congregations are engaged in border-crossing ministries as they connect with the changing mission field around their churches. When we consider borders, my heart is also drawn to the many persons who have crossed the border along the Rio Grande Valley in search of safety and a better life.

Last week, Bishop Schnase and the cabinet met in McAllen. Part of our time together was spent hearing the testimonies of our own Rev. Robert Lopez and Rev. Laura Merrill. They shared about their experiences along the border. Days earlier, these two colleagues had led worship at the Tornillo detention center. They were quick to say that the invitation to be there was a privilege, and of course heart-breaking. They described the powerful experience of being asked to lead worship, only to find that the young people embodied the very spirit of the word liturgy - which means "the work of the people." As we visited together, we shared a desire for future visits to the McAllen area. As District Superintendent of El Valle, Rev. Lopez is committed to arranging these opportunities for groups throughout the conference who are interested in learning more and being in prayer. While a trip from the Austin area is not yet scheduled, feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in such an opportunity.

I am grateful for the ways you follow Jesus in crossing borders. As you well know, the crisis along our south Texas border is complex. I have much to learn. I think back to the homeless man I quickly passed on the streets. I confess at times it's a metaphor for how I live my life. On any given day, it is easier to avoid people who make me uncomfortable and to ignore news that is painful. I need God to strengthen me for the journey of crossing borders. I need to remember that being uncomfortable is often what leads to my own transformation. Perhaps we all need children to lead us and show us the way.

Be encouraged, teresa

It is at the margin that we fulfill the mission of the church. - Bishop Schnase

There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried. - Oscar Romero

Staying Posted about Teresa's out of town travel:

The Leadership Institute at Church of The Resurrection takes place later this month. With my Fall schedule, I'll unfortunately not be able to make it to Kansas City for this event. I attended years ago and know this will be a rich time of learning for all who go. Let me know if you and/or folks from your church are planning to attend!

- September 12-15: In Chicago for Commission on the Status and Role of Women's Fall Board Meeting
- October 4-5: In Oklahoma City for South Central Jurisdictional Meeting
- October 11-13: In San Antonio for Do No Harm Conference
- November 7-9: In Dallas for Texas Methodist Foundation event for District Superintendents in South Central Jurisdiction

CONGO UNITED METHODISTS SEEK TO ERADICATE TRIBALISM

Tribalism is no stranger to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, home to 80 million people and more than 300 tribes.

Simply defined, **tribalism** is “the state or fact of being organized in a tribe or tribes.” However, as in any social group, negative behaviors and attitudes often stem from strong loyalty to one’s tribe.

“The country is not immune to the problem of **tribalism** between ethnic groups and tribes,” said Sylvestre Muthoma of the Eastern Congo Conference.

“Every man is born of a family and a tribe,” he said, “but **tribalism** becomes an exaggerated love of his tribe, which makes it possible to consider his tribe as superior to that of others, while rejecting every opinion, every point of view, that comes from a tribe other than his own.”

Recently, Muthoma participated in a workshop on **tribalism**, co-sponsored by the Central Congo Conference and the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. Delegates and bishops from four episcopal areas — Central Congo, Eastern Congo, South Congo and North Katanga — gathered for the three-day event.

“**Tribalism**,” noted Erin Hawkins, top executive of Religion and Race, “is more than a reality and lived daily in the Congo Central Conference.”

She identified several Scriptural passages that speak of **tribalism**: Galatians 3:26-28, 1 John 5:3-5, Matthew 28:19, Acts 10:11 and 34, and Ephesians 5:1-3.

The Rev. Louis Loma of the Central Congo Area, said, “**Tribalism** is lived in our societies and even in the church, when one tribe displays an attitude of hostility and contempt for another.”

He expressed hope that the consultation would result in “concrete proposals ... to stop this scourge that brings our church and our society to hatred, division and the rejection of the person created in the image of God.”

Paul Amy Djondo of the Sankura Province described **tribalism** as “intolerance toward others who are not from one’s village.” He stressed the importance of “the formal prohibition of public discourse that incites hatred.”

Professor Chipeng Kayembe of the South Congo Area, said he considers **tribalism** a weapon of the weak — “a weapon of defense to gain confidence or employment.”

He reflected on biblical commands to love God and neighbor. Eradicating **tribalism**, he said, requires raising awareness at all levels of the church, accepting that no tribe is superior to another and recognizing that success in life depends on individual gifts, merits and contributions.

To transform people into disciples of Jesus Christ, he continued, “the church must be the model in deeds and words.”

The South Congo Area includes about 20 tribes and hosts tribes from areas not covered by its geographical boundaries. Kayembe noted that an Equateur Province pastor who represents a minority group was elected a delegate to the 2020 General Conference. He called the election “a successful experience of multitribal cohabitation in our episcopal area.”

“We find that the realities differ but are similar to each other,” said Honorine Mujinga of the North Katanga Area. “The ways to eradicate **tribalism**,” she said, “are the dialogues and the integration of all people, the ... flexibility to evangelize, cultivated Christian values, humility and prayer.”

Mujinga pointed to the evangelization of the Pygmy people in Nyunzu Territory and their integration into The United Methodist Church, as well as humanitarian assistance to people displaced by Bantu and Pygmy community conflicts.

To combat racism and **tribalism** in the Kivu Annual Conference, a youth crusade was organized to push for increased participation of young people as church leaders. Throughout the episcopal area, young

adults set a positive example by assisting people displaced by war and victims of sexual violence, regardless of their tribe or religion, and organizing evangelism campaigns.

Hawkins asked participants' advice on eradicating **tribalism** in the next 10 years.

Speaking on behalf of the South Congo and Zambia annual conferences, the Rev. Izewela Sakonono Olivier, superintendent of the Lubumbashi District, advocated training selected people, integrating tribes through social and community projects, and monitoring and evaluating to develop future Religion and Race events in the conferences.

Olivier predicted church growth through evangelization and United Methodist involvement at all levels. He believes the future church can "be the true light of the world."

Bishop Mande Muyombo, North Katanga Area, recommended education accompanied by sensitivity training, Religion and Race structures in all annual conferences, and identification of internal and external causes of tribal tension.

Professor Albert Onotamba of the Oriental and Equator Conference reminded participants of John Wesley's vision of the world as his parish and Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19a, NRSV, to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

"Leaders of The United Methodist Church," concluded Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda, Eastern Congo Area, "must have the courage to vigorously denounce when a community is aggrieved, discriminated against or stigmatized."

Looking at individual skills and expertise, he added, is more important than considering a person's origins. He called for continued efforts to eradicate **tribalism** and encourage people to coexist peacefully.