

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

12/05/2018

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>

United Methodist
Advent &
Christmas
Music Quiz
(See Ans. Below)

Charles Wesley's Advent hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" is about...
(1) Looking for the presence of Christ in our lives
(2) Singing a prayer of freedom from our sins
(3) Sharing God's love with all whom we meet
(4) All of the above

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

From Sterling Hartman: Marilyn; scheduled for out patient surgery next week. (too delicate to name); granddaughter, Shelley, RN to be: class problems; my cousin, Dr. Douglas Zatechka. lung cancer, caused by smoking for 40 years, has spread into the remainder of his body and he is terminal; our friends from Lafayette, LA. Danny and Melinda Indest. Melinda had a hemoragic brain stem stroke & has passed. She also smoked & Sterling: memory problems

Mary Williams, at home, "Y'all come to see her!"

Marsha Venable in Cedar Park Regional Hospital with infection

Diana Wiley of True Vineyard Ministries, fell and broke her hip last week.

Dave Ruffcorn to find a new permanent job after leaving his old job.

Shannon, Sarah Price's sister, and Rhea Robison, getting through difficult period in marriage .

Hyacinth Fenley, fell on Thanksgiving and injured her knees is getting around better

Debbie MacCarrol's starting treatment for breast cancer

Please remember the children at the border who were tear gassed.

Ms.Faghih, teacher at Child's Haven health issues

Prayers of sympathy for Karen and Mart Goodman on the death of her brother, Flavius.

Prayers of sympathy for Jane & Neil Howard on the death of Jane's mom, Margaret Zimmerman

Pat Sowder, respiratory issues

Gigi Heermans, slowly recovering from surgical procedure on back ...

Samantha Pritchard & unborn child, pregnancy complications.

Joey West, detached retina

Brother-in-law of Ruth Gray, lots of health problems facing many surgeries

Jorge Soto, ongoing health concerns;

Julianne Johnson, hiking friend of Martin Goodman, diagnosed with colon cancer

Henry Jacobs

Jamison Kenpick, friend of Roxie Prior

Ruth West, left foot & leg neuropathy

Baby Daniel Arthur Shoup, grandson of the Hohles, son of Jeff & Lauren Shoup

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS

We are so grateful that Cedar Park UMC continues to make the Society of St Andrew one of its mission partners. Thank you, for being the hands and feet of Christ. From Lynette Johnson, Exec Director Society of St Andrew

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

Diane Kelly

Isle at Cedar Ridge #201

Phyllis Myers

310 Chisholm Tr. #206.

Lillian Smith

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Diann Russell

1503 N Woodstone

2200 S Lakeline Blvd;
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Leander, 78641

Cedar Park, 78613

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Cedar Park, 78613

E. Duke Squibb
Gracy Woods
12042 Bittern Hollow
Austin TX – 78758

Marsha Venable
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Cedar Park, TX 78613

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Shenandoah Assisted
Living
1623 Shenandoah Dr.
Cedar Park, 78613

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Aaron How

Ethan & India How

Miranda Smith Williams,
RAF Croughton;PO
Box 71; Brackley:
NN13 5XP

HAPPENINGS GOING ON!!

DEC 5TH "THE SIMPLE FAITH OF MR. ROGERS" 7:00-9:00PM

"The Simple Faith of Mr. Rogers" focuses on Mr. Rogers' spiritual legacy, but it is much more than tha. It shows us a man who, to paraphrase the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "preached the gospel at all times, when necessary using words..."

Join the discussion of this book by Amy Hollingsworth on Wednesday evenings at the church, **Multi Ministries Conference Room; Dec. 5th Part 2**; 12th: Part 3 & 19th Documentary Film viewing

SAT. DEC. 8TH WOMEN'S ADVENT BRUNCH 10AM-NOON

All women of the church; All ages are invited to attend the Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 8th. There will be fine food and fellowship along with presentations by **Acts of Love Daycare** and **Women's Storybook Project...**

Donations will be gathered for Acts of Love: Diapers size 2-4; baby wipes, Lysol wipes and for Storybook Project: new board books or books for kids up to age 6; or monetary gifts are all-ways welcome.... Please come and enjoy this time together....

THURS. DEC 13TH ROCKIN COOKIE BAKE OFF 6:30PM



Christmas is a time when we bake, getting ready for our guests. Please bring three dozen cookies for tasting and sharing. If you cannot taste them all in one night, feel free to take samples home for later. Since we would like to provide everyone with a copy of your recipe at the Cookie Exchange, please email your recipe to Carolyn Smith by Sunday, December 9th.

To help with the Christmas spirit, we will also be having a sing-along of Christmas carols. There will also be cookie and gingerbread decorating. Come and help us celebrate.

Are you available to help with the Rockin's Cookie Exchange?

I need someone to help set up tables prior to the start of the event. If you can help please let me know, Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com

DECEMBER ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Acts of Love & Women's Storybook Project	Donations		
Women's Advent Brunch	Saturday	Dec. 8 th	10a-Noon
Rockin' Cookie Bake Off	Thursday	Dec. 13 th	6:30p
Choir Cantata at both worship services;	Sunday	Dec. 16 th	8:30a & 10:45a
Comfort & Hope Service	Thursday	Dec. 20 th	5:30p
Soul Lift Worship	Sunday	Dec. 23 rd	3:00p-4:00p
Children's Play: "A Christmas to Believe In"	Monday	Dec. 24 th	5:00pm
Worship with Communion	Monday	Dec. 24 th	7:00pm
Twelve Days of Christmas VBS for children	Thursday	Dec. 27 th	10a-2:00p
One Worship Service (No Sunday School)	Sunday	Dec. 30 th	10:00am

THURS, DEC 20 SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE 5:30PM

Not everyone is all up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our community.

This service will create a sacred space for people living through dark times. It will be a reflective time, accepting where we really are, yet holding out healing and hope. All are welcomed

DEC CHOIR Jodi, 512-633-0009

December 9 - sing Star Dance and practice December 16 - Cantata at both services - all four songs (Carol of the Star, Star Dance, Silent Night and Good Christian Friends, Rejoice) December 16th - The Pointe at 3:30 pm December 23 - sing Carol of the Star and NO PRACTICE afterwards	December 30 - OFF January 6th - sing Silent Night and NO practice afterwards OFF for a few weeks; then on to Lent & Easter Music January 27th - back to rehearsing for Lent and Easter - practice after second service
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SUN. 6:00-8:00PM YOUTH MEETINGS MEALS NEEDED

	DATE	DINNER		
	Dec. 9			
	Dec. 16			
	Dec. 23rd			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, December 5th
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
 7:00-9pm Mr Rogers #2 MMB Conference Rm

THURSDAY, December 6th

FRIDAY, December 7th
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, December 8th
 10am Women's Advent Brunch

SUNDAY, December 9th Second Sunday of Advent
 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages
 Sergio Longoria in the Followers class will be leading a study of Matthew
 10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
 6:00p YOUTH

MONDAY, December 10th
 6:30P FINANCE
 7:30p Contemplative Prayer

TUESDAY, December 11th
 9:30am Morning Prayer Service
 10:00am Lectionary Bible Discussion

WEDNESDAY, December 12th
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
 7:00-9pm Mr Rogers #3 MMB Conference Rm

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thurs Dec. 13 th	6:30p Rockin Cookie Exchange	Sun. Dec. 23	Noon Children's practice
Fri Dec. 14 th	Birthday Pastor Peter	Sun. Dec. 23	3:00p Soul Lift
Sun. Dec. 16	Both Worship Cantata	Mon. Dec. 24	5pm Worship: Family; Children's Play
Sun. Dec. 16	3:30p Worship @ The Pointe	Mon. Dec. 24	7pm Worship: Communion & Candles
Mon Dec. 17	6:30P CHURCH COUNCIL	Tues Dec. 25	Christmas
Wed. Dec 19 th	9:30a Membership Care	Thurs. Dec 27	Advent VBS
Thurs. Dec. 20	Child's Haven Christmas Program	Sun Dec 30	10am Worship (one Service)
Thurs. Dec. 20	5:30p Worship Comfort & Hope		
Fri.. Dec. 21	Newsletter Input		

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

DECEMBER 2018

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances	This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses \$ 21,865.	December 2nd
Contributions (1/5) Sundays \$ 4,520.	8:30 am
Needed (Surplus): \$ 17,345	29 (Visitors:7)
Additional Giving	10:45am
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) \$ 0.	84(Visitors:3)
\$2 For 20 \$ 84.	Sunday School
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) \$ 42.	Children: 21
Communion (TX Wesley) \$ 315.	Adults: 39
Park Str Landscaping \$ 15,000	Soul Lift Dec. 23 rd

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG

NEXT MEETING: Second Saturday, January 12, 2019 9am Ask Sue Sidney
Learn about the Tx UMW Legislative Event Jan 27-29th: <http://texasimpact.org/2018/11/umw-legislative-event-registration-open/>

Learn about the Reading Program and How To participate in it..... We will have available forms to keep track of the books you have read from the UMW Reading Program lists. Five Books .. one from each category is a Plan 1 accomplishment. These lists must be complete by May 1st, 2019 to be submitted to the Conference UMW for recognitions. The books will soon be listed.

DECEMBER 24TH & 27TH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

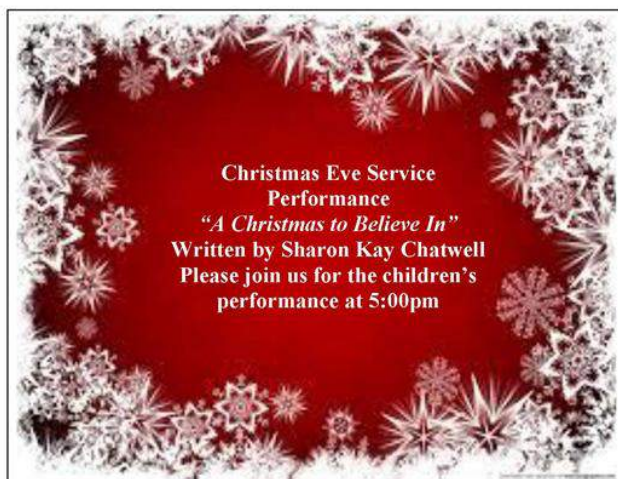
The children are practicing and working hard on this presentation for this Christmas Eve Service Performance of "A Christmas To Believe In" Plan to come and enjoy at 5pm

Twelve Days of Christmas VBS on Thursday, December 27th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Pre-register your children by Fri, Dec 21 online at www.cpfumc.org

Your help is greatly needed for the children's If you are available & would like to help or have questions about any of the Children's Ministries, please contact Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service



12 Days of Christmas VBS


 Come and join us to celebrate **The Twelves Days of Christmas** Thursday, December 27th from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the sanctuary of the **Cedar Park First United Methodist Church** Visit us on line www.cpfumc.org to register. All children Pre-K through fifth grade are invited. 600 W. Park Cedar Park pre-registration required by Friday, Dec 21st

WED JAN. 14TH	METHODIST READING CLUB	NOON
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YET TO COME:	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.</u> Kristin Fischer (Georgetown) to discuss her novel Forging Natalie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.</u> Abigail Wilson (Dripping Springs) to discuss her debut In the Shadow of Croft Tower note: I have not read this novel and this will be an opportunity to support a new and local author.</p>
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Please join us in the future 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.

AMAZING !! THX !!	BACKPACK FOOD	FOR WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY
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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 keeping the shelves full has been wonderful !!!

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ANSWER	UNITED METHODIST ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC QUIZ
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Charles Wesley's Advent hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" is about... The **correct** answer is all of the above.

DECEMBER	HILL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BUREAU	HILLCOUNTRYCHRISTMAS.ORG
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The **Hill Country Christmas Bureau is in its 39th year** of operation as a nonprofit, charitable organization. We are registered with the IRS as tax exempt. People just like you serve by trying to do a little more to help others during the Christmas season.

Any assistance you could provide would be appreciated, not only by us, but greatly appreciated by those you help.

Please contact: Dianne Gattuso Mailing Address Only: 1624 Shenandoah, Cedar Park, TX 78613
 Phone: 512-773-5878 info@hillcountrychristmas.org

Thank you for your graciousness. You may trust that your contributions will be used wisely and well. Happy Holidays!

Adopt a family, could this be right for you?

Each year, there are many members of our community that wish to provide a complete Christmas for an individual or family.

What Does It Take To Adopt A Family?

two weeks of groceries & toiletries 3 or 4 new toys for each child under 13 new blanket & a small heater if needed

If you feel you would like to help out in this manner or if you would like to simply know more about this program, please <http://hillcountrychristmas.org/adoptions.htm>

FOR SALE	DELL OPTIPLEX 790 SMALL FORM FACTOR – 9H3MJQ1	\$130
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Hardware
 Intel Core i3-2120, 3.30GHz, dual core processor
 8 GB DDR3 RAM
 500 GB Seagate model ST3500511CS, SATA II, 3.0 GB/s, 3.5" hard disk drive
 Slimline DVD-CD R/W drive
 Intel integrated HD Graphics 2000 display, max resolution: 2560x1600
 Integrated audio out and microphone in (front and rear)
 10 USB 2.0 ports (4 front, 6 rear)
 Display port and VGA video connectors
 Gigabit wired network connector
 PS/2 style keyboard and mouse connectors
 Serial port
 2 open motherboard slots for low profile adapter cards
 240w power supply

Software
 Microsoft Windows 10 Professional v1809, build 17763.134 (latest)
 Libre Office v6.1.3.2
 Adobe Acrobat Reader DC
 Google Chrome
 VLC media player
 Dell SupportAssist v3.0.2

Originally shipped 6/15/2011
 Dimensions: 11.4"H x 3.7"W x 12.3"D
 Weight: 12.57 lbs

Contact Neil Howard,
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COMMENTARY: THE POWER OF PENCILS IN CAMEROON

By Collette Ndobe Dec. 3, 2018 | LEBAMZIP, Cameroon (UMNS)



A little pencil can make a huge difference. At first glance, it may seem insignificant, but a pencil is often a vital tool in a child's learning process.

In Cameroon, if a child arrives at school without basic supplies, he or she is turned away. While in many of the rural schools throughout the country, children without a pencil or a pen struggle to learn. Often, as many as five children share a single pencil.

Imagine being a parent and knowing that the only way your child has any hope of future success is through education, yet you cannot even afford a notebook or pencil. How sad that a simple need for such basic school supplies could be such a great barrier to the educational development of our children.

This is a tragedy. And, unfortunately, this barrier has serious consequences. A child with no education will eventually become an adult trapped in a life of illiteracy and continued poverty.

Because of this, the **UMW** Association in Cameroon carried out the **One Child, One Pencil Project**.

We decided to target the Lekie divisions in the center region of Cameroon. We chose the region, which covers an area of about 2,989 square kilometers (1,154 square miles) and has a population of about 354,864 inhabitants — most of whom are peasant farmers — because it has three United Methodist churches, and we also wanted to carry out evangelism.

Because of the extremely bad roads, which are especially rough during the rainy season, the majority of the villages in this division cannot be easily accessed. Plus, the electrical grid and communication network in the division are limited, exasperating the difficulties associated with learning and living.

We also got firsthand information about the situations facing the individual schools in those rural areas.

At one school we visited, for instance, the school director shared with us that 350 pupils — boys and girls alike — share a single toilet. In another school, one with 200 pupils, there was a complete absence of toilets.

All six schools we visited had similar problems, including a lack of teaching materials for staff, not enough staff and overcrowded classes. In some classes, because of a lack of benches, 75 pupils shared just 15 benches.

Yet, to the communities we reached, our project was very successful and impactful. It was not only a community outreach to rural schools, but evangelism as well.

Members of the communities got to know and learn more about The United Methodist Church in Cameroon through the three pastors (the Revs. Bibi Roland of Lebamzip, Atangana Lucien of Monatela and Mengada Ignace of Obala) working with us. And more than 3,000 pencils were donated to pupils and teachers in the six schools we visited.

We got a lot of positive feedback.

Owona John, a pupil of Government School Mekas said, "I will no longer wait for my friend to finish writing in class before giving me his pencil."

In Lebamzip, one of the teachers told us how we have made her classwork light by donating pencils to all her pupils.

Their smiles speak to the difference we made with something as simple as a pencil. And we are glad to have created such a positive impact in the lives of the children and communities as a whole.

We sincerely thank all the UMW members who participated, the Education for New African Initiative Foundation and the pastors for their unflinching support.

To our main sponsor, the *Cameroon* Association for the Protection and Education of the Child (*CAPEC*), we are most grateful, thankful and indebted.