

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

01/16/2019

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>

Oneness
Wednesday, January
16, 2019

When Jesus talks about Oneness, he is not speaking in an Eastern sense about an equivalency of being, such that I am in and of myself divine. Rather, what he has in mind is a complete, mutual indwelling: I am in God, God is in you, you are in God, we are in each other.

His most beautiful symbol for this is in John 15 where he says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Abide in me as I in you" (15:4-5). A few verses later he says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love" (15:9).

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Roni Morton, Congestive heart failure

Kathy Olds, breast cancer scare

Shirley Blackford, friend of Carol Slater

Michael, Anne, Cody Bridges and their newborn, Bruce, Sally Johnson's great grandson, who wa born without a hand & foot as well as bowel dysfunction

Debbie MacCarrol's healing from breast cancer surgery

Pat Sowder, respiratory issues, now home from hospital .

Adalid Verastegui who had a fall

Alex Wallace, Par's nephew

Irene A. , peace, understanding with family conflict

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

From Sterling Hartman: my sister in law, Pattie Hartman, 3rd food surgery; granddaughter, Shelley, RN to be: class problems; & Sterling: memory problems

Cephus Lack fell and is pretty banged-up & for Wanda, his wife, the caregiver.

Please remember the children at the border and in detention centers as Christmas approaches.

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

Prayers of sympathy for Dorris Childs who died in Columbus where she resided near her daughter.

Prayers of sympathy for Glenda Goss on the death last night of her sister, Jackie Vaughter.

Prayers of sympathy for Sterling Hartman on the death of his cousin, Dr. Douglas Zatechka. lung cancer

Prayers of sympathy for Donna, wife, & Ron King, friend ,on the death of Ed Aaron. cancer

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS

Women's Cancer Support Group meeting the third Tuesdays of the month

HAPPENINGS GOING ON!!

TUES. JAN. 22ND NOON WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

The **first** meeting in the nursery on Tuesday, Jan 15 at noon. May bring lunch. They will begin monthly times together on the third Tuesdays at noon at the church. Talk to Irene Carrillo, RN about this group that is forming. Invite your friends to attend also.

TUE, FEB 26 & WED, FEB 27 NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's been several years since the last pictorial directory for Cedar Park First UMC was created. So, we have engaged Lifetouch Church Directories to photograph all of our families for a new directory on Tuesday,

February 26, and Wednesday, February 27, 2019. Book your appointment now by going to:
<https://cpfumc.org/> OR <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykqp4tvv/>



What to expect:

- A professional photography session, no session fees
- View your images after your session and make your selections

You will receive:

One FREE 8 x 10 standard print and church directory

JAN. 24-27 LHS PERFORMING ARTS THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

Jett Heermans, one of our Youth (sang at the 5pm Christmas Eve Service) will be performing with the Leander High School fine Arts Department's presentation of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at the LHS Performing Arts Center, 3301 S Bagdad Rd, Leander, TX 78641

Thursday, January 24- Saturday, January 26th at 7pm and Sunday, January 27th at 2pm \$15 Adults, \$12 Students, Staff, Seniors 65+ . Tickets available <https://www.leandertheatre.org/tickets/>

JANUARY TIFF'S TREATS & DRIVE A SENIOR; FAITH IN ACTION CAREGIVERS DRIVE2019

Tiff's Treats (yummy cookie delivery company that started in Austin - www.cookie-delivery.com) is having a 20th anniversary contest. They have chosen a group of non profits to participate and we are one of them! Every time someone orders cookies (online for delivery or instore pick up, in any city they have cookie stores) using our code of **DRIVE2019**, we receive 10% of that sale...**AND**, the non profit with the most sales at the end of January receives their anniversary grant of \$20,000!!!! So, think of all the awesome reasons you might need cookies (birthdays, client gifts, anniversaries, hungry kids, school events, etc.) and order lots in January - be sure and use our code of DRIVE2019 before you check out. Thanks for your help with this - at the very least, it's a great fundraiser for us, best case scenario we win the \$20,000 to help more of our senior neighbors! *Tiff's Treats: 4701 TX-183A B, Cedar Park, TX 78613; cookie-delivery.com*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, January 16th
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, January 17th

FRIDAY, January 18th
Newsletter Input to Jill Lundstrom
lund121@me.com
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, January 19th

SUNDAY, January 20th
 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,
 3:30p Worship at The Pointe
 6:00p Youth

MONDAY, January 21st Martin Luther King Day
 7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, January 22nd
 9:30a Morning Worship
 10:00a Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, January 23rd
 9:30a Membership Care
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Sun Jan 27th 3:00p Soul Lift Worship
 Sun-Tues Jan 27th-29th UMW Legislative Event
 Mon Jan 28th 6:30P CHURCH COUNCIL

Sat Feb 29th ReThink Leadership
 Youth Mid-Winter **Friday, February 22, 7 pm – Sunday, 24**

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

SCHOOL IN SESSION!! BACKPACK FOOD FOR WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY

THINK: 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 !!!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>January 13th</u>
Contributions (2/4) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 8,613.	8:30am
Still Needed:	\$ 13,252.	25(Visitors 1)
Additional Giving		
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 10.	10:45am
\$2 For 20	\$ 45.	50(Visitors:2)
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 25.	
Communion (Gaston Ntambo)	\$ 257.	Sunday School
Park Str Landscaping	\$ 0.	Children: 20
LISD Backpacks	\$ 63.	Adults: 17
		Soul Lift Jan 27 th

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

SUN. 6:00-8:00PM	YOUTH MEETINGS	MEALS NEEDED
DATE	DINNER	
Jan 20 th		
Jan.27 th		

Youth Mid-Winter Friday, February 22, 7 pm – Sunday, 24, 11 am
 Stoney Creek Ranch (New Ulm, TX)

Please turn in Release Form and Payment to your Youth Leader upon registering online. Check with your youth leader for the price. The regular signup deadline is February 1. Late Registration is from February 1-15 and the price goes up by \$25. [Register Here](#)

JAN. 27TH	CHOIR	JODI, 512-633-0009
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OFF for a few weeks; then January 27th - back to rehearsing for Lent and Easter - practice after second service
 Here is a rough schedule to get us started for Lent and Easter -

Sunday January 27th - practice after second service	April 7th - sing "Jesus Keep me Near the Cross" & practice
February 3rd - practice	April 14th - sing ? & practice
February 10th - practice - sing TFWS #2127 Kyrie	Holy Thursday - sing "At the Lamb's High Feast" & TFWS #?
February 17th - OFF	Good Friday - sing "Gethsemane"
February 24th - sing TFWS #2108 & practice	Sunday April 21st - Easter - sing both services – "Jesus Keep me Near the Cross", "Gethsemane", "At the Lamb's High Feast"
March 3rd - OFF	May 19 - practice
March 10th - OFF	May 26 - practice
March 17th - practice	June 2 - practice
March 24th - sing TFWS #2112 & practice	Sunday June 9th - Pentecost - sing "May the Road Rise to Meet You"
March 31st - sing TFWS #2105 & practice	

SAT, FEB 9,	RETHINK LEADERSHIP	DRIPPING SPRINGS UMC
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Who We Are – Methodists

Bishop Robert Schnase will be our keynote speaker. This year's 20 workshop choices will help you learn more the special session of General Conference, offer in-depth instruction on church committees and initiatives, and empower new leaders to the mission of the church.

SAT, FEB 9TH**GOD'S BEAUTY PHTO CONTEST****ALL CHILDREN**

Open to all elementary age children.

Witness God's beauty, snap the photo and send one photo entry per child to carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

Entry deadline is Saturday, February 9th, 2019 by 5:00pm.

Winners will be announced in Sunday School on Sunday, February 10th and receive a \$5 gift card. Happy photo journey.

SUN, FEB 10, 1-3 P.M**VALENTINE'S DAY OPEN HOUSE****YOU'RE INVITED!**

Please come over to meet our new Executive Director, Jill Gonzalez and some of our spectacular new volunteers, tour the new office and hear about all the new exciting things going on at the **Women's Storybook Project!**

Women's Storybook Project, 5524 Bee Caves Road, Bldg M Suite 131, Austin, Texas 78746

Please RSVP to admin@storybookproject.org. I look forward to seeing you all! With warm Regards,
Judith Dullnig, Founder and President of the Board, storybookproject.org

WED. FEB 13TH**METHODIST READING CLUB****NOON DISCUSSION**

Current ..	<u>Wednesday, February 13th at noon Brown Bag Book Discussion</u> "Threading My Prayer Rug" by Sabeeha Rehman (UMW Reading List)	UMW List
YET TO COME:	<u>Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.</u> Abigail Wilson (Dripping Springs) to discuss her debut " <i>In the Shadow of Croft Towers</i> " note: I have not read this novel and this will be an opportunity to support a new and local author <u>Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30p</u> With book author Linda Evens Shepard, two books: her new one "Praying God's Promise: The Life-Changing Power of Praying the Scriptures" and "The Potluck Club" a novel. .	
	https://soundcloud.com/kutnews/emily-donahue-interviews-amanda-eyre-ward-on-the-same-sky	UMW List

Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. What a wonderful time we had visiting with author Kristin Fischer (Georgetown) about her novel "*Forgiving Natalie*" There were more than 20 of us that heard about her inspiration for the story and shared our thoughts on the ideas brought out in the novel. KristinNoel.com
Please join us in the future for a brown bag Noon discussion of the UMW Reading Program selections and the author visits. Please come and enjoy the discussion even if you have not yet finished reading the book.

SAT. FEB 16TH**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)****HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG**

NEXT MEETING: Third Saturday, February 16th, 2019 9am Ask Sue Sidney

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.

TIDBITS**FEB 23-26****PANEL CLARIFIES OPTIONS FOR SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Options for the looming [special session of the General Conference](#) of The United Methodist Church have become clearer with a key panel's ruling on which legislative petitions can be considered.

The Committee on Reference [decided all 48 petitions](#) in the Commission on a Way Forward report – including those of the [One Church, Traditional and Connectional Conference Plans](#) – are "in harmony" with the Council of Bishops' call for the Feb. 23-26 legislative gathering in St. Louis.

Another [30 petitions got the go-ahead, meaning 78 petitions](#) total have been cleared for General Conference 2019, a gathering of the denomination's top legislative assembly aimed at helping The United Methodist Church stay unified despite deep conflict over homosexuality.

Petitions outside the Way Forward report that deal with LGBTQ inclusion or exclusion in the church made the cut. So did petitions that would make it easier for local churches to exit the denomination.

Two very different legislative alternatives, the [Simple Plan and Modified Traditional Plan](#), survived. But petitions that would change the episcopacy and Judicial Council did not. A petition that would allow for dissolution of the denomination also was ruled out of harmony.

The reference committee, consisting of clergy and lay General Conference delegates from all jurisdictions and central conferences, met Jan. 11-12 at an airport hotel near Dallas.

Committee members arrived at criteria for their decisions but acknowledged they were feeling their way through an extraordinary screening process.

"We don't have a template for what we're doing," said the Rev. Chuck Savage, committee chair, as the session got underway.

He and 18 other committee members present decided to focus on relevance rather than the merits or constitutionality of petitions.

"Everyone understood our task and went out of their way to ignore their own opinion about any piece of legislation and solely consider whether it was in harmony of the call," said Lynn Caterson, a committee member from the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Long tensions over the denomination's stance on homosexuality — including bans on same-sex unions and ordination of gay clergy — boiled over at the 2016 General Conference in Portland, causing open talk of schism. Delegates asked the Council of Bishops to lead the church through the crisis.

The bishops appointed a Commission on a Way Forward. The [commission's report last year](#) included legislation for the One Church, Traditional and Connectional Conference Plans — three distinctly different options.

Bishops also called for the special General Conference. Under church law, only petitions deemed in harmony with the stated call or purpose of the gathering can be considered at such a conference — unless two-thirds of the delegates vote to take up something else.

The bishops issued a first call that was then revised to read: "The purpose of this special session of the General Conference shall be limited to receiving and acting upon a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based upon the recommendations of the Council of Bishops."

The church's Judicial Council [ruled last May](#) that it was up to General Conference "to determine, in the first instance, through its committees, officers and presiders," whether a petition is in harmony with the call. That decision allowed petitions outside the Way Forward report to be considered in St. Louis — if those petitions were deemed in harmony.

The Commission on General Conference designated the reference committee for the important screening.

Before a more typical General Conference, that committee works obscurely, assigning petitions to legislative committees and consolidating similar petitions. Not this time.

"The history has been that the (response to) the Committee on Reference is, 'Yeah, whatever.' On this deal, folks are going to care deeply," said the Rev. Morris Matthis, a committee member from the South Central Jurisdiction.

The committee quickly and unanimously decided that all petitions in the Way Forward report would go on to General Conference. And it agreed with the Rev. Gary Graves, General Conference secretary, that 34 petitions were invalid because of formatting, failure to address the Book of Discipline or other basic errors. Those petitions were not included in the Advance Daily Christian Advocate.

Most of the committee's time was spent arriving at and applying criteria for the remaining 51 petitions. One more was declared invalid, 30 more in harmony and 20 out of harmony.

The committee took into account whether petitions dealt with the same paragraphs of church law as those "opened" or addressed by the Way Forward report plans.

Members also gave a green light to petitions directly concerned with LGBTQ inclusion or exclusion in the church and those seeking to correct or perfect petitions in the Way Forward report.

"If it helps the plan, whichever plan, to perfect itself, then it should be considered," said Rudolph Merab, a committee member from the West Africa Central Conference.

Both the Simple Plan, which removes restrictions against same-sex unions and ordination of gay clergy, and Modified Traditional Plan were found to be in harmony. The Modified Traditional Plan is a revision of the Traditional Plan, which the Judicial Council found had several petitions that would need to be changed to avoid violating the church constitution.

Those plans are backed by church groups that favor keeping the restrictions against same-sex unions and ordination of gay clergy, as well as boosting enforcement against violations.

The reference committee also cleared for consideration in St. Louis petitions that would ease the way for churches to leave the denomination and retain their property.

A petition that would allow for the dissolution of the denomination was found out of harmony, with reference committee members concluding that the Way Forward report and its plans were focused on continuing The United Methodist Church.

"I feel like dissolving the whole United Methodist Church is a million miles away from where we started," Matthis said. Petitions that sought reforms in the episcopacy were among those the committee found insufficiently related to the Commission on a Way Forward's work to be in harmony, as were some dealing with restructuring the church.

"If they had wanted to address the election of bishops in the commission, they would have presented petitions dealing with the election of bishops," Caterson said.

More than one committee member noted that a regularly scheduled General Conference, without the restricted focus of the special General Conference, is set for 2020. Any petitions rejected as not in harmony could be resubmitted for 2020. The Commission on General Conference has already announced that [delegates will operate as one legislative committee](#) in St. Louis. The petitions that will be going to the special General Conference are required to get a vote in legislative committee, according to a 2016 provision in the Book of Discipline.

The commission is expected to announce soon further details about how petitions will be processed.

The reference committee voted unanimously on nearly every decision. Though discussions were intense, civility never flagged and there was tension-puncturing laughter along the way.

Members celebrated communion and hugged at the end.

"It's amazing to me what happens when the Holy Spirit shows up," said Savage, in concluding remarks as chair. "There are a lot of diverse opinions in this room, but I just want to say congratulations and thank you for the work that's been done."

MAR 13-17 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NATIVE AMERICAN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (**OIMC**) is now accepting registrations for its third annual Native immersion experience to be held **March 13-17, 2019 in Oklahoma City**. The experience provides history, context, and unique perspective on Native peoples in The United Methodist Church. In addition, Oklahoma Natives proudly share their traditions and culture throughout the event.

"The immersion experience is important because it teaches you so much more than books can," said the Rev. David Wilson, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Superintendent. Wilson says participants come from all over the United States to participate. "Meeting people face-to-face and learning about our ministries in the OIMC help people to better understand who we are as Native United Methodist."

The experience is concentrated on three tribal areas which are within a two-and-a-half-hour radius of Oklahoma City. On the **first day, participants visit the Oklahoma History Center** which includes information regarding the 39 tribes in the state of Oklahoma. The group then goes to Ponca City to visit the **Standing Bear Park**, which includes a 22-foot bronze statue of the Ponca leader. The group will learn about Standing Bear's role in determining the "humanity" of his people and Native peoples. The day wraps up with a panel discussion with tribal leaders from the Ponca Indian United Methodist Church.

On **day two**, participants are scheduled to visit the **Washita "massacre" Battlefield Site in Cheyenne, Oklahoma**. This is the place where General George Armstrong Custer massacred 30-60 Cheyenne, mostly women and children. The events took place two years after the massacre at Sand Creek where Col. John Chivington, a Methodist clergyman, ordered the cavalry to charge on 160 Cheyenne and Arapaho women and children. Participants will tour the cultural center and take a guided walk through the area where the massacre took place, which is about 1.5 miles. The group will also visit the **Clinton Indian Church and Community Center** to hear a panel on the Washita massacre and what is currently happening among the tribal people in that area.

"It was emotional to remember the history and the people who died," said Glenda Hill from the Desert Southwest Conference who participated in the immersion experience in March 2018. "The culture that they come from still continues today. It's 150 years later and, thankfully, we are still honoring that culture."

On the **third day**, the group will travel to **eastern Oklahoma for a traditional and authentic "wild onion dinner"** hosted by a Muscogee Creek church. For generations, Native people have gathered wild onions in the spring and mix them with fried scrambled eggs along with several other traditional dishes. After the meal and visit participants will travel back to Oklahoma City to shop for Native goods and then finish the evening with a presentation from a local Native dance troupe. Sunday morning will be reserved for participants to visit churches in OIMC.

The registration cost for the event is **\$225.00 per person** which will cover all of the meals and entry fees. OIMC provides a chartered bus during the area tours. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Oklahoma City as well as booking their rooms at the Best Western Plus Saddleback Inn and Conference Center, 4300 SW 3rd in Oklahoma City. The costs of the hotel is separate from the registration fee.

"We have had a wide variety of participants including both lay and clergy, volunteers, and United Methodists who just have a heart for Native ministries," said Wilson. "Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about Native United Methodists and experience our culture and traditions."

The **deadline** to register for the immersion experience is **March 7, 2019**. For more information contact the OIMC office at 405-632-2006 or via email at Dwilson@oimc.org.