

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

01/21/2019

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>

Quotes from Dr.
Martin Luther
King Jr.

“The time is always right to do what is right. “
“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
“So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a
dream.....”

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 .
See this week's prayers from AK Child & Family Services

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

January 18, 2018

Thank you! Your generous response to our request for additional December giving helped us close our 2018 operating deficit and end the year with a small surplus.

You may remember that we wrote you in December laying out our Church's financial status. For the year, we were \$11,734 below our budgeted contributions and we had an operating deficit exceeding \$15,400 through November. We would end the year with little or no cash reserves and would have an extremely tight 2019 budget If that deficit was not closed.

But you responded by contributing over \$31,700 to our operating fund in December. This is the most contributed to it in a single month in recent history. It exceeded the previous biggest month, December 2017, by almost \$6500. As a result, we will end the year with a small operating surplus--about \$2000.

This giving is not just about church finances, important as they are. It is about the Church's ministries, outreach and witness. It is about making disciples for the transformation of the world.

- Your giving supports our outstanding pastors and staff, who proclaim the gospel, nurture our youth, lead music and offer pastoral care.
- Your giving supports vibrant programs for children and youth--Vacation Bible School, Sunday evening youth events and more.
- Your giving supports outreach and mission to our local community--Hill Country Community Ministries, backpack meals for needy school kids, and tutoring of elementary school students.
- Your giving supports mission beyond our local community--youth mission trips, Appalachian Service Project and United Methodist Church missions.
- Your giving supports Christian education and spiritual formation--Bible study, Sunday school, book clubs and prayer groups.
- Your giving helps maintain our church facilities that are used by groups serving the entire Cedar Park community--Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and Alcoholics Anonymous just to name a few.

Because of your generosity we ended 2018 in the black. Because of your generosity we can look forward to 2019 with optimism. Because of your generosity, our Church can fulfill its mission to Cedar Park and beyond.

So thanks again for your amazing, faithful giving to Cedar Park First UMC.

Sincerely, Glenda Morrison, Finance Committee Chair, Steve Howard, Church Council Chair

HAPPENINGS GOING ON!!

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/>

SUPPORT RUSS LUNDSTROM & BONNIE HOW & THE CPFUMC TEAM WORLD VISION IN THE 2019 AUSTIN MARATHON + HALF EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE...

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/ykqp4tvy/>



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, January 23rd

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

THURSDAY, January 24th

FRIDAY, January 25th

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

SATURDAY, January 26th

SUNDAY, January 27th UMW Legislative Event

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,
3:00p Soul Lift Worship
6:00p Youth

MONDAY, January 28th

6:30P CHURCH COUNCIL
7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, January 29th

9:30a Morning Worship
10:00a Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, January 30th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Mon	Feb 4 th	6:30p`TRUSTEES
Sat	Feb 9 th	ReThink Leadership
Mon	Feb 11 TH	6:30p`FINANCE
Tues	Feb 12 th	Noon Breast Cancer Group
Wed	Feb 13 th	Noon Book Club
Fri	Feb 15 th	Newsletter Input

Sat	Feb 16 th	9:00a UMW
Sun	Feb 17 th	Noon PotLuck
Tues	Feb 26 th	Directory Photos
Wed	Feb 27 th	Directory Photos
Wed	Feb 27 th	9L30a Membership Care
Mon	Feb 18 th	6:30p`CHURCH COUNCIL

Youth Mid-Winter Friday, February 22, 7 pm – Sunday, 24

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

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

SUN. 6:00-8:00PM

YOUTH MEETINGS

MEALS NEEDED

DATE	DINNER		
Jan 27 ⁿ			

Feb 3		
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	March 3rd - OFF
February 3rd - practice	March 10th - OFF
February 10th - practice - sing TFWS #2127 Kyrie	March 17th - practice
February 17th - OFF	March 24th - sing TFWS #2112 & practice
February 24th - sing TFWS #2108 & practice	March 31st - sing TFWS #2105 & practice

SAT, FEB 9,	RETHINK LEADERSHIP	DRIPPING SPRINGS UMC
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Every year our Capital District United Methodist Churches get together for leadership training at one of our district churches. This year's training event will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **Dripping Springs United Methodist Church, 28900 RR 12** in Dripping Springs. This will be a day filled with information and fellowship – a great way to start the New Year and learn important information concerning The United Methodist Church and our community.

We are honored to have our bishop Robert Schnase as the speaker for our opening worship & plenary. There will be three workshop sessions, some of the workshops will be offered more than once.

WORKSHOP TOPICS include:

- Pastor Parish Relations Committee
- Trustees in the Local Church
- Common Good/Free Store
- Stewardship
- Border and immigration issues
- New church start initiatives
- Project Transformation
- Texas Methodist Foundation and the connection to your church
- Trusted Con Confianza Training (*2-hour workshop in the afternoon*)
- Emergency Response Teams and Volunteers in Mission
- Young Adults (millennials) and their new families
- Lay Servant and Lay Speaker Ministries

SCHEDULE:

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| 9:30 Arrival and fellowship | 12:10 - 1:30 Lunch (on your own) |
| 9:50 Worship and plenary service | 1:30 2nd Session of Workshops |
| 11:10 1 st Session of Workshops | 2:40 3rd Session of Workshops |

All Cedar Park First UMC leaders, both formal and informal, are invited to be present for this day of worship and learning.

SAT, FEB 9TH	GOD'S BEAUTY PHTO CONTEST	ALL CHILDREN
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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!
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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> <i>"Threading My Prayer Rug"</i> 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.

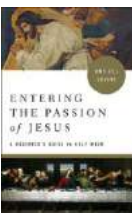
SAT. FEB 16TH **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)** **HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG**

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.

TUES, FEB 19TH **WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:**

The **first** meeting was in the nursery on Tuesday, Jan 15 at noon. 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. [May bring your lunch.]

MARCH 7 - APRIL 11 **BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD IN LENT**



Pastor Peter will be leading a Lenten Bible study during the season of Lent. For six consecutive Thursdays, beginning March 7 and ending April 11, Peter will be exploring the biblical texts surrounding the story of Jesus' Passion, utilizing Amy-Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus*.
 Each session will begin at 10am and last approximately an hour and a half. All participants in the study will need a copy of Levine's book, which will be available for \$15. A sign-up sheet for you to indicate your interest in taking part in this study is on the back table in the Sanctuary. Please consider joining us for this series.

TIDBITS

I receive this prayer list weekly and thought that I might share it with you. Bob & Karen Packard can tell you more about these child & family services in Alaska. This started as a Methodist mission by the Women's Missionary Society and later joined with the Lutherans to eventually form the AK Child & Family Services (see history below ...) Please pray with us

WEEKLY PRAYERS FROM ALASKA CHILD & FAMILY

AK Child & Family student prayers for us to lift up together this week:

- Prayers for our new students as they settle into their new environment.

- Prayers for peace in the cottages.
- For the many silent prayers lifted this week.
- Prayers that each student will know that they are loved and that they matter.

Prayers of celebration:

for a young woman who successfully discharged and went home!
 for a young woman who is celebrating her 17th birthday today!
 many prayers surrounding privilege status, passes and visits
 from a young man, "I got new shoes"
 from a young woman, "I got to cuddle with my dog on his birthday"
 from a young man, "fun outside on the ice rink"
 from a young man, "my favorite staff came to chapel with me"
 from a young man, "my football team won"
 from a young man, "my family got a new dog"

Prayers of concern:

many prayers surrounding privilege status, passes and visits
 from a young woman, "I'm starting at a new school and I'm super nervous"
 from a young man, "my football team lost"
 from a young man, "I'm getting attention from girls at school - it's kind of awkward"
 from a young man, "for my grandma and her well being"
 from a young woman, "my parents might be getting divorced"
 from a young man, "relationships with my peers"
 from a young man, "prayers for my peers concerns"
 from a young man, "having to wake up early"
 from a young man, "we keep having earthquakes"
 from a young man, "my mom and my sister are arguing and I feel helpless to them"
 from a young woman, "may my peers dad heal from his injuries"
 from a young woman, "may my family get the help they need:
 from a young woman, "may my Pappie survive her surgery"

Prayers for healing:

healing of all trauma wounds

Prayers for families:

many prayers for families and family members
 Prayers for strength, peace, patience and empathy for all AK Child & Family staff.

Thanks, peace and blessings to you and yours and thanks to you all for your support of this ministry, Kelli

ALASKA CHILD & FAMILY

AK Child & Family was originally founded as the **Jesse Lee Home**. This Methodist mission was established by the Women's Missionary Society in Unalaska in 1890 and provided a home to hundreds of children. Dr. Albert and Mrs. Agnes Newhall taught school, led church services and provided medical care.

In 1925, the Jesse Lee Home moved to Seward. With larger and more accessible facilities, the mission could better serve the wider Alaskan community. In this nurturing environment the children received schooling, job skills and training and support on the journey toward self-reliance.

Some of the highly successful people who grew up at the Jesse Lee Home and Unalaska and Seward include Benny Benson, designer of the Alaska State Flag, Simeon Oliver, pianist and composer, and founder of Alaska Methodist University (now Alaska Pacific University), P. Gordon Gould.

During **World War II**, the Home was evacuated and Fort Raymond was established on the property. The buildings were painted in camouflage as protection from possible air strikes.

The town of Seward was devastated by an earthquake and resulting tsunami on March 27, 1964. The Jesse Lee Home was located high enough on a hill to escape destruction. However, the buildings were heavily damaged. The children were again evacuated.

The cost of repairing the structures was prohibitive and the children entering the Jesse Lee Home were in need of services not readily available in Seward. In an effort to meet those needs, the United Methodist Women purchased 25 acres of land in south Anchorage and work began on building four residential cottages, an administrative building and housing for the director. Later, the **Benny Benson** Recreation Center was added to the campus.

Children returned to the Jesse Lee Home in January 1966.

The needs of the children and the community were changing. With the advent of foster care and changes in social services, the Jesse Lee Home began the transition into the mental health field.

The **Jesse Lee Home merged with Lutheran Youth Center and Anchorage Christian Children's Home in 1970**. The resulting organization was named Alaska Children's Services and is a mission of the United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and American Baptist Churches USA.

Through the 1970's and 80's, Alaska Children's Services provided group homes, mental health services, emergency shelter, case management and adventure based programs. Strong programs were developed to assist children and teens with severe emotional and behavioral problems.

Residential psychiatric services were established with seven cottages on two campuses including the original Jesse Lee Campus with four cottages and a midtown campus with three cottages. In 1990, The organization was accredited by the Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations and has maintained accreditation since then.

An important aspect of residential care is the Spiritual Life Program. Students are not required to participate in Spiritual Life activities, however, approximately 83% of our residential students choose to attend.

In 1996 we began providing home-based care called Community Programs. This branch of services includes individual and group therapy, skill development, activity therapy, case management as well as treatment foster care.

In 2013, the organization renamed to become **AK Child & Family**. This new name established a distinct identity preventing confusion with the state Office of Children's Services and provided a clearer message about the services we provide. We are proud to carry on the tradition of care started at the Jesse Lee Home. The organization has grown and evolved to meet the needs of Alaska's children and families. We will continue to do so as those needs change or as innovative treatments are developed one child, one family at a time.