

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

01/30/2019

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>

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Andy Carver seeing cardiologist & pulmonologist for swelling
Drew Talley, out of work when company bought out
Elizabeth Price, Jonathan's mother, in SW Hospital, Temple recovering from surgery after a stroke.
Ginger Blankenship, Par's daughter in law, knee injury and job loss
Jorge & Edna Soto, safe travels to Puerto Rico & finding family safe and well.
Larry Martin, Anita's husband, having knee surgery
Lizzie ,A young mom friend of Bonnie, is going to court Thursday for a custody hearing. Desires our prayers.
Marsha Venable, stroke, in Cedar Park Medical Center waiting transfer to rehab
Nancy Holmes, health problems
Sabrina Blount, numbness in feet
Will Talley, struggling to find work while in college
Debbie MacCarrol's healing from breast cancer surgery
Kathy Olds, breast cancer scare
Michael, Anne, Cody Bridges and their newborn, Brice, Sally Johnson's great grandson, who was born without a hand & foot as well as bowel dysfunctionprogressing well
Pat Sowder, respiratory issues, was in church but will be several months before back to "normal"
Roni Morton, Congestive heart failure
Shirley Blackford, friend of Carol Slater

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS

Jett Heermans, one of our Youth sang in the Leander High School fine Arts Department's presentation of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" !!!

THANKS

Good news! The surgeon received my oncotype today--super low! Chance of recurrence in 9 years is only 5%! I will still need radiation, but hopefully not as much. From Debbie MacCarrol

HAPPENINGS GOING ON!!

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.

SAT, FEB 9,**RETHINK LEADERSHIP****DRIPPING SPRINGS UMC**

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:

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

TUES, FEB 12TH**WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:**

In February the Wm's Cancer Support Group is meeting the second Tues, Feb 12th, at noon. After Feb, starting March 19th, then they will be the third Tues. of the month. Talk to Irene Carrillo, RN about this group that is forming. Invite your friends to attend also. [May bring your lunch.]

SUPPORT RUSS LUNDSTROM & BONNIE HOW & THE CPFUMC TEAM WORLD VISION IN THE 2019 AUSTIN MARATHON + HALF EVENT ...

RAISING FUNDS FOR CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE

WED, FEB 13TH**METHODIST READING GROUP****UMW BOOK LIST**

Wednesday, February 13th at noon Brown Bag Book Discussion
 "Threading My Prayer Rug" by Sabeeha Rehman (UMW Reading List)

(1)By Carolyn (5 stars) Sep 06, 2018 11:33AM

I found this book really interesting. It's a well-written memoir that touched on a number of topics that interest UMW women:

- *What it's like to adjust to life in the USA, coming from another country*
- *How to go about creating a new faith community when you move to a place that doesn't have one for you*
- *How to keep your children engaged in your faith community.*
- *Differentiating between cultural and faith traditions*
- *Building interfaith understanding and cooperation*
- *Dealing with a schism within your faith community*
- *Basic understanding of the Muslim faith.*

I found a copy at my local public library. I gave it 5 stars on Goodreads and highly recommend it.

(2)By: Sajith Kumar (3 stars)

The book is nicely written with a humorous and anecdotal template at the back. It gives us a glowing picture of how a wedding takes place in conservative Pakistan. The social undertones of the matchmaking and rituals are shared with that of India.

A set of color photographs add intimacy to the narrative. A group photo of the author's all-girls class in the 1970s in which none of them had sported a hijab is a striking reminder to the hardening of religious orthodoxy over the years.

The readers expected to get an honest answer to the question often posed to moderate Muslims on why they keep quiet when their religion is maligned by a terrorist act. However, the answer is clearly tangential in asserting that they are indeed speaking up. Surely, this wouldn't satisfy an impartial observer.

SUN, FEB 17TH**CHURCH POT LUCK LUNCH****NOON**

Share lunch Share discussion of 2019 Church Budget & Trustee's plans , Share dreams for the facility

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.



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

Book your appointment **NOW** by going to :

<https://cpfumc.org/>

OR

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykqp4tvy/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, January 30th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, January 31st

FRIDAY, February 1st

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

SATURDAY, February 2nd

SUNDAY, February 3rd

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, Communion
6:00p Youth

MONDAY, February 4th

6:30P TRUSTEES
7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, February 5th

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

WEDNESDAY, February 6th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Sat Feb 9th ReThink Leadership
Mon Feb 11th 6:30p`FINANCE
Tues Feb 12th Noon Breast Cancer Group
Wed Feb 13th Noon Book Club
Fri Feb 15th Newsletter Input
Sun Feb 17th Noon PotLuck

Sat Feb 23rd 8:15a UMW to FUMC
Tues Feb 26th Directory Photos
Wed Feb 27th Directory Photos
Wed Feb 27th 9L30a Membership Care
Mon Feb 18th 6:30p`CHURCH COUNCIL

JANUARY 2019 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>January 27th</u>
Contributions (4/4) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 17,623.	<u>8:30am</u>
Still Needed:	\$ 4,242.	29(Visitors)
Additional Giving		
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ 10.	<u>10:45am</u>
\$2 For 20	\$ 98.	75(Visitors:6)
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 67.	
Communion (Gaston Ntambo)	\$ 257.	<u>Sunday School</u>
Park Str Landscaping	\$ 10.	Children: 12
LISD Backpacks	\$ 63.	Adults: 26
Computer Software	\$ 875.	
Upper Room/Devotionals	\$ 33.	<u>Soul Lift 6</u>

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

SUN. 6:00-8:00PM YOUTH MEETINGS MEALS NEEDED

	DATE	DINNER		
	Feb 3			
	Feb 10			

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](#)

CHOIR

Jodi, 512-633-0009

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 -

February 3rd - practice February 10th - practice - sing TFWS #2127 Kyrie February 17th - OFF February 24th - sing TFWS #2108 & practice March 3rd - OFF March 10th - OFF March 17th - practice March 24th - sing TFWS #2112 & practice March 31st - sing TFWS #2105 & practice April 7th - sing "Jesus Keep me Near the Cross" & practice	April 14th - sing ? & practice Holy Thursday - sing "At the Lamb's High Feast" & TFWS #? Good Friday - sing "Gethsemane" Sunday April 21st - Easter - sing both services – "Jesus Keep me Near the Cross", "Gethsemane", "At the Lamb's High Feast" May 19 - practice May 26 - practice June 2 - practice Sunday June 9th - Pentecost - sing "May the Road Rise to Meet You"
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MAR 5TH METHODIST READING CLUB

YET TO COME:	<p>Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. 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</p> <p>Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30p 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. .</p>	
	<p>https://soundcloud.com/kutnews/emily-donahue-interviews-amanda-eyre-ward-on-the-same-sky</p>	UMW List

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.

FEB 13TH, 23RD & MAR 9TH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG

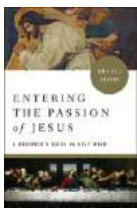
NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Wednesday, February 13th** .. Noon Brown Bag Book Discussion in the Sanctuary
- **Saturday, February 23rd** We will meet at 8:15am in the parking lot to travel to FUMC, Austin to attend the Capital District UMW Leadership Development Day.
- **Next REGULAR Meeting will be 2nd Saturday in March (9th)** for our World Thank and Pledge Programs

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

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.

SAT, MARCH 2

LAY PASTORAL CARE GIVING

OAK HILL UMC FROM 8:30 – 4:30

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Lay Servant Ministries, Grace and peace to you through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our spring Advanced Lay Servant class is **Lay Pastoral Care Giving**. We will focus on Works of Mercy as we discuss ministering to our church and community. The Lord calls us to walk alongside people as they journey through crises and illness, suffering and grief, plus mental, psychological, and spiritual needs of the elderly.

This class fulfills the requirement for an advanced class every three years. It is **not** in the Certified Lay Speak track, but not all of us want to be Lay Speakers. Some of us serve in the church and community listening and loving on people. If that is you, please use this link to register for the class. <https://capital-lay-servants.org/2019-advanced-class-register-now/>

Text: Lay Pastoral Care Giving by Timothy M Farabaugh (*your registration pays for the text and for lunch and snacks*)

If you have any questions, I will try to answer them or find someone who can! Please email or text with any questions.

Yours in Christ, Linda Snow; 512-619-9975, EmbroideryDetails@gmail.com

TIDBITS



"I found it sadly ironic that this sacred place, which had been a haven for African-Americans fleeing slavery, could be destroyed to build a wall that would serve to shut out immigrants fleeing violence." — [Rob Rutland-Brown](#), executive director of National Justice for Our Neighbors.

Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church in San Juan, Texas, is known as the first Spanish-speaking Protestant Church in the Rio Grande Valley. The chapel held services until it was flooded in 2008.

BORDER WALL WOULD CUT OFF HISTORIC CHURCH

SAN JUAN, Texas (UMNS) — Descendants of the first Spanish-speaking Methodist church in the Rio Grande Valley are fighting to save the historic church and a cemetery that contains the remains of the area's first families. Another family cemetery a few feet away could also be destroyed or cut off by President Donald Trump's proposed border wall.

Kathy L. Gilbert has the story and Mike DuBose has photos.

On the main road, two historic markers are the only signs that history lies down a two-lane road behind a grassy levee. Trees and brush hide most of the view across from a pristine white chapel framed by a cross of shiny dark brown wood.

About a mile or more on the other side is the border of Mexico and the river.

Descendants of the family who first came to this dusty Texas land are waiting to talk to fellow United Methodists about a place that is dear to them.

Ramiro, his wife, Melinda, and his sister, Sylvia Ramírez, all spoke to members of the United Methodist Immigration Task Force during the group's Jan. 21-23 meeting in McAllen, Texas.

The Rev. Jeania Ree Moore, director of civil and human rights of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society and member of the task force, first connected the family with church officials when news of an historic Methodist site being threatened by President Trump's proposed "border wall" reached her.

"Church and Society advocates for justice for immigrants, indigenous peoples, and other oppressed peoples, and the Jackson Ranch's history and current reality in struggles for justice struck me as unique and important," Moore said.

The family told the group about their fight to save the church and cemeteries. Ramiro is the great-great grandson of Nathaniel Jackson, a former white slave owner, and his wife, Matilda Hicks, a former black slave. The couple left Alabama to escape discrimination and found 5,000 acres of peace near the Rio Grande.

Ramiro said Nathaniel and Matilda grew up on the same plantation in Alabama, played together as children and fell in love as young adults.

At the ranch, a multicultural community thrived. Their land became part of the Underground Railroad helping blacks escaping into Mexico during the era of the Fugitive Slave Act. Mexican President Vicente Guerrero, who was of mixed descent, abolished slavery in 1829.

Over time, the Jackson family began to marry Spanish-speaking spouses. Eli Jackson, Nathaniel's son, sold a parcel of land to the Methodist Church for \$1. Jackson Ranch Chapel became the first Spanish-speaking Methodist Church in the Rio Grande Valley. It held services until it was flooded in 2008 by Hurricane Dolly.

Nathaniel and Matilda Jackson and their descendants are buried on the grounds and in the Eli Jackson cemetery nearby. Both cemeteries are Texas Historic sites. The United Methodist Rio Texas Conference is also in the process of researching both sites as possible United Methodist historic sites.

"I found it sadly ironic that this sacred place, which had been a haven for African-Americans fleeing slavery, could be destroyed to build a wall that would serve to shut out immigrants fleeing violence," said Rob Rutland-Brown, executive director of National Justice for Our Neighbors. He is also a member of the United Methodist Immigration Task Force.

Bonnie Saenz Amaro, Rio Texas Conference archivist, thinks there is a strong chance the sites will qualify as United Methodist historic sites.

"My hope is that with these (Texas) historical designations, it will help these sites to be preserved and not be destroyed by the potential wall," she said.

Ramiro and Melinda have prepared for their burials with a large double engraved tombstone set under a shade tree in view of the little white Jackson Chapel. Ramiro lovingly restored the chapel after it flooded in 2008. He demonstrates the church bell and points out a historic marker next to the church that marks how far the border has shifted over the years.

The proposed border wall would derail their plans for a peaceful final resting place.

What does the church say?

In its Social Principles, The United Methodist Church recognizes all people, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God and opposes policies that separate family members from each other.

"I have seen how the wall has separated families. I have seen how the wall has disrupted beautiful, natural wonders. And I have seen how the wall, as well as militarization of the border and the implementation of certain immigration practices and procedures, has wreaked havoc on the economics of communities and individuals," said the Rev. Jack Amick, director of Sustainable Development with the United Methodist Committee On Relief. He, too, is a member of the United Methodist Immigration Task Force.

"But, until my visit to El Capote (Jackson Ranch), I have had never seen how the wall would destroy history, disrupting a place that is sacred for indigenous peoples, African-Americans, Spanish speakers and Methodists," he said.

The Ramírez family has hired an attorney to represent them. The lawyer stated in a letter that the proposed border wall will cut off direct access to the sites for visitors interested in the historic significance of the two sites. It would also cut off family members who want to visit the site where loved ones are buried and might prevent future generations from being buried there.

"If the purpose of the wall is to protect the homeland, then this 'no man's' land between the wall and Rio Grande River will result in unequal protection for the area," the letter states.

The family was informed of plans to clear 150 feet south of the levee, which will most affect the Eli Jackson Cemetery since it lies adjacent to the levee, Ramírez said.

Two waivers have already been filed by the Department of Homeland Security to build walls nearby but not yet on the segment of the border which includes Eli Jackson Cemetery and the Jackson Ranch Chapel and Cemetery.

"We don't know yet how we would have access to the area if a wall is built," said Melinda Ramírez.

People from the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas have been camping out in the Eli Jackson Cemetery for several weeks, clearing the burial ground and repairing tombstones. They believe the cemetery is also the resting place of several indigenous people.

The shadows grow long as the sun sets and a strong wind whips up more dust over land that has been watched over for hundreds of years by people called Methodist.