

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

02/20/2019

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>

Christ Since the Beginning

The First Bible

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Sacred writings are bound in two volumes—that of creation and that of Holy Scripture. —Thomas Aquinas (1224–1274) [1]

Ever since God created the world, God's everlasting power and deity—however invisible—have been there for the mind to see in the things God has made. —Romans 1:20

I think what Paul means here is that whatever we need to know about God can be found in nature. Nature itself is the primary Bible. The world is the locus of the sacred and provides all the metaphors that the soul needs for its growth.

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

UMC special general conference in St Louis, February 23-26th... finding a way forward for UMC ...

Darlene Ianelli, Victoria Hutchings' mom, having double mastectomy tomorrow.

Denise Meridith's sons, Irene Carrillo's friends, I had Chuck go check on her yesterday, no answer. I text her sons since door locked. They came this morning, she was deceased in bathroom, cops here now.

Marie Porterfield, surgery this afternoon for a broken arm from a fall

Family of Mary Williams, Memorial service will be 2pm March 2 with a party at the Benson home afterwards.

Contact Karen Packard if you would like to provide a dessert for the party to honor Mary.

Michael, Anne, Cody Bridges and their newborn, Brice, Sally Johnson's great grandson, who was born

without a hand & foot as well as bowel dysfunctioncontinues his feeding, cardiac, visual, & orthopedic problems in these first 7 weeks of life.

Sterling Hartman experiencing severe memory issues

The Heermans family

Larry Martin, Anita's husband, had knee replacement: progressing well with therapy

Danny Indest, grief after loss of wife

Masaldo Mu, Jodi's advisee, who is struggling homeless in Austin

Sabrina Blount, numbness in feet; medical issues

Shelley Smith, Sterling's granddaughter, 1st day as nurse (*patient previously beat another nurse !*)

Elizabeth Price, Jonathan's mother, recovering from surgery after a stroke.

Nancy Holmes, health problems

Will Talley, struggling to find work while in college

Debbie MacCarrol's healing from breast cancer surgery

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS

What a wonderful PotLuck we had on Sunday... Thanks to everyone that brought delectible foods and also those that worked to make it happen!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

THURS, FEB 21ST

IACT RED BENCH:

TRUST

Join an interfaith group of people on Thursday, Feb 21, 6:30-8:30pm for a discussion of **TRUST** – what it means and how we live it. This will take place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2101 Bagdad Rd. Cedar Park

PLEASE: RSVP at <http://interfaithtexas.org/cedar-park-hill-country-red-bench-trust/>

For more information contact Pastor Bonnie How

VASES Needed for Sunday Flowers

FEB 23RD

UMM QUARTERLY BREAKFAST

8-10AM

Capital District United Methodist Men will be having their Quarterly Breakfast Fellowship at Northwest Hills UMC, (7050 Village Center Dr., Austin TX 78731), on Saturday, February 23, 2019, 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Please **bring** Blue Jeans (waist 28-36), Tennis/Running Shoes, backpack, and/or white socks to support our homeless ministry.

You can sign/renew your Local UMM National Charter by using the following link <http://www.gcumm.org/support/chartering> online or by mail.

You can sign/renew up for EMS by using the following link <http://www.gcumm.org/support/ems> online or by mail. Your support of EMS helps to fund the upper room prayer line, EMS magazine/devotional and scouting.

FEB 23RD & MAR 9TH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **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

SAT FEB 23RD

YOUTH MEETINGS

10A-5PM

Capital District Youth Mid-Winter Saturday, February 23, 10am-5 pm @McKinney Falls State Park
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 20 \$30

Registration Info here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_VHSLwDhD6LafRJk004pke6jsLdBMDjiz8fQnuHqJ6pY9rQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

TUE, FEB 26 & WED, FEB 27

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

SIGN UP NOW

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.

All the time slots have been assigned ... Please contact Neil Howard for additional information on how to have your picture in the directory. nhowardtx@gmail.com 512.720.1990

March 4th & 5th we can get an appointment for you at University Christian Church for a professional photo for our directory.....



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/ykqp4tv/>

VASES Needed for Sunday Flowers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, February 20th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, February 21st

6:30-8:30p iAct Red Bench

FRIDAY, February 22nd

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek

10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SUNDAY, February 24th

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,

9:45a Sunday School for all ages

10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,

Noonish Choir Practice

3:00p Soul Lift Worship

6:00p NO Youth

MONDAY, February 25^h

7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, February 26th

SATURDAY, February 23rd

7:15a UMM to NorthwestHillsUMC
 8:15a UMW to FUMC
 10a-5p Youth MidWinter; McKinney Falls

Pictorial Directory Pictures

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

WEDNESDAY, February 27th**Pictorial Directory Pictures**

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

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Tues & Wed	Feb 26 th & 27 th	Directory Photos	Sun	Mar 17 th	3:30p	Worship @ The Pointe
Sat	Mar 2	2:00pm	Mary Williams Memorial	Mar 18 – 22 nd		Spring Break
Mon	Mar 4 th	6:30p	TRUSTEES	Mon	Mar 18 th 6:30p	CHURCH COUNCIL
Tues	Mar 5 th	5:30-6:30p	Shrove Tues Pancakes	Tues	March 19 th	Noon Women's Cancer Support Group
Tues	Mar 5 th	6:30p	Book Club Author visit	Wed	Mar 20 th	9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Wed	Mar 6 th	9:30a	Powerful Tools for Caregivers	Thur	Mar 21 st	10am Lenten Bible Study
Wed	Mar 6 th	7pm	Ash Wednesday Worship	Sun	Mar 24 th	3:00p Soul Lift Worship
Thur	Mar 7 th	10am	Lenten Bible Study	Wed	Mar 27 th	9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Mon	Mar 11 th	6:30p	FINANCE	Thur	Mar 28 th	10am Lenten Bible Study
Wed	Mar 13 th	9:30a	Powerful Tools for Caregivers	Wed	Apr 3 rd	9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Thur	Mar 14 th	10am	Lenten Bible Study			
Fri	Mar 15 th		NEWSLETTER input to Jill			

Please Check the complete calendar at <https://cpfumc.org/>

FEBRUARY 2019**INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!**

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	February 17th
Contributions (3/4) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 16,714.	8:30am
Still Needed:	\$ 5,151.	31(Visitors 2)
Additional Giving		10:45am
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$.	56(Visitors:4)
\$2 For 20	\$ 167.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 48..	Sunday School
Communion (Team World Vision)	\$ 253.	Children: 13
Park Street Landscaping	\$ 250.	Adults: 33

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

TUES, MAR 5TH SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 5:30P-6:30P

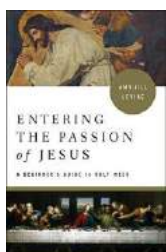
The Church's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held this year at **5:30 p.m., until 6:30 p.m., on March 5, 2019**. The pancake supper is an annual tradition at Cedar Park First United Methodist Church. So what is Shrove Tuesday? The word Shrove comes from the middle English word "Shrive", which means "absolve". On Shrove Tuesday many Christians engaged in self examination to acknowledge their sins, express regret for them, and ask for God's help prior to the beginning of Lent. Lent always starts on Ash Wednesday so people went to confess their sins the day before. So what does it have to do with pancakes? This apparently comes from an old English custom, dating from about the 16th century, of using up all fattening ingredients such as milk, butter, sugar and eggs prior to beginning a Lenten fast. Cooking pancakes was a good way to do that. The custom continues today and in United Kingdom towns pancake races are held where people race with a frying pan, while tossing a pancake in it. The men of our Church are cooks and servers for our pancake supper. There will probably be no pancake races, since we use electric griddles, but you know the pancakes will be good if they are prepared by our many talented male chefs. Sausages, coffee, milk and orange juice will also be served. Most years we have gluten free pancakes. This year's supper will **end no later than 6:30**, since the supper will be followed **by a Book Club meeting with author, Abigail Wilson**, who will be discussing her novel *In the Shadow of Croft Towers*. So come to both events if you can--tasty pancakes followed by stimulating discussion with the book's author herself. It will be nice evening of food and fellowship before starting our Lenten observance.

TUES, MAR 5TH METHODIST READING CLUB

YET TO COME:	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30p</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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.

MARCH 7 - APRIL 11 BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD DURING 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.

MAR 21ST CABIN FEVER GAME NIGHT



Cabin Fever Game Night for the Entire Family !

Starts at 6:30pm
Bring finger foods to share
Come and play with your church community

MAR 23RD

VBS HELPERS

3PM



June 17 – 21
MEGA SPORTS VBS CAMP
6pm – 8pm

Do you like working with children? Do you like sports?
We need you. Please consider volunteering to help with the Mega Sports VBS Camp, June 17 – 21 from 6pm to 8pm.

Plan to attend the following meetings:

- March 23** Leander Library, room B 3pm
For anyone who wishes to be part of the event planning
- May 19** VBS volunteers noon
For all volunteers who will be working the event
- June 16** VBS decorating 3pm

Please contact Debra Longoria, Amanda Theriot, or Carolyn Smith for further information.

APR 15-17TH

LABYRINTH

HOLY WEEK

A Labyrinth will be set up in the sanctuary building during Holy Week (watch for the hours) Come and experience the peace as you follow the weaving pattern to the center

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. It represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world.



A labyrinth contains non-verbal, implicate geometric and numerological prompts that create a multi-dimensional holographic field. These unseen patterns are referred to as sacred geometry. They allegedly reveal the presence of a cosmic order as they interface the world of material form and the subtler realms of higher consciousness. The contemporary resurgence of labyrinths in the west is stemming from our deeply rooted urge to honor again the Sacredness of All Life.

TIDBITS

OUR PRAYERS JOIN TOGETHER GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019

Rev. Teresa G. Welborn is District Superintendent of the Capital District

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. - Philipians 4:6-7

In less than a week, General Conference will be well underway. As I tie up loose ends this week and begin to pack, I'm also taking time to look back through the correspondence I've received from United Methodists across the connection. Letters and emails have arrived from all directions reflecting a wide range of theological perspectives. As I read again the letters and emails from people, they more often than not conclude with some reference to prayer. "My prayers are with you...", "I am praying for all the delegates and for this General Conference...", "I pray that you may.....", "My prayer is that General Conference will...."

I know I am bolstered by the prayers of many and that's humbling.

Reflecting on the power and mystery of prayer, I remember the prayer beads we received at the 2016 General Conference. We were encouraged to use them in times of worship and prayer. You can read more about those prayer beads pictured [here](#).

One morning, the devotional based on the confessional prayer in The Great Thanksgiving:

*Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.*



*We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
and we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

During that devotional, the worship leader guided us by beginning a prayer, "As a denomination, we have not done your will when we _____" and then she invited us to complete the prayer in silence by adding our own individual petitions. As the worship leader continued guiding us, our individual prayers continued: "We have broken your law by _____", and "We have not loved our neighbors when _____."

I remember being struck by the great number of conflicting prayers that must have been lifted up to God that morning. The prayers no doubt as disparate as the letters I've been receiving.

The prayer time left me pondering once again the great mystery of prayer and the great mystery we know as God. Like anyone, I have my own prayers, hopes, and desires for General Conference 2019. But my faith and hope is in God and God alone. God who hears all our prayers, as diverse and conflicting as they are. Bishop Wallace-Padgett has been instrumental in leading the prayer efforts for General Conference says, "Our prayer focus is two-fold: We are praying that God will help us to fulfill the mission of the church, and we are praying to be one in Christ." Find prayer resources [here](#).

Be encouraged!, teresa