

# HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

02/27/2019

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>

Lord have mercy on us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit .....  
Lead us in your ways ...

## PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

### Recent Requests for Prayers:

Our Sympathy to the family of Delores Keller, Pat Sowder's mom, who died yesterday. Services at CPFUMC on Saturday March 2 at 4pm.

UMC special general conference in St Louis, Traditional Plan finding a way forward for UMC ...

Marie Porterfield, now in rehab at Cottonwood Care facility Rm 301

Marilyn Hartman, took a serious fall & is a bruised but not broken

Darlene Ianelli, Victoria Hutchings' mom, rcovering well from double mastectomy.

Darryl Reader, friend of Karen Goodman, battling lymphoma

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.

Family of Mary Williams, Memorial service POSTPONED

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

Debbie MacCarrol's healing from breast cancer surgery

## PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

### THANKS

Youth had a wonderful time at the District Youth MidWinter event at McKinney Falls Park on Saturday!!

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

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

SIGN UP NOW

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](mailto:nhowardtx@gmail.com) 512.720.1990

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

TUES, MAR 5<sup>TH</sup>

METHODIST READING CLUB

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Abigail Wilson (Dripping Springs) to discuss her debut "In the Shadow of Croft Towers"  
note: I have not read this novel and this will be an opportunity to support a new and local author

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. .	
	<a href="https://soundcloud.com/kutnews/emily-donahue-interviews-amanda-eyre-ward-on-the-same-sky">https://soundcloud.com/kutnews/emily-donahue-interviews-amanda-eyre-ward-on-the-same-sky</a>	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.

### VASES Needed for Sunday Flowers

### SUN MAR 3<sup>RD</sup>                                  YOUTH MEETINGS                                  NO MEETING

Regular youth meetings on Sundays at 6pm  
NO Youth meeting on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### MAR 5<sup>TH</sup> & MAR 9<sup>TH</sup>                                  UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)                                  HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG

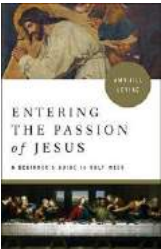
#### NEXT MEETINGS:

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- Next REGULAR Meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March (9<sup>th</sup> ) for our World Thank and Pledge Programs

### TUES, MAR 5<sup>TH</sup>                                  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.

### MARCH 7 - APRIL 11                                  BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD DURING LENT                                  SANCTUARY



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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### WEDNESDAY, February 27<sup>th</sup>

##### Pictorial Directory Pictures

- 9:30a Membership Care  
1:00p NO Easy Line Dancing Class

#### THURSDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>

- 10am Montopolis Friendship Community Center Board

#### FRIDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>

- 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek  
9:30am Church Women United @ Ebenezer Baptist  
10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

#### SATURDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- POSTPONED Mary Williams MemorialsERVICE

#### SUNDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Transformation

- 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,  
9:45a Sunday School for all ages  
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion  
6:00p NO Youth

#### MONDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>

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

#### TUESDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday

- 9:30a Morning Worship  
10:00a Bible Study  
5:30-6:30p Shrove Tues Pancakes  
6:30p Book Club Author visit

#### WEDNESDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers  
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class  
7pm Ash Wednesday Worship

### LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thur Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 10am Lenten Bible Study  
 Mon Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30p FINANCE  
 Wed Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers  
 Thur Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 10am Lenten Bible Study  
 Fri Mar 15<sup>th</sup> NEWSLETTER input to Jill  
 Sun Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe  
 Mar 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Break

Mon Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL  
 Tues March 19<sup>th</sup> Noon Women's Cancer Support Group  
 Wed Mar 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers  
 Thur Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 10am Lenten Bible Study  
 Sun Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 3:00p Soul Lift Worship  
 Wed Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers  
 Thur Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 10am Lenten Bible Study  
 Wed Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers

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.	<u>February 17<sup>th</sup></u>
Contributions (3/4) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 20,213.	<u>8:30am</u>
Still Needed:	\$ 1,652.	18(Visitors 2)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$ .	72(Visitors:3 )
\$2 For 20	\$ 191.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 58..	<u>Sunday School</u>
Communion (Team World Vision )	\$ 253.	Children: 16
Park Street Landscaping	\$ 1,250.	Adults: 27
		<u>Soul Lift</u> 5

**TRUSTEES CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES**

The Trustees lead a discussion of capital project priorities at a congregation meeting on Sunday, February 17. Following the discussion members attending the meeting voted on the project priority. There were 34 votes cast.

Priorities (and the average vote totals) were established for 5 capital projects as follows:

1. Sanctuary building remodeling (1.91)
2. Replace main road sign (2.79)
3. Replace SB carpet (3.03)
4. Add chairs with armrests (3.29)
5. Sanctuary building deck (3.97)

Thank you to all those that listened and voted. The priorities help the Trustees plan for future projects and fundraising.

**TRUSTEES LANDSCAPE PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

On February 2 we completed the demolition and excavation phases of the Park Street Frontage landscape project. We have paid for this work completed to date (\$5,328). The demolition phase involved removing most the existing shrubs, leaving only the large crepe myrtle which remains as part of the landscape plan. The excavation phase is mainly digging holes to plant the trees, five Texas Mountain Laurels and one really large Monterey Oak on the west side of the driveway. The digging was challenging due to the frequent presence of limestone rock.

The Trustees authorized a contract with ECO Irrigation and Landscaping (of Cedar Park) to design and build the irrigation system for the project. The cost is \$4,625.00.

They did the major part of the installation: install underground pipes, 23-zone controller, spray nozzles and dripline stub-ups, on February 14-15. ECO Irrigation will return after we have the trees, shrubs and grasses installed to place the dripline portion of the irrigation system.

We ordered the 6 yards of rip-rap on 14Feb19 which was delivered on 15Feb19. Cost for the rip-rap was \$292.74. We purchased 300 sq ft of heavy duty non-woven landscape fabric and 75 sod staples. Cost for these two items was \$137.45. We also purchased 15 lbs. of Blackjack Bermuda grass seed. Cost for the seed was \$100.97.

### Donations Needed to Finish

We need about \$4,560 more in donations to cover the complete cost of the project (\$26,400). Thanks to all members who have made such generous donations to date to help us get this far. Please note your donation to the Park Street Frontage Landscape Project.

If you would like to provide a tree or two for the landscaping, PLEASE take a leaf from the tree in the Narthex and submit it with your check for the proper amount.

## 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 –

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

**TUES, MAR 5<sup>TH</sup>**

### 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.

**MAR 21ST**

### CABIN FEVER GAME NIGHT



Cabin Fever Game Night for the Entire Family !  
 Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Starts at 6:30pm  
 Bring finger foods to share  
 Come and play with your church community .....

**MAR 23<sup>RD</sup> 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:

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

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

**APR 15-17<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**SUN APR 7<sup>TH</sup> LEANDER CEDAR PARK CROP HUNGER WALK 1:30PM TWIN LAKES YMCA**

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall work of Church World Service, particularly grassroots development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community as the Leander Cedar Park Walk does for Hill Country Community Ministries.  
 CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools to wells and water systems, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs - something CWS has learned through 70 years of working in partnership around the world.  
 Donate on Line at: <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/leandertx>

**TIDBITS**

**OUR PRAYERS JOIN TOGETHER GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019**

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

Be encouraged!, Teresa

It is Tuesday of General Conference. I have been thinking and praying about what words to write here as I seek both

to inform the best I can and to share my own reflections as your District Superintendent. So much has taken place and there are many unknowns that we are still living with.

Several things here:

- \* Results from votes early on Sunday indicated that the petitions regarding pensions and The Traditional Plan topped the list of priorities for the General Conference. This was good news for those supporting The Traditional Plan and disappointing news for those supporting The One Church Plan and The Simple Plan.
- \* I am not surprised by these results. The voting reflects the denomination's history in recent General Conferences of being a divided body leaning further to the right when it comes to matters of inclusivity. We saw several votes resulting in a 55/45 split.
- \* I have lived with a broken heart for some time. Broken because of my own struggle to lead in a way that builds bridges between people who do not agree. Broken because the struggle to build bridges has left me at times complacent. Broken because I need to repent for the ways in which my complacency has caused harm, by what I have done and what I have left undone.
- \* As a delegate, I engage in the work of General Conference with a host of people on my mind. Some are saints who surround us as a cloud of witnesses here in St. Louis. But mostly, I am carrying you with me - you, the laity and clergy of the Capital District. I have had the privilege of serving with you for almost six years. In the midst of our differences we are unified in many ways through missional efforts. As your District Superintendent, I give witness to the ways you - who represent a range of theological perspectives - are bearing fruit in your ministry.
- \* Given the events of the last couple of days, I would be disingenuous if I didn't share with you that my broken heart is now shattered. Shattered because of what I experience as the General Conference's disrespect and disregard for the work of The Commission on the Way Forward and the discernment of the Council of Bishops. Shattered because of our deep divisions that continue to do harm to the body we know as The United Methodist Church. Shattered because while I strive to maintain connection to those who think differently than me, I find many have no interest in striving to maintain connection with me. I seek to be faithful to the calling of my office and I want to be District Superintendent to all of you. My heart is shattered as I see the faces of LGBTQI persons I know who continue to hear they are not fully welcome in the church they so faithfully serve. My heart is shattered as the witness of The UMC is once again damaged because of actions at General Conference.
- \* At the start of General Conference, Bishop Alsted reminded us that while we were meeting on a football field in the St. Louis stadium, we were not playing a game where there would be winners and losers. While the conference is not over and while we cannot know fully what this day holds, many already feel like there are winners and losers. If you feel like this General Conference so far is a win, I want you to know that I have done my very best to be your District Superintendent and I will continue to serve alongside you and support you in your ministries. If you feel like this General Conference has been a tremendous loss, I want you to know that I am so, so sorry for the heart ache and grief. I also want you to know that in the midst of the pain, clarity and perspective can come with time and space. This is a good time to take a deep breath, to call a friend, to tend to your spirit. It is a good time to continue being the church that is moving forward in mission and service. It is a good time to trust in God's promise that God is not finished with us yet. It is a good time to remember the words of Rev. Brian Adkins, member of Commission on the Way Forward, who shared in their report at General Conference these words: "to LGBTQ people in the United Methodist Churches around the world; you are beloved of God. No matter what happens in this room or anywhere else, there is a place for you at God's table, and no one can take it away from you!"
- \* I am also filled with great hope. I find hope in the work of the Holy Spirit that is alive in churches throughout the district. Moreover, as I wrote in my May 2018 district newsletter article, "I am convinced that regardless of the outcome of General Conference 2019, faithful United Methodists will find a way forward that enables an inclusive Wesleyan witness to flourish. I am convinced because such a witness is already thriving." I look forward to returning to Austin tomorrow and continuing our work together in the Capital District.

Yesterday afternoon during a break, I face-timed with my daughter. It was her 9th birthday and other delegates nearby joined me in wishing her a happy birthday. As I saw her bright, joy-filled face, my heart broken open again as I dream a dream for the church of her future. This morning I joined others for a time of praying and singing. One of the songs we sang was "All Creature of Our God and King" and the fifth verse especially spoke to me as I think of all that has been and where we are and all that will be. I leave you with those words:

*All ye who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care!*

O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You encourage me!, Teresa

## **POLITICS**

### **Conservative Christians Just Retook the United Methodist Church**

The mainline denomination voted on Tuesday to toughen its teachings against homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and LGBTQ clergy. It must now decide whether it will stay together.

By Emma Green; February 26, 2019

Read the story in *The Atlantic* here: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/02/united-methodists-fracture-lgbt-plan-rejected/583693/>