

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

03/06/2019

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

SPRING CLOCKS AHEAD March 10th @ 2am

PLEASE find ALL of the church announcements and happenings on the website: <https://cpfumc.org>

This Is My Body Bodily Knowing

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday

Read these familiar words, perhaps inspired by Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), aloud a couple times and let its message sink in to your marrow:

Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Bob & Karen Packard & family as Bob has now entered Hospice Care.
Michael, Anne, Cody Bridges & their 8-week newborn, Brice, Sally Johnson's great grandson, who was born without a hand & foot as well as bowel dysfunction back in hospital with tube feeding and small gut syndrome problems .
Sterling Hartman experiencing severe memory issues - declared normal for a 75 yr old man !!!
Erin Stites, 25 yr old daughter of Irene Carrillo's friend, Jayne, has drain after spine surgery & is infected
Our Sympathy to the family of Dolores Keller, Pat Sowder's mom, who died last week.
Marie Porterfield, now in rehab at Cottonwood Care facility Rm 301 may go home next week
Marilyn Hartman, Weakness; 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
Family of Mary Williams, Memorial service POSTPONED
The Heermans family
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 Wonderful visit by Author, Abigail Wilson

THANKS Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes & the men who planned, cooked, & served

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

LUNCH ITEMS NEEDED!!

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.

Lunches Needed: Mac N Cheese or Cup of Soups or Chef Boyardee

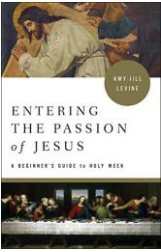
Your help keeping the shelves full has been wonderful !!!

VASES Needed for Sunday Flowers

Daylight Savings Time Arrives: **SPRING CLOCKS AHEAD** March 10th @ 2am

THURS, MAR 7 - APR 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.

SAT, MAR 9TH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

<http://www.umwriotexas.org>

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Next **REGULAR** Meeting will be 2nd Saturday on March 9th for our World Thank and Pledge Programs led by Kathy Jackson

ALL WOMEN WELCOMED

SUN MAR 10TH

YOUTH MEETINGS

YES MEETING

Regular youth meetings on Sundays at 6pm
YES Youth meeting on Sunday March 10TH
Supper needed for the Youth Talk to Pastor Bonnie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, March 6th

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

THURSDAY, March 7th

10am Lenten Bible Study (sanctuary)

FRIDAY, March 8th

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

SATURDAY, March 9th Clocks Spring Ahead !!

9:00am UMW

SUNDAY, March 10th First Sunday in Lent

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,
9:45a Sunday School for all ages
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
Noon SPR Committee
6:00p Youth

MONDAY, March 11th

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

TUESDAY, March 12th

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13th

9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

Daylight Savings Time Arrives:

SPRING CLOCKS AHEAD

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thur Mar 14th 10am Lenten Bible Study
Fri Mar 15th NEWSLETTER input to Jill
Sun Mar 17th 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
Mar 18 - 22nd Spring Break
Mon Mar 18th 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
Tues March 19th Noon Women's Cancer Support Group
Wed Mar 20th 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Thur Mar 21st 10am Lenten Bible Study
Sat Mar 23rd 3:00p VBS Team; Leander Library
Sun Mar 24th 3:00p Soul Lift Worship
Wed Mar 27th 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Thur Mar 28th 10am Lenten Bible Study
Thur Mar 28th 6:30p Cabin Fever Game Night
Wed Apr 3rd 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers

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

MARCH 2019**INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!**

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>March 3rd</u>
Contributions (1/4) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 4,250.	<u>8:30am</u>
Still Needed:	\$ 17,615.	31(Visitors 1)
Additional Giving		
Capital Campaign (Parking Lot)	\$.	<u>10:45am</u>
\$2 For 20	\$ 38.	58(Visitors:0)
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 14..	
Communion (Project Transformation)	\$ 279.	<u>Sunday School</u>
Park Street Landscaping	\$ 357.	Children: 12
		Adults: 42
		<u>Soul Lift</u>

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**

<https://cpfumc.org/bla/>

Our Park Street Frontage Landscape project web page has been updated. <https://cpfumc.org/bla/>
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 10th - OFF	Holy Thursday - sing "At the Lamb's High Feast" & TFWS #?
March 17th - practice	Good Friday - sing "Gethsemane"
March 24th - sing TFWS #2112 & practice	Sunday April 21st - Easter - sing both services – "Jesus Keep me
March 31st - sing TFWS #2105 & practice	Near the Cross", "Gethsemane", "At the Lamb's High Feast"
April 7th - sing "Jesus Keep me Near the Cross" & practice	May 19 - practice
April 14th - sing ? & practice	May 26 - practice
	June 2 - practice
	Sunday June 9th - Pentecost - sing "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

VASES Needed for Sunday Flowers

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.

MAR 28TH

CABIN FEVER GAME NIGHT

NEW DATE



Cabin Fever Game Night for the Entire Family !
Thursday, March 28th
Starts at 6:30pm
Bring finger foods to share
Come and play with your church community

MARCH 30

CONGREGATIONAL SPRING WORKDAY

SIGN UP ...

The Trustees are planning a Congregational Workday and would like to let the church know. We can use all the help we can get! This is scheduled for March 30, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. A list of needed tasks to be completed will be on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up to cover the task of your choice at your timing

SUN MAR 31ST

AUSTIN SYMPHONIC BAND - SOUNDS OF SPRING CONCERT

FUNDRAISER

SUPPORTING DRIVE A SENIOR – NORTHWEST

Join us Sunday, March 31st, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the McCallum Arts Center!

For **tickets** and further details Go to <https://asbspring.brownpapertickets.com/> . **Discount code: Drive2019**

For more details about **Austin Symphonic Band** go to: <http://austinsymphonicband.org/>

For more information about **Drive a Senior - Northwest** go to Our website: <http://driveaseniornorthwest.org/>

Our video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_iJcKNiHXU

For volunteer application: <http://driveaseniornorthwest.org/>

Please take time to consider attending a program presented by the Austin Symphonic Band (ASB) on March 31st at 4pm. They have agreed to split the proceeds of tickets purchased using the attached discount code (Drive2019). The ticket is not discounted, but they do agree to split the price of the ticket 50/50 with Drive a Senior - Northwest as a fundraiser. We will be attempting to continue this cooperative fundraising approach with ASB as their seasons continues. Please share this with any of your friends, reminding them of the benefit it will bring to Drive a Senior-Northwest. For those unfamiliar with our non-profit I have provided links to description and video we had made recently. I sincerely hope we will be fortunate to see you the last Sunday of this month at this event.

SUN APR 7TH

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.crophyngerwalk.org/leandertx>

THURS APR 11TH METHODIST READING CLUB

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. .	
https://soundcloud.com/kutnews/emily-donahue-interviews-amanda-eyre-ward-on-the-same-sky	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.

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

Lord, hear our prayers. Lord, have mercy

March 4, 2019 Young adults reflect on Traditional Plan adoption

Some young United Methodists warn that the Traditional Plan — adopted Feb. 26 during the denomination's special General Conference — is the choice of older congregants who are not the future of the church.

Others, like **Monique Assi**, a church member in Côte d'Ivoire, praised the plan as being biblically correct. "This plan is in perfect harmony with the word of God," said Assi, 32, a lifelong United Methodist who is communication director for her local church in West Africa. "For me, it is proof that The United Methodist Church remains attached to the values and principles advocated by the Bible."

The plan retains a ban on gay marriage and forbids "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from being ordained in The United Methodist Church. It also adds more accountability and penalties for those who defy the bans. The One Church Plan, which would have allowed such decisions to be made locally, was defeated.

The Judicial Council, the denomination's top court, will address questions about the constitutionality of parts of the Traditional Plan when it meets April 23-26 in Evanston, Illinois.

The notion that the Traditional Plan is meant to be hurtful toward LGBTQ people is incorrect, **Assi said**. "This decision is not the hatred we express to the LGBTQ, not at all," she said. "This decision is rather the expression of our fidelity to the word of God. ... The Bible is quite clear and explicit about homosexuality, that it should not be practiced in the church."

Other young United Methodists took the passage of the Traditional Plan hard.

During the Feb. 23-26 special General Conference, 15,529 young people signed a statement asking for passage of the One Church Plan and for more young delegates to be selected in the future.

"I think the hardest part is that we were not represented, and to know that my voice was completely overlooked," said the **Rev. Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass, 31**, an elder at Gilbert United Methodist Church in Gilbert, South Carolina. "There

was such a vast overrepresentation of (delegates that are retired or nearing retirement), and the fallout of this will have to be led through the local congregation by everyone else. It's really easy when you don't have to deal with the consequences ... on the ground in the everyday."

Shayla Jordan, a lay delegate from Great Plains, echoed that sentiment while speaking during General Conference. "People speaking here don't represent the church that will be for years down the road," Jordan said. Young LGBTQ people, especially those headed toward ministry careers in The United Methodist Church, are alarmed, some students said.

"It's a time of grieving right now," said **Kailie Hamilton, 19**, who is studying social work and political science at the University of Kansas. "That our church that we have grown up in and loved did this to us; to us as queer people, to us as young people, to us as a generation, to us as a world, to every marginalized community out there." Hamilton hasn't decided whether to pursue a career in the church, but it is still an option she is considering.

Chelsea Shrack, 31, campus minister at the Wesley Foundation at Kansas State University, said she feels sad for her LGBTQ friends. "I am a recent graduate of seminary and so many of my peers identify as LGBTQ and have so many gifts to offer our conference and our world, and they won't have that chance," she said. "Our church will be so much worse off for that."

Aislinn Deviney, a delegate from the Rio Texas Conference, speaks during the debate on a vote to strengthen denominational policies about homosexuality. Deviney, who described herself as a young evangelical, said many young people "fiercely believe marriage is between one man and one woman."

Michael McDowell, 21, a junior at Rice University who is planning a career in United Methodist ministry, said he had mixed feelings about the passage of the Traditional Plan. "I'm pretty conservative theologically, and a lot of young United Methodists are a lot more conservative theologically than the general discussion about them seems to be ... I'm glad the church voted to stick with their theological guns." But McDowell said he worries about what happens next. "Where I certainly feel mixed about this is the fact that this pretty much means that the church is going to split." He is also concerned about his LGBTQ friends who feel targeted by the denomination. "Really it's a question of how we read the Bible and not a question of, 'Do we love you or do we not love you?'"

Kent A. Manzo, 22, a district youth president in the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, said he was "delighted" by passage of the Traditional Plan. "This church has chosen to put premium on God's consistency and truth," Manzo said. "Even though I belong to a generation where the majority of people embrace the non-conservative perception toward homosexuality, I still cling to the notion that the need to accommodate homosexuality due to societal pressures is not a substantial reason to bend our church's foundation and principles."

CJ Lord, 22, who is set to begin seminary training at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in the fall, said he is taking a wait-and-see approach. "As of right now, I am going to wait for the Judicial Council's ruling on the Traditionalist Plan," he said. "I'm a faithful Wesleyan and The United Methodist Church is the most faithful that I can get to serving God in a tradition that upholds my theological convictions. However, getting it wrong at General Conference this year makes it a little bit harder."

Lizette Che, 28, youth and young adult director of the Cameroon Mission Initiative of The United Methodist Church, is still praying for unity. "Some are pleased and some are deeply hurt and disappointed," Che said. "Some might be thinking they have defeated the other but to me, there is no win and there is no defeat. ... My heart goes out for the brokenness experienced within the body of Christ. In times like this, togetherness is very important."

Feb. 27, 2019

GC2019 MAPS UNCERTAIN WAY FORWARD

Beneath the Arch that symbolizes the U.S. Gateway to the West, more than 820 General Conference delegates worked to open a gateway in the denomination's longtime homosexuality debate.

But after four days of prayers, speeches, protests and votes, it remains to be seen whether The United Methodist Church has found a way forward or remains stuck.

"It was our aspiration that we would find a way forward beyond our impasse. That was to try to really listen to people and listen to their values and understand them as people, rather than issues," Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, president of the Council of Bishops, said in a press conference after General Conference adjourned.

"I will simply say we have work to do. We did not accomplish that."

Bottom line: More than 53 percent of the multinational denomination's top lawmaking body supported the Traditional Plan that reinforces the church's bans on same-gender unions and "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy.

Still uncertain is how much of the legislation will take effect — or whether it will change the dynamic in places where a number of United Methodists, including entire annual conferences, openly defy these rules.

Late afternoon Feb. 26, delegates requested a declaratory decision by the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan.

The denomination's top court will address the request at its next scheduled meeting April 23-25 in Evanston, Illinois.

The Rev. Gary Graves, secretary of General Conference, said any piece of legislation that the Judicial Council declares unconstitutional would not be included in the Book of Discipline, the denomination's policy book.

The April meeting will be the Judicial Council's third review of the legislation to see if it is in line with the denomination's constitution.

In October, the Judicial Council — in a unanimous ruling — found seven of 17 petitions unconstitutional and identified unconstitutional portions in two others. It ruled eight petitions constitutional.

After some amendments to the plan, the General Conference on Feb. 25 asked the Judicial Council to review the legislation again.

Early on Feb. 26, delegates learned the court — citing the same constitutional issues as before — ruled seven of the petitions unconstitutional and identified an unconstitutional sentence in another.

In the afternoon, plan supporters amended some of the legislation again but didn't address all the previously identified constitutional issues.

The final Traditional Plan legislative package did not include two petitions because they had not been moved forward by the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, the first stop for legislation that affects church regions in Africa, Europe and the Philippines.

One of the petitions not included in the final package could have been far-reaching, requiring annual conferences to certify they would uphold the marriage and ordination prohibitions or leave the denomination.

A similar petition in the Modified Traditional Plan, meant to augment the Traditional Plan, also died in the standing committee. The Judicial Council also had previously found some constitutional problems in text shared by both petitions.

The Judicial Council ruled unconstitutional the second petition in the Modified Traditional Plan, which would have created a Global Episcopacy Committee to hold bishops accountable.

The parts of the Traditional Plan that the Judicial Council has held constitutional include an augmented definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual," to say it includes people "living in a same-sex marriage, domestic partnership or civil union or is a person who publicly states she or he is a practicing homosexual."

Also previously held constitutional is legislation that sets a minimum penalty for clergy performing a same-sex wedding of one year's suspension without pay for the first offense and loss of credentials for the second.

The Judicial Council will consider what in the plan can take effect when it meets this spring.

Regardless of what the Judicial Council does, no one left General Conference feeling happy with what happened.

The **Rev. Wellington Chiomadzi**, a Zimbabwean student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, worried after the plan passed what the vote would mean for relationships across the international church.

Voting is by secret ballot, but it was clear from floor-vote speeches that tallies reflected regional differences.

"The decisions will have a big impact on the future of the church," Chiomadzi said. "I am not sure relationships across the church are going to be the same after this. I am very anxious."

In protests, prayers and songs, many LGBTQ United Methodists expressed a sense of anguish.

Also unknown is how many disheartened United Methodists will make their way to the exits.

The last piece of legislation General Conference approved was an amended version of a petition that allows churches, with limitations, to leave the denomination with their property. The Judicial Council ruled a previous iteration of the legislation unconstitutional but the new version is not, at this point, up for court review.

Just before General Conference ended, the Rev. Donna Pritchard, delegate from the Oregon-Idaho Conference, proclaimed the Western Jurisdiction was not going anywhere and would remain on its path of inclusion.

"The Western Jurisdiction intends to continue to be one church, fully inclusive and open to all God's children across the theological and social spectrum," Pritchard said as other delegates from across the delegates stood beside her.

The jurisdiction elected Bishop Karen Oliveto, the denomination's first openly gay bishop and leader of the Mountain Sky Conference.

The **Rev. Jeff Greenway**, chair of the Wesleyan Covenant Association that lobbied hard for the Traditional and Modified Traditional plans, worried that the plan as it stands "has no teeth." "There's little likelihood of accountability, which means people all around the church are increasingly frustrated," he said.

The **Wesleyan Covenant Association's** leadership council is holding a meeting Feb. 27-28 to determine next steps, which could include calling an April 25-26 Convening Conference that would potentially start a new denomination. See: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/wca-details-post-general-conference-plans>

This special General Conference — the first such off-year gathering in the denomination since 1970 — came about after long tensions boiled over at the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon.

That General Conference authorized the bishops to form the 32-member Commission on a Way Forward to find ways to help the church stay together — and to call a special General Conference to take up the commission's proposals.

The Traditional Plan was among the plans to emerge from the commission's work as did the One Church Plan, which would have left questions of marriage up to individual churches and clergy, and ordination up to conferences.

The One Church Plan had the backing of a majority of bishops and was affirmed by a majority of commission members. But the plan only had about 47 percent support from the delegates.

Most of the delegates are the same who served in 2016.

As of October, the bishop-appointed commission had used 56.2 percent of its nearly \$1.5 million budget. That does not include the commission's participation in the special General Conference.

The special General Conference itself cost about \$3.6 million.

No matter what they feel about what transpired, many of those at General Conference were already looking to Sunday.

Even those in pain saw hope in the weekly worship timed to be a reminder of Christ's resurrection.

Ben Weger, a transgender worship leader at Allendale United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, said he expects to go to church on Sunday and have a time of lament.

"But I think there will also be joy because we already know who we are," he said of his church, which identified as Reconciling, meaning it advocates LGBTQ equality. "We are going to continue to be and build the church we have been called to."

Bishop Carter, who also leads the Florida Conference, said he doesn't take anybody's participation in church for granted.

"The people who are my heroes," he said, "are the people who have been hurt by the church and yet stay at the table."