

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

03/20/2019

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

Happy First Day Of Spring !!! Full Moon tonight too !!

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



When the weather turns warmer and the grass grows greener, it's easier to understand the promise of new life and renewed hope that Christians proclaim as "**Easter people**." The reminders are all around us so be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.

Birds

The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a **legend** to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Karen Packard & family as Bob has now passed peacefully into his next adventure ...
Adam Maund's family on the death of his grandfather 3/15
Family of Mary Williams, Memorial service to be Sunday, April 7th 3pm ...
Laura Alvarado, friend of Jane Howard, cancer has returned.
Dennis Montgomery struggling with cancer & bankruptcy &
Michael, Anne, Cody Bridges & their newborn, Brice, Sally Johnson's great grandson, struggling with life
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 soon
Marilyn Hartman, Weakness; took a serious fall & is a bruised but not broken
Darlene Ianelli, Victoria Hutchings' mom, recovering well from double mastectomy.
Darryl Reader, friend of Karen Goodman, battling lymphoma
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

Thank you so much for the love and support you provided to our family. While we process the loss of Dolores, we know that we are loved by all of you. More importantly, she felt loved. Thank you all for being part of our family & keeping Dolores Keller in your hearts. Pat Sowder & family

THANKS

Welcome New Members (3/17): Bob & Karen Bowker and Sally Johnson!!!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

REMEMBER: GREEN ITEMS FOR HCCM DURING MARCH !!

green beans, green peas, green asparagus, green pickles, green toilet paper, green ???

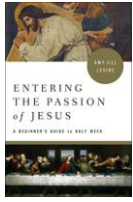
THURS, MAR 7 - APR 11 BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD DURING LENT

SANCTUARY

Dive deep into the history of the last days before the crucifixion.

Amy-Jill Levine's

Pastor Peter is leading a Lenten Bible study for six consecutive Thursdays, beginning



Entering the Passion of Jesus.

March 7 and ending April 11. He will guide the exploration of the biblical texts surrounding the story of Jesus' Passion...
 The book's six chapters include:
 3/7 Jerusalem: Risking Reputation
 3/14 The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
 3/21 Teachings: Risking Challenge
 3/28 The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
 4/4 The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
 4/11 Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

MAR 23RD 3PM VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Leander Library, room B



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

WE NEED YOU. Please consider volunteering to help with the Mega Sports VBS Camp. .
Plan to attend the following VBS Organizational Meetings open to any adult who would like to assist in the planning
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.

SAT, MAR 23RD UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) <http://www.umwriotexas.org>

NEXT MEETINGS: Happy 150th Year !!!
 March 23rd 1869 women gathered in Boston and formed the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to serve Women Children & Youth where the men were unable to serve ... first missionary Dr. Clara Swain sent to India
 Celebration happening in Bryan FUMC which Sue will attend....
 • **NEXT REGULAR Meeting will be 2nd Saturday-on April 13th** **ALL WOMEN WELCOMED**
 • **Brown Bag Book Discussion Date TBD**

SAT, MAR 23RD RIO TEXAS UNITED METHODIST MEN 9A-5P

Brothers/Sisters,
 The Rio Texas United Methodist Men will be holding their annual retreat on Saturday March 23 9am - 5pm University UMC - San Antonio. This spiritual gathering will focus on lighting a fire in your Men's ministry. Our featured speakers are Bishop Robert Schnase - Rio Texas UMC, Greg Arnold and Robert Noland will provide insight on how to strengthen your Men's ministry. Come experience great music, food, fellowship, and workshops. For more information go to <https://riotexasumm.org/learnmoore>
 Thank you, Chuck McGarity, UMM President

SUN MAR 24TH YOUTH MEETINGS YES MEETING

**Youth meeting on Sunday, March 24TH
 SupperS needed for the Youth Talk to Pastor Bonnie**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, March 20th
 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
 1:00p YES!! Easy Line Dancing Class –ask Par
THURSDAY, March 21ST
 10am Lenten Bible Study #3 (sanctuary)
FRIDAY, March 22ND
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee
SATURDAY, March 23RD
 UMW Celebration
 UMM Retreat

SUNDAY, March 24th Third Sunday in Lent
 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages
 10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
 3:00p Worship : Soul Lift (ourdoor Sanctuary weather permitting)
 6:00p Youth
MONDAY, March 25th
 6:30p` CHURCH COUNCIL
 7:30-9p Centering Prayer
TUESDAY, March 26th

3:00p VBS Organizational Meeting @ Leander Library Rm B

9:30a Morning Worship
 10:00a Bible Study
 Noon Women's Cancer Support Group REscheduled
WEDNESDAY, March 27th
 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class –

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thur Mar 28th 10am Lenten Bible Study
 Thur Mar 28th 6:30p Cabin Fever Game Night
 Sun Mar 31 Potato Jar Sunday

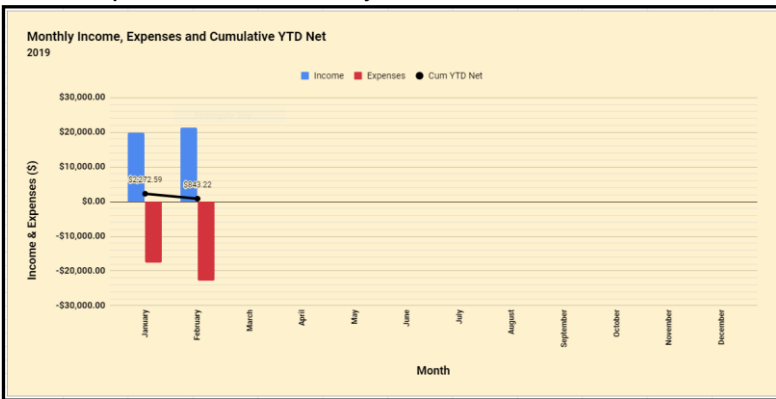
Wed Apr 3rd 9:30a Powerful Tools for Caregivers
 Sun Apr 7th 3pm Memorial Service Mary Williams

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

MARCH 2019 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

| Month to Date Finances | This Week's Attendance |
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| Anticipated expenses | <u>March 17th</u> |
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| Contributions (3/5) Sundays | <u>8:30am</u> |
| Still Needed: | 27(Visitors 0) |
| Additional Giving | |
| Capital Campaign (Parking Lot) | <u>10:45am</u> |
| \$2 For 20 | 70(Visitors: 3) |
| True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) | |
| Communion (Project Transformation) | <u>Sunday School</u> |
| Park Street Landscaping | Children: 17 |
| Youth | Adults: 47 |
| | <u>Soul Lift</u> |

The Finance Committee approved including the attached chart in the *Happenings* every week. This chart will be updated on a monthly basis.



Explanation

The chart depicts monthly income and expenses for the church using solid blue and solid red bars. The net for a given month is the income minus the expenses for that month. The cumulative net is indicated by the solid black line. It is the year-to-date (YTD) summation of all the monthly nets. If the Cum YTD Net is above zero, that means we are running a surplus to date. If the Cum YTD Net is negative, that means we are running a deficit to date.

TRUSTEES PROGRESS ON PARK STREET LANDSCAPE PROJECT . <https://cpfumc.org/blal/>

We are about 60% complete with this project, still projecting completion in May 2019. We made a "Giving Tree" for plants for the project to help raise money to complete the project.



As of 17Mar19, we had raised \$2,438 of the \$4,798 needed to complete the project, so we still need \$2,359. Due to rainy weather forecast for the week of March 11-15, we pushed the dirt/plant installation schedule back a week to the week of March 18-22. Dirt was delivered March 15&16 and placement began on March 18. We should still finish in May as planned, as long as we are able to raise the remaining funds.

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 –

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| March 24th - sing TFWS #2105 & practice March 31st - sing TFWS #2112 & 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 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/>

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.crophungerwalk.org/leandertx>

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 THANK YOU for helping stock the shelves !!!

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

THURS APR 11TH METHODIST READING CLUB

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| <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. . | | |
| <u>Coming in May or June ..TBD</u> | | |
| <u>The Same Sky</u> by Amanda Ward | | |
| 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.

APR 27TH 10-2 CEDAR PARK HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FREE CLEANUP GUPTON STADIUM

Spring has sprung and so has the tree growth. As lovely as they are, overgrown trees can create vehicle and pedestrian obstruction, which is a safety hazard.

Remember: according to City ordinance, your tree branches should hang:

- At least eight feet above the sidewalk
- No less than 10 feet above the edge of the curb
 - At least 14 feet over the street

TIDBITS

A WORD FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

This week, I am in Atlanta for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women's Spring board meeting. Among everything this work is teaching me, new friendships are the greatest gift. A pastor originally from Puerto Rico who will soon be serving as a DS in New Jersey. A young lawyer from Louisiana whose engagement we'll celebrate during our time together. The Bishop of Liberia and lay woman from Norway who both travel so many miles to be with us twice a year.

In these weeks after General Conference 2019 we wonder what the future holds for The United Methodist Church, and I have wondered how many more times I'll be able to see my new friends from around the country and around the world. It is true that trying to imagine the future can lead us to places of grief and loss. I am reminded, however, of the choice I can make to stay in touch regardless of what the future holds.

On Tuesday, several clergy gathered together for a time of prayer and conversation. As I shared then, what we know is that we are together right now - and we have a choice about how we will tend to our relationships. I was startled towards the end of our time together when a retired pastor said to me, "I came because I thought we'd begin talking about who is leaving and who is staying." As unsettling as the statement was to me, we know there is real talk around the connection about these matters. But regardless of what the future holds, we have the choice to continue nurturing relationships with persons who years from now may land in a different church.

I'm not the first person who has recognized how fitting the season of Lent is for this wilderness time in the life of The UMC. May we receive the invitation of Lent in all the ways it comes to us. Prayer and fasting. Confession and forgiveness. Silence and waiting.

The rain came down hard as I packed for this trip, and already signs of Spring are around us. Earlier this week my devotional reading included these verses from Isaiah: *"The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing."* Surely more life-giving signs await us. May it be so!

Stay encouraged!, teresa

APRIL 2-4, 2019

JOHN BELL AT AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

The Hal and Martha Hopson Endowed Symposium Fund for Church Music at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary presents Scottish composer and preacher **John Bell** for three public events on the Seminary campus.

On April 2, he will lead worship in Shelton Chapel at 11:10 a.m. On Thursday,

April 4, (a) he will give a lecture, "Patron Saints and Public Deities: Religion in the 21st Century," from noon - 1:00 in McCord 202.

(b) That evening he will host a "Big Sing," an evening of community singing from across the world



JOHN BELL was born in, resides in, and belongs to Scotland. Largely through interest expressed by GIA, his work and availability has become a North American reality. He is a liturgical composer who writes co-operatively with colleagues in Glasgow; he has a deep interest in music from non-European cultures and a passion for song of the Assembly. Though his primary vocation is as a preacher and teacher, he spends over half his time working in the areas of music and liturgy, both at conferences and in small parishes, and his work takes him frequently into Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

With his colleagues, he has produced over 15 collections of songs and octavos, and a wide range of liturgical materials, particularly for use by lay people, and he oversaw the production of a substantial hymnal for the Church of Scotland which, in North America, goes by the title *Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise*. (Canterbury Press).

He has also authored a number of collections of sermons and meditations, is an occasional broadcaster on radio and television, and manages to survive without the benefit of a wife, car, cell phone, camera, or ipod.

Workshops he has led:

The Lost Traditions of Protest and Lament - Sacred Music

. This workshop acts as a corrective and explores the hidden benefits of expressing pain as well as pleasure in song and liturgy.

Celebrating the Unsung Jesus - Sacred Music

Here we explore material which specifically deals with the public ministry of Jesus, his passions and surprise, and the relevance of the psalms in this pursuit.

Songs from the Iona Community - Sacred Music

A demonstration workshop of music produced by the Iona Community, which is regarded in Britain as one of the most innovative and authentic sources of new congregational music.

Worship in the World Church - Sacred Music

Twentieth-century Christians, if they are truly contemporary, should have within their worship some indication that they belong to an international community. If we sing only songs from our own land, we end up in danger of worshipping a national idol rather than the universal God. Through stories, prayers, and much part singing, John shows how music of the world churches is accessible to congregations in the 'developed' nations and can enrich their experience of worship.

The Voice of the People - Sacred Music

One regrettable distinctiveness of North Atlantic churches is that their congregations tend not to sing. The voice of the people has often taken second place to the sound of the organ, the music group, the choir or praise band. Much of John's work is in convincing people that they can sing, irrespective of their ability to read music, and in this workshop he offers insights into how all God's people can sing a new song.