

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

05/08/2019

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

Sunday Worship times 8:30a & 10:45a

If you prefer NOT to receive these Happenings each Wednesday, please reply and let us know that.

The Power of Giving and Receiving

Theme:

Trinity: Part 1

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Trinity shows that God's power is not any kind of domination, threat, or coercion. If the Father does not dominate the Son, and the Son does not dominate the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit does not dominate the Father or the Son, then there's *no domination in God*. All divine power is shared power and the letting go of autonomous power. This God is not seeking control, as we do, but handing on the power to the Other.

We all already have all the power (*dynamis*) we need both within us and between us—in fact, Jesus assures us that we are already "*clothed*" in it "from on high" (see Luke 24:49)! The Holy Spirit redefines power from the inside out and from the bottom up—just the opposite of most human cultures. This is why the Gospel is so seldom understood or lived.

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

All students facing final exams, graduation, change

Laura Alvarado, friend of Jane Howard, cancer returned, doing double chemo sessions every other week.

The good news is the little tumor seems to be completely gone and the big tumor has shrunk 75%

Jared Jacobs, moving to San Francisco to begin a new chapter....

Henry Jacobs, dealing with an empty home

Dot Moore, resident with Marilyn Hartman, had a stroke

Inex Feliciano, Edna Soto's aunt, failing health

Ida Ramirez and Puerto Rico

Kathleen Cesarin, her mother Louise Franck and Daughter Michayla Taylor

Charles Latham, Ashley Klinkovsky's grandfather, on his new chapter in life ..

Raymond Jackson, Kathy's husband, is doing a little better every day. Today is a full week he has been home from the hospital. He looks good, is getting around although he is still very short of breath. Still having some issues sleeping well and getting comfortable but overall doing pretty well.

Lillian Smith is residing at The Pointe and is adjusting to being there ... visits welcome !!!

Gabriel Gomez, Jorge Soto's nephew, going through custody battle .

Sammie, Priscilla Gregory's niece, dealing with seizures ..

Richard Hartman, company business failing financially

Dennis Montgomery struggling with cancer & bankruptcy &

Michael, Anne, Cody Bridges & their newborn, Brice, Sally Johnson's great grandson, struggling with life

Marilyn Hartman, losing strength

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

Darryl Reader, friend of Karen Goodman, battling lymphoma

The Heermans family

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS

May the 4th Being with us ... What FUN!!!!

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

Diane Kelly

Isle at Cedar Ridge #201

2200 S Lakeline Blvd;

Cedar Park 78613

Phyllis Myers

310 Chisholm Tr. #206.

Round Rock, TX 78681

Lillian Smith

The Pointe

450 Discovery Blvd

Cedar Park, TX 78613

Diann Russell

1503 N Woodstone

Cedar Park, 78613

Mona Cannell
1606 Carriage Hills Trl
Cedar Park, 78613

E. Duke Squibb
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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

REMEMBER: HCCM!!

ITEMS MOST NEEDED



Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's), Diced Tomatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Peas, Jellies (like for peanut butter & jelly sandwich), Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, hygiene supplies

Donations to HCCM 2019 (identified as poundage donated: weekly/cumulative)

Month	1 st Wk	2 nd Wk	3 rd Wk	4 th Wk	5 th Wk
April	46/46	22/68	38/106	9/115	n/a
May					

WED. MAY 8TH, NOON

METHODIST READING CLUB

Coming in May

**Wednesday,
May 8th at
noon**

Brown Bag Sharing

The Same Sky 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. made by following a labyrinth, or circular path, on the floor of cathedrals.

SAT, MAY 11TH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

<http://www.umwriotexas.org>

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Brown Bag Book Discussion Date Noon On Wednesday, May 8th "The Same Sky"
- NEXT REGULAR Meeting will be 2nd Saturday-on May 11th **ALL WOMEN WELCOMED**
- UMW Sunday on May 19th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, May 8th

noon **Brown Bag Book Discussion**
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class –

THURSDAY, May 9th

FRIDAY, May 10th

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
9:30am Church Women United; May Friendship Day
10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee

SATURDAY, May 11th

9am UMW

SUNDAY, May 12th

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

MONDAY, May 13th

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

TUESDAY, May 14th

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

WEDNESDAY, May 15th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class –

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thur May 16th Child's Haven Last Day
 Thur May 16th Soup & Movie (UMW)
 Fri May 17th NEWSLETTER Input to Jill
 Sun May 19th Noon VBS Training

Sun May 19th 3:30p Worship at The Pointe
 Mon May 20th 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
 Wed May 22nd 9:30a Membership Care
 Sun May 26th 3 pm Soul Lift Worship

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

MAY 2019 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>May 5th</u>
Contributions (4/4) Sundays	\$ 4,511.	<u>8:30am</u>
Still Needed:	\$ 17,354.	36(Visitors 3)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
Park Street Landscaping	\$.	77(Visitors: 13)
\$2 For 20	\$ 39.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 17.	
Communion (Child's Haven)	\$ 467.	<u>Sunday School</u>
Youth	\$ 50..	Children: 16
Youth(Picnic Tables)	\$ 415.	Adults: 44

SUN MAY 12TH YOUTH MEETINGS MEETING

Youth meeting on Sunday,
 SupperS needed for the Youth Meetings Talk to Pastor Bonnie

FRUIT 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.

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

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

CHOIR Jodi, 512-633-0009

Here is a current schedule to get us started to Pentecost –

May 19 – practice; choir sings at The Pointe at 3:30 pm but Jodi can not attend

May 26 – practice;

June 2 - practice

June 9th - Pentecost - sing "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

MAY 19 MEGA SPORTS VBS CAMP VBS Needs YOU!



We are excited to announce **GOLF** is coming to MEGA Sports Camp. Drew Talley and Steve Howard will be leading the group.

There will also be:

- Basketball** with Gigi Heermans
- Cheerleading** with Colleen Litaker
- Soccer** with Elizabeth Talley
- Martial Arts** is pending

And YOU. We cannot do this without you. Please sign our volunteer register located on the back table in the sanctuary. Adults and youth are needed.

June WE NEED YOU. Please consider volunteering to help with the Mega Sports VBS Camp, .

<p>17 – 21</p> <p>6pm – 8pm</p> <p>MEGA SPORTS VBS CAMP</p>	<p>A brief volunteer meeting will be Sunday, May 19 immediately after the second service. This meeting will include the Safe Gatherings refresher.</p> <table> <tr> <td>May 19</td> <td>VBS volunteers</td> <td>noon</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">For all volunteers who will be working the event</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 16</td> <td>VBS decorating</td> <td>3pm</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for all your help and prayers, Please contact Debra Longoria, Amanda Theriot, or Carolyn Smith for further information.</p>	May 19	VBS volunteers	noon	For all volunteers who will be working the event			June 16	VBS decorating	3pm
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TIDBITS

CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC

BEING EASTER PEOPLE

A WORD FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

District Conference is this coming Sunday and I'm looking forward to seeing several of you there. While important business is conducted such as approving the district budget and committee membership for the upcoming year, it is also a valuable time for connecting with laity and clergy across the district. Prior to the District Conference our Missions Board will have met to approve grant funding for various ministries throughout the area. There is much good news to share about how God is at work through our churches! We will receive a report from District Committee on Ordained Ministry about candidates in the district and also recognize pastors who will be commissioned and ordained at Annual Conference this year. As well, we will recognize pastors who will be retiring and moving to new appointments outside of the Capital District.

As I consider new appointments and committee membership and budgets, I'm aware that such work is important. At the same time, I hold in my mind the stark reality that significant changes are afoot for us in the church. Business as usual seems anything but 'usual.' Whether it's the results of General Conference or the latest news from Judicial Council, the anxiety in our local churches or the change in our relationships with colleagues, any number of reports and experiences remind us that business as usual has ceased to exist.

There are significant unknowns about the future of The UMC and a great deal that seems beyond our control. And yet, there is a great deal that is in our control. For starters, we have a choice about how we will relate to one another. While many people from a number of perspectives believe the church is headed towards some sort of split, how we navigate the days and weeks and years ahead is up to us. Who will we choose to be?

I pray we seek to be people of the resurrection. Easter people whose hope is based not in human institutions and human solutions, but people who are grounded in the promises of a God who makes a way where there is no way. People who trust God's ability to bring life out of seemingly hopeless situations. People who expect the Living Christ to meet them in the gathered body of believers.

I recently read an article in **The Christian Century** where a writer reminded me, "The resurrection is more than a proposition we believe. It's something we 'prove' by the way we live it out" (Jim Friedrich, April 10, 2019). May we be Easter people - not simply by stating what we believe, but by taking the steps to intentionally live out what we say we believe.

Be encouraged!, teresa

"Though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry; because I never undertake any more work than I can go through with perfect calmness of spirit." 1777 letter from John Wesley

THREE QUESTIONS TO CHALLENGE - AND ONE TO ENCOURAGE - YOUR ANSWER TO GOD'S CALL

In his book, "Loving God with One's Mind," Thomas Trotter, former General Secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) said, "There are many ways of loving God, some helpful, some problematic. Some love God with their selfless service to neighbor. Some love God by the diligent attention to the care of the things of God. Some love God by blindly following their partial views of God. Some love their views of God more than they love God. Some think loving God means hating those who love God

differently. The problem in the world is not that the world is irreligious. It is excessively religious, but the religious spirit is cramped and angular and hostile to the widest angles of God's love."

I want to embolden you and ask you to confront some difficult questions as you answer God's call in your life.

Here are three versions of a challenging question – and one encouraging question – that do just that:

1. Is your God big enough for different contexts?

One of the biggest learnings of my life was in a Christian Social Ethics class at Perkins School of Theology. It was the Theory of Social Location. What that means is simply, "What you see depends on where you stand." My social location is a 67-year-old white woman who grew up in small-town Texas. I see the world from that social location. You see the world from your context.

Our call, as we work out our salvation with fear and trembling, is to separate cultural conditioning from the truth of the Gospel. We have to be bigger than small-town Texas or large-city Manila in the Philippines. God loves the world, not only in Texas or the Philippines. What will suffice in a small village in Mozambique may not suffice in the big city of Nairobi, Kenya. It doesn't mean one is better than the other. It's just different.

2. Is your God big enough for interpretation?

"For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16 NRSV)

Familiarity must not lull us into complacency or cause us to overlook the power of this eloquent summary of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I think it is the measure of us, of our individual faith and of our corporate faith and practice. I think it reminds us that whatever our concept of God, it is too small.

The genius of John Wesley and Methodism is how it has held the tension between law and grace, the sovereignty of God and human free will. Methodists hold together true knowledge and vital piety, head and heart. It did not just rain Bibles one day. Scripture has to be interpreted. Literalism is not the Methodist way. Scripture is not flat. Scripture, tradition, reason and experience is the Methodist way. Scripture is a jewel; it is multifaceted.

After thousands of years sending leaders with words, God knew, my people aren't hearing my word, they are not getting it. In love with the world, and for the world, God gave his Son, a person. The Word made flesh. Our salvation comes in the person of Jesus Christ. It is in the person of Jesus we know God's saving love. It is in the person of Jesus we know the way. It is in the person of Jesus we know the truth. It is in the person of Jesus we know the life abundant.

3. Is your God big enough for independent thought?

Jesus was both a student and a master of his tradition. He took the Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4-6, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." (NRSV) And then, Jesus added "MIND." He took his received tradition and made it bigger. Your finite mind cannot threaten the infinite God. There are no questions too big for God. You don't have to let your fear stop you.

The Greek word that Jesus uses for mind is *dianoia*. Trotter says, "This is not having a high IQ, not acing college exams. It means coherence. It means love God by the way you put things together." This is scary to some people. Scary to the Pharisees who thought they were smarter than everybody else. Scary to the Sadducees who loved to be right more than they loved God. Scary to the lawyers who would rather win an argument than know the truth. Do we fit any of these descriptions?

Intellectual love of God is not in style anywhere in the world. Certainly not in the U.S. where everything's value is measured by money. Trotter says it is important to remember that Methodism was born in a university. Our founder, John Wesley, always referred to himself as a fellow of Lincoln College, not a pastor. He and the Methodist movement were products of the Enlightenment. A new way of looking at the world, where reason and experience became partners of scripture and tradition.

Ministry in a rapidly changing world like ours requires *dianoia* – loving God with one's mind. Loving God with the way we put things together. Loving God with the way we put our world together in the name of the gospel.

4. Will you love God with your heart, your soul, your strength and your mind?

I leave you with this encouraging question.

I have a dream for you. That you will be messengers of the Grace of God. That you will lead people out of the darkness into the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Opening the boundaries of our minds requires love and imagination – and courage. Theology in our time will require loving God with our minds. And if we pursue truth long enough, and unflinchingly enough, we will fall at last into the arms of Christ.

Will you commit to serve a church that is big enough for the God who loves the world? I am praying you will.

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Kim Cape; General Secretary, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry