

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

06/26/2019

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.

"This is a day of new beginnings. Time to remember and move on."

Brian Wren, UM Hymnal #383

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Celebrate the marriage of Edna and Jorge Soto

Sacco Family

Jerry Lambert, Jodi's dad, for health issues

Susan, Sally Johnson's sister, isolating herself from family & friends; struggling with addiction problems.

Sabrina Blount, doing better after surgery Great to see her at VBS!!!

Martha Orr, returned from her visit in NY with persistent pneumonia

Priscilla Gregory, ill

Lisa Feazell's mom, cancer returned, awaiting surgery

Anna Mullens' mom with returning cancer

The Heermans family

Chelsea & Autumn trying to deal with sudden death of Andrew, husband /father

Homeless, living on the streets

Lillian Smith residing at The Pointe , welcomes calls and visits

Pat Cruse, the wife of Julie Hohle's brother, heart failure

St Stephen's student dealing with depression & anxiety.

Sterling Hartman, doing ok after the seizure he had in church on Sunday.

Andy Carver,

Kirsten Uglum, cousin of Carol Slater

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 better every day after heart surgery.

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

Dennis Montgomery struggling with cancer & bankruptcy &

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

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS

Our Thanks and Love go with Pastor Bonnie as she accepts an appointment this week to serve St Luke's UMC in downtown Austin beginning July 1st. Thank you, Bonnie & Mark for being such an integral part of our church community.



Do you remember stuffing hearts in Valentine boxes in Elementary School? Well, we have created a **"Love Offering" Box for Bonnie and Mark**. You won't be able to miss it.

Look for it at the Greeters Table or at the back of the Sanctuary: polka dots, flowers, hearts and a pink round top with a slit for stuffing.

We are collecting **cash and checks**. These contributions are not tax-deductible, charitable contributions, so if you choose to give a check, please make it out to Bonnie and Mark How directly.

But that is not all, this box can also hold your **personal notes** to share fond memories of their times with us. Celebration cards will fit in too. And the best part: we will all get to see them receive the box on June 30 at the Farewell Pot Luck Lunch at the church – save the date! And be prepared to speak at the microphone to share your stories of past fun times with Bonnie and Mark.

THANKS

Amanda, Carolyn, Debra & ALL the volunteers and children that made VBS a spectacular success **Thanks and more !!!**

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

WED, JUNE 26TH

YOUNG @ HEART

11:30AM-1PM

Come!! All of you that are Young at Heart!! We will share lunch. Bring your favorite lunch item to share with everyone – yes pbj is ok !!!

Following lunch we will have a presentation on “Functional Movement & Aging With Profile” . What is Function Fitness? Why is it important for overall wellness & longevity? We will discuss ways to incorporate functional movement into daily life and the benefits of it to stay mobile & healthy!!

THURS, JUNE 27TH

RED BENCH

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I'd love to invite you to come to a Red Bench event on **Thursday, June 27, 6:30-8:30pm** at Christ Episcopal Church 3520 W. Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park. The topic to be discussed is "**Sacred**".

These are great events encouraging conversations that matter, and connecting people! A light vegetarian dinner is provided.

If you have ever come before and are trained as a Tables Hosts, you are needed!

Come early to walk the labyrinth or enjoy the Stations of the Cross.

See you there! Bonnie

SUN, JUNE 30TH

YOUTH

FAREWELL GATHERING

Sharon and Andre Lo have agreed to host a “Farewell Gathering” on Sunday 30th, 6-8pm at 510 Madison’s Way, Cedar Park.

Please bring some food to share such as sides, salads, veggies, chips, or dessert. Bonnie will provide Fried Chicken. Bring your swim suits, and towel!

The church is hosting a luncheon that day after second service as well, in case you can’t make it on Sunday evening!

See you next Sunday! Bonnie

UNITED METHODIST MEN’S CLOTHES CLOSET FOR HOMELESS MEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

This mission area needs hotel sized toiletries ; such as, soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, razors, toothbrushes, & small sized shaving cream & toothpaste .

Any donations can be left in the Narthex with my name on them and I will pick them up during the week *Bob*

JUNE

REMEMBER: HCCM!!

HELP MOST NEEDED



Big food need right now is grape jelly!

a handful of items that are always in need, **like peanut butter and canned stew, chicken, chili, soup, and tuna.**

Also, this weeks donation will also greatly assist in their need for laundry detergent, dish soap, and bar soap Thank you so much to all who participated!! *Bob*

<https://cpfumc.org/serving-opportunities-tabbed/>

HCCM Volunteers Needed to help set up and staff the new Thrift Store .

PLEASE go to www.hccm.org to sign up. Click on the Thrift Store banner at the top of the main page; click on Volunteer. If you have trouble logging in feel free to email Kandy Chimento at kandy.chimento@hccm.org

Thank you again for your interest in volunteering with HCCM!

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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*)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, June 26TH
11:30-1 Young @ Heart

SUNDAY, June 30th Potato Jar Sunday

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,
9:45a Sunday School for all ages

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class –
THURSDAY, June 27th
 6:30P Red Bench @ Christ Episcopal
FRIDAY, June 28th
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee
SATURDAY, June 29th

10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
 noon PotLuck Farewell for Bonnie & Mark
 6:00pm YOUTH
MONDAY, July 1st
 7:30-9p Centering Prayer
TUESDAY, July 2nd
 9:30a Morning Worship
 10:00a Bible Study
 11:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry
WEDNESDAY, July 3rd
 Noon Book Club "Hospitable Planet"
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class –

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thursday Jul 4 th Holiday	Wed Jul 17 th 9:30a Membership Care
Sun Jul 7 6pm NO Youth	Fri Jul 19 th Newsletter Input
Mon Jul 8 th 1pm Who Is My Neighbor	Sun Jul 21 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
Mon Jul 8 th 6:30p NO Finance	Mon Jul 22 nd 1pm Who Is My Neighbor
Thur-Sun July 11-14 th UMW Mission u!	Mon Jul 15 th 6:30pm Church Council
Sun Jul 14 th 14 th Welcome Receptions	Thursday Jul 25 th 6:30p Ice Cream Social
Sun Jul 14 th 5pm Youth & Parents Potluck	Sun Jul 28 th 3pm Soul Lift Worship
Mon Jul 15 th 1pm Who Is My Neighbor	Mon Jul 29 th 1pm Who Is My Neighbor

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

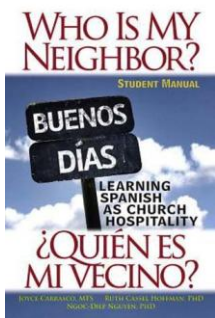
JULY 3RD & JULY 8TH METHODIST READING CLUB



**“Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change “ by Stephen Jurovics
 NOON JULY 3rd**

"What can I do about the environment? What has God said about the environment?" Most books about climate change only address one of these questions. Those from a religious perspective do not address what individuals can do to help society transition from fossil fuels, other than changing personal behavior. Readers know instinctively that will not suffice, and so are left feeling the situation is hopeless.

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.



Beginning MONDAY, JULY 8TH at 1pm

a 6-week study of this book will be led by Nancy Holmes in the Sanctuary.
 This resource covers basic conversational Spanish and simple, easy to follow worship material that can be implemented in a program of hospitality by congregations of any size
 English-speaking congregations and churches ca use this resource to learn basic Spanish-speaking skills to provide a welcoming atmosphere to the Hispanic communities surrounding them.
 Books will be available with the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary

This is part of the UMW Reading Program under Leadership Development ..

JULY 18TH –AUG 15TH SUMMER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

June 30th - July



**RECKLESS LOVE: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor
 BEGINNING IN JULY**

THE DISCUSSION GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

will be reading

UMC Pastor TOM BERLIN'S book



Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Five-session Bible study led by Pastor Peter

5 Thursdays, July 18-August 15 noon-1 p.m. (lunch provided)

At SOLEA Cedar Park

1520 Juliette Way

(off of Cypress Creek Rd. just north of Randalls)

JULY 14TH

WELCOME, SUZETTE!

Be present for Pastor Suzette's first Sunday with us – July 14th . If you will be out of town on July 14th, send a note or a card welcoming her and her family.

Wear a name tag. I'm the worst at wearing my name tag at church. But I'll be wearing one on July 14th – please, do the same. We have about 100 people in worship on a typical Sunday. Wearing a name tag is an act of caring for Pastor Suzette.

Wear a name tag. What? That **again**? Yes. Please remember to wear a name tag – through the summer at least! Did I mention we have about 100 people in worship? Let's show all the love that we can to our pastors!

When Bonnie told me she was accepting a Senior Pastor position at St. Luke's here in town, she mentioned she and Mark felt the hand of God was involved. The move is a big change for Mark and Bonnie, but they believe this is the best path. A little bit of God's guidance they received has fallen on us too – sort of a package deal where God takes care of two things at once.



Suzette with her 11-year-old daughter Mady

I'd like to introduce Suzette Thorpe Johnson, our new Associate Pastor and Youth Director, who begins work on July 14, 2019 – talk about a seamless transition.

Suzette has a Master of Divinity and comes to us from Fentress Community United Methodist Church, where she has served as the Senior Pastor for this small, rural church. She likes working with Youth so much, she is also the Pastor of Pastoral Care at Texas State United Campus Ministries, so we already know she can do two things at once. In fact, she plans to continue with her Texas State commitment.

She comes to us by way of a teaching career. She is certified for life in secondary education for biology and also life/earth sciences. She has a strategic outlook for the Youth Program and **on July 14, at 5pm** there will be an all-hands Youth meeting (that means not just the youth, but their parents also) for an orientation meeting and potluck dinner to meet with Suzette and to look ahead to continuing all the good things Bonnie has created for the Youth, but also add a few ideas ("amendments of a perfecting nature", as we say in our house).

Finally, she was in charge of the Pumpkin Patch when she served as Associate Pastor at Buda United Methodist, she re-engineered the mechanics of it, and it was deemed the most successful in the area. Talk about a match made in Heaven. We should invite God's help more often in big decisions like this.

JULY 12TH -14TH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

[HTTP://WWW.UMWRIOTEXAS.ORG](http://www.umwriotexas.org)

NEXT regular MEETING: Saturday, August 10th !!

Rio TX UMW Mission u! 2019 : Friday, July 12th – Sunday, July 14th

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP– THEN AND NOW

OUR STUDIES ARE: "Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship" by Janet Wolf (Related studies on Mark for children and youth will also be offered.)

"Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" by Ellen Blue

"What About Our Money? A Faith Response" by Susan K. Taylor

LOCATION: Drury Plaza Hotel, 823 North Loop 1604 East, San Antonio

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration deadline is Friday, June 28 Info on website

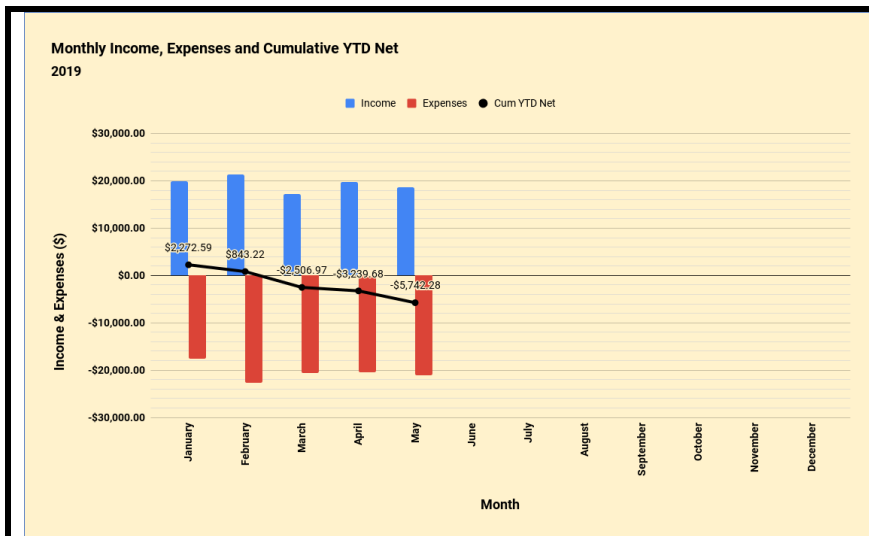
Exciting things are happening at Cedar Park First UMC, and this summer is already very busy:

- Our Vacation Bible School hosted about 45 children from the Church and surrounding neighborhoods. It was a fun experience, with sports and Bible lessons made possible by the generosity of many Church volunteers.
- Bonnie How and Shawn Dubler led nine Church youth on a UM Army mission helping people in Llano recover from last year's floods.
- Nancy Holmes is leading a study called "Who is my Neighbor", that provides instruction in basic conversational Spanish, especially for worship.
- Karen Bowker has started a Prayer Shawl ministry that meets weekly knitting prayer shawls for those in the Church who need our prayers.
- We continue to have lively, enriching worship services.
- And we are welcoming a new Associate Pastor, Suzette Thorpe-Johnson, who starts July 14 and will oversee youth, community outreach, and family ministry.

All this is possible by generous Church volunteers and donors. However, as in previous years, 2019 contributions are running behind our monthly budgeted amounts. Expenditures are also running below budget. Nevertheless, we show a deficit of about \$5,700 through May.

This chart shows our monthly income and expenditures. We need about \$22,075 in monthly income, but are currently averaging \$19,350.

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>June 16th</u>
Contributions (4/5) Sundays	\$ 23,681.	<u>8:30am</u>
Still Needed:	\$ (1,816).	31(Visitors 5)
Additional Giving		<u>10:45am</u>
\$2 For 20	\$ 161.	75(Visitors:8)
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 66.	
Communion (UMCOR US Disaster)	\$ 317.	
Youth (UM Army Fundraiser)	\$ 400.	<u>Sunday School</u>
		Children: 8
		Adults: 10
		<u>Soul Lift 10</u>



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.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

JULY 28

GETTING TO KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO SHARE OUR BUILDING

TAI CHI



Join us July 28 to meet the students of Tai Chi

Tai Chi (TIE-CHEE) is a graceful form of exercise that promotes Moving, Meditation, Balance, Stillness, Flexibility, Peace, Strength, Happiness, Clarity, Relief and Fun according to the brochures handed out in Tai Chi classes on Mondays at Cedar Park First United Methodist Church, where both Introduction and Beginner classes are taught.

Two classes are offered: 9:30 am Introduction and 11:00 am Beginner. The Introduction class welcomes students of all levels. Students are taught 17 of the basic movements and have a break in the middle to share a cup of tea and fellowship. The Beginner Class starts at 11 am. Students learn 108 moves. The best way to learn Tai Chi is by doing the movements. Students of all ages and conditions can learn these basic moves.

Join us 9:45am in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour on July 28 to meet and see a few Tai Chi moves. In fact, you will be tempted and encouraged to actually try the moves. The Austin Metro Class Schedule helps you find alternate class times and days if Mondays are not your best day to begin improving your health, by among other things, reducing stress and anxiety, through gentle exercise and stretching.

TIDBITS

We are concerned with the humanitarian care of immigrants particularly the children... Please check the Rio Texas UMC website : <https://riotexas.org/immigrationresponse>

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE RESPONSE

<https://riotexas.org/immigrationresponse>

We are constantly seeking ways to be faithful in our response to the immigration and refugees coming to our area!

The **Methodist Border Friendship Commission**, is a ministry of the El Valle District UMC and the Rio Texas Conference of the UMC. The Commission has been serving since 1999. Over the years, the Commission has formed strong relationships with the churches, pastors and variety of partnering agencies and ministries serving various ministries including immigrants and refugees in the border area of the Rio Texas Conference and the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico and beyond.

The Commission has formed a working Committee of this group to be given the responsibility to use designated funds as needed and serve as our link to the United Methodist response to immigration and refugee programs and ministries of these areas.

Ways to Help

Contact your US Senators and Representatives:

Although the president has signed an executive order rescinding the family separation policy, there is still great concern regarding the timing of the end of the practice, the fate of those children already separated from their families, and the fate of families who will now end up in detention together. Our JFON attorneys are telling us that families seeking to request asylum continue to encounter tremendous challenges, even when following legal processes for doing so. You can express your thoughts and concerns through the following links or by looking up your senators and congressional representatives online.

<https://www.cruz.senate.gov>

<https://www.cruz.senate.gov>

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Contact El Valle District representatives regarding volunteering:

To see if volunteers are needed at La Posada Providencia in San Benito, contact Cindy Johnson / mc2dogs@sbcglobal.net.

To see if volunteers are needed at the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, contact Susan Hellums / shellums@mcfirst.com.

Be present for court proceedings: Being a witness in the courtroom is a powerful tool in the service of some of the most vulnerable people in our midst. Those few of us who have had the good fortune to be in the court have noticed how the presence of "outsiders" has an impact on the judge's behavior, encourages the public defenders to do a better job, and allows the community to serve as witnesses.

If you would to join a roster of volunteers, please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/digyWSU>

If you show up at the court without registering, you may not be allowed to enter for the proceedings.

Once registered, the court observer would need to be able to be present in the Brownsville Federal Magistrate's Court (2nd floor, Vela Federal Courthouse, 600 East Harrison, Brownsville) or in the McAllen Magistrate's Court 1701 U.S. 83 Business #1011, McAllen, TX 78501) by 10:00am or, for an afternoon shift, by 1:30pm). The observer would need to stay until the end of the proceedings. Court can run two hours or longer, but, typically, in Brownsville, they are over by noon. The most important part of the hearing is at the end, when the judge asks the immigrants if they might have anything to say- -thus the need to try and stay until the end.

Stay in touch with other United Methodists who are taking action:

See the Rio Texas Facebook page for individual submissions regarding public witness and other events.

Suggestions from UMCOR:

To provide support for those seeking asylum we offer the following solutions, which we invite you to share with others.

1. Contact your elected government officials demanding immediate change through this tool offered by the General Board of Church and Society

<https://www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/advocacy/take-action/stand-with-immigrants-and-refugees>

The purpose of this website is to share around the humanitarian immigration crisis, to share what our people and their partners are doing and learning, what their needs are in their ministry, and how others can help. As the situation on our border changes, often daily, this webpage will change as well. We hope to add resources for people who want to talk and pray about immigration from the perspective of scripture or the Social Principles of our denomination.

In the meantime, thank you for coming to look. You may not agree with every approach or action you read here, but hopefully you will find something that sparks your interest or leads you into prayer or action. Please be in prayer for all people around the world who feel compelled to sojourn to lands not their own. And pray for wisdom, compassion, and courage for those who serve them.



Hey Congress: We Need to Talk.

Sign Up to Participate in Texas Impact's

August Week of Action for Migration Justice

The escalating crisis at the US-Mexico border is policy failure of epic scale. Members of the Texas congressional delegation will be at home in their districts during the "August congressional work period," and they need to hear from you. Texas Impact staff and interns are already working with the district staffs of all 36 of our US representatives, as well as Senators Cornyn and Cruz, to schedule meetings for our members.

In collaboration with **our national partners**, Texas Impact will provide worship and policy resources on immigration and border issues, and we'll host a webinar in late July to equip participants for effective district meetings. Not sure you want to attend a congressional district visit? **Scott** would love to talk with you about how much fun district visits are...but there also are other ways to get involved.

Attend a district meeting...write letters...make calls...pray.