

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

10/16/2019

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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING !!

9-11AM



This is the miracle of love: to discover that all creation is one, flung out into space by a God who is a Father, and that if you present yourself as [God] does, unarmed and peaceably, creation will recognize and meet you with a smile. —Carlo Carretto

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

The Goodmans, Mart with kidney stone flare up & Karen with a bad foot, made it home last night safely!
Linda Howard, Steve's wife, was released from Dell Seton & is now in PAM Rehab in Round Rock. "She made a lot of progress this past week. Prayers have been a big help"
Mary Linda Verastegui, fell & broke pelvis again, now at Longhorn Village Healthcare & Rehab, 12501 Longhorn Pkwy, Austin, TX 78732
Colleen Litaker, grandmother, Dolores "Scottie" Mills passed away this week
Clarence Lack, Cephus' brother, died
Ruth West, bad neuropathy in feet
Sally Johnson, back procedure last week, being careful for 6 weeks
Marilyn Hartman, sugar in urine-may be diabetes
Pattie Hartman, Sterling's sister-in-law & caregiver to Marilyn, recovering from kidney robotic surgery (no biopsy results yet)
Myrl McKellar now at The Pointe, 450 Discovery Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613 Loves visits !!
Susan, Sally Johnson's sister, unreachable by phone, struggling with life
Eric, Lisa Feazell's brother, needing inner peace & a new career
Carol Slater, fell and broke vertebrae .. now home gaining strength
Shelly Blanda, RN, Sterlings granddaughter, working 6a-6p then home to care for 4 children & husband
Joe Miller, father of Jozi's friend, beginning treatment for brain tumor
Aunt Ines (Alzheimers) & Aunt Juana (died yesterday-14th) from Edna Sota
Gonzalo Herrera, brother of Sergio's friend, has been diagnosed with lymph node cancer & prostate cancer. He will begin treatment and we ask for full recovery.
Diana Longoria, Sergio's mom, fell & hurt her knee two weeks ago. Still swollen and with pain.
Cynthia, Sergio's sister, seems to have left the faith (possibly never had it), as a result her marriage and life is in serious turmoil. We ask that she returns to God and follows Him for the renewal of her life "

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS

The hygiene supplies you donated were turned into 100 kits taken to the border; plus extra supplies to border and to Safe Place (women & children fleeing domestic violence ...)

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, October 16th

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

THURSDAY, October 17th

10am ** Revelation @Maple Ridge **
6:30p ** Red Bench "Forgiveness"

FRIDAY, October 18th

NEWSLETTER Input

SUNDAY, October 20th

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion,
9:45a Sunday School for all ages
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Choir Sings
Noon CHOIR Practice
Noon YES YOUTH

MONDAY, October 21st Monday Moanings for youth

2:30p ESL / GED

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

Oct 18th: Christian Concert with Michael W. Smith

SATURDAY, October 19th

9am **PUMPKINS** Arrive !!
 5pm Empower (Children)

**** See More Information Below**

6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL
 7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, October 22nd

9:30a Morning Worship
 10:00a Bible Study
 11:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, October 23rd

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thur Oct 24th 10am Revelation @Maple Ridge
 Sun Oct 27 noon Youth

Thur Oct 31st 10am Revelation @Maple Ridge
 Wed Oct 30TH 11:30a Young @ Heart

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

THURS, OCT. 17TH

CEDAR PARK/HILL COUNTRY RED BENCH:

FORGIVENESS

Please join the Cedar Park/Hill Country Passport Program for a Red Bench conversation on the topic of "Forgiveness" on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Islamic Center of Brushy Creek (1950 Brushy Creek Rd, Cedar Park, TX 78613). Parking is available on the premises and a light vegetarian meal will be served.

SAT. OCT. 19TH 9AM

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING !!

HELP NEEDED ..

Pumpkins are arriving Saturday at 9 AM and we can use all the **help** we can get. Here is the schedule of when we have people signed up to work the patch and when we don't

Saturday 19th 2:30-5:00 2 people 5:00-7:30 Empower Team	Monday 21 st 2:30-5:00 1 person 5:00-7:30 nobody	Wednesday 23 rd 2:30-5:00 nobody 5:00-7:30 1 person	Friday 25 th 2:30-5:00 nobody 5:00-7:30 nobody
Sunday 20 th 12:00-2:30 Youth 2:30-5:00 nobody 5:00-7:30 nobody.	Tuesday 22 nd 2:30-5:00 nobody 5:00-7:30 1 person	Thursday 24 th 2:30-5:00 1 person 5:00-7:30 2 people	It continues like this right through 10/31

WE NEED YOUR HELP

3 ways to sign up to volunteer ; **(1)** the CPFUMC web site has a button you can click on and that will take you to the signup.com site **(2)** via Facebook , which will also take you to the signup.com web site **(3)** paper & pencil version in Narthex to use to sign up for those who choose not to use a computer.

Thank YOU, in advance, for volunteering on this very important Church Community Building event.

SAT, OCT 19

EMPOWER

CHILDREN

We worship, play, share good snacks and close with a movie. Our goal is to assist children in developing their gifts to become loving individuals, helping others, and serving God. Have you discovered your talents? . Come join the Jesus Rock Stars to embrace your talents at our semi-annual EMPOWER mini lock-in events. Check our calendar in the spring and fall for the dates. The next Empower mini lock-in is planned for Saturday, **October 19, 2019 at 5 pm**. Please register no later than October 15th.

SUN, OCT 20TH

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE CHURCH IN 2020?

2-3PM

Rev. Mark Holland joins us to discuss the possibilities.

St. Luke UMC is pleased to host this discussion on Sunday, October 20 from 2-3pm.

Mark is part of Mainstream UMC, an organization committed to working with any individuals, churches, and organizations who would seek an expression of Methodism that is filled with grace and has space within it to celebrate conservatives, centrists, and progressives. Mark was instrumental at General Conference 2016 in asking the Bishops to consider a way forward.

To learn more about Mainstream UMC visit them at <https://mainstreamumc.com/>

All are welcome to attend.

NOW !!

DINNER TABLES FOR ALL

SIGN UP TODAY!!



Let's Get To Know Each Other?

Did you sign up for Tables for All?

By participating, you will have dinner with a different group of people once every calendar quarter. There is not a lesson plan or testing involved. It is an open, friendly, unorganized conversation group for adults.

We are using an Excel function to select the host and assign members to each group randomly. The assigned host will contact you to arrange the date, time, and what you will be asked to bring.

Fortunately, we have had many people sign up to be a host, meaning you will not be asked to host each quarter. You will be asked to host approximately once a year. When not hosting, you will be participating as a guest at another member's home.

We hope this leads to establishing friendships within our congregation. You do not need to wait for the next assignments, ask your new friends out to coffee, lunch, or over to your home. These are new friends, enjoy each other's company.

If you have participated or will be participating soon, we would love to hear from you. Please send your review to Carolyn, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com.

Please encourage others to join and ask them to complete the green form in the back of the sanctuary. Any questions, please contact Carolyn Smith.

THUR OCT 17TH FALL BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION 10AM-11:30AM

Seven-session Bible study led by Pastor Peter at Maple Ridge Retirement Center (1531 Juliette Way)

Guidebook is "**Breaking the Code**" by Bruce M Metzger

The book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God's message in this peculiar part of the Bible?

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER CHOIR

PRACTICE - after second service unless noted otherwise:

Oct. 20th - meet at 10:30am to warm up & be ready to SING #2127 then PRACTICE after 2nd service
Oct. 27th - PRACTICE

Nov. 3rd - PRACTICE & SING something at second service
Nov. 10th - PRACTICE & SING TFWS at second service
Nov. 17th - PRACTICE & SING at second service

OCT. 18TH YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE!

Welcome Home from Mission in Eagle Pass !!!! Tell us all about it, plz !!

Mark Your Calendars And Make Plans To Join In!

FRIDAY Oct 18th: Christian Concert with Michael W. Smith. 10 tickets/6 confirmed - let me know if you want to join ASAP

Sunday, Oct 20th: Youth lunch then PUMPKIN PATCH fun

Sunday, Oct 27th: Youth lunch PUMPKIN PATCH fun

Sunday Nov. 3rd: YOUTH lunch and worship then Healthy Relationship - TBA

Sunday, Nov 10th: YOUTH lunch worship then fun activity TBA

SATURDAY, Nov 16th WORSHIP CONCERT with MERCYME and CROWDER in Cedar Park

Sunday, Nov 17th- YOUTH mission at The POINT at 3PM, meet at CPFUMC at 2:30 to head over for worship then ice cream afterwards.

Volunteer to furnish lunch for the YOUTH ... Sign Up on list on back table in sanctuary....

UpComing: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SAT, DEC. 14TH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) ADVENT BRUNCH

- NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 14th .. Women's Advent Brunch ... look for information about Acts of Love Daycare and The Refuge ... our Advent Mission emphases

October 2019 INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	<u>October 13th</u> 8:30am

Contributions (2/4) Sundays	\$ 9,155.	20(Visitors 2)
Still Needed:	\$ 12,710.	<u>10:45am</u>
Additional Giving		59(Visitors:2)
\$2 For 20	\$ 94.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 17.	<u>Sunday School</u>
Communion (UM Student Day)	\$ 188.	Children: 14
HCCM	\$ 10.	Adults: 14
Children	\$ 120.	
Youth	\$ 100.	<u>Youth Group</u> Mission Trip(8)

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

MORE!!!	YOUTH	FALL SCHEDULE
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PLANNING fundraising for HOLY LAND Trip.
NEED GIFT CARDS and **OTHER EASILY MAILED** items for **ON-LINE SILENT AUCTION** to run the month of November.
 ALL monies will go towards HOLY LAND trip. Right now, I am still researching the trip options but it will run about \$2-3,000 per person. We do not want anyone excluded from going due to cost therefore we are raising funds as a group to help off set the cost. The trip is 2 years from now. yes those who graduate between now and then can go with us. Yes, family members may also go. Yes, we will have a meeting just for the trip once I finalize the details. **BUT FOR NOW** we must begin to raise funds from beyond the church family hence the on-line auction. Please ask businesses for donation cards or just pick up gift cards at Target to donate yourself.

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CALL TO ACTION	REMEMBER: HCCM!!	www.hccm.org
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Food Contributions for the this past week was **10** (last week **35**) pounds- Thank you so much to all who participated!! *Bob*
 We **REALLY** appreciate your help!!! And I tell people ALL of the time.... We **ONLY** get to do the things we do because of people like YOU!!!! Thank you!!! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. Bob Bowker

CALL TO ACTION	BACKPACKS FOR WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY	LUNCHES NEEDED
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EACH WEEK: We will prepare 6 backpacks per week **The shelves are "empty" on lunch items,**
Needed: Lunches like: Mac n Cheese, Ravioli, Cup a Soup; Milk, fruit, veggies,
REMEMBER Weekly: 12 Breakfasts 12 Lunches 12 Dinners 24 Snacks

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS	ESL & GED CLASSES	COMMUNITY ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS
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ESL/GED classes at Cedar Park FUMC **All Classes are Free!!**
Classes begin Monday, September 9th = will meet **Mondays: 2:30-5pm & Fridays: 10a-1pm**
 For more **Information** please contact: Suzanne Johnson, sjohnson@communityaction.com 512.971.4380

OCT. 19TH	THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING !!	9AM
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YES! The pumpkins for our 2019 Pumpkin Patch are scheduled to arrive on 10/19 at 9AM
 We need **all** the help we can get to unload the truck and get the pumpkin patch set up

TIDBITS

CHARGE CONFERENCES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER THINGS ADMINISTRATIVE

This fall, as we continue with group **Charge Conferences**, churches are invited to select the date and location of the group conference that works best for them. The dates and locations are as follows:

- **Saturday, November 9, 10AM - 12PM at Cedar Park FUMC – 600 W. Park St., Cedar Park, TX**

UMCOR, PARTNERS START ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT

United Methodists are initiating a three-year, \$2 million pilot project to support asylum seekers in the U.S. and engage local church members as they embrace the biblical mandate of welcoming the stranger in their own communities.

Three partners — the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Church World Service and National Justice For Our Neighbors — will work together to provide resettlement support and legal assistance for those claiming asylum in New York, Houston and Miami.

The project was introduced during the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries meeting Oct. 10-12. UMCOR is a part of the denomination's mission agency and the UMCOR directors approved the grants to CWS and NJFON.

New York Area Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, UMCOR's president, noted that addressing issues of migration was part of the relief agency's mandate.

"In the midst of these challenging days for so many, whether it is due to a natural disaster, a life-threatening disease or the ongoing threats of persecution, we take seriously our role to make our name come alive for anyone anywhere that needs the United Methodist Committee on Relief," he told UM News.

NJFON, [a United Methodist network](#) of organizations providing free and low-cost legal services to immigrants will provide the legal assistance component for the project. NJFON is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UMCOR.

Bickerton encouraged United Methodists to support the pilot project by donating to JFON through UMCOR and "most importantly, to raise awareness within our congregations of the current challenges facing those who are seeking asylum and to actively pray for their well-being."

CWS, [which has been resettling refugees since World War II](#), will help asylum seekers with practical needs such as housing, registering children for school, enrolling in language classes and accessing various social service and community programs.

"None of us can do this alone and we felt that establishing a partnership with UMCOR and Justice for Our Neighbors was the right way to address this," said Erol Kekic, executive director of the CWS Immigration and Refugee Program.

"We all bring to the table different assets and capacities, and we certainly can do more together than we can do alone."

The asylum pilot project also offers a new way for the three partners to respond to increasingly restrictive U.S. immigration policies. The most recent action set the [2020 refugee ceiling at 18,000](#), compared with previous average levels of 95,000.

Such restrictions are worrying both in terms of putting people in harm's way and setting a precedent for the future, Kekic said. The new policies also run the risk of being counter to U.S. law, as well as international law that the U.S. has been a signatory to, because the effect is to deny the right to apply for asylum to people really in need of such protection, he said.

"Asylum is a fundamental human right," Kekic said. "Access to asylum has to be open to people if we're going to be living in a global community."

The continuing focus of the Board of Global Ministries on migration issues was the subject of its top executive's report to directors. Thomas Kemper [highlighted a wide range of migration ministries](#), describing what he called hopeful examples of mission the United Methodist people collectively do "in a fractured world and church."

What does the church say?

In its Social Principles, The United Methodist Church recognizes all people, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God and opposes policies that separate family members from each other.

Read more about [immigration and the church](#) ; [Global migration: A protected human right](#) ; UMCOR [supports migration projects](#) on a worldwide basis. Unlike some of its other work, "global migration is not a disaster, it's a phenomenon," said the Rev. Jack Amick, UMCOR's director of global migration.

In addition to addressing basic human needs and providing legal assistance, UMCOR joins with others to push globally for immigration policies that are humane, predictable and transparent so people don't make desperate, dangerous choices. "What we are trying to do ultimately, is prevent death," Amick said during a presentation to UMCOR's directors.

The relief agency also wants to "**excite the imagination**" of churches and offer ways to embrace the biblical mandate to welcome the stranger. The asylum seekers project is one way to do that, he added.

NJFON, the 20-year-old United Methodist network of independently run legal offices, is well aware of the shortage of affordable, accessible immigration attorneys in the U.S., said Rob Rutland-Brown, executive director. While the network has 17 sites around country in 14 states, "the truth is there is a need for this work everywhere," he said.

Staff at **JFON** offices help people unite with their families and work on citizenship cases, but a big category of clients are those escaping from violence. [In September](#), the national network sent the first of four teams to Tijuana, Mexico, to provide legal counsel to waiting asylum seekers.

The pilot project grant will allow CWS to shift some emphasis from refugee resettlement to helping asylum seekers get settled in a community while awaiting their court hearings.

The ecumenical relief agency already had worked with UMCOR [on the church-based shelters](#) that receive individuals granted temporary entry by immigration officials at the U.S. border and help get them to cities around U.S. to join family members. "We're trying to make those first 24 to 72 hours as a welcoming and comfortable as they can be," Kekic told UMCOR directors.

Equally important is giving churches an opportunity to work with asylum-seeking families in their midst, he added. "People don't have to go to the border ... They can do it in their own backyard."

Part of that ministry, Kekic said, is learning from asylum seekers to understand their stories and their needs. "People need to be heard and that's a big part of their healing," he explained. "That's where we start and then we build from there."