

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

11/13/2019

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 Field of Love

Thurs, Nov 7, 2019
Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

We must deliberately choose to be instruments of peace—first of all in our minds and hearts.

This is conscious *quantum entanglement*. God is not “in” heaven nearly as much as God is the force field that allows us to create heaven through our intentions and actions.

PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Hyacinth Fenty, “new knee” surgery now home doing therapy & following instructions to be well soon
JoAnn Doak, recovering after “new knee” surgery last Thursday
Grover Williams, heart “watchman” procedure postponed
Marilyn Hartman, cancer near left eye biopsied, to be removed & moving soon to Lakeline Oaks
Cynthia Ojeda, Child’s Haven teacher, father-in-law died ..
Ana Ortega, going through a struggle
David Bustillo, Soto’s friend, double pneumonia
Erica Soto, Edna & Jorge daughter-in-law
Erin Koepper, Glenda Morrison’s granddaughter, needs bone marrow transplant.
Jesus Gomex, Mariel’s dad, is very sick – friend of Jodi
LeRene Lambert, Jodi Blounts mom,
Maggie, Cindy Osborne’s daughter, having surgery to help with diagnosis and hopefully is curative ..
The Goodmans, Mart & Karen, home safely from Colorado and feeling much better!
Linda Howard, Steve’s wife, was released from Dell Seton & is now in PAM Rehab in Round Rock.
Mary Linda Verastegui, now at Longhorn Village Healthcare & Rehab, 12501 Longhorn Pkwy, Austin, 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, still being careful getting about ...
Pattie Hartman, Sterling’s sister-in-law & caregiver to Marilyn, recovering from kidney surgery (no cancer !!)
Myrl McKellar back at The Pointe, 450 Discovery Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613 Loves visits !!

PRAYERS of THANKS!! :

THANKS We give **thanks** to ALL of the Veterans in our community of faith ...

THANKS We give **thanks** for the Capital District United Methodist Men as they celebrate 20 years as coordinators of the men’s clothes closet at Austin’s Resource Center for the Homeless

THANKS To Deliver Food to Steve & Linda Howard: Please contact Karen Packard : 928.246.2412

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

Mona Cannell
1606 Carriage Hills Trl
Cedar Park, 78613

Marilyn Hartman
Lakeline Oaks
1905 S.Lakeline Blvd.
Cedar Park, 78613

Phyllis Myers
310 Chisholm Tr. #206.
Round Rock, TX 78681

Diann Russell
1503 N Woodstone
Cedar Park, 78613

Lillian Smith
The Pointe
450 Discovery Blvd
Cedar Park, TX 78613
College Students

Aaron How
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Richardson, Tx 75080

At: Brigham Young
Ethan and India How
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Spanish Fork, UT 84660

E. Duke Squibb
Gracy Woods
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Austin TX – 78758
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Gretchen Scott
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Stephenville, TX 76402

In England for semester
Audrey Blount
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Myrl McKellar
The Pointe
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At North Texas
Elizabeth Talley
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Denton TX 76203

Audrey Blount
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England

Mary Linda Verastegui
Longhorn Village
12501 Longhorn Pkwy
Austin, TX 78732

At Angelo State
Will Talley
1818 S Lincoln St Apt 54E
San Angelo Tx 76901

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, November 13th Full Moon tonight!

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, November 14th

FRIDAY, November 15th Pastor Suzette's B'day
NEWSLETTER INPUT

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek

10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee &
Preparing for Advent Brunch

SATURDAY, November 16th

5:30p Youth "Mercy Me Concert"

HELP Needed: Thursday, Nov 21; 11am
A Child's Haven Thanksgiving Lunch

SUNDAY, November 17th

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion

9:45a Sunday School for all ages

10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,

Noon CHOIR Practice

Noon YES YOUTH

1:45p Youth to HCCM/ coat give away

3:30p Worship @ The Pointe

MONDAY, November 18th Monday Moanings for youth

2:30p ESL / GED

6:30p TRUSTEES

7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, November 19th

9:30a Morning Worship

10:00a Bible Study

11:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, November 20th

9:30a Membership Care

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Thurs Nov 21st 11:30a Childs Haven Lunch
Sun Nov 24th Noon Pot Luck- Youth & Thanks for
Giving

Thurs Nov 28th Thanksgiving Day

Sun Dec 1st noon Lunch & Advent study

Sat Dec 7th Christmas VBS

Sun Dec 8th noon Lunch & Advent study

Sat Dec. 14th 10am Women's Advent Brunch
"Christmas Heart"

Sun Dec 15th noon Lunch & Advent study

Sun Dec 15th 3:30 Worship @ The Pointe

Sun Dec 22nd noon Lunch & Advent study

Tues Dec 24th 5pm Family Worship

Tues Dec 24th 7pm Candlelight Worship

Sun Dec. 29th 10:00a Single Worship Service

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

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

CHOIR

PRACTICE - after second service unless noted otherwise:

Nov. 17th - **PRACTICE & SING** at second service
Nov. 24th - **NO PRACTICE** seeing Audrey in London
Dec. 1st - **NO PRACTICE** still in London
Dec. 8th - **PRACTICE & SING** during service

Dec. 15th - **SING** at both services
Dec. 22nd - **SING** at second service
Dec. 29th - **NO PRACTICE**
Jan. 5th - **SING** at second service

Nov 10th

YOUTH

FALL SCHEDULE!

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

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

Sunday, Nov 17- MISSION DAY NOON - 4PM. We will be assisting with kid coat distribution at the HCCM from 1:45-4pm. Still meet for lunch & worship then head over to help kids get warm for the winter!

Sunday, Nov 24th - CELEBRATION TIME! During the Thanksgiving potluck, we will share our experiences and thank the congregation for their support of the Eagle Pass Mission Trip. NOON

ADVENT begins right after break and we will join in the fun during our usual YOUTH times in December.

Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22nd Lunch & Advent Bible Study

Sunday, Dec 29th - NO YOUTH Christmas Break

SPRING BREAK 2020 **HOLY LAND TRIP** **UPDATE**

Thank you parents for all you were able to come out to our parent mtg. I will write up our tentative fundraising plans once I return to Austin. For now, I wanted to give you the tentative travel plans. We should be getting closer to a final travel cost. I request moderate hotels rather than high end to conserve cost. I am waiting to hear about number per room and travel insurance as well.

*These are the proposed **dates** of the Leander ISD Spring Break 2021. Day 1 (Sat, March 13) - Depart USA- Day 10 (Mon, March 22) - Return to USA*

*The trip is open to **all church members** and their guests. Once things are finalized we will have church-wide info meetings.*

*Spring, Jozi and I will be finalizing the **on-line** auction at the church this Friday at 5pm. We will want to launch it on Sunday - asking church members to send the link to their friends far and wide. We will have a small flyer to hand out for them. We are still accepting items - you can drop them off at my desk by Thursday or bring them to us on Friday OR take a photo or share a link we can use for the items and related info and we will up load it to the auction page.*

So far we have: gift cards to Star Bucks, Amazon, and Whole Foods; a large doll house; two ceiling fans; art work by both Kevin and Sharon; two artesian necklaces

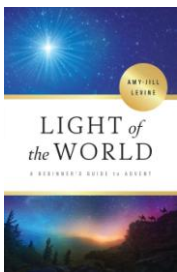
*Think Christmas gifts that people might want to give...we can also do picnic table orders but those might not be delivered **LOCALLY ONLY** by Christmas.*

Peace, Suzette

THURS, NOV 21ST **CHILD'S HAVEN THANKSGIVING LUNCH** **HELP APPRECIATED**

On Thursday, November 21st our Child's Haven Program will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a luncheon for all the families. Some help with setting up(11a), serving(12n), and cleaning up(1p) would be appreciated. Please let Sue Sidney know if you are able to help ... suesidney@aceweb.com / 512.657.6650

DEC 1ST **INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** **NOON**



INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY PLANNED FOR ADVENT

The biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus will be the subject of a new study planned for the four Sundays in the season of Advent. Both youth and adults are invited to take part.

The classes will be held immediately following the 10:45 worship service, from noon until 2pm, on December 1, 8, 15, and 22. A light lunch will be provided.

Please consider taking part in this study, which will trace the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi, utilizing the recent book by Amy-Jill Levine entitled *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*.

NOW !! **DINNER TABLES FOR ALL** **SIGN UP TODAY!!**

Let's Get To Know Each Other?



Did you sign up for Tables for All?
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.

UpComing: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

DEC. **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)** **ADVENT BRUNCH**

Please Plan to attend the Women's Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 14th, 10am.

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

SAT. DEC 7TH **ADVENT VBS** **10A-2P**

**Jesus Is The
Best Gift
Ever VBS!**

Saturday December 7th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
in the sanctuary

Children come and help us travel through time to discover the best gift of all. Our VBS is open to all elementary age children, bring a friend. Register online at www.cpfumc.org .

See you there Carolyn Smith and Amanda Theriot

SAT. DEC 14TH **CHRISTMAS HEARTS** **ADVENT BRUNCH**



"YOU are Invited" to share brunch & fellowship
Women's Advent Brunch : Christmas Hearts

Saturday, December 14, 2019 10am-Noon

We will be hearing updates & collecting donations for **The Refuge**

NEW ITEMS: Pajamas (*pants and long-sleeved shirts*), socks (*long and short*), hats, gloves, sweatshirts - *for girls ages 12-19 - all sizes XS-XXXL*, and for **acts Of Love**

Lysol wipes, "Kleenex" Tissues, baby wipes, Diapers (sizes 1-2), for the babies cared for by
Monetary Donations are always welcomed ...

BOOKS NEEDED **PROJECT TRANSFORMATION** **LEANDER UMC & FUMC GEORGETOWN**

Project Transformation will be coming to our area to help with reading skills . The Leander UMC will host an 8 week summer day camp on their campus for elementary students in the area. They need to create a library with approximately 100 books for elementary aged readers. If you would like to support this program, you may donate books for the library or donate funds to purchase books.

To access our wish list online: www.leanderumc.org/project-transformation

Project Transformation is still searching for a facility that can house 15 interns that would be relatively close to the two site churches: Leander & Georgetown. If you have any ideas please contact Mitchell Lambert:

Mitchell@riotexas.org or 255.610.3773

Just a Sample of the Hundreds of Books on the list at: <https://www.leanderumc.org/>

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| Flutter, Flutter Butterfly Maria Flemming B | National Geographic Kids: Polar Bears Laura F. Marsh K |
| Farm Babies Maria Flemming B | Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes Eric Litwin K |
| In My Pocket Lisa Charlesworth B | The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash Tinka Hakes Noble K |
| Mice on Ice Rebecca Emberley C | The Story of Ferdinand Munro Leaf K |
| A Party for Pedro Maria Santos C | Amazing Grace Mary Anne Hoffman L |
| Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? Bill Martin, Jr. C | Amelia Bedelia Peggy Parish L |
| Biscuit in the Garden Alyssa Satin Capucilli C | Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping Peggy Parish L |
| | Fancy Nancy Sees Stars Jane O'Connor L |

COMING SOON.... **BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION** **9:45-10:30AM**

Look for the Starting date for a Bible study led by Pastor Peter during the Sunday School hour in the MMB Conference Room. The guidebook is **"Breaking the Code"** by Bruce M Metzger

The book of Revelation conjures up many images: passages of great beauty, passages of comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening.

How are we readers today to discern God's message in this peculiar part of the Bible? Come to this

Sunday School Discussion to unravel this message Coming Soon Watch for the date

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

ESL & GED CLASSES

COMMUNITY ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

November 2019

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

ATTENDANCE:

This Week: November 10th

8:30am 25(3)

10:45am: 71(2)

Sunday School:

Children (23); Adults (21);
Youth Group 10 (plus parents)

"YEAR-AROUND"

STEWARDSHIP IDEAS COMMITTEE

Count Me In!



A small group of people have belonged to a new committee at Church this year, the Stewardship Ideas Committee. Our tenure is over, and we wanted to share the outcome of all our brainstorming sessions. We were charged with coming up with a fresh approach to the annual pledge campaign and also with creating a narrative budget.

Instead of having the usual two-week campaign in November to ask just for monetary pledges from the Congregation as usual, we pondered an expanded pledge drive to address the needs of our church throughout the year, Year-Around Stewardship.

How to Put Holy Back into Christmas



It was the day after Halloween and a full three weeks before Thanksgiving. I had just come home from shopping and all I had heard throughout the stores were Christmas carols. When I turned on the TV, I was bombarded by garish advertisements that hit me in the face to Buy! ... Buy! ... Buy! all kinds of things for Christmas. All I could think was that the Christmas season has become too commercial

It wasn't like this when I was growing up. At this rate of change, stores might begin Christmas sales right after Labor Day in the future. This is just wrong. Buy! Buy! Buy! is not the message of Christmas. The real reason for the season is something that Christians should hold dear to their hearts. It is a time for reflection, waiting and awe. This is when God sent His Son to the world as a baby and had Him live His life as a person among us.

Think about how we celebrate this season today. Then reflect on the messages we are sending our children. What active steps can we take to instill in our children the importance of this date and of our beliefs? I asked several people about what they would do to put the Holy back into Christmas.

These are some of their suggestions you can share with your families:

1. On the first day of Advent make a loop out of construction paper. Have the children decorate a daily loop and connect them to make a chain. You can put it on a tree or use it to decorate their rooms. Some people put this chain out each year as decoration.
2. Get a small nativity set to have in their rooms. It could be made with cloth or resin. Hobby Lobby is full of small and large sets of the nativity scene. Put the Kings in the east part of the room and make the children move them closer and closer as Epiphany arrives. Wait to put the baby in the manger until Christmas Eve.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

CALL TO ACTION

THINK: HCCM TURKEYS!!

www.hccm.org

This month's Communion Offering will help fund Thanksgiving Turkeys through MFCC.
Food Contributions for the this past week was 0 (last week 20) 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

THANK YOU!!!!

EACH WEEK: We will prepare 6 backpacks per week

The shelves are “low” 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

While preparing for Church I saw a young man wander into the Narthex ... He was hungry, looking for something to eat (not cookies on the welcome table as he doesn't do sugar!) He was invited to “browse” the backpack shelves and take what he would like to eat. He left happy but I thought we could have heated the mac n cheese for him.... Next time !!!

Thank you for stocking the shelves so that we could offer food to the hungry for Christ's sake !!

TIDBITS

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NEWS AND FEATURES

UMNEWS.ORG

WCA looks toward new, traditionalist church

TULSA, Okla. (UM News) — Leaders of the Wesleyan Covenant Association said a breakup of The United Methodist Church is inevitable and offered details of what a new, traditionalist Methodist church might look like. The group held its fourth global gathering, drawing about 1,000 to Asbury United Methodist Church, with an additional 2,000 watching by simulcast. Sam Hodges reports. [Read story](#)

North Central Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction repents of harm to LGBTQ people

WHEELING, Ill. — General and jurisdictional delegates from the North Central Jurisdiction released a statement acknowledging and apologizing for harm to LGBTQ individuals in the past and for potential harm that could begin Jan. 1, 2020, when the Traditional Plan goes into effect. That plan strengthened church restrictions against ordination of gay clergy and same-sex unions. The delegates also called for a moratorium on complaints related to same-gender weddings and LGBTQ identity and credentialing, and said they want to elect bishops in 2020 who will join in these commitments. [Read press release](#)

DEC.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

The United Methodist Women and CPFUMC will sponsor Advent awareness and support for two ministries that serve Cedar Park/Leander and surrounding area. These ministries serve women, children, and youth which is the primary focus of the UMW. We hope the entire church community will help support these ministries during this Advent season.



acts of LOVE Early Childhood Education Center

is a ministry of ACTS Church in Leander and serves young families and their children in that area. In our community there is no affordable childcare available specifically for young parents who are pregnant or who have had children during high school or middle school. They provide childcare specifically for these parent(s) who would have dropped out of school due to lack of childcare. **acts of LOVE** wants to see the children grow and learn in a warm and nurturing environment and help young parents continue their education and graduate from high school. By giving these young mothers the opportunity to complete their education, **acts of LOVE** is laying the foundation for their future as mothers, providers, employees, and citizens of their community.



<https://therefugeaustin.org>

The Refuge for DMST™ (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking) was launched in November 2013 and is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Refuge is a 21-building labor of love nestled among the Bastrop County pine trees. The Refuge is a long-term, residential, therapeutic community for girls, minors through age 19, who have been rescued out of sex trafficking. Built from the ground up on 50 acres in a beautiful and restorative setting, The Refuge provides trauma-informed, holistic care for the girls on site, including: a University of Texas Charter School program, a medical clinic staffed by community partners and various therapeutic programs uniquely designed for the development of a child survivor. The Refuge, with 48 beds, is the largest long-term, live-in rehabilitation facility for child survivors of sex trafficking in the United States. Statistics show that child sex trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world and that there was an 846% increase in reported child sex trafficking cases from 2010 to 2015 in the United States alone. Learn more about The Refuge at: .