

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

11/20/2019

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.

In every life there is a crossover moment, after which a person will never be the same again. Somewhere, somehow the challenge comes that sets us on a different path: the path of *purpose*, the path of *integrity*, the path of *transcendence* that lifts us—heart, mind, and soul—above the pitiable level of the comfortable and the mundane.

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Shawn Dubler & Wilson Family, on the loss of their "friend/brother", Frank Wilson
Glenda & Charlie Goss, having lots of challenges getting around
Adalid & Mary Linda Verastegui, have moved to The Enclave, 3405 El Saliido Parkway, Cedar Park, 78613.
Marilyn Hartman, admitted to Cedar Park Medical Center Hospital having much pain....
Hyacinth Fenty, "new knee" surgery now home doing therapy & following instructions doing well
JoAnn Doak, recovering after "new knee" surgery last Thursday
Grover Williams, heart "watchman" procedure postponed
Linda Howard, Steve's wife, is being cared for at home & preparing for radiation & Chemo .
Anderson Price & family, his continuing battle with autoimmune encephalitis; hopeful with new plan of care
Shelley Blanda, RN, helping addicted newborns become well; Hartmans granddaughter
Richard & Jodi Blount & their mothers, traveling to London to visit Audrey .
Cynthia Ojeda, Chiid'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
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 !!)

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

THANKS THANK YOU so much to all who came to sing at The Pointe to celebrate our neighbors there!!

THANKS Just wanted you and everybody to know that Charley got a job, today! He starts this Monday. They called him today and said that he was their guy! Thank you Jesus!
Thank you all for praying for Charley!

THANKS **Youth Auction Site!!!** Thanks to all who donated - we have some wonderful items! And thanks to Spring for her leadership as well as Jozi and Mady's efforts to help get it launched.

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

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

Mona Cannell
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Cedar Park, 78613

Marilyn Hartman
Lakeline Oaks
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Cedar Park, 78613

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****WEDNESDAY, November 20th**

9:30a Membership Care
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

THURSDAY, November 21st

11:30a Childs Haven Thanksgiving Lunch

FRIDAY, November 22nd

9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee &
Preparing for Advent Brunch

SATURDAY, November 23rd

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

SUNDAY, November 24th Commitment Sunday

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
9:45a Sunday School for all ages
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
Noon **Pot Luck Celebration** of Youth & Giving
Noon YES YOUTH

MONDAY, November 25th Monday Moanings for youth

2:30p ESL / GED
7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, November 26th

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

WEDNESDAY, November 27th

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

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
Thurs Dec 19th 11:30a Child's Haven Christmas Program
Fri Dec 20th NEWSLETTER
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**

Please plan to come at 10:30 am on Sunday December 8th to sing Advent Celebration and then plan on a longer practice afterwards to prepare for the 15th (so please bring yourself some food!!) Amber is also singing a hymn this day.

PRACTICE - after second service unless noted otherwise:

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!**

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.

AUCTION ON-LINE WE ARE LIVE !!! READY !

We are live at midnight tonight so when you wake up on Wednesday morning - let the bidding begin! You can bid too! Be playful and prayerful about your invitation. The more foot traffic on the site, the more our chances of earning top dollar on the items.

\$18,000 TOGETHER

Our YOUTH and their families have committed to working together to raise \$18,000 so that all YOUTH who are willing to work, will be able to go to the HOLY LANDS TRIP during spring break 2021. We will have many days ahead of yard work, babysitting, selling items, home repair etc. The YOUTH will also be taking leadership roles for these fundraisers so that we are raising future church leaders while we raise funds. Spring in the lead for our auction.

We are intentionally seeking support beyond the church walls. Today we launch our **ON-LINE AUCTION** CPFUMC please support the YOUTH in spreading the LINK for their silent on-line auction. The key to raising funds outside the church is reaching more people outside the church. The auction runs from today until Dec 8th. We want in as many places as possible before Black Friday so people will consider these items for their Christmas gifting needs.

Here's your auction link for inviting participants: <https://www.32auctions.com/Holylandtrip2021>

There are many ways this can be done, including:

Emailing out the direct auction link for your online auction

Posting the auction link on websites

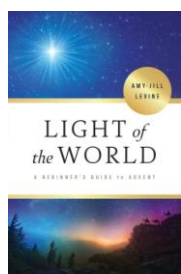
Posting the auction link on social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn

The more participants you have in your auction, the more successful it will be. We recommend inviting as many participants as possible to maximize your fundraising potential. 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!!

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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/>

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

November 2019

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

Month to Date Finances		This Week's Attendance
		<u>November 17th</u>
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	8:30am 28(Visitors 2)
Contributions (3/4) <i>Sundays</i>	\$ 11,421.	
Still Needed:	\$ 10,444.	10:45am 66(Visitors:1)
Additional Giving		
\$2 For 20	\$ 89.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 38.	Sunday School
Communion (HCCM Turkeys)	\$ 920.	Children: 18
Building Fund	\$ 5.	Adults: 40
		Youth Group 10

"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

I just come home from shopping and all I heard through the stores are Christmas carols. On the TV you are hit in the face to buy all kinds of things for Christmas. This on the day that is after Halloween and three weeks before Thanksgiving. All I could think that the Christmas season has become too commercial. This is a season that Christians should hold dear to their hearts. This is when God sent His Son to the world as a baby and had Him live His life as a person.

How do we celebrate this date in time? How do we give to our children the importance of this date and of our belief. I asked several people about what they would do to put Holy back into Christmas. These are some of their suggestions.

If there are small children in your family these are a few suggestions.

On the first day of Advent make a loop out of construction paper. Have the children decorate it. Do this on each day and make a chain. You can put it on a tree or decorate their room. Some people put this chain out each year as decoration.

Get a small nativity set to have in their room. It could be made with cloth or resin. Put the Kings in the east part of the room and make the children move them closer and closer. Put the baby in the manger on Christmas Eve. Make it a "hands on" happening

Have the children of all ages put on a play of the nativity. It was a wonderful time in my house.

Have the children do a small devotional during Advent.

For families that have older children, there are many places to help families that need help. Maybe the children in your home are giving to other children, it is a good time to talk about giving instead of receiving. Salvation Army or Angel Trees are available for families in need at this time.

For adults one could read a devotional for each day. When decorating your tree put on items that have meaning to the family. There will be several times at Church a family could attend. On Christmas Eve read or better yet – act out - the Advent story together.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS !!

CALL TO ACTION

THINK: HCCM

www.hccm.org

Food Contributions for the this past week was **65(WOW!!)** (last week **0**) 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

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NEWS AND FEATURES

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PIE SHOP A HIT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The Pie and Coffee Shop inside Highland Park UMC is staffed by special-needs individuals and volunteers. Chance Urschel was born with a neurological birth defect called Holoprosencephaly (HPE) that left him unable to talk, walk or move on his own. What it didn't affect was his outgoing personality, his zeal for life ... and the ability to make great pies.

Urschel passed away more than three years ago – on Feb. 29, 2016 at the age of 20 – but his memory lives on at Chance's Pie and Coffee Shop, the newest offering of the Belong disABILITY Ministry at Highland Park UMC. The facility, which opened Sept. 15 inside the church's new Tolleson Family Activity Center, sells personal-sized and family pies – apple, cherry, coconut cream as well as seasonal pies – not to mention special-roast coffee and tea.

What makes Chance's unique is that it is staffed by Belong disABILITY participants that, like their namesake, have a special need.

“When people come in and are served a quality product, it dispels myths that [individuals with special needs] are not productive citizens – because each of them has a lot to offer,” said Vance Gilmore, director of the church's Belong disABILITY Ministry. “It's uplifting to see their confidence grow. They're just like anyone else – mastering skills, putting them to use and feeling good about what they're doing.”

Chance's parents, Hal and Christi Urschel, were always trying to find things that Chance could do at home despite his physical limitations.

“It turned out that he really enjoyed the cooking process,” Chance's father, Hal Urschel, recalled in a 2017 interview with Highland Park UMC. “One of Chance's teachers taught him how to make a uniquely delicious apple pie. He would bake it from scratch, cutting up the apples and making the dough. It would take him about an hour to make a pie, and it would turn out beautiful every time.”

Said Chance's mother, Christi: “It brought him great joy to give to others. It was hard for him to try to hold onto a spoon, but we very quickly learned that it was very motivating for him to be in the kitchen and try to use a spoon to actually make a pie. He really understood that once it was finished, he was going to be able to give it to someone.”

Chance's is open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and has a crew of three participants and two volunteers for each shift. It is patterned in part after a similar facility at The Brookwood Community, which provides spiritual, educational and vocational opportunities for adults with special needs in Brookshire, Texas, outside of Houston.

Participants and volunteers take part in a three-week training process that focuses on three key areas: hospitality, customer service and food preparation. They work collaboratively to make pies, grind coffee beans, fulfill orders and operate the cash register.

“It's amazing to see how quickly they not only learn tasks but also create camaraderie,” manager Todd Bruning said. “For some, a job won't be an option, but we can help identify skills that God has given them and

develop the skills and confidence to work. Our hope is to place individuals into jobs that people might think are possible for those with disabilities.”

Bruning has been instrumental in developing and implementing the training process. He and his wife, Jamie, are both ordained pastors and parents to 11-year-old Nikhil, who has autism. Several years ago, Bruning took a sabbatical to study special-needs ministries in the area; in the last two years, he took another sabbatical to learn specifically what he could from Highland Park UMC.

Finding participants for the program hasn't been difficult, as it draws attendees from the Notre Dame School, Highland Park ISD's special-education department and the church's other special-needs offerings: from Night OWLS (Night Out With Loving Sitters), which pairs special-needs children and their siblings with volunteers to give parents a night of respite, and Spotlight Academy of the Arts (which produces musical theater and short films) to special-needs Sunday School classes (The Walk) and worship service (The Feast).

Volunteers also include a pair of graduate students in occupational therapy from Texas Woman's University. It's not just about selling pies, but – to date – Chance's has served up 1,284 tasty treats. The newest venture is another extension of Highland Park UMC's deep commitment to the special-needs community.

“This church has a senior pastor [Rev. Paul Rasmussen] who always has been very dedicated in this area,” Gilmore said. “His challenge all along has been to not to build spaces but to build programs. With Chance's, we're doing just that and building opportunities for so many people to be a part of.”

IOWA CONFERENCE

IOWA SUPERINTENDENTS, ASSISTANTS GO VIRTUAL

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa district superintendents and their assistants are moving from physical to virtual mobile offices on Dec. 30 to lower administrative costs.

I give thanks to God for your faithful and effective ministries led by the Holy Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ. You continue to find ways each day to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with your neighbors here and around the world encouraging growth in discipleship.

District Superintendents and District Administrative Assistants will continue to have their regular phone number and email addresses as well as access to all the technology to support you in your ongoing mission and ministry for the sake of Jesus Christ. This transition will include some new way of supporting you electronically. We invite your patience and your helpful comments as we continue to improve together. We expect that the transition to the virtual offices for the district superintendents and district administrative assistants to happen around the first of December.

The **virtual offices** for the district superintendents will also be mobile offices. Bishop Laurie Haller expects the superintendents to make regular and frequent visits with clusters of pastors and churches on their districts so they may fulfill their role as district missional strategists. This will provide your district superintendent intentional time and effort to connect pastors and churches with each other for prayer, mutual support, encouragement, and sharing best practices for connective ministry. Please contact your superintendent directly for messages, questions, and setting up an appointment with her or him:

District administrative assistants are, as required by Federal Law, hourly employees. Traveling would unnecessarily restrict their work hours for administrative support of the districts. Their virtual office hours will be Monday through Thursday and average 10 hours per day. This will provide focused time for district administrative assistants to work together as a team to connect superintendents, pastors, and lay leadership for effective ministry. Please contact them with any messages, questions, or information that pertains to their work with you; and remember, they will be available by phone or email to assist with all of their pastors' and churches' needs.

What does this mean for clergy, laity, churches, and the ministries of the districts?

Much of what is happening now will continue with intended improvements:

- District communications through calendars and websites; and
- Support for charge/church conference profile records of clergy persons and churches.

These two functions make up most of the work of the district administrative assistants and are the major pieces of record keeping that directly affect appointment making, church revitalization, and starts of new communities of faith.

Clergy and laity are key partners with your district administrative assistants to make sure that these records, along with pastoral evaluation forms, salary forms (Form I), and local church ministry plans are completed in full, accurate, and turned in on time with no delays. This, along with the face-to-face visits of district superintendents and the directors of new faith communities, clergy and leadership excellence, and

congregational excellence, has the greatest potential to resource the mission and ministry of the local church in partnership with area United Methodist churches and their communities.

There will be some changes to strengthen leadership.

- The annual church/charge conference forms will be reviewed and updated so that only the essential information for the success of the local church/charge and the pastor is required.
- District committee chairpersons will need to be the primary connector for their district committee functions (such as meetings and reports) and for their relationship to their Conference committees, boards, and agencies.
- District chairpersons and/or the district committee secretaries will need, as you always have been expected, to send your committee minutes in a timely fashion following your meetings to your district administrative assistant for the district files.
- We will be working with the appropriate boards and agencies to streamline the grant application process so that more of the information is shared directly between the granting agency and those applying for grants rather than going through the district administrative assistants.

Life, as well as the church as the body of Christ, is always full of transitions. Transitions can be seen as interruptions to cherished routines; yet, the simple and profound transition of the act of breathing is essential for our personal lives, like the transitional “breathing” that is prayer is essential for our lives in Christ, personally and as the church.

Jesus encouraged his followers and us with a ready way to transition in daily faith: Ask, Seek, and Knock (Matthew 7:7-12). Jesus taught us to be curious rather than curt, search rather than subvert, and knock to open the door of communication.

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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: .