

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

01/15/2020

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.

We have to learn to live fully in the present, because God is always the God of now, of here. The day in which we live is the day of the Lord. - Henri Nouwen

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

- Matthew 6:34

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

Edna Soto, recovering from foot fracture
Glenda Goss very ill with serious infection (home from hospital)
Bruce Anderson, Carol Slater's brother had heart valve replacement Recuperating well !!!
John Miner, had a new cornea implanted Practicing seeing !!
Sue Beall, Par Keyes' sister-in-law, is in icu with major breathing issues
JoAnn Doak, is waiting for more treatment ... not progressing as well as hoped
Marilyn Hartman, at The Pointe .
Sterling Hartman, had: shot in eye for macular degeneration,
Rick Surratt, cousin of Linda Sheneman
The Grady Smith family, on his death Saturday
Carmelo Perez & Ida Ramirez and all the family in Puerto Rico, by Edna Soto
Grace Perez, Rio TX UMW President, at home recuperating from a stroke ..
Hyacinth Fenty, "new knee" so happy to see her at church on Sunday
Linda Howard, Steve's wife, is being cared for at home, finished radiation, checkup 6 weeks
Anderson Price & family, his continuing battle with autoimmune encephalitis; hopeful with new plan of care
Erin Koepper, Glenda Morrison's granddaughter, needs bone marrow transplant.

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

Thanks

The Rio Texas Conference commends the extravagant generosity displayed through 100% apportionment giving in 2019. We praise God for the faithful witness of the people of FUMC, Cedar Park. We are blessed to be in ministry with people who support the connectional nature of The UMC helping ministries across the globe to thrive. Robert Schnase, Bishop

Thanks:

Donations to **HCCM** for the 2nd week of January was 50 pounds
Last week was 60 pounds
Total for 2019 was 1,204 pounds **WOW!!!!**

Thanks

Dear Cedar Park First United Methodist Church,
I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$600.50 & the many pjs, socks, towels, sweatshirts in support of **The Refuge** for DMST. We are grateful for your investment in this vital mission, which will help many young survivors of sex trafficking. Please know your generous gift will have a tremendous impact in helping a young girl rebuild her life and create a powerful future for herself and those who come after her.
Sincerely, Brooke Crowder, Founder and CEO, The Refuge

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

NEEDED

VASES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

WIDE OPENINGS(6"), PLZ

If you have "wide opening" vases that could be used for the altar flowers, the flower ministry has only one left on the shelf ...

AVAILABLE**SHIPPING BOXES****FREE**

Please put a note in the Happenings that I have numerous shipping boxes from Marilyn's move. All free if you donate something to the youth trip to the Holy Land. Sterling

SUN, JAN 19TH**BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION****9:45-10:30AM**

Jan. 19th is 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.....

JANUARY 19TH**CHOIR**

prepare for Lent & Easter - Easter is April 12th 2020	
Jan. 19th - rehearsal after second service	April 12th - Easter sing Come and Sing an Easter Praise and Sing Hosanna!
Jan. 26th - rehearsal after second service	April 19th - sing and 3:15 at The Pointe - sing Easter songs and Holy Thursday song at The Pointe
Feb. 2nd -rehearsal after second service	April 26th - off
Feb. 9th rehearsal and sing TFWS	May 3rd - I'm out with Sab so off
Feb. 16th - I'm out	May 10th - rehearsal - new music for Pentecost
Feb. 23rd - rehearsal and sing TFWS	May 17th - rehearsal
March 1st - rehearsal and sing TFWS	May 24th - rehearsal
March 8th - 22nd - I'm out with my choirs in Vietnam	May 31st - sing for Pentecost
March 29th - sing When You Prayed Beneath the Trees	
April 5th - I'm out but sing Sing Hosanna!	
April 9th - Holy Thursday - sing At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	Off for Summer come back in late September for Advent and Christmas
April 10th-Good Friday sing When You Prayed Beneath the Trees	

JANUARY 19TH**YOUTH****NEWS!**

Thank YOU ALL so much for supporting this venture to the Holy Land by the youth !!!

Continuing our efforts to send youth on Holy Lands Trip 2021 :

CPFUMC Youth are collecting gently loved cloths and household items for Savers FUNDrive <https://fundrive.savers.com/> Donated items can be left in **youth room** or youth trailer. They will be store the bags of items then take them to SAVERS where they will be paid by the pound for the items.

The..HOLY LAND TRIP meeting with details (cost/payments schedule/ itinerary/deadlines etc) being shared. ALL interested-family, friends, attended the information meeting on the 12th. To find more information go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p1E3N3zLkOjU0027YvehUogZo6kol2P-/view>

Go YOUTH!! Peace, Suzette

WED. JAN 22; 6-7:30**FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP****DANCE**

It's a New Year!!! Learn to Square Dance !! Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club is offering lessons at CPFUMC. First Lesson is Wed. Jan. 22 at 6:00p. First Lesson is FREE...

SAT JAN. 25, 9:00 AM**UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)****WEEKEND CELEBRATION**

All are invited to Wesley United Methodist Men's Day Weekend Celebration
Saturday Breakfast Speaker: Mike Denton, Travis County Court-at-Law Judge - Retired
Candidate for Travis County Attorney

SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship Service Speaker: Ralph Thompson, Rio Texas Conference Lay Leader
Delegate to United Methodist Church General Conference May 2020

ALL EVENTS will be held at: Wesley UMC ; 1164 San Bernard St, Austin, 512-478-7007

thedeskofwesley@sbcglobal.net

SUN, JAN 26TH **JIM WALLIS** **UNIVERSITY UMC**

Jim Wallis is coming to UUMC! He's on tour with his latest book, *Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus*, and he'll be stopping at UUMC on Sunday, **January 26 at 6 pm**. Jim Wallis is a nationally respected speaker, writer, teacher and activist. He's also the founding president of Sojourners. This is a great opportunity for UUMC, and I hope that you'll share this event with friends and send out lots of invitations.

SUN. JAN 26TH NOON-TUES, 28TH **TX UMW LEGISLATIVE EVENT**
FEB 5/15 **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)** **REORGANIZING SESSION**

Please Plan to attend **NEXT MEETING:** To help decide how we want to look & BE !!!.....

WED, JAN 29TH 11:30A **YOUNG @ HEART** **COMPUTER HOW TO**

Bring a salad or dessert to share and come enjoy the senior community as they learn a little more about their computer How To's & Not To's

Here are the topics that I am thinking about covering in no particular order. There are probably more than will fit into a 45-minute class, so I plan to prepare them all and let the class choose. I can cover the remaining ones in a later class:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browser Bookmarks • Dashlane and Password Management • Disk Cleanup and Optimization • Google Docs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy (Brave and DuckDuckGo) • Scams • Viruses, Malware and Virus Protection |
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, January 15th
 9:30a Membership Care
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class
THURSDAY, January 16th
FRIDAY, January 17th
 Newsletter Input Due to Jill Lundstrom
 9:00am Men coffee at Randall's Cypress Creek
 10:00a Weekly Women's Coffee
SATURDAY, January 18th

SUNDAY, January 19th
 8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages
 Revelation Study starts in Conference Rm
 10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,
 Noon Choir Practice
 Noon YES YOUTH
 3:30p Worship @ The Pointe
MONDAY, January 20th Monday Moanings for youth
 7:30-9p Centering Prayer
TUESDAY, January 21st
 9:30a Morning Worship
 10:00a Bible Study
 11:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry
WEDNESDAY, January 22nd
 1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

Mon. Jan 27th 6:30p COUNCIL | Sat, Jan 25th 1pm Spiritual Gifts Leaders Meet
 Sun Jan 26th – Tues Jan. 28th TX UMW Legislative Event | Wed, Jan 29th 11:30am Young @ Heart

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

SAT., FEB. 1 8AM-NOON **RETHINK MISSION** **OAK HILL UMC**



Mark February 1 on your calendar to gather your fellow church members and attend the **Rethink Mission** event of the Capital District United Methodist Church to be held at Oak Hill UMC , 7815 Hwy 290 West - Austin

Come hear stories about local law enforcement and non-profits on the front line of ministering to and with the homeless in the Austin area. **Chris Baker**, Executive Director of *The Other Ones Foundation (TOOF)*, will be one of our presenters. Learn more about these ministries, about how sister churches are serving this population, and how your home church can become involved. Learn more about The Other Ones Foundation at [here](#).

For an agenda and workshop listing - click [here](#). Informational flyer [here](#). Please share with and around your church!

8:00 – 8:45 am – Main Building Fellowship Hall Gather/register/breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 am Sanctuary Opening Plenary Session

Welcome – Rev. Jim Roberts, Senior Pastor Oak Hill UMC

Introduction – Rev. Teresa Welborn, D.S.

Stories from the Mission Field – Who is My Neighbor? –

The Hungry – Rev. Jon Snape, Pastor Covenant UMC –

The Homeless - Chris Baker, Executive Director, The Other Ones Foundation –

The Immigrant – Rev. Elizabeth Wright, Executive Director, Austin Region Justice for our Neighbors

Holy Communion

Sending Forth

10:00 – 10:50 am Workshop Session 1 Adult Education Building A.

Adult Education A101

Food Pantry Hospitality Rev. Jon Snape, Pastor; Nancy Bertolino & Bob Weeks- Covenant UMC

Mentoring: Akins HS Student Ministry : Sandee Setterquist - Manchaca UMC

B. Adult Education A201

Faces of the Homeless: Chris Baker, Executive Director; The Other Ones Foundation &

Drew McAngus, Deputy Constable - Travis County Precinct 3

C. Adult Education A203

Disaster Recovery – Update on Recovery Efforts Throughout Texas: Jim Balthazar -Westlake UMC

D. Adult Education A206

Immigrants Stories Rev. Elizabeth Wright, Executive Director - Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors

Partnering with Casa Marianella Revs. Jason Morris, Pastor; & Cesar Soto, Assoc. Pastor, Austin New Church

11:00 – 11:50 am Workshop Session 2 Adult Education Building A.

Adult Education A101

Seeking the Seekers Rev. Aaron Carter, Associate Pastor - Pflugerville UMC

Project Transformation Renee Purvis and Meagan Altman - Leander UMC

B. Adult Education A201

Bus Stop Ministry Abel Vega, Director of Outreach Vitality - Rio Texas Conference

A Drink of Water - Border Visits Ann Finch - Westlake UMC

C. Adult Education A203

LGBTQ Ministries – What Next? Shelley Walters - St. John's UMC

D. Adult Education A206

Cold Weather Shelter/Compass Network Jon Nelson - Oak Hill UMC

Men's Clothes Closet Bob Callison - Capital District United Methodist Men

Start with Breakfast Rev. Cathy Stone, Associate Pastor - First UMC Austin

January 2020

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

MTD

Year to Date Finances Overview		This Week's Attendance
		January 12th
Anticipated expenses	\$ 21,865.	8:30am 22(Visitors 0)
Contributions (2/4) <i>Sundays</i>)	\$ 13,212.	
Still Needed:	\$ 8,653.	10:45am
Additional Giving		83(Visitors:4)
\$2 For 20	\$ 105.	
True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow)	\$ 19.	Sunday School
Communion (MFCC)	\$ 218.	Children: 14
Building & Grounds	\$ 10.	Adults: 25
		Youth Group 5

UpComing: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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/>

FEB. 29TH 7:30-9:30 ACTS OF LOVE WINE NIGHT

Acts of Love Early Childhood Education Center, Leander, is sponsoring "Wine Night" at Bent Oak Winery; 2000 Windy Terrace STE 2B, Cedar Park, . Join them for a night of wine, music, & silent auction ..

The cost is \$50 per person and seats are limited . To register and learn more about Acts of Love, please visit: www.actsofloveceec.com

Katie Evans, Director ; 512-528-9948 katie@actschurchleander.com

VALID 1/3-1/31 ONLY DRIVE A SENIOR NORTHWEST TIFF'S TREATS

Drive a Senior Northwest has been selected to participate in a charity competition with Tiff's Treats to celebrate their 21st Anniversary. Help us win by sharing our charity code DRIVE2020 and by placing an order with Tiff's Treats. *Make sure you enter this code at checkout in the charity promotion code box each time you order!* The code will deduct a penny off each order and that's your indication that this sale has been recorded.

Ten percent of our sales using charity code DRIVE2020 throughout the entire month of January will go to Drive a Senior Northwest. The organization with the most sales at the end of January will win \$10,000!

OUR CODE: DRIVE2020 Valid 1/3-1/31 Only

More details on supporting us in this contest can be found on our Drive a Senior Northwest charity webpage.

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS ESL & GED CLASSES COMMUNITY ACTION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Registration/Orientation: Friday, Jan. 10th @ 10am A 3-hour session

Bring: Birth certificate, driver's license, government ID passport

CLASSES BEGIN: Friday, January 24th

TIDBITS

UMC NEWS AND FEATURES <https://www.umnews.org>

CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC A WORD FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

Like many elementary schools, the one my daughter attends has a school t-shirt for sale as a way of drumming up school spirit. Each year the t-shirt is designed by students who are invited to submit ideas and drawings. This year's design was a combined effort - a compilation of a few different submissions including one by my daughter. Clare's contribution was a pair of glasses capturing the year and the play on words about having 20/20 vision for the future.

I have read articles from various writers, all of whom refer to focus or vision or clarity as this new year

begins. One popular saying reads, “2019: Thanks for the lessons, 2020: Let’s do this!” Another, “In 2020 my vision will be clear.” And the silly, “The year 2020 is going to be filled with so many puns about perfect vision...I can’t wait to SEE them all.”

But at the start of this year I worry about my ability to have good vision for the future. If anything, I live with a greater sense of confusion and a lack of clarity. I think of the future and I feel pain and sadness, worry and fear. As a denomination, we have been looking towards what General Conference 2020 holds and hear recent news about a group of leaders offering a plan for separation. You can read that press release [here](#).

As I write this, I am still processing the news and have not yet read through the full report. It is clear that some secular news outlets have added to confusion by making the assumption that this agreement is a certain outcome. We know only General Conference can make such a decision. We also know that there are a wide range of responses to this recent news. Many have indicated that they are sad but hopeful. Yet others express suspicion and frustration about who was and who wasn’t in the room when the negotiations were taking place. In the midst of turmoil in the church, the world beyond the walls of our churches is reeling with its own pain. Following the U.S. assassination of a top Iranian general, we worry about what might be next and fear it will only lead to more violence.

Yes, the year ahead holds a mixture of hope and worry for most of us.

I recently heard about the release of never before published lectures by Henri Nouwen. I heard the editor Gabrielle Earnshaw interviewed and was immediately intrigued. When I learned the lectures had been compiled in a book entitled, [Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety](#), I knew I had to get the book. It wasn’t until I began reading that I realized Nouwen gave the lectures during one of the lowest and darkest seasons of his life, adding even more beauty and depth to the vulnerability and humility we find in his writings. The lectures were given in the 1980’s, but the words are just as relevant now as they were then. The reading was good company for the latter days of December, as I reflected on my own regrets and perceived failures from the past year and as I worried about all the new year might bring. Nouwen taught me once again the lessons I need to hear over and over again: that following Jesus means moving toward others, that fear pulls us away from the present, that letting go often leads to more life, that love is our calling, and that our home is in God.

As the weeks of 2020 begin to unfold, I am trying to let go of my worries about what will and what won’t happen. I am longing to be fully attentive to each day as it presents itself. And I pray I will lead with love.

Stay encouraged!, teresa

COMPARING PLANS HEADED TO GC2020

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UM News) — Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications, has updated its chart outlining denomination restructuring plans to be considered at the 2020 General Conference. The plans include the recently announced "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation."

[View chart](#)

[Diverse leaders' group offers separation plan](#)

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