

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

02/26/2020

PLEASE find ALL of the church announcements and happenings on the website: <https://cpfumc.org>

Sunday Worship times 8:30a & 10:45a

2/26 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm

If you prefer NOT to receive these Happenings each Wednesday, please reply and let us know that.



Lent: Awake and Paying Attention

“Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return.”

Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday: Great love and deep remorse of conscience, indissolubly joined in the human heart.

This year, more than ever, may Lent find us awake and paying attention.

PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

Recent Requests for Prayers:

BJ Posner on the death of her husband, Herb, last Friday

Sterling Hartman spent 3-4 hrs in the ER Sunday with a pulse of 148 bpm and a dx of atrial fib. Finally got it down below 100 bpm; on new drugs 4x/day & seeing my cardiologist tomorrow. Not sure what tomorrow holds,

Susan Griffith, Myrl McKellar's daughter, had surgery on thirteenth is finally in a regular room at hospital as family looks for a hospice care facility closer to family.

Jett Heermans, waiting for results from tests ...

Priscilla Gregory, now at Cedar Pointe Health & Wellness Suites, 1301 Cottonwood Creek Trail, CP 78613, for rehab. Please keep her, along with Bill and Terry, in your prayers. .

Marsha Venable is recovering from a stroke and about ready to return to church (*needs transportation*). Leave a message for her at 512.257.9698

Sally Johnson having more procedures on her back.

Brice, Sally Johnson's grandson, recovering from surgery for a mass behind his bladder. Prayers for his parents and their strength

Ken Thompson, friend of Gigi Heermans, having some physical & emotional issues.

Marilyn Hartman back at The Pointe!!!

Miranda Williams, Carolyn Smith's daughter, first ultra sound shows a healthy baby !!!

Susan, Sally Johnson's sister, struggling with addiction; wraps herself in prayer shawl almost daily

Trenda, Cindy Osborne's daughter, bitten several times by a student

Cynthia Triana, Ruth Gray's sister, on the death of her husband, Tony. They are in Mexico. .

Jason, nephew of a friend of Debra Longoria, accidentally shot in neck with nail from nail gun

Drew Arnold, nephew of Jane Hilton, challenged by mental illness,

Jim Lancharic, Lesley Foyt's uncle, on hospice now with the advanced cancer

John Stidolph, 20 yr old son of Rebecca, a friend of Lisa Feazell, on heart & lung support after open heart surgery a month ago; in coma;...

PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

Thanks

This year Austin Seminary is pleased to share conversations with our professors reflecting on **Our Easter Hope.** To see all videos in this Lenten series, [click here](#).

<https://www.austinseminary.edu/resources/publications/lenten-devotional>

Thanks

Perfect Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Fellowship

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards

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1606 Carriage Hills Trl
Cedar Park, 78613

Marilyn Hartman
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Cedar Park, TX 78613

Phyllis Myers
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Round Rock, TX 78681

Diann Russell
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Cedar Park, 78613

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E. Duke Squibb
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Austin TX – 78758

Myrl McKellar
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Cedar Park, TX 78613

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

FEB 28TH

“UNDERSTANDING JESUS MEANS UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM”

AMY JILL LEVINE

A Workshop with Amy-Jill Levine

February 28, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SORRY WORKSHOP IS FULL Ask Peter about it later as he is registered to attend ..

FEB 29ND SECOND SESSION ...

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

8-11AM

Thank you for filling out a survey last fall. Based on this survey, we are planning to start a 4-week series of Spiritual Gifts classes soon. Here are the dates and times we have planned:

1. **Saturday, February 22, 8-11am**, Modules 1&2, What Does God Want Me to Do with My Life?, Who Am I?
2. **Saturday, February 29, 8-11am**, Modules 3&4, What Makes Me Unique?, Unwrapping Your Gifts Package
3. **Saturday, March 7, 8-11am**, Modules 5&6, Spiritual Gifts in the Spotlight, Love Personified
4. **Saturday, March 14, 8-11am**, Modules 7&8, Your Calling, God's Vision and Your Vision Coming Together

SUN, MAR 1ST ..

UNRAVEL THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE BOOK OF REVELATION

9:45-10:30AM

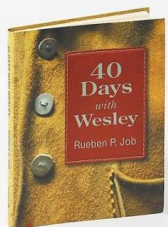
A Bible study led by Pastor Peter during the Sunday School hour in the MMB Conference Room. The guidebook is **“Breaking the Code”** by Bruce M Metzger

- John's Vision of God and the Lamb (Revelation 4:1-5:14)
- Opening the Seven Seals of God's Scroll (Revelation 6:1-8:2)
- Sounding the Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8:3-11:19)
- The Satanic Trinity: The Dragon and the Two Beasts (Revelation 12:1-14:20)
- The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (Revelation 15:1-18:24)
- The Final Victory and the Last Judgment/John's Vision of the Heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 19:1-22:21)

WED. MAR. 4TH 11:30A

FORTY DAYS WITH WESLEY

UMW READING GROUP+



Copies are still on the back table in the Sanctuary .. for (\$10)

Beginning March 4th at noon each Wednesday for 7 weeks a Brown Bag discussion of these reflections will be had in the Sanctuary ... all interested are welcome to join the weekly discussions. Sign Up & Come !!

An accessible, inviting format, this forty-day devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley, the father of Methodism . Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, scripture, a short reading, quotes from John Wesley, and a blessing to take with you through the day.

Even those new to Wesley or a daily prayer guide will find this book an easy read for reassurance & inspiration during the Lent & Easter season. Those familiar with Rueben Job's writing will be delighted to find selections of his writing from the past two decades in a new format

Rueben P. Job was a United Methodist bishop, pastor and acclaimed author and served as World Editor of The Upper Room publishing program. Best-known for the classic book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*,

DONATIONS

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

HELP

Address: 1005 Lacy Dr, Leander, TX 78641

Phone: (512) 259-0360

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed. & Fri. from 9a-12p, 1p-3p; Thursday: 9a-12p, 1p-7p ; Closed Saturday & Sunday

CP FUMC donated several pounds of groceries ...!!!!..

Last week 51 pounds This week 5 pounds

Talk to Anita Martin who is setting up a team to work at HCCM Thrift Store

Hill Country Community Ministries has 3 REALLY BIG needs..... If we cannot fill these slots with anywhere from 2-5 volunteers, we CANNOT do these programs.

1st - And probably the MOST important.... Central Texas Food Bank has offered to drop 3 pallets of FRESH produce every Tuesday here at the food pantry. We need just 3-4 people every week. from 7:30-8:30 AM.

2nd - A crew the 1st Monday of each month to unload the food truck.

3rd - HCCM Thrift Store - We NEED 2 drivers on Tuesdays.... or any day of the week for that matter...

FEBRUARY

YOUTH

NEWS!

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

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

MIDWINTER'S fun will be held on leap year! SAT. FEB 29TH-SUN, MARCH 1ST

Go YOUTH!! Peace, Suzette

FEBRUARY 23RD

CHOIR

Preparing for Lent & Easter - Easter is April 12th 2020

Short rehearsal before Ash Wednesday Service

March 1st - rehearsal and sing 2074

March 8th - I'm out with my choirs in Hawaii

March 15th - rehearsal after second service (I'll be tired fly in at 5:30 am so warning you now ☹)

March 29th - sing Angus Dei

April 5th - I'm out with school choir in OK, but sing Sing Hosanna!

April 9th - Holy Thursday - sing At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

April 10th - Good Friday sing When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

April 12th - Easter sing Come and Sing an Easter Praise & Sing Hosanna! & Quartet??

April 19th - sing & 3:15 at The Pointe - sing Easter songs and Holy Thursday song at The Pointe

April 26th - off

MAR.5TH

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

LITERACY LUNCH

Over the past few years, you have probably seen Project Transformation at Annual Conference with the interns coming out on the stage. Starting this summer, Project Transformation is coming to the Capital District this summer.

On **Thursday, March 5**, Project Transformation is sharing a Literacy Lunch at **Covenant UMC**. This is why I'm writing today, because there are people in your church who care about education.

Our time is super valuable. With Lent and Holy Week, there are new demands every day, new fires, new visitations. If you would like to talk more about Project Transformation, I would love to. Or even better, I could connect you with Mitchell Lambert, our Austin area director. If you could forward this or the link to others in your church, that would be amazing.

As well, PT hopes to grow in the Austin area over the next few years. Please come and join us for the Literacy Lunch. Please invite any laity or staff you can to hear about what is going on, learn how to help this summer, and to join us in growing PT Capital over the next few years.

You can follow this link to **RSVP Austin Partners in Transformation Luncheon Tickets, Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite** [Individual tickets \$25; Table Tickets: \$500-\$5,000]

Thank you for your friendship and ministry, Blessings, wilson Pruitt

MARCH 1ST

UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR ... United Methodist Committee On Relief

Under its original name, The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR) was founded in 1940 by the Bishop Herbert Welch in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II. In

his address at the General Conference that year, Bishop Welch stated that MCOR would serve as a “voice of conscience among Methodists to act in the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed.” This mandate remains true to this day. The organization’s name was legally changed to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at the 1972 General Conference.

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters - be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

Did YOU Know? UMCOR work is managed through the General Board of Global Ministries.

Did YOU Know? UMCOR’s recent work touched 425,046 lives in more than 30 countries?

Did YOU Know? UMCOR recently awarded \$31,529,971 in grants?

Did YOU Know? UMCOR volunteers stay until the work is done?

Did YOU Know? giving to UMCOR allows response for local and global relief?

Did YOU Know? 100% of your donation to UMCOR goes where you specify?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, February 26th Ash Wednesday

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

7pm Worship Ash Wed.

THURSDAY, February 27th

FRIDAY, February 28th

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

10:00a Weekly Women’s Coffee

SATURDAY, February 29th

Youth MidWinters !!

8-11am Spiritual Gifts Class

9am UMW Leadership Development @ St Mark UMC

ASH Wednesday Worship : 7pm Feb. 26th

SUNDAY, March 1st UMCOR Sunday

Youth MidWinters

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion

9:45a Sunday School for all ages

Revelation Study in Conference Rm

10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion

Noon **NO YOUTH @ MidWinters!!**

MONDAY, March 2nd Monday Moanings for youth

6:30pm TRUSTEES

7:30-9p Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, March 3rd

9:30a Morning Worship

10:00a Bible Study

11:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, March 4th

Noon Brown Bag Wesley Discussion

1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

LOOKING FORWARD !!

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|------|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| Sat | Feb 29 | 7:30p | AOL Wine Night Fundraiser |
| Thur | Mar 5 | Noon | Project Transformation Lunch |
| Sat | Mar 7 | 8am | Spiritual Gifts Class |
| Mon | Mar 9 | 6:30pm | FINANCE |
| Wed | Mar 11 | Noon | Brown Bag Wesley Discussion |
| Sat | Mar 14 | 8am | Spiritual Gifts Class |
| Sun | Mar 15 | Noon | No Youth |
| Sun | Mar 15 | 3:30 | Worship @ The Pointe |
| Mon | Mar 16 | 6:30pm | CHURCH COUNCIL |
| Wed | Mar 18 | 9:30 | Membership Care |

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| Wed | Mar 18 | Noon | Brown Bag Wesley Discussion |
| Fri | Mar 20 th | | Newsletter Input |
| Sun | Mar 22 | 2:30 | SPRC |
| Wed | Mar 25 | Noon | Brown Bag Wesley Discussion |
| Wed | Apr 1 st | Noon | Brown Bag Wesley Discussion |
| Thurs | Apr 2 nd | 5pm | UMW |
| Wed | Apr 8 th | Noon | Brown Bag Wesley Discussion |
| Wed | Apr 15 | Noon | Brown Bag Wesley Discussion |

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

February 2020

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

MTD

ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL CHURCH 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT.

Unless last Fall, you specifically asked for a printed copy by mail, your 2019 statement was sent out to the default email address on file.

If your statement is missing, it may be that you have changed email addresses recently or we don’t have your preferred email address.

Contact Ron King or Jane Hilton to chase down the missing statements of giving.

| Year to Date Finances Overview | | This Week's Attendance |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | February 23 |
| Anticipated expenses | \$ 21,865. | 8:30am 27(Visitors 0) |
| Contributions (4/4) <i>Sundays</i> | \$ 16,416. | |
| Still Needed: | \$ 5,449. | 10:45am 57(Visitors 2) |
| Additional Giving | | |
| \$2 For 20 | \$ 369. | |
| True Vineyards (Rwandan Widow) | \$ 150. | Sunday School |
| Communion (World Vision) | \$ 640. | Children: 14 |
| Youth / Holy Land Trip | \$ 1,1603. | Adults: 22 |
| | | Youth Group 12 |

UpComing: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

JUNE 15-19TH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30-8PM



Ready, Set, Go!

.....**Not yet.**
 We have made the first step;
 the date has been approved: **June 15 - 19, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
 The next step is getting our adult leaders gathered.
 If YOU would like to help See Carolyn Smith or Amanda Theriot

TIDBITS

ALASKA CONFERENCE SPECIAL SESSION AFFIRMS DISTRICT REQUEST

During a Special Called Session of the Alaska Conference of The United Methodist Church this weekend, members voted to dissolve their missionary conference status and become a 'mission district' within the boundaries of the **Pacific Northwest Conference**.

The decision, which still needs approval at the General Conference 2020 as well as the Western Jurisdiction Conference in July, was made after two days of holy conferencing, dreaming and worship for clergy and laity leadership.

The recommendation to do this came from the Alaska Conference Future Visions Task Force & Leadership Team. According to Leadership Team chairperson, Rev. Andy Bartel, the decision to move forward in this direction was multi-faceted.

Bartel reminded attendees of the General Board of Global Ministries' intention to cease missionary conference designation within the United States, noting that "2020 is the final year that Alaska will receive funds."

Additionally, by acting now Alaskan United Methodists would seek to retain some agency in a time of denominational duress. Defining the nature and structure of the new 'mission district' will require conversations with leaders in both the Pacific Northwest Conference and Alaska.

The Session acted upon two recommendations from the Leadership Team while also receiving a question of law pertaining to the General Conference petition.

First was a petition to the 2020 General Conference to discontinue the missionary conference status of the Alaska United Methodist Conference. The petition also asked the General Conference to honor "the authority and responsibility of the Western Jurisdiction to determine the number, names and boundaries of the annual conferences in the jurisdiction." In United Methodist polity, it is left to jurisdictions in the U.S. to define boundaries of annual conferences.

After some discussion, this petition passed with 49 for, 1 against, with 2 abstentions.

Following adoption of the first petition, lay member Lonnie Brooks asked Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky a question of law consisting of two parts. The first part was whether or not the action of the conference was

legal, and the second part was whether or not the Disciplinary exception to the normal due date for petitions (§507.6) applies to a special session of an annual conference such as was held in Alaska. The bishop's preliminary ruling was that the action is legal and that the exception clause applies to any session of an annual conference held within the specified time period, without regard to whether it is a special session or a regular session, giving the General Conference's Committee on Reference no discretion as to whether or not such a petition will be received. The bishop's decision, when finalized, will be forwarded for review by the Judicial Council when it meets just prior to General Conference.

Brooks said that it was his intent to clarify the terms upon which Alaska's petition will be received and processed by General Conference 2020. It has bearing upon how legislation is received from any Special Called Session across the denomination.

The Special Session moved on to consider the second petition requesting that the Western Jurisdictional Conference include the State of Alaska within the boundaries of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. In its rationale, the petition cited natural and cultural links between Alaska and Washington that have continued throughout the history of both conferences. Currently, they share several staff positions and episcopal supervision, crossover between ministry boards, and engage in cross-conference training.

As the petition was discussed, it was also highlighted that the 19 non-stop flights a day between Anchorage and Seattle was significantly greater than between other cities across the jurisdiction.

This petition passed with 48 for, 3 against, with 1 abstention.

"Every generation of Methodists in Alaska who came before us had to make bold and significant decisions during their time, many of which we still reap the fruits of to this day," reflected Alaska Conference Superintendent Carlo Rapanut. "Our actions today are not just for our own present need but are our generation's gift to those who come after us." Rapanut added that he hoped that these bold steps would ensure a "vital, life-giving" future for the United Methodist Christian witness in Alaska.

"I pray that the General Conference and Western Jurisdictional Conference affirm our desire to leave this lasting legacy of faithfulness."

SCJ BISHOPS URGE DELEGATES TO CONSIDER PROTOCOL FOR SEPARATION

Delegates from the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church met on Feb. 20-22 to interview candidates for bishop and discuss matters relating to the 2020 General Conference, a meeting of the denomination's top law-making body, taking place May 5-15 in Minneapolis.

A major part of the weekend was hearing about the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. Rather than explain recently released legislation for the protocol, representatives of the jurisdiction's College of Bishops focused on how and why they made the decision to support the protocol.

Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, episcopal leader of the Louisiana Annual Conference, opened the presentation by sharing about the thought process and reasoning behind the protocol.

"We recognized that this group had no authority except that the church could not continue the way it was," Harvey said. "We could not continue the harm we were doing to each other; we needed a better way."

She was joined by Rev. Junius Dotson, the chief executive of Discipleship Ministries. Both Harvey and Dotson, who were a part of the mediation process that led to the protocol, acknowledged that separation was not their ideal choice in addressing theological differences surrounding LGBTQ inclusion.

"I must tell you, that is not what I signed up for," Harvey said. "I never thought I would be in a group that would be at this point, but it became very clear that [separation] was the next step that we needed to take."

Dotson explored some financial aspects of the protocol, including the protocol's allocation of \$39 million to ensure ministries like Africa University would not be impacted by an interruption in funding during the separation process. He said the committee approached the financial implications of the protocol by examining what would be needed for new, healthy expressions of Methodism post-separation.

"We're anticipating that there will be a need for a budget reset," Dotson said. "There's a need for innovation. There's a need [to ask] how do we deliver general church ministry in the 21st century. This gives us a way and a timeframe that makes sense."

Dotson also explained that LGBTQ inclusion, regional governance structure and the process of reformation are not addressed in the proposed separation legislation. The three items were covered in Article VI of the protocol's initial agreement, but because they affect the post-separation UMC, they were not included with the separation legislation. He said those matters would be addressed by the post-separation UMC.

"The driving question behind Article VI still remains the same: how do we help each other get what we need? The only way this can happen is if we lay aside general conference thinking, which is often about exerting one's will to create a winner-take-all victory," Dotson said. "This mediation process was not about winners

or losers. It was about how we could all get to yes, and how could we help each other get what we needed? It will take an unprecedented level of cooperation and coordination, but we can get there.”

Bishop Robert Schnase, episcopal leader of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, also spoke about the protocol.

He shared how a question posed during a meeting with fellow bishops helped him see a bigger picture.

“Here’s the foundational question of the protocol: Do you fundamentally believe the witness of Christ is multiplied and expressed by two denominations who peacefully separate or by one denomination that continues conflict over LGBTQ inclusion?” he said. “It was an inventory of sorts as one by one, each bishop said, ‘two.’”

Schnase, a member of the Commission on a Way Forward, described how he came to accept the protocol as the best way for the denomination to move forward after restrictions on LGBTQ inclusion were upheld at the 2019 Special Called General Conference.

“The fundamental premise of the One Church Plan was that we can find a space to do our ministries without having to restrict each other,” Schnase said. “It still breaks my heart to think about some kind of divergence, but if there’s going to be one, I’d rather it be one that has some direction, some buy-in, with some thinking behind it from people of various perspectives.”

Schnase noted that the protocol provides a broad timeframe for clergy, churches and annual conferences to decide whether they would like to stay in the UMC or move to a new expression of Methodism that may come out of the protocol. He asked that delegates “give this plan room to breathe.”

“There’s space to live with this for a while to see if this is tolerable,” Schnase said. “[There’s time to ask,] is there room for me in this denomination? Am I still going to feel at home?”

He also asked delegates to be a non-anxious presence when discussing the protocol or General Conference, urging delegates to refrain from trying to “sabotage it with 1,000 things that absolutely must be changed.”

“When these conversations take place, you do the Body of Christ no favors by using fear as a way to create cohesion in community,” Schnase said. “That’s not the way Jesus led.”

Bishop Bob Farr, episcopal leader of the Missouri Annual Conference, closed the presentation by reminding delegates that the denomination has a long history of reorganizing into new expressions of Methodism. He urged delegates to accept living into the uncertainty of the time before the 2020 General Conference.

“I’ve been to five General Conferences, and I’ve never seen anything start the way it ends,” Farr said. “The document you have in front of you is the beginning point, and I don’t know what the end will be. I just hope we don’t pick it apart.”