

# HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

03/04/2020

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**CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR THIS WEEK**

**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 Heart Center

The heart also is the place where we know who we really are. And knowing who we really are is something wordless. Anytime I'm here in my heart with another human being, . . . "there I will be also."

## PRAYERS *for Help and Healing* :

### Recent Requests for Prayers:

Karen Bowker, having knee replacement surgery on Friday ..  
Adalid Verastegui, fell & broke hip ... came through surgery well; RR St David's #217  
Sterling Hartman spent to have afib correction at St David's RR tomorrow morning  
Susan Griffith, Myrl McKellar's daughter, in hospice care at Christopher House in Austin  
Trenda, Cindy Osborne's daughter, bitten several times , for treatment decisions- wound care or plastic surgery for remaining bites on her left leg.  
BJ Posner on the death of her husband, Herb Services Saturday, 3/21 at Lakeline Oaks at 1pm  
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 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. 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  
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, 14yr old son of Rebecca, friend of Lisa Feazell, died after open heart surgery a month ago...

## PRAYERS *of THANKS!!* :

### *Thanks*

This week, a neuroblastoma was removed from Brice's lower back. This next week, scans will be done to determine if the cancer is elsewhere. The final pathology report will also be back. Yours and the congregation's continued prayers for Brice and his family are much appreciated. Thank you, Sally Johnson

### *Thanks*

On behalf of Montopolis Friendship Community Center , thank you for your donation of \$218 in support of our ministry. Vernell Moncure, MFCC Board Chairperson

## Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards ....

Mona Cannell 1606 Carriage Hills Trl Cedar Park, 78613	Marilyn Hartman The Pointe 450 Discovery Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613	Phyllis Myers 310 Chisholm Tr. #206. Round Rock, TX 78681	Diann Russell 1503 N Woodstone Cedar Park, 78613
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Lillian Smith  
The Pointe  
450 Discovery Blvd  
Cedar Park, TX 78613

E. Duke Squibb  
Gracy Woods  
12042 Bittern Hollow  
Austin TX – 78758

Myrl McKellar  
The Pointe  
450 Discovery Blvd  
Cedar Park, TX 78613

Adalid & MaryLinda Verastegui  
The Enclave  
3405 El Saliido Pky, Cedar  
Park, 78613

**College Students**

Aaron How  
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Richardson , Tx 75080

**At Tarleton State**

Gretchen Scott  
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T-5444  
Stephenville, TX 76402

**At North Texas**

Elizabeth Talley  
1155 Union Circle  
#308640  
Denton TX 76203

**At Angelo State**

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

**At: Brigham Young**

Ethan and India How  
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Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Now Home / Alabama

Audrey Blount  
[ablount1@samford.edu](mailto:ablount1@samford.edu)

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!**

**MAR 7<sup>TH</sup> THIRD 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**

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**SUN, MAR 8<sup>TH</sup> .. UNRAVEL THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**9:45-10:30AM**

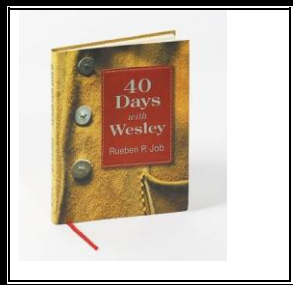
A Bible study led by Pastor Peter during the Sunday School hour in the MMB Conference Room. The guidebook is **"Breaking the Code"** by Bruce M Metzger

- 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. 4<sup>TH</sup> NOON**

**FORTY DAYS WITH WESLEY**

**UMW READING GROUP+**



Beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5 pounds This week 26 pounds (5 times the amount of last week!!)

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...**MARCH****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 !!!**Go YOUTH!! Peace, Suzette***MARCH****CHOIR**

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

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 &amp; Sing Hosanna! &amp; Quartet??

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

April 26th - off

**MAR.5<sup>TH</sup> 11:30A****PROJECT TRANSFORMATION LITERACY LUNCH****COVENANT UMC**

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 .

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.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]**At Project Transformation we believe that *transformation happens through relationships*.** This theory of change influences everything we do, including the ways we interact with each other and the children in our care. Based on this theory of change, we focus on Restorative Practices in our relationships, and in our programs. "***Restorative practices is an emerging social science that studies how to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities.***" (International Institute Thank you for your friendship and ministry**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>- SAT.****SPRING WORK DAY****9AM-NOON**

Saturday, March 28, 2020 will be the official Spring Work day this year. We will work at the church from 9am until noon that day. You can sign up for a task and perform it at your convenience. Thanks for your help getting the church ready for Easter!

**SAT. MAR. 14TH.****UNITED METHODIST WOMEN****ST JOHN UMC****Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> first Unit Gathering/All Circles** – 9:30 to 11:30 AM -- Breakfast served, Great Hall.***Program: God's Creation: Environmental Program with plant swap!***Please bring seeds and plants to swap for our fun exchange during the first part of the unit meeting. **Lynn and Cathy Barton** will share information relating to **Climate Change and Climate Justice**. They have designed a liturgy which involves prayer, singing, sharing and a plan of action. **Bernadine Eaton**, went to

Antarctica with the Bartons and will also share her thoughts. There will be some slides of **Antarctica and Argentina**, as well. **Don't forget your seeds and plants to share!**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### WEDNESDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Noon Brown Bag Wesley Discussion  
1:00p NO Easy Line Dancing Class

#### THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Noon Project Transformation Lunch

#### FRIDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

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

#### SATURDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>

8-11am Spiritual Gifts Class

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#### SUNDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate, Communion  
9:45a Sunday School for all ages  
Revelation Study in Conference Rm  
10:45a WORSHIP, Come, Celebrate,  
Noon YOUTH!

#### MONDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday Moanings for youth  
6:30pm FINANCE  
7:30-9p Centering Prayer

#### TUESDAY, March 10<sup>th</sup>

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

#### WEDNESDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Noon Brown Bag Wesley Discussion  
1:00p Easy Line Dancing Class

### LOOKING FORWARD !!

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
Wed	Mar 18	Noon	Brown Bag Wesley Discussion
Fri	Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>		Newsletter Input

Sun	Mar 22	2:30	SPRC
Wed	Mar 25	Noon	Brown Bag Wesley Discussion
Wed	Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Noon	Brown Bag Wesley Discussion
Thurs	Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm	UMW
Wed	Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Brown Bag Wesley Discussion
Wed	Apr 15	Noon	Brown Bag Wesley Discussion

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

### UpComing: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

JUNE 15-19<sup>TH</sup>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

6:30-8PM



**Ready, Set, Go!**

.....**Not yet.**

If YOU would like to help See Carolyn Smith or Amanda Theriot  
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.

### TIDBITS

NEWS & FEATURES

FROM THE UMC

<https://www.umnews.org/>

#### Tennessee tornadoes take lives, damage churches

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UM News) — Three area United Methodist churches — East End and Braden Memorial in East Nashville and Dobson Chapel in Hermitage — were heavily damaged by one of the tornadoes that swept parts of the state early on March 3, resulting in at least 25 deaths. A report from the UM News staff.  
[Read story](#) [Read Bishop McAlilly's statement](#)

#### Missouri Conference: Program for unwed mothers expands

COLUMBIA, Mo. — A ministry to help unwed mothers has expanded from one to four churches since being founded in 2006 at Buckner United Methodist Church. The Baby Grace program gives away supplies such as diapers and clothing, and also develops supportive relationships with clients.  
[Read story](#) [Read about Baby Grace Camp](#)

### **Florida Conference** *Pastor-lawyer helps immigrants*

MIAMI — The Rev. Janet Horman is a pastor and an immigration lawyer. For now she's concentrating on her legal career as the director of Florida Justice For Our Neighbors. The United Methodist immigration ministry provides free or low-cost legal service to immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Ed Scott has the story.

[Read story](#)

### **South Carolina Conference:** *UMW legislative day tackles variety of issues*

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Attendees at the South Carolina United Methodist Women's annual Legislative Advocacy Day heard about a number of issues, including education reform, voter rights and the economics of poverty, but one of the most compelling may have been Jerry Blassingame's talk on mass incarceration. Raised in a broken home after his mother was murdered, Blassingame found himself in prison for selling drugs until a visit from a United Methodist pastor changed his life. Now he runs a nonprofit helping ex-prisoners. Jessica Brodie reports.

[Read story](#)

## **LOCAL CHURCH OPTIONS UNDER SEPARATION PLANS**

Delegates joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," overwhelmingly agreeing to stay together after a tumultuous 10 days of debates and demonstrations at the [2004 United Methodist General Conference](#). Unity was the word at the end of the denomination's top lawmaking assembly in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. But all the talk before the 2020 General Conference in Minneapolis May 5-15 is about dividing up the church. Delegates will look at several proposals that split the church along traditional, progressive and centrist lines, with differing policies on LGBTQ clergy and same-sex marriage.

United Methodists are talking about a split after the special 2019 General Conference did not resolve the church's long-simmering debate over homosexuality. Delegates, by a 53% vote, adopted the Traditional Plan that strengthened LGBTQ restrictions, but that plan [has faced increasing resistance](#) in many parts of the church in the United States and western Europe.

What does it mean for local churches if the denomination separates after May 2020?

Under any of the plans before the assembly, local churches would need to vote only if they disagree with the alignment chosen by their annual conference. So, if a conference chooses to leave The United Methodist Church and a local church wants to stay, that church would have to vote.

Three of the plans — the [Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation](#); [New Denominations of United Methodism \(Indianapolis Plan\)](#); and [Next Generation UMC \(UMCNEXT Plan\)](#) — all have similar procedures for local churches, although the plans vary on details, such as whether a simple majority or two-thirds majority is required for a church to leave. Developers of the New Denominations and Next Generation have said they now support the protocol.

[New Expressions Worldwide](#) (UM Forward) dissolves The United Methodist Church and forms four new global denominations, then sets up a Transitional Council that would draft the details of separation. But again, local churches would have to vote only if they want to choose a different denomination from their annual conference.

"This is a super sad time," said the Rev. James Howell, senior pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a 2020 General Conference delegate.

Howell describes his church as a big-tent United Methodist church that has people from all sides of the issue worshipping together. Howell had initially thought his church wouldn't need to take a vote if the protocol passed.

"I've said to our people, the beauty of it is we don't have to choose," he said. However, if the conference decides to go with the traditionalist denomination, Howell said his church would vote on leaving the conference.

Some U.S. churches have already spelled out their plans.

Oak Hill United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas, voted 24-1 for a resolution affirming they will stay with The United Methodist Church and work for the full inclusion of LGBTQ people.

"Oak Hill United Methodist Church believes the passage of the Traditional Plan caused harm to a part of our community whose only desire is to worship God. ... [W]e affirm that all people are beloved children of God," the church said in a Feb. 18 press release.

Margie Briggs, lay minister of two small rural congregations in Missouri, said her churches are dedicated to continuing to serve the community.

“We have never asked for any information from community folks or guests,” she said. “We welcome them as children of God, and they are going to continue to do the same thing after General Conference.”

If General Conference approves the protocol, U.S. local churches that want to realign can begin voting by late summer of this year. They don't have to wait for the annual conference to vote, although a church might avoid a vote by waiting to see what the annual conference does. If the conference aligns with the Methodist denomination that the church wants, no vote would be needed.

What does the church do to call a vote?

Under the protocol, the church council would decide whether to call for a vote and then make that request to the district superintendent. The superintendent would be required to call such a meeting within 60 days of the request. Then the decision would be made by a vote of all professing members who are at the meeting.

Church leadership will decide if a simple majority or two-thirds vote is needed. The local church may choose a different denomination than that of its annual conference and retain property, assets and liabilities. If a local church votes to align with a new denomination, it must maintain connectional responsibilities until separation — continue to pay apportionments, pension, health benefits and other costs.

If a local church aligns with a new Methodist denomination, the earliest they would move would be Jan. 1, 2021. However, local churches have until Dec. 24, 2024, to take a vote on aligning with a new denomination.

[Under the New Denominations plan](#), local churches that disagree with their annual conference's alignment may — by a simple majority vote of professing members present at a regular or called charge or church conference — choose to align differently. Or a church can join with 50 or more other local churches in forming another denomination of Methodism. Churches not taking a vote remain in their annual conference under whatever alignment the conference has chosen.

[Next Generation UMC](#) states that if the council of a local church determines that if a church wishes to consider ending its relationship with The United Methodist Church, the council should submit a request to the district superintendent. Within 30 days after receiving the request, the superintendent must call for a church conference.

The decision to end the local church's relationship with The United Methodist Church must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the professing members of the local church present and voting at the church conference. The local church retains its property and cannot be required to pay more than 12 months of apportionments.

New Expressions Worldwide sets up traditionalist, moderate, progressive and liberation Methodist churches. If this plan is passed, a separation plan would be presented to a special General Conference occurring before 2024.

Under this plan, local churches disagreeing with their annual conference's decision could decide by a two-thirds majority vote of a church conference to align with a different denomination. All local church assets and liabilities would be retained by that local church.

The [process of separation in the central conferences](#) in Africa, Europe and the Philippines is different from that in the United States under the protocol. Local churches in the central conferences can't vote until both the central conference body, for example the Africa Central Conference, and the annual conference have voted on what new denomination to align with.

A local church automatically stays with the annual conference, unless the church disagrees with the conference alignment. In that case, the church can vote to align with a different body, and the process is similar to that for the U.S., with church leadership deciding whether to require a simple majority vote or a two-thirds vote to align differently than the annual conference.

Next Generation UMC, New Expressions Worldwide and New Denominations would have local churches in Africa, Europe and the Philippines follow the same procedures as U.S. churches if they disagree with the choice of their annual conference.

The 2019 General Conference added a new paragraph to the denomination's lawbook on [“Disaffiliation of Local Churches Over Issues Related to Human Sexuality.”](#) The legislation allows congregations, with limitations, to leave the denomination while keeping church property.

Some churches have already left the denomination under that legislation, even though the legislation will be reviewed by the Judicial Council, the denomination's top court, at its April 29-May 2 meeting. The Council of Bishops asked the court to determine if [questions about improper voting invalidated that petition](#).

The bottom line is no one wants to be the quitter, Howell said. “It feels like failure, breaking up with some people I love and wanted to be in church with,” Howell said.