

# HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

03/18/2020

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

**ALL Sunday Worship & Other Church Activities have been canceled through April 2020**

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

## **LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY SERVICES**

*Beginning this Sunday, March 22, CPFUMC will begin live streaming our worship service at 10am on our Facebook page.*

*( <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CedarParkFUMC/posts/> )*

*For the safety of everyone, we are suspending onsite services from now through April.*

*Please stay home and plan to join us each Sunday morning, live at 10:00 am on our Facebook page ....*

**Our campus is CLOSED** for all onsite events until further notice.



**“Comfort, comfort my people! says your God.” - Isaiah 40:1**

The Beloved is our refuge and strength, a Loving Presence in times of trouble.

Therefore we need not fear though the earth should change;

There is a river whose streams make glad the Holy City,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

The Beloved is in the midst of it, it shall not be moved;

Our loving Creator is an ever-present help.

The Beloved is ever with you, the infinite Heart of Love.

“Be still and know that I am Love.

Awaken! Befriend justice and mercy; Do you not know you bear my Love?

Who among you will respond?

O Blessed One, You know all hearts, You are ever with us;

may Love ever guide our lives!

- Psalm 46 (selected verses; translation by Nan C. Merrill)

## **PRAYERS** *for Help and Healing* :

### **Recent Requests for Prayers:**

For patience and understanding ...

Sue Beall, Par's sister-in-law, is in rehab after a serious bout with her COPD

BJ Posner on the death of her husband, Herb Services at Lakeline Oaks postponed

Karen Bowker, had knee replacement surgery was in church last Sunday !!!!..

Adalid Verastegui, fell & broke hip ... came through surgery well; RR St David's #217 Going home Saturday

Sterling Hartman s heart now beating with a good rhythm ....

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.

Jett Heermans, waiting for results from tests ...

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, a friend of Lisa Fezell, has died after open heart surgery a month ago...

**PRAYERS of THANKS!! :**

**Thanks** Grocery store workers over extended;

**Thanks** ... all medical personnel .....

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

Please remember to contact these folks this week with cards, calls, notes of some kind. Those in care facilities are NOT currently able to have visitors so are needing a little extra TLC.....

Also: Priscilla Gregory, now at Cedar Pointe Health & Wellness Suites Rm 203, 1301 Cottonwood Creek Trail, CP 78613, for rehab. Please keep her, along with Bill and Terry, in your prayers. .

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| Mona Cannell<br>1606 Carriage Hills Trl<br>Cedar Park, 78613 | Marilyn Hartman<br>The Pointe<br>450 Discovery Blvd<br>Cedar Park, TX 78613 | Phyllis Myers<br>310 Chisholm Tr. #206.<br>Round Rock, TX 78681 | Diann Russell<br>1503 N Woodstone<br>Cedar Park, 78613 |
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| Lillian Smith<br>The Pointe<br>450 Discovery Blvd<br>Cedar Park, TX 78613 | E. Duke Squibb<br>Gracy Woods<br>12042 Bittern Hollow<br>Austin TX – 78758 | Myrl McKellar<br>The Pointe<br>450 Discovery Blvd<br>Cedar Park, TX 78613<br>512.966.3063 | Adalid & MaryLinda Verastegui<br>The Enclave<br>3405 El Saliido Pky, Cedar<br>Park, 78613<br>512.909.4975 |
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| <b>College Students</b>  | <b>At Tarleton State</b>  | <b>At North Texas</b>   | <b>At Angelo State</b>  |
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| Aaron How<br>2242 Flat Creek Dr.<br>Richardson , Tx 75080                                | Gretchen Scott<br>1333 W Washington<br>T-5444<br>Stephenville, TX 76402                               | Elizabeth Talley<br>1155 Union Circle<br>#308640<br>Denton TX 76203 | Will Talley<br>1818 S Lincoln St Apt 54E<br>San Angelo Tx 76901 |
| <b>At: Brigham Young</b><br>Ethan and India How<br>158 W 700 N<br>Spanish Fork, UT 84660 | Now Home / Alabama<br>Audrey Blount<br><a href="mailto:ablount1@samford.edu">ablount1@samford.edu</a> |   |   |

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!**

**WORSHIP WHILE WE ARE SUSPENDED**

**(A) Worship Services by Live Streaming**

Worship services inside our church building are suspended effective immediately subject to re-evaluation on April 20, 2020.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 am beginning March 22, 2020 online

We are planning to live stream our future worship services at our **CPFUMC Facebook page**.

If you cannot make the live streaming event, we are planning to save a video recording of the service and have it available for viewing on our **Facebook page**.

On Sundays at 10:00 AM

- Scroll down the **Facebook** page until you come to a section called **Posts.**,
- Click the Play arrow over the still video image to join the live stream in progress.

After worship services are over, a recorded video will be available for viewing

- on our Facebook page and also
- on our church website at **<https://cpfumc.org/find-out-whats-happening#livestreamingvideos>** .

**(B) Coming SOON by Video Conferencing**

Sunday School  
 Church Committee & Group Meetings  
 Classes; Lectionary, Prayer group

**"AT YOUR CONVENIENCE"**

**SPRING WORK DAY 2020**

**SAT. MAR. 28<sup>TH</sup> CANCELLED**

The "official" Work Day, Saturday, March 28, has been **cancelled** but you can sign-up and perform one or more tasks at a time which is convenient to you. Thanks for helping care for and maintain our church home and yard!

The Trustees of CPFUMC are responsible for helping the congregation to care and maintain the property that God has given us, our buildings and grounds. Twice a year the Trustees sponsor a Work Day to focus on those areas needing attention. As a member or friend of the CPFUMC congregation you are invited to help out in any way that you can. We have a list of approximately 40 tasks.

The **Spring 2020 Work Day task list** is available for signup in the hallway of the Sanctuary building and also online at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BBZYGwHtQHEuWkhfzquwL8z4Aj5d35JRtWXSqDZe4/edit?usp=sharing>

**APRIL 6TH**

**BACKPACKS FOR WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY**

**THANK YOU!!!**

**Suspended until school resumes at Whitestone Elementary....April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**EACH WEEK:** We prepare 6 backpacks

The shelves are **"Perilously low"** on all items,

**REMEMBER Needed Weekly:**

**12 Breakfasts** Cereal, fruit, milk

**12 Lunches & 12 Dinners** : Mac n Cheese, Ravioli, Cup a Soup; Milk, fruit, veggies,

**24 Snacks** Granola bars, fruit snacks, cheese crackers, Kid friendly snacks

No backpacks prepared for March 20<sup>th</sup> since it is Spring Break .... Gives us a little time to restock the shelves !!!

**ZOOM SOON !**

**UNRAVEL THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**Watch that Soon this class will continue via Zoom on your phone or computer ....**

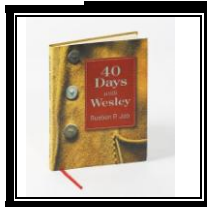
A Bible study led by Pastor Peter during the Sunday School hour in the MMB Conference Room. The guidebook is **"Breaking the Code"** by Bruce M Metzger

- 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)

**ZOOM SOON !**

**FORTY DAYS WITH WESLEY**

**Watch that Soon this class will continue via Zoom on your phone or computer ....**



Three books still available ... If you would like one let us know and we will deliver it to you.

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

**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 ...!!!!!!*

Our donations this week were only 5 pounds. Apparently this will be the last we will be able to donate for the foreseeable future. Thanks, Bob

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

**MARCH**

**YOUTH**

**NEWS!**

**Thank YOU ALL so much for supporting the youth in this venture to the Holy Land and all their projects !!!**

Go YOUTH!! Peace, Suzette

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELED

WEDNESDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup>

THURSDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Newsletter Input due to Jill

SATURDAY, March 21<sup>st</sup>

SUNDAY, March 22<sup>ND</sup>

10:00a WORSHIP, Live Stream on Facebook Page  
Please remain at home and join us digitally on our  
Facebook page: \*\*\*

Noon YOUTH!

MONDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday Moanings for youth

TUESDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>

WEDNESDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>

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( <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CedarParkFUMC/posts/> )  
If you are not able to join us during the Facebook Live stream, you can watch/listen later on  
Facebook or on the website .

## LOOKING FORWARD !!

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

March 2020

INFORMATION ON CHURCH VITALITY!

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## I GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

Cedar Park FUMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online!

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up one-time or automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at <https://cpfumc.org/>
- 2) Click on the Donate tab
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button,
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Cedar Park FUMC now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. [The blue square at the top of the page will show the Donate tab ]

## CHURCH MORTGAGE REFINANCED

Our church has a mortgage with the Texas Methodist Foundation (TMF). As of February 29, 2020, our mortgage principal balance was \$332,725 and we make a monthly payment of \$2,920 at an interest rate of 4.5%. The payoff date for this loan is in August 2035. The terms of our current mortgage include a provision that resets the interest rate every 5 years to a value equal to the current Wall Street Journal prime interest rate plus 1.25%. The next 5-year reset date is September 7, 2020.

Due to generous contributions from church members over the last 5 years, we have been able to pay down the principal of this loan at a rate greater than the normal monthly payment of \$2,920. During a recent meeting with a representative of TMF, we discovered that we can refinance our mortgage to reduce our monthly mortgage payment and still pay off the loan in August 2035.

After considering several refinance options provided by TMF, the Finance Committee has agreed to apply to refinance our mortgage loan at an interest rate of 4.25% subject to reset every 3 years at the then current Wall Street Journal prime interest rate. This refinancing resolution has been signed and sent to TMF. It is expected to reduce our monthly payment to approximately \$2,480, a monthly savings of about \$440. Yea!

**UpComing: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**6:30-8PM**



**Ready, Set, Go!**

**MEGA Sports VBS needs YOU!**

**June 15 – 19, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Calling all adults onto the field to help make this year great.  
Please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary.  
We cannot be winners without you.

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

**DEAR CHURCHES**

**PROJECT TRANSFORMATION**

As communities around the country take necessary actions to respond to the COVID-19 virus based on local and national authorities, we hope that your staff and congregation are well as you too respond.

As many colleges and universities have either cancelled the rest of the semester or suspended classes and are using on-line learning, our Young Adults are in our hearts and minds as their academic schedule is uncertain.

We want to offer a **few suggestions to assist** your college students and Project Transformation.

Many college students including PT alumni depend on college housing and food and work study. Please be prepared to help and support displaced young people with necessities as well as potentially internet and computer needs for any who need on-line learning help as many schools shift to online coursework.

Finally, we need your help recruiting PT interns for this summer because limiting our access to colleges at the time we normally hire the most students is problematic. Will you please reach out to the young adults from your church and encourage them to serve at Project Transformation this summer? We know that children in Austin, San Antonio, and the Rio Grande Valley will need more PT Summer Camp than ever this summer.  
Thank you!

**FREE THE PATH OF HOPE: A STUDY ON CLIMATE ACTION FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES**

Bee Moorhead is excited to announce the release of **Texas Impact's** new climate change study guide for faith communities! **The Path of Hope: A Study on Climate Action for Faith Communities** is a small group, discussion-based series that leads even first-time climate advocates into powerful climate policy action.

Special thanks to Trish Merrill and University United Methodist Church of Austin, and Mel Caraway and Grace Avenue United Methodist Church of Frisco, for piloting the study and helping us get it right.

**For any Sunday school or other small group itching to “take action” on climate justice, this study is your one-stop shop!**

**The study includes:** - (!) four 15-minute videos (2) discussion guide and meeting template (3) recommended advocacy projects and action planner (4) additional video and written resources

The study is **designed** to be used in four 1-hour sessions, including video viewing times, but the content is highly flexible and easily customizable. Group leaders will appreciate the study's helpful guidance on structuring discussions around tough topics, and ready-to-implement advocacy actions that include practical checklists and printable templates.

**The Path of Hope** is responsive to people of faith who want to move from personal environmental stewardship to climate policy advocacy. The videos clarify the often-obscure language of global climate policy, and demonstrate the critical need for strong US climate leadership—especially headed into COP26, the global climate negotiations set for November 2020 in Glasgow, Scotland.

**The Path of Hope** is available **FREE of charge** at [thepathofhope.org](http://thepathofhope.org). Participants must register a user account to access the study content. **READ MORE**

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CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC NEWS

As the news about Covid-19 continues to unfold, our prayers for the faith communities we serve and indeed for the whole wide world continue. Bishop Schnase has recently shared a word through video. Many of you have already seen this on social media and can access it [here](#).

I strongly encourage you to continue following the guidelines our medical professionals and community and government officials are giving us. While this does mean a drastic change for Sunday mornings, we remember that finding alternate ways to worship than in person saves lives.

I continue to give thanks for the many clergy, staff and lay volunteers who are showing great effort and creativity as we continue to be the body of Christ. In the midst of this wilderness season, there are a great number of 'good news!' stories to share of how God is using you to extend love and hope. I have shared a couple of these stories below in this newsletter as various churches and ministries continue to adapt.

Like many others in our world, we as clergy and members in The United Methodist Church live with a great number of questions about what this means for our work and churches. Some of you are already gathering with one another to discern and share ideas and best practices. As I have shared before, one of our greatest resources is the gift of each other. Continue to reach out to one another for conversation and support and know that I am here as well. I will continue to stay in conversation with my colleagues on the cabinet and will alert you of any updates and new learnings. Also, below are several links to a variety of resources.

**God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!** *By Teresa Welborn,*

As news about the coronavirus continued to unfold, I learned a lot.

I learned there are many prayers to pray and songs to sing while washing my hands thoroughly for 20 seconds.

I learned I touch my face too much.

I learned some people buy more toilet paper than they need.

I learned a new phrase - social distancing. I learned it saves lives.

I learned - through many conversations this week - how hard it is for a local church pastor to make the decision to not have in person Sunday morning worship services.

I learned how courageous pastors are in trying new and creative ways to tend to their communities.

Livestreaming and Facebook live for the first time; a YouTube channel quickly assembled.

I learned how generous church members are in giving their time and talent for the development of worship experiences online.

I learned that - because of everyone's hard, creative work - I could worship with literally dozens of churches throughout the day. In my yoga pants.

I learned that when not going out for a few days I tend to wear the same comfortable yoga pants for a long, long time. And I haven't done much actual yoga.

I pray in this time that feels heavy and bizarre, we will continue to learn together and open ourselves to all God desires to reveal to us.

It is no small thing to ponder what it means to be going through all of this during the Lenten season. We have entered a wilderness not of our own choosing where we are called to rely not on our own power to save ourselves but on God alone who invites us to a glorious and new resurrection life. As Sister Joan Chittister writes, "Lent is a growing season. It requires us to determine what is worth dying for in our own lives and what it may be necessary for us to become if we want to live."

I believe that in the months and years ahead, we will reflect back with greater perspective on all we learned during this season.

For now, hold fast to the knowledge that God is with you. We are not alone! Thanks be to God!

And if there was ever a time for us to be gentle with one another, it is now. Many in our churches and community will know God is with them because of a phone call, a handwritten note, a gesture of kindness. As we practice social distancing, may we deepen our practices of caring for one another in ways new and old. As Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky recently said, "Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise." Stay encouraged! , Teresa