

# HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

03/25/2020

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 Sunday, March 22, CPFUMC will be 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;*

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

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

*“Be still and know that I am Love.*

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

*may Love ever guide our lives!*

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

## **For YOU**

## **A Message from Pastor Peter**

As your pastor, I want to be here for you. If you need me, call or text me (512-965-7747) or send me an email (Peter@cpfumc.org). We are all in God's hands, and with God's help we're going to make it, especially if we journey through the wilderness together.

### **ZOOM WITH US!**

Since we are sheltered in place for a while, CPFUMC has begun using Zoom videoconferencing for many activities.

For instance, on **Sundays** at 1pm Pastor Peter is leading a study of the book of Revelation via Zoom.

On **Tuesdays**, there's a prayer service at 9:30am and a Bible study at 10am, both of which are conducted using Zoom.

On **Wednesdays**, many of us are gathering via Zoom at noon to discuss the past week's meditations from Reuben Job's book 40 Days with Wesley – a lovely little book which features a devotional meditation for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Please consider joining us for any or all of these events. If you're interested, **email** Pastor Peter **Peter@cpfumc.org**, and he can help you get ready to ZOOM!!

*Wash your hands. Practice kindness. Stay safe.*

*God's Peace be with you, Peter*

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

Please remember to contact these folks these weeks 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.....

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

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

For patience and understanding ...

For 67 persons "gathering distantly" for worship at CPFUMC last Sunday ...

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 is doing well but not yet dancing !!!!..

Adalid Verastegui, fell & broke hip ... came through surgery well; came home Saturday

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

Myrl McKellar's, daughter, Susan Griffith, died last Friday at Christopher House in Austin

Trenda, Cindy Osborne's daughter, still recovering from surgeries due to being bitten

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.

All of those hurting in so many ways .....

## **HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!**

### **WORSHIP**

### **WHILE WE ARE SUSPENDED**

### **MEETINGS**

#### **(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>** .

Based on feedback received so far, those listening on a **smartphone** should consider using earbuds or put their phone in speaker-phone mode if they cannot hear the service very well.

Those listening on a laptop or desktop computer should ensure that their sound is turned up using the sound controls in their computer operating system. See here for Windows 10 instructions.

We are also making improvements by using a wireless mic and moving the camera closer for the Children's Sermon.

## **(B) Meetings/Classes by Video Conferencing**

We now have a CPFUMC videoconferencing account with Zoom which allows up to 100 participants for a meeting of up to 24 hours. However, we cannot have simultaneous classes, so we might have to stagger Sunday School video conference class times.

Or, if you wish to use a free, personal Zoom account, you can have up to 100 participants, but only a 40-minute class. We started several Sunday School classes by Zoom on March 22nd. Contact your Sunday School teacher/leader to get your invitation by email.

Here is a quick, 69-second Zoom video tutorial:

Joining a Meeting. <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

For those hosting meetings or classes, check out the **Zoom Video Tutorials**, a collection of short training videos.

### **Sunday School Classes by Zoom Video Conferencing**

Sunday school classes in the church buildings are also suspended.

We plan to conduct Sunday School classes by Zoom video conferencing. The leader/teacher of the class will send an email to all class participants (or their parents in the case of children) with an invitation to join the class by video conference or audio-only call in.

Contact your Sunday School class leader/teacher by email to ensure that your email address is on their list to invite to the Sunday School class video conference.

### **Church Committee & Group Meetings & Classes by Zoom Video Conferencing**

In-person committee meetings, group meetings and classes at the church are suspended.

We plan to conduct church committee/group meetings by Zoom video conferencing.

The leader of the committee/group/class will send you an email with an invitation to join the committee/group/class meeting by video conference or audio-only call in.

Contact your committee chairperson or group leader by email to ensure that your email address is on their list to invite to the video conference meeting.

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For help with assessing or upgrading your home computer for video conferencing, read the short article we have prepared.

## **(C) Offerings and Pledges – Online Giving, Mobile Giving and Snail Mail**

Since we won't be passing the offering plate on Sundays for a while, we have a several options for online and electronic giving:

The church website Donation page is a convenient place to make a one-time or recurring donation online using your checking or savings account, or a debit or credit card. We have an article with some helpful details about how to make an online donation using the website.

You can set up your personal checking account bill-paying feature to make one-time or recurring electronic payments to the church in the same way that you make electronic payments for your utilities (water, gas, sewer, electricity) and mortgage. We have written a short article explaining how to do this with an example. Most banks have a smartphone app, so you can even do this on your mobile device.

Speaking of mobile devices, if you prefer to make online donations with your smartphone, we have a [GivePlus](#) app for that!

Here's a short video that explains how it works. [https://cpfumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Vanco\\_GivePlus\\_Church\\_How\\_it\\_Works.pdf](https://cpfumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Vanco_GivePlus_Church_How_it_Works.pdf)

You can also use the good old reliable US mail to send a check to Cedar Park First UMC, 600 West Park St, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

## **(D) Church Office**

The church office is closed through April, subject to re-evaluation on April 20, 2020.

## **(E) Building Use by Outside Groups**

Our campus is CLOSED until further notice. All scheduled events which use our facilities have been cancelled.

## **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions, please let us know by email or call the church office at 512-335-9540.

Hint: All of this information is also explained on our website.

I found it easiest on Sunday Morning for worship to go to the website: <https://cpfumc.org> where I found these two links: [Download Livestream Worship Bulletin](#) & [Link to Livestream Worship Service](#) They took me right where I wanted to go to enjoy worship with my community.

### NEEDED FACE MASKS Something to do while quarantined

This request has been made by Pam Castles, RN. A Wesley Nurse working out of Life In The City UMC, 205 E Monroe St | Austin, TX 78704

Our homeless neighbors are so vulnerable during this pandemic. Let's get our sewing machines and /or glue sticks busy to protect them. See below..,

*Please forward to crafters you know...*

#### How to make a DIY reusable fabric face mask (with filter)

Here's a tutorial for a mask. You can hand sew or use glue stick and iron (glue washes off so can't throw in machine) <https://youtu.be/tDt02kUpP9Q>

#### **HINTS found in the comments after the tutorial:**

*The dimensions of the fabric are: Adults: 200mm x 400mm / 8" x 16" Children / Teenagers: We suggest 160mm (width) by 365mm (length) ( 6" x 14")*

If you can't find twist ties, you may use pipe cleaners, which are available in most art & craft supply stores. Please download the template from this page: <http://xobonmag.com/project/fabric-face-mask/>

#### *Something to do while quarantined ??*

### "AT YOUR CONVENIENCE" SPRING WORK DAY 2020 SAT. MAR. 28TH 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/1BBZYGwHtQHEuWkhfqzuwL8z4Ajj5d35JRtWXSqDZe4/edit?usp=sharing>

### FOUND IN OUTDOOR SANCTUARY



While Jane Howard was doing some of her Work Day assignments alone out in the Outdoor Sanctuary Garden, she gasped and her heart did a flip flop when she was chopping back the muhly grass.

This little guy had been lodged in the fronds and fell down to the flower bed as she was cutting. She was sure that some desert lizard had relocated to Texas, but no, it is a toy. (Whew!) Someone may be missing this little green friend.

It will be in the church office on the first desk on the left - keep that in mind for when we can open fully again.

He has probably waited all winter for someone to retrieve him, so he can wait a little longer for his friend to come pick him up.

Regards,jane