

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

05/27/2020

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

ALL Sunday Worship & Other OnSite Activities have been canceled through June 2020

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship at 10am

ALL may be found posted on our Facebook page.

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

Links on our website homepage for the Sunday Service AND the Sunday Bulletin

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.

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

On ***Pentecost Sunday***, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in [Acts 2](#) describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the [birthday of the Christian church](#).

The word [Pentecost](#) comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Celebrate Pentecost wear Red and eat Birthday Cake ! & Expect the Holy Spirit !!!....

Recent Requests for Prayers: PRAYERS for Help and Healing :

For patience and understanding ...

Gratitude for all essential workers who are risking their lives for us.

Prayers for all who are battling COVID-19 and the families of those who have lost loved ones.

Pat Sowder, sister-in-law Neta Sowder, with stage 4 cancer, on Hospice Care nearing her end.

Carolyn Smith Miranda has an estimated return date the week of June 28 - waiting for her plane ticket to confirm date

Carolyn Smith, It's a girl !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thankful that Priscilla Gregory is walking with a walker !!!! Will soon be dancing

Margaret McClintock We ask you to give comfort and be with those who are Suffering in the shut down with people who are abusive. Keep them safe.

Sue Sidney's cousin Debbie Ozolins will be starting radiation for breast cancer ...

Martha Orr, My friend Kathy died of her brain cancer please pray for her family

Karen Bowker Healing for brother-in-law Bill who had knee replacement

Debra Longoria Prayers for David he is going back to the hospital to join the front lines and that he may be safe. Sarah has AP test Tuesday. Safe travels for John coming home Wednesday for his birthday on Saturday.

Karen Goodman Enjoying visiting family in Georgia and traveling home safely

Glenda Morrison. Tarren her son-in-law as he is still deployed and testing Others for the virus. Pray for Jamie who is holding down the family fort.

Please RE-MEMBER with prayers and cards and calls

Please remember to contact these folks and others

during 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.....

Mona Cannell 1606 Carriage Hills Trl Cedar Park, 78613	Marilyn Hartman The Pointe 450 Discovery Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613	Cynthia Lawrence Highland Estates Rm 134 1500 Lakeline Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613 737.843. 7011 (new!!)	Myrl McKellar The Pointe 450 Discovery Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613 512.966.3063 myrlpointe@yahoo.com
Phyllis Myers 310 Chisholm Tr. #206. Round Rock, TX 78681	Diann Russell 1503 N Woodstone Cedar Park, 78613 512.496.8794 dhjr99@yahoo.com	Lillian Smith The Pointe 450 Discovery Blvd Cedar Park, TX 78613	E. Duke Squibb Gracy Woods 12042 Bittern Hollow Austin TX – 78758
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Celebrations

<https://cpfumc.org>

UPDATE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Members,

The trustees' special task force has been working on **guidelines** to determine what is required for the church to re-open. After much discussion, we as the council felt we are not prepared to re-open at this time. You will soon receive an **email survey** that we encourage you to complete letting us know how you feel about re-opening the church. This survey will ask questions such as if you are ready to re-open, will you follow guidelines to keep all safe, and other such things.

CPFUMC Re-Opening Survey CPFUMC would like to hear from you regarding Re-Opening the Church. Please click the link below or copy and paste it in your browser search and submit your answers.

<https://us13.list-manage.com/survey?u=8d3ff20e7fe3c61cee4c19c4f&id=319be29a05>

Please complete the survey and return it to us immediately. Thank you for your help, your thoughts, and your prayers. Your Church Council

Please send any comments (like the one below) to Council Members Carolyn A. Smith (carolynsmith2215@gmail.com) or Neil Howard (nhowardtx@gmail.com)

"Way too early especially with all the ole geezers and geezerettes in our congregation."

I returned the survey, but I didn't see a comment section, so I'd like to add a comment here. I have severe asthma, so I plan to shelter in place until there is a vaccine available. I enjoy the livestreaming on Sunday mornings, and I really hope it will continue for those of us who are not comfortable in group gatherings yet. Thanks so much for letting everyone participate in making these decisions.

SUN, MAY 31ST

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

CHURCH WIDE !!

Our high school graduates (Kyle, Amber, Jett) are being recognized on Pentecost Sunday. If anyone knows of any other graduates we could mention (children, grandchildren), please let us know. Peter

On Sunday, May 31st, we will pause to celebration those who have reached a milestone at the end of this school year. Since so many of us cannot attend celebrations of our grandchildren or other special people in our lives this year, we are celebrating as a church family.

Family's are asked to submit a photo of the person be congratulated along with FOUR pieces of information:

1. relationship to church member: such as Pastor Suzette' son or grandchild of or daughter of
2. Name of person graduating/completing/moving onto new things
3. what milestone the person has accomplished such as graduating from Leander High School or university or kindergarten or trade school or tech training or whatever

4. Future plans: heading to university, heading to second grade, heading off to military service, starting career in ...

Please submit your photo and FOUR sentences to office@cpfumc by WEDNESDAY May 27th, so we have time to compile and include in our worship service the following Sunday.

Questions? contact Pastor Suzette (suzette@cpfumc.org)

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

GOOD JOB CHURCH

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

THANK YOU !!!

To help those elementary students that need encouragement to continue reading and learning through the summer Project Transformation is creating a virtual reading lab this summer...

Being a Project Transformation site church is never an easy task. There are months of work that go into reaching children, creating space, and all the logistics.

This year's site churches have done all of that and are ready to serve their neighbors in a different way, but with the same mission.

This year, each of our site churches has agreed to give away their entire library to make sure children have books in their home because they understand the impact holding your own book can have.

Shoutout to San Antonio churches: Northern Hills, Laurel Heights, Westlawn (Brand New this year), Rio Grande Valley church: El Divino Redentor, and the two newest members of the family: Leander UMC and FUMC Georgetown.

But site churches alone are not enough. Thank you University UMC San Antonio and Alamo Heights UMC for stepping up to cover an entire site church's children. And to so many of you like Windcrest UMC & **Cedar Park UMC** who have committed to dozens of children having what they need this summer.

Whether you individually or your congregation has provided for one or one hundred, your partnership to serve your neighbors is what makes Project Transformation the hands and feet of Christ.

YOU are needed to make this possible.... **HERE** are the ways you might help:

1. **PEN PALS FOR EVERY CHILD** . Once a week you write a note and mail it along with a self addressed, stamped envelope for them to write back to you.
2. **READING BUDDIES** are volunteers that a child reads with each day for 30 minutes. Reading buddies usually read with 3 different children in a morning. Reading buddy time is from 10am to 12noon. You will be trained at 9:30 your first morning to volunteer. Every adult Reading Buddy must have a cleared background check.

SIGN UP for Pen Pals and Reading Buddies and Supply Bags here:

<https://www.givepulse.com/group/238923-Project-Transformation-Rio-Texas>

OR MORE INFORMATION may be found on the PT website:

<https://projecttransformation.org/rio-texas/get-involved/volunteer>

Please **CALL/Text** Karen Packard 928.246.2412 for help with this process OR to let her know that you would love to Make Supply Bags to be delivered ...

MAKE SUPPLY BAGS and then **DELIVER them to the site church** where the families will pick them up weekly. (If you are unable to make a complete Supply Bag please talk to Sue Sidney.

OR DONATE MONEY to cover the costs of the supplies and someone will shop and prepare the bags.. You may make your monetary donations the same way that you send your pledge to the church... just mark the donation for Project Transformation PT .

Carolyn & Pam & Sue have assembled 6 Complete Supply bags (\$65 each) to go to Leander UMC on Monday morning June 1st.

Austin Area Interns

NAME	SCHOOL	MAJOR	HOMETOWN	HOBBIES
Cora Christensen	Texas Tech	Kinesiology	Luling, TX	Music, sports, outdoor recreation
Bailey Snyder	Texas Tech	Pre-Speech & Language Hearing Sciences	Tomball, TX	Drama/theatre, reading, music dance
Ben Gonzalez	Trinity U, SA	Anthropology	Cedar Park	Music, Reading/literature, outdoor rec reation

CALENDAR**THIS WEEK AT CPFUMC****WEDNESDAY, May 27th**

Noon Discussion of Pilgrim Journey(Chpts 17-19 & Afterword) via Zoom (contact Pastor Peter to attend)
 12:30pm Stories and Jokes with Pastor Suzette (FB Live)
 8:00pm Youth Midweek Manna (30-minute check-in with Pastor Suzette via Zoom)

THURSDAY, May 28th

9:30am Membership Care Committee (contact Pastor Peter to join this meeting)
 10:00am Children's Chapel with Pastor Suzette via Facebook Live (go to Facebook.com/CedarParkFUMC or click the link on the CPFUMC.org homepage)
 11:30am Drive through : A Child's Haven Graduation (come cheer for the children-at a distance ..)
 12:30pm Stories and Jokes with Pastor Suzette (Facebook Live)
 4:00pm Tea Time with Pastor Suzette (5 minutes of prayerful reflection via FB Live)

FRIDAY May 29th**SATURDAY May 30th****SUNDAY, May 31st**

9:00am Children's Sunday school class via Zoom
 10:00am Livestream Worship Service on Facebook (go to Facebook.com/CedarParkFUMC or click the link on the CPFUMC.org homepage)
 1:00pm Bible study on 1, 2 & 3 John led by Sergio Longoria via Zoom (contact Pastor Peter to attend)
 4:00pm Youth Worship (contact Pastor Suzette for info)

MONDAY, June 1st**Project Transformation Supply Bags to Leander UMC**

6:30p TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, June 2nd

9:30am Service of Morning Prayer led by Pastor Peter via Zoom (email Peter to attend)
 10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom
 12:30pm Stories and Jokes with Pastor Suzette (FB Live)
 1:00p Creating Project Transformation Bags at the church ...

Please check the calendar on our website..... as it is changing often

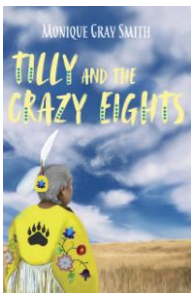
SUN. MAY 24TH**1PM SUNDAY STUDY****1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN**

Sundays, Sergio Longoria is leading a study on 1st 2nd 3rd John at 1:00pm. The class will be gathering on Zoom.

Please email Pastor Peter peter@cpfumc.org or Sergio :longoria1@gmx.com so that you can be added to the list of those that are interested in participating

WED. JUNE 17TH ?**METHODIST READING CLUB****TILLY & THE CRAZY EIGHTS****METHODIST READING CLUB ZOOMING TO DISCUSS "TILLY & THE CRAZY EIGHTS "**

If you'd like to participate in the Zoom discussions, please email Pastor Peter Peter@cpfumc.org



TILLY AND THE CRAZY EIGHTS Monique Gray Smith Second Story Press (2018)

Tilly impulsively agrees to drive eight elders on their ultimate bucket-list road trip. This adventure with "the Crazy Eights" will transform them all in ways they could not predict. The Crazy Eights each choose a stop on the way to their ultimate destination, the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque. The trip proves to be powerful medicine as they laugh, heal, argue and dream along the way.

Pastor Peter will be leading a Zoom study on Wednesdays at noon starting in Mid-June

The book is a 2020 UMW Reading Program suggestion:
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ReadingProgram

YOUTH**HOLY LAND TRIP 2021 UPDATE****Youth Seek Jobs to Raise Funds for Their Holy Land Trip**

Soon the Youth will be "painting" the Sidney deck with the second coat.... In the hot sun !!!!!

Even in this time of minimal contact, if you have outdoor work for one or two youth at a time,
 July 12-16th: YOUTH UArmy Home news at this site: <https://www.umarmy.org/news/2020/may/um-army-re-imagined-due-covid-19>
 peace, Suzette suzette@cpfumc.org

It used to be a popular topic when schools opened and students stood up in front of the class to answer the question: "what did you do in the summer?" Kids spoke about their activities before school started. We are sort of in the same situation. What did you accomplish during the coronavirus shut down? Hold onto your hats, because we are proposing that if we are going to dream --while we are sequestered and cannot meet in-person, what else could we be doing while we wait?" -- dream big: How about renovating our Sanctuary restrooms?

The work could be done in about a week while the building is empty. What better time to upgrade our restrooms than when people are not in the building?

But we can't begin to think about this unless we come up with a positive response and people actually are willing to pledge contributions to specifically renovate the restrooms, with accompanying new carpet and paint. We already have one congregant who is willing to contribute 20% of the total cost. Can you meet the challenge to reach our dream goal? The pledge duration is short: between now and the end of December, 2020.

Last Fall we postponed indefinitely upgrading our restrooms to be Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant, along with a companion expense of new carpet and paint improvements. The price tag last summer was estimated to be about \$53,000.

If this appeal strikes your fancy and you want to be part of a huge sense of accomplishment versus remaining largely passive in waiting for the COVID-19 virus restrictions to end, please contact Ron King (rbking411@att.net) to let him know what you might be willing to pledge for this Dream effort.

We envision the work starting as soon as the permit arrives and the work being completed before the building is opened again. The faster we raise the money, the sooner we might get the project started and finished (!) before we return to regular Sunday services.

*"What **did** you do this summer ? "*

SOS - SERVANTS ON STANDBY - NEED OF SUMMER CLOTHES

The Refuge Ranch is in dire need of summer clothes. Most girls arrive at The Ranch with only the clothes on their backs. One of their first welcome activities is to select their wardrobe from the clothing items so generously donated by our church and community partners. We are currently experiencing a shortage of warm weather gear, in particular shorts(athletic and casual), tanks (with 2 inch straps), camisoles and athletic tops. The size/quantities we currently need are:

S-XXL or 3-25

At least 10 of each size/item is our current ask, as the girls need multiple pairs of each, though we appreciate whatever people can donate. We have a large percentage of girls who require clothes in the M to XXL sizes, so we could use larger quantities (closer to 20 per item/size) in those categories.

Please know that we only take new clothes with tags still attached as we believe in providing the best for the most vulnerable of our community.

Thank you in advance, Laura, for your willingness to get the word out about our current need.

Warmest regards, Dianne Farmer, Church Liaison d.farmer@therefugedmst.org O: 512-806-0555

A CHILDS HAVEN

ASSISTANCE NEEDED !!!

In an attempt to open safely in the fall ACH is looking for additional funding to keep teachers on staff and to employ an interim Director as the current Director, Lesley has needed to take a job with LISD. Also, they are looking for folks with any experience in helping to plan for opening with distancing and knowing how to interpret the safe, healthy rules for opening.

If you can assist in any way, please contact Pastor Suzette.

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST NEWS SERVICE

New General Conference dates announced

MINNEAPOLIS (UM News) — Organizers have confirmed that the next General Conference will be Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 2021, in Minneapolis, despite pleas that the decision-making body not meet at the start of the academic year. Heather Hahn reports.

[Read story](#)

[Read General Conference press release](#)

[Read Council of Bishops press release](#)

Oklahoma Conference

TV special shows United Methodist impact

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Conference produced a 30-minute television special called "Hope for the Heartland: Stories of Inspiration from The United Methodist Church" that aired May 24 on CBS and ABC affiliates in the state. The video can now be viewed on the conference website.

[Watch video](#)

North Carolina Health News

Churches help with rural internet access

ROBBINSVILLE, N.C. — With the coronavirus pandemic highlighting rural broadband needs, United Methodist churches have set their sights on increasing access in their communities. Liora Engel-Smith reports how churches are helping in an area where close to half of the households lack internet connections.

[Read story](#)

Chicago Tribune

Sunday school holds Kindness Parade for residents

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. —

A Sunday school class from the United Methodist Church of Libertyville held a Kindness Parade last week, covering a route that went all the way to Vernon Hills to help spread cheer and uplift residents.

In a congregation of cars with decorated signs on-hand, the students rode with their parents through the area to see senior citizens, said Debbie Williams, the director of children and family ministries within the church. Residents met the parade with smiles and support for the efforts.

With signs ranging from "We love you," to decorated messaging with hearts, the aim of the parade, as stated in the namesake, was to spread kindness. But this concept of kindness came out from a larger lesson Williams has been teaching in her Sunday class.

Williams said in her classes, which have consisted of Zoom meetings during Sunday school, she has been teaching her students about kindness. The idea for a parade stemmed from various lessons about this topic, and how in the current pandemic climate someone can show kindness.

"How do you show kindness? Well, you hug somebody," she said. "But obviously you can't hug somebody or go to their house and visit them. You can't do those things (right now)."

In coming up with ideas, the students expressed an interest in parades they had been a part of or seen in the past. It was with this Williams suggested the students visit senior citizens who live in a five-mile radius of the church. This led to signs being made and cars being decorated. Meanwhile, Williams got on the phone to tell the local seniors about the plan.

Williams said while the kids had to stay in their respective cars, they were able to see each other and wave at the residents, which Williams said made things feel a little more normal than things are currently.

"It really put our kindness into action," she said. "One thing I'm trying to instruct the kids on is, you have to put those thoughts into action all the time. Our theme is, 'It's cool to be kind all the time.'"

But this parade is one thing in a long list of ideas and actions taken by the students to promote the concept of kindness. Other things pursued include different assignments and creative projects, such as bookmarks, which have been sent out to senior citizens.

Looking to the future, Williams said these kindness lessons will be ongoing. She said in learning how to be kind, they've come up with an acronym, "**THINK before you speak.**"

The word **THINK** stands for be **T**ruthful, be **H**elpful, be **I**nspiring, be **N**ecessary and be **K**ind.

"I teach the kids, kindness creates more kindness," Williams said. "It's like a chain reaction when you're kind to someone. Not only does it make them feel good, but it makes you feel good too."