

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

06/03/2020

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.



There are no words that can contain
The depth of wounds our souls sustain
Each time a grieving heart exclaims:
Kyrie eleison!

This **Sunday, June 7**, is **Trinity Sunday**, where we celebrate the great mystery of God as both one and three. Please join us online at 10am. We will also be sharing a comfort food liturgy, a feast of love, during the service. So, you are invited to bring your favorite breakfast item to Sunday's virtual feast – maybe it will be a doughnut or a pastry item, a glass of orange juice or a cup of coffee. In that way, we will be “breaking bread” together in a new way. Please join us on Sunday!

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.

Sympathy for the family of Phyllis Myers on her passing June 1st

Joy on the birth of a healthy son to Ben & Tandy Stephens, & grandson to Ron & Barbara King !!

Ruth Gray: Open heart surgery on Charley re-scheduled for Friday, but sooner if possible. Due to doctor's scheduling conflicts. Thank you all for your prayers! And, YEA that this hospital lets me stay with Charley. Even overnight! Thank you Jesus. Cause I was not allowed in after I dropped him off at Cedar Park Hospital.

Jim West wishes Ruth *Happy Birthday* (BIG 90) on 6/1 - Peace - goodwill to all...

Par Keys: my cousin Gayle Green is having knee pain. And my sister-in-law, Sue, is in hospital again with severe copd.

Karen Lyman Goodman. Blessing seniors 2020 and Patience and Peace

Karen Bowker. Blessings for Nephew Jeffrey having to move to new facility today

Corrie Van Rensburg Thank you for your prayers

Prayers for our friend Leslie who lost her Mom &

Prayers for my sister who is going for more cancer tests on June 2

Margaret McClintock. Lord bring Peace to us and let me be an instrument helping to bring that Peace

Martha Orr, Please pray for the violence in our nation to be calm and for wisdom and understanding to alleviate anger and bring justice to all

Gigi Heersman. Prayers for Jozi's continued healing and prayers for people who keep us safe during this ugly time in our lives

Debra Longoria. Prayers for David who is coming back to Cedar Park from Fort Worth & Sarah who is starting ACC summer classes & Debra and Sergio who celebrated 27th Wedding Anniversary yesterday.

Russ Lundstrom. Please pray for people in Minneapolis and St. Paul & around the country as we try to move past the most recent incident of police violence against a black man & work to make our society safe for all.

Sterling Hartman. Prayers for the family of George Floyd the black man who died at police hand in Minneapolis.

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

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.....

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Celebrations <https://cpfumc.org>

SURVEY UPDATE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL RESULTS BELOW

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.

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)

PLEASE SEE THE SURVEY RESULTS FARTHER DOWN BELOW

In their next meeting on June 15, the Church Council will be taking these results into consideration to determine if and when and how the church will reopen for in-person worship. Thanks to all who responded to the survey. Your input is appreciated.

WEBCAMS FOR LOAN

Have you wanted to participate in one or more of the many online classes, but you just don't have the proper technology and you are afraid to try? The church has a webcam that you can get on loan and helpers available to get you connected. If you have a desktop computer with an Internet connection, you can use a webcam to participate in any of the many regular Zoom videoconference calls that are currently ongoing in

our congregation for free. We have regular weekly online Lectionary Bible study with Pastor Peter, classes for Christian Parents and Sunday school classes for children, youth and adults. Contact Neil Howard if you are interested (nhowardtx@gmail.com). Stay Connected!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

GOOD JOB CHURCH

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

THANK YOU !!!

YOU are still 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 ...

Austin Area Interns

NAME	SCHOOL	MAJOR	HOMETOWN	HOBBIES
Bailey Snyder	Texas Tech	Pre-Speech & Language Hearing Sciences	Tomball, TX	Drama/theatre, reading, music dance

I met Bailey Snyder when I took our supplies for 6 children to LUMC on Monday noon. At that time there were 25 children signed up for the summer program. Readers still needed

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT CPFUMC

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd

- 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, June 4th

- 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 June 5th

SATURDAY June 6th

SUNDAY, June 7th

- 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 Todd Greer via Zoom (contact Pastor Peter to attend)
- 4:00pm Youth Worship (contact Pastor Suzette for info)

MONDAY, June 8th.....

- 6:30p FINANCE Committee

TUESDAY, June 9th

- 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)

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, Todd Greer 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 so that you can be added to the list of those that are interested in participating

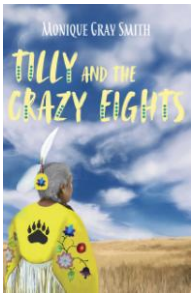
WED. JUNE 17TH ?

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 UMArmy Home news at this site: <https://www.umarmy.org/news/2020/may/um-army-re-imagined-due-covid-19>

peace, Suzette suzette@cpfumc.org

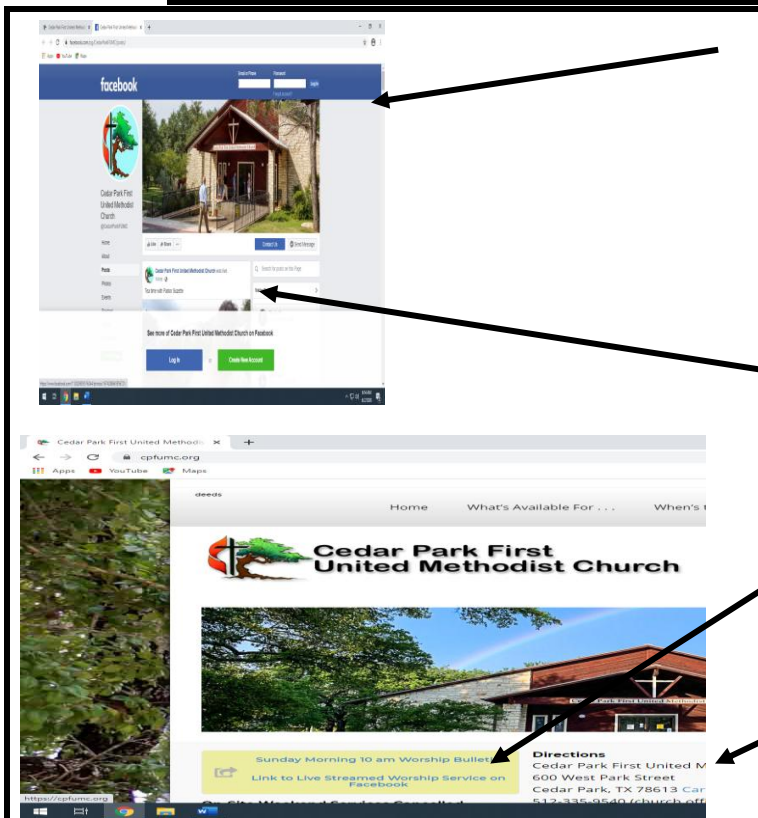
SUN, JUNE 7TH

FACEBOOK HINTS

CHURCH WIDE !!

Following Dean Feazelle's advice I was able to get into Facebook without an account. Thank you to Dean for the suggestion.

To View Live Stream Without a Facebook Account



#1 OPEN internet browser to cpfumc.org

#2 CLICK – LINK to Live Streamed Worship Service on Facebook

#3 IGNORE the lower box – See more of Cedar Park First United Methodist Church on Facebook

#4 SCROLL DOWN to the live stream post – CLICK on the picture to start



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In their next meeting on June 15, the Church Council will be taking these results into consideration to determine if and when and how the church will reopen for in-person worship. Thanks to all who responded to the survey. Your input is appreciated.

There were 48 individuals responding to the survey... so some households were represented twice in the resulting counts ... just take that into consideration when evaluating the responses
(Note from Sue: Sorry, in my former life I was a Biostatistician while David was getting his PhD !!)

Q#	48 ANSWERED	YES	NO	
1: 1a	What is the number of individuals in your home under age 18 years without health risks as described by the CDC?			10
2: 1b	What is the number of individuals in your home under age 18 years with health risks as described by the CDC?			1
3: 1c	What is the number of individuals in your home age 19 to 64 without health risks as described by the CDC?			26
4: 1d	What is the number of individuals in your home age 19 to 64 with health risks as described by the CDC?			11
5:1e.	What is the number of individuals in your home over 65 without additional health risks as described by the CDC?			29
6: 1f	What is the number of individuals in your home over 65 with additional health risks as described by the CDC?			15
7: 2	Do you or someone in your family care for someone outside your home who has health risks as described by the CDC?	2	47	
8: 3	Are you or someone in your family routinely exposed through work or other social gatherings to numerous other individuals?	13	36	
9: 4	Would you stay at home if you or someone in your family felt sick, under the weather, or running a temperature?	49		
10:5.	Have you & your family participated in the livestream services on Facebook?	44	5	
11:6.	Have you or your family participated in the small group meetings such as Sunday School, book studies, & such through Zoom?	28	21	
	No one checked "need help"			
12: 7	Churches can meet at 25% capacity but no more than 50. That is about 25 people plus the staff. When would you return to church?			
	July			19
	August			10
	September			8
	Later than September			10
	No answer			2
13: 8	Some of the precautions our team is considering are listed below. Please check all you feel are important.			
	Continue small groups such as Sunday School, team meetings, & such held via Zoom			30
	Having the room sanitized before service			31

	Locating the collection plate in one central location			41
	No choir			30
	No physical contact; shaking hands, hugging, etc			44
	Not serving coffee or cookies, the kitchen would be locked			40
	Not using the church provided hymnals or bibles during worship			30
	One service each Sunday			25
	Prop doors open so people do not have to touch handles			38
	Set up one-way foot traffic entering & exiting the building			23
	Social distancing, 6' apart			41
	The nursery will be closed during services			28
	Using hand sanitizer upon entering the building & as needed at other times			38
	Wearing of masks by all individuals. Pastors will also be wearing masks while still using a microphone, this may be an issue for hard of hearing individuals.			34
	Did not check any of the above guidelines			2
14: 9	If the church determines these things to be mandatory, will you comply? Please check all which you agree.			
	I & others in my family will not be touching others,			44
	I & others in my family will social distance to the best of our ability,			44
	I & others in my family will use hand sanitizer when we enter the building & as needed throughout the service			39
	I & others in my family will wear a mask			35
	No answer to this question			5
15: 10	Limited number of allowed seats could limit your attendance to every 2nd or 3rd Sunday. Are you agreeable to attending with assigned seating?	37	13	

"Ruth and I agree to all the listed precautions, mask, no touching, social distancing etc etc BUT we do not intend to return to church until there is a vaccine or safety guaranteed. At our age we cannot afford to gamble. Peace "... Jim West

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.

CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC NEWS

FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

As we look to Pentecost, I think of the sermons I've preached in the past. Those sermons were often filled with themes of waiting and the gifts of diversity and unity. But as I read Acts 2 this year, I am drawn to the idea of the future and what exactly that might mean for us as a church. In the past I often preached about how we at times could be like those earliest disciples on the first Pentecost - locked up inside the church walls. But this year, our experience of sheltering in place has altered this assumption. We are no longer gathered together within the church building - or at least not completely. And for all that we do not know about the future, what we can be sure of is that we will never go back to how things were - at least not exactly.

Which is, perhaps, exactly as it should be. There are various and big reasons we have been changed and are continuing to change. And apart from how we 'do' church and worship, over 100,000 Covid-19 related deaths in the US alone should change us. We will never be the same.

As we consider the grief - both collective and personal - that we experience, I am reminded of something Kate Bowler said about grief. Kate teaches at Duke Divinity School specializing in the prosperity gospel. Last summer I read her book *Everything Happens for a Reason* where she shares part of her journey with a Stage IV cancer diagnosis. At one point, she writes, "I used to think that grief was about looking backward, old men saddled with regrets or young ones pondering should-haves. I see now that it is about eyes squinting through tears into an unbearable future." That is likely what many of us are feeling. Our grief is in large part about the unknown future. Even more, when we've had hopes of coming back together at Easter or the end of school or some other date on the calendar only to be disappointed when each event did not take place, it is unbearable.

In times that are uncertain and unbearable, we pray "Come, Holy Spirit!" For the Holy Spirit is "help beyond ourselves." It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to become what we cannot become on our own. And in spite of all that is hard this present day, **it is the Holy Spirit is that invites us to dream anyway.** Stay encouraged, teresa

Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams. - Acts 2:17

CAPITAL DISTRICT

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES ADVANCED COURSE

JUNE 27, 2020

The Rio TX Conference Lay Servant Ministries Team is offering an Advanced course on the Exploring Congregational Care on June 27th from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm via Zoom.

The Course is an introduction to Congregational Care -Now and Then. There is no cost for this class and certificates will be issued.

At the end of this course the participants should be able to:

- understand and discuss the concepts of Congregational Care;
- demonstrate appropriate interactions in a caregiving situation;
- describe life and faith passages;
- discuss the relevancy of sensitivity and supportive environments;
- describe and discuss various situations and conditions they may encounter.

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST NEWS SERVICE

"I do hope that whoever might be bold enough to sing it, that it would inspire some deep reflection, some honest dialogue and some sincere action."

— [The Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson](#), on his hymn "It Is Enough!"

Church aids flood survivors in Congo

UVIRA, Congo (UM News) — United Methodists are stepping in to help after massive flooding in mid-April left nearly 70,000 people homeless in East Congo. Donations from Connexio, the mission network of the Switzerland Methodist Church, and Wespath Benefits and Investments also are helping pastors and their families struggling during the coronavirus pandemic. Philippe Kituka Lolonga and Chadrack Tambwe Londe report.

[Read story](#)

South Georgia Conference

Retired pastor donates flowers to nurses

ALBANY, Ga. — Even though the Rev. Larry Roberts lives nearly 350 miles from Albany, the city is never far from his heart. When he heard that Albany had become a coronavirus hotspot, he decided to do something to honor the women and men who are helping heal and save lives. Kara Witherow has the story.

[Read story](#)

United Methodist Women

UMW decries recent killings, continues justice work

NEW YORK — Acknowledging that "there exists no single, one-time action that can undo a multigenerational legacy of racist violence," United Methodist Women has renewed its commitment to engaging in ongoing racial justice work through mission giving, witness and education. UMW's national office is making a special gift of \$21,000 to three organizations demanding justice and accountability for the recent deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd.

[Read press release](#)

Pastor connects through protest hymn

HOUSTON (UM News) — Prompted by the latest high-profile killing of a black man in police custody, many United Methodist clergy spoke against racism on Pentecost Sunday. The Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson may have out-preached them all by offering his own protest hymn, titled "It Is Enough!" Sam Hodges has the story.

[Read story](#)

It Is Enough BY CYNTHIA WILSON

It is enough.

What else can be said with the news of yet another African American man killed by the actions of the authorities? This time in Minneapolis. What else can be said as the rage and grief surge through our nation yet again? How many times must we endure such tragedies? How long before we as a nation, and

particularly those in power over our nation, confess the evil of racism that permeates our systems of law enforcement and government? "How long, O Lord?"

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" speak to this moment yet again: "Justice too long delayed is justice denied." It is enough.

We offer these words, written by, R. DeAndre Johnson, and given permission to post as a way of speaking to our pain and the nation's rage:

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? – Jer. 8:22

Two weeks ago, I posted my own musings concerning the wrongful death of another black man, and now I find myself today still coming to grips with news of still yet another life gone. I feel all the more today the truth of the prophet/poet James Baldwin: "To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious, is to be in a rage almost all the time."

I'm offering these words, yet one more time – not because I need the attention or pity (I don't), but because I need the release from the anger, the hurt, the fear and the doubt. I've added a couple of stanzas for today. Also, some have asked me to set it to music, which I have included here.

There are no words that can contain
The depth of sorrow, grief and pain
That mothers, sons, and all exclaim:
Kyrie eleison!

"It is enough!", the prophets cry
Yet still black men are doomed to die
By those who wish to vilify:
Kyrie eleison!

It is enough! The harm must cease
From warring madness by police
Who are sworn to protect, keep peace:
Kyrie Eleison!

It is enough! We cannot wait!
No more excuse for bias, hate!
Your savagery we cannot take:
Christe eleison!

It is enough! We cannot breathe!
Will you stand there and watch us bleed?
Are you not moved by cries and pleas?
Christe eleison!

No! No more death! It is enough!
No more dead sons! It is enough!
No! No more tears for lives cut short:
Christe eleison!

O my soul, it aches and yearns
For a day when passions burn
For others with deep love, concern:
Kyrie eleison!

I've had enough of these charades,
Of clichés and hasty crusades
Whose triteness wounds and cuts like blades:
Kyrie eleison!

There are no words that can contain
The depth of wounds our souls sustain
Each time a grieving heart exclaims:
Kyrie eleison!

Posted with permission of DeAndre Johnson, 5/28/2020