

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

06/24/2020

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

ALL Sunday Worship & Other OnSite Activities have been canceled until further notice

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship at 10am

LINKS for the Sunday Service AND the Sunday Bulletin are on our website homepage

OR ALL may be found posted on our Facebook page.

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

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

St. Paul's letter to the Romans:

"Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is - what is good and pleasing and mature."

"It cannot be denied that too often the weight of the Christian movement has been on the side of the strong and the powerful and against the weak and oppressed - this, despite the gospel." - Howard Thurman

Recent Requests for PRAYERS :

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Cynthia Lawrence turned 80 on Friday, June 19th

Clara Crank turned 90 on Tuesday, June 23rd

Charles Bland. Happy Fathers Day to all fathers and to anyone who has a father In heaven

Debra Longoria. A celebration of Fathers Day and we are grateful for Sergio

Margaret McClintock. Blessing for all of you who make our services possible

Myrl McKellar joined the Reading Club on Zoom today !!!

Prayers for Priscilla Gregory, settling in with her sister Terry in Arlington Tx

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

Prayers for Help and Healing :

For patience and understanding ...

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

Geraldine Shaw, sympathy on the death of her daughter, Susan, this week.

Andy Carver, stage 3 multiple melanoma of blood, 2+ years

Prayers for Charley Gray progressing well after heart surgery & Ruth, his caregiver

Corrie VanRensbur Prayer for Clunie who was just laid off

Edna Soto Pray for people of Puerto Rico they need the rain and end of the Earthquakes

Edna Soto. We pray that our Sanctuary opens soon.

Glenda Goss gashed open her leg, which is now infected; she's also suffering from vertigo, all while trying to move to a house near her daughter, Cheryl.

Glenda Morrison. Sister-in-law, Brother-in-law, Niece, Friend— All in Lubbock have Covid-19

Margaret McClintock. For Cynthia Lawrence on her birthday and for her and others at Highlands in Stage 5 waiting for the results of COVID Test

Priscilla Gregory Connie that has just been put on Hospice also with all the family ESP JC

Rene Carver who finally got to spend the weekend with Andy.

Ruth Gray My nephew Lando has a painful growth on his neck and will have an MRI and Ultrasound on Tuesday. Very worried.

Sympathy for the family of Phyllis Myers on her passing . Funeral was Tuesday at the church .

Pauline's daughter, Kim, resting after surgery.

Glenda Morrison. Joe Howell, friend that had back surgery

Parthenia Keys Pray for Cynthia Lawrence as she struggles to understand why she has to stay in her apartment at Highland Estates

Karen Bowker That we are able to go back to regular services soon
 Martha Orr for my dear friend Marilyn whose brother died yesterday
 Margaret McClintock Lord help us to try to walk in each other's shoes and bring us understanding unity and Peace.

Karen Lyman Goodman Prayers for healing for John Vinsons battle with swelling hand and feet
 Sergio Longoria. Please pray for colleagues Dr Radasky who has an undiagnosed Pulmonary disease.
 Sterling Hartman. Prayers for Jett's healing.

Glenda Morrison. Erin, granddaughter should get results from biopsy on June 19 Please pray for her and that the news is treatable.

Sergio Longoria. Another colleague Don Heiman has Covid-19 and in his 80's please pray for his recovery.
 Please add him and Dr Radasky to permanent list

Anna Mullen who recently had surgery

Don Seward was severely injured in a boating accident on the lake. He suffered a broken back which necessitated surgery, and a long period of recovery is expected at RR St Davids .

Edna Soto, on the passing of her Godmother Antonia Velazquez Perea at the age of 88 in Puerto Rico.

Childcare facilities strategizing to open: A Child's Haven & Acts of Love

Sterling Hartman Prayers for all our family in Slidell La. and New Orleans with the storm in the Gulf.

Glenda Morrison. Penny lost her husband. Darlene lost her husband Tarren still deployed

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
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	Marsha Venable 2112 West Riviera Drive Cedar Park, TX 78613 512.257.9698
	Adalid & MaryLinda Verastegui The Enclave #270 3405 El Saliido Pky, Cedar Park, 78613 512.909.4975 mlindav@gmail.com	New Address: Glenda Goss 2016 Discovery Well Dr. Liberty Hill, TX 78642	Priscilla Gregory c/o Sewell 4104 Timberbrook Dt Arlington, TX 76015

Celebrations

<https://cpfumc.org>

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT CPFUMC

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WEDNESDAY, June 24th

Noon-1pm Book Club Reading "Tilly and the Crazy Eights" email Pastor Peter to receive the invite !!

8:00pm Youth Midweek Manna (30-minute check-in with Pastor Suzette via Zoom)

THURSDAY, June 25th

FRIDAY June 26th

SATURDAY June 27th

SUNDAY, June 28th End of June Hymn Sing

EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, THE NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE HYMN (office@cpfumc.org) AND WE'LL HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING AT 10AM ON FACEBOOK LIVE!!

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 Book of Daniel led by Todd Greer via Zoom (contact Pastor Peter to attend)

4:00pm Youth Worship (contact Pastor Suzette for info)

MONDAY, June 29th

9:00am Tea Time with Pastor Suzette (5 minutes of prayerful reflection via FB Live)

TUESDAY, June 30th

9:30am Service of Morning Prayer led by Pastor Peter via Zoom (email Peter to attend)

10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

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8:00pm Youth Midweek Manna (30-minute check-in with Pastor Suzette via Zoom)

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

SUN. JUN 28TH

1PM SUNDAY STUDY

DANIEL

Sundays, Todd Greer is leading a study on the book of Daniel. It at 1:00pm. 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 24TH

METHODIST READING CLUB

TILLY & THE CRAZY EIGHTS



METHODIST READING CLUB ZOOMING TO DISCUSS "TILLY & THE CRAZY EIGHTS"

To participate in the noon Zoom discussions, please email Pastor Peter peter@cpfumc.org

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

Read starting at Chapt 10 for Wednesday June 24th .. Bring an artifact ..of Native Culture or your Bucket List .

YOUTH

UM ARMY

HOLY LAND TRIP 2021 UPDATE

July 12-16th: YOUTH UArmy Home

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

U.M. ARMY Re-imagined! The U.M. ARMY Staff and Board Members have been working for quite a while to ensure that you will still have a mission opportunity this summer. We believe God is still calling U.M.

ARMY-and you, into the mission field this summer and beyond. It will look and feel different than previous U.M. ARMY experiences, but the need is different this year than in previous years.

So, we are still answering God's call "All In" together. (Romans 12:3-8)

U.M. ARMY is excited to announce the creation of U.M. ARMY Home and U.M. ARMY Local.

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, and until National, State, and Local entities allow us to operate our traditional camp model, these will be our summer offerings for 2020.

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, peace, Suzette suzette@cpfumc.org

A Local Mission Project of the United Methodist Women

A BRIEF HISTORY

The project, which became **Montopolis Friendship Community Center**, began in January 1956, organized by the Women's Societies of Christian Service of the Methodist Churches of Austin. The initial effort provided financial and volunteer help to the Emmanuel Methodist Church kindergarten at 200 Brushy.

After one year, the group looked for an area of greater need, since that neighborhood was served by several agencies. In Montopolis they found an area isolated from most agency services. The schools, police, City Planning Department and Parks and Recreation Dept deemed the need for help there urgent.

The women prevailed upon the School Board to allow them to use an old school building in which they began the first bilingual kindergarten program in Austin. To finance this effort, a thrift store was opened adjacent to the school offering good used items to the community. A Mothers Club promoted parent involvement. On Sept. 26, 1957, the project was officially named the Montopolis Friendship Community Center.

Until June, 1961 the program operated in the school building. When that property was turned over to Parks and Recreation for a new swimming pool/playground, the women and MFCC acquired title to the school building. With help from Parks and Recreation, they moved the building several hundred yards east to 403 Vargas Rd. It was considered important that the project remain at the same location.

New needs continued to arise, and in 1965, 1100 square feet were added to the school for a health clinic and community room. In 1982 a second building for two new classrooms was built to house the school children.

The new playground was added to the property in 2007 about the time 50 years in operation were being celebrated.

TRUSTEES	IMPORTANT UPDATES ON REST ROOM RENOVATION	BY JANE HOWARD
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1. The first update to the pledge campaign is a **pledge end date**. We are asking you to make your pledges **by July 14, 2020**. Consider your pledge a vote to go ahead with this ambitious project. We need a quick response from you to determine if the renovation is feasible at this time. Without your pledges, this project will still remain a dream project for future consideration. Watch for the weekly update in the *Happenings* to track progress toward success in reaching our financial goal.
2. The second update is a change in the **pledge fulfillment date** to **January 5, 2021**. This allows those who might want to take advantage of the IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) recess for 2020 to fulfill their pledge in 2021 when the RMD recess is no longer in effect.

In all cases we need some idea of your pledge so we can determine if we have the wherewithal to commence this big project.

We plan to update you weekly on our Progress to YES. We need your response soonest before we can undertake this dream project.

** Percentage Responding so far (cash gifts plus pledges): as of 6/24

5%	100%
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** Amount Pledged to Date (balance due 1 /5 /2021):

\$0 _____ \$15,050 (28%)	\$53,000
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** Restroom Cash in Bank:

\$0__ (\$5,880) (11%)	\$53,000
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GOOD JOB CHURCH	PROJECT TRANSFORMATION	YOU ARE STILL NEEDED !!!
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Pen Pal Volunteers

Relationships aren't canceled! Pen Pal Program volunteers are needed to write letters to children in Project Transformation's summer program. Through the Pen Pal program, youth in grades 5th through 8th grade will be given the opportunity to practice their writing skills. Your letter should include a note with a little bit about you, some questions for the child to answer, along with a stamped and self-addressed return envelope for the child to respond. All volunteers will need to complete a background check and/or go through the TRUSTed con Confianza training. and are asked to write a letter weekly. Volunteers can write to one more children. [Register Pen Pal Volunteer](#) Ctrl+Click to go to registration Form

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 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 ...

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!

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST NEWS SERVICE

Invitation to reimagine United Methodism

CHICAGO — A group of current and former General Conference delegates from four continents invite United Methodists around the globe to start a conversation on a new way of conferencing and a new vision for the denomination. They have released a statement, "Out of Chaos, Creation: Seeds of a Vision for a Renewed United Methodism." They also invite United Methodists to join a webinar July 7.

[Read statement](#)

[Register for webinar](#)

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Texas Conference

Church starts Furlough Kitchen

HOUSTON — St. Stephen's United Methodist Church has established Furlough Kitchen Houston to provide free, chef-cooked meals to neighbors recently laid off or furloughed. A husband-and-wife catering firm, themselves upended by the COVID-19 pandemic, has been hired to help with the initiative. Some 1,400 takeout meals have been provided in recent weeks. Lindsay Peyton reports.

[Read story](#)

CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC NEWS

A WORD FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

Summer stretches before me and I don't have any plans for vacation and travel. The same may be true for some of you. While many businesses are re-opening in limited ways, it is difficult for me to think about vacation with social distancing still in place and Covid-19 cases on the rise again in the Austin area. I'll consider some "staycation" time in the weeks ahead. And I especially hope you are making plans for rest and renewal time whether in your home or a vacation away from home. It continues to be a heavy season and I pray you will take care.

Regardless of your summer plans or lack of plans, the work of confronting and dismantling racism is the work to which God is continually calling us. Many of our clergy and laity throughout the district have been actively engaged in this work in recent years and months. But for some of us, we pick it up and then place it to the side when it seems other priorities are pressing. God is moving in our country and in our churches. God is crying out, "How long must I wait for my people to stand for justice?!" And so, like many white pastors and laity, I'm examining my own role in racism. As I shared in a recent video I posted online, "How can I be a part of what repairs?"

Two days after George Floyd died, I was notified by the Home Owners Association that I was in violation because of the sign in my front yard and that I needed to remove it immediately. Among other words on the sign are ones reading, "Black Lives Matter." The timing of the notice was suspicious. As I read the letter I was annoyed and then enraged.

I've been thinking more and more about how we turn our words into action that leads to real change. I like my sign and social media postings are good, but words alone do not change things. And actions that lead to change can only happen when white people like me are honest in acknowledging our own racism and complicity.

One of the books I am re-reading is Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* and he underscores this very principal. Thurman writes about how the message of Jesus Christ focuses on the urgency of a radical change in the interior lives of individuals.

How might this summer be an invitation for white people in our churches to do the inner work that leads to real change? The confessional prayer before The Great Thanksgiving rings in my mind:

I confess that I have not loved you with my whole heart.

I have failed to be obedient.

I have not done your will,

I have broken your law,

I have rebelled against your love,

I have not loved our neighbors,

and I have not heard the cry of the needy.

I wrote to the HOA. I haven't heard back.

I still think signs are important. And yes, read books and post on social media. But perhaps even more, let's go into our prayer closets and examine our hearts before God.

As disciples, we know that sincere confession leads to real change. We go in a different direction. I leave you with two thoughts that have stayed with me from sermons I heard recently. Rev. Emanuel Cleaver is an African-American leader and preacher in Missouri. He laments the number of times we live through a time of urgency concerning the work of racism only to go back to 'business as usual' when the moment passes. Instead of 'doing a 180', he preached, 'we do a 360' and land right back to where we've always been. How do we make this time not just a moment, but a movement - a movement that leads us in a new direction? That same Sunday, I heard Rev. Sylvester Chase of Wesley UMC here in Austin preach from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is - what is good and pleasing and mature." He talked about being in "the challenge zone" - a season when God is powerfully at work to transform us.

I look forward to our continued ministry together as a new appointment year begins. May we find ourselves caught up in "the challenge zone." May we do the work that leads us in a new direction.

Stay encouraged!, teresa

You can listen to Rev. Cleaver's sermon "Time to Step Up" [here](#).

You can listen to Rev. Sylvester Chase's sermon "Let God Transform You" [here](#).

SURVEY

UPDATE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

RESULTS BELOW

Church Members,

- For the safety of everyone, we are suspending onsite services from now through June. 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.
- 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.
- In their meeting on June 15, the Church Council reviewed the survey results to determine if and when and how the church will reopen for in-person worship.
- Council recommends waiting to open after the COVID numbers have decreased for two weeks straight...
- Thanks to all who responded to the survey. Your input is appreciated.