

HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

07/01/2020

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.

Simplicity Openness and Receptivity

Wednesday, July
1, 2020

Fr. Ridhard Rohr

Despite many differing views of Jesus' life and teaching, we can say confidently that Jesus was a poor man who fully embraced life with those on the margins of society. Francis of Assisi certainly did the same, and it became his litmus test for all orthodoxy and ongoing transformation into God. Clare of Assisi (1194–1253) wanted to imitate Francis in this

She taught that poverty frees one from the bondage of material things and from all the things that clutter the human heart and soul. . . .Gospel poverty was at the heart of Clare's rule.

Our conversion process may take time—sometimes years—but we will experience freedom and joy when we live with a loose grasp on material things, when we are willing to share our possessions as well as our time and energy with those in need. . . .

How often do we take a deep breath and appreciate—really appreciate—the air we breathe? How often do we savor the food we taste and smell the flowers along our path? When was the last time we listened to our child, laughed with a friend, embraced our spouse? It is true that the best things in life are free, but we are often too distracted or too busy to see the simple treasures of life right in front of us.

Recent Requests for PRAYERS :

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

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

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.

Karen Packard , I pray that our nation will do something about undoing systemic Racism

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

Carolyn Smith. Paperwork issues moved Miranda's return to the states this coming Friday.

Edna Soto. Please pray for my girlfriend Maria her other Josefina died last Friday in Puerto Rico. Also last

Monday I lost my Aunt Ines in her nursing home.

Jorge has a co-worker who tested positive for the virus.

Edna Soto. I am having a shot in my spinal cord tomorrow.

Employee at The Pointe has tested positive for COVID-19. We have notified and are collaborating closely with the Health Department.

Glenda Morrison. My daughter Jodi suspect Covid-19 she is really sick.

Karen Goodman; my brother and family after contacting Covid-19 visiting South Padre Island.

Margaret McClintock Lord help us to come together as a nation.

Martha Orr, having another Ablation Procedure at Cedar Park Hospital today 7/1.

Par's sister, Roberta Hughes, is recovering from eye surgery.

Priscilla Gregory for Connie and JC are in need of Prayers she is in process of dying.

Steve Howard. Prayers for Linda who will have surgery in 2 weeks to remove remaining lymph nodes in right side of neck. Not believed to be cancerous, but Complications there.

Sterling Hartman Prayers for the staff members at the Pointe to not get Covid-19

Sterling Hartman. for Jack Thurbon a 20 year Navy veteran who is overwhelmed caring for Sandy Thurbon

Sterling Hartman for Sandy Thurbon a friend in California who is having brain issues that the experts can't even diagnosis yet.

Sterling Hartman. Prayers of thanks that the drug I am taking has eliminated my atrial fibrillation and I can afford it.

Sterling Hartman. I pray that my brother Rick finds a job.

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

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>

WILLIAMSON COUNTY FREE COVID-19 TESTING JULY 6TH

**FREE COVID-19 testing! All tests are walk-up and no appointment needed.
No symptoms necessary to be tested.**

I wanted you to be aware of great initiative on behalf of the Williamson County Office of Emergency Management! We are on schedule to proceed with COVID-19 Testing in Hutto, Jarrell and Liberty Hill beginning next week.

There are **no age** restrictions **nor** must you be a Williamson Co, Liberty Hill, Jarrell or Hutto resident to get tested at any of these sites.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at any time. Have a great holiday weekend!

Shantelle Dunn Brannon, MSS, PCP; Deputy Director of Emergency Management

512-864-8205 (DESK) 512-968-7653 (MOBILE) 512-864-8227(FAX) Shantelle.Brannon@wilco.org (EMAIL)

OPEN TO ALL TEXANS! For more information visit: www.wilco.org	Hutto - July 6, Monday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hutto Middle School 1005 Exchange Blvd Hutto, TX (end of Exchange Blvd)	Jarrell - July 7, Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jarrell Middle School, 101 E. Avenue F, Jarrell, TX
Jarrell - July 8, Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jarrell Middle School 101 E. Avenue F, Jarrell, TX	Liberty Hill - July 9, Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Liberty Hill Junior High 13125 TX-29, Liberty Hill, TX	Liberty Hill - July 10, Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Liberty Hill Junior High 13125 TX-29, Liberty Hill, TX

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT CPFUMC

cpfumc.org

WEDNESDAY, July 1st

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, July 2nd

FRIDAY July 3rd

SATURDAY July 4th Happy Birthday USA!!

SUNDAY, July 5th

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 **NO** Youth Worship (contact Pastor Suzette for info)

MONDAY, July 6th ..

9:00am Tea Time with Pastor Suzette (5 minutes of prayerful reflection via FB Live)
6:30p TRUSTEES Meet

TUESDAY, July 7th

9:30am Service of Morning Prayer led by Pastor Peter via Zoom (email Peter to attend)
10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, July 8th

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)

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

SUN. JULY 5TH

1PM SUNDAY STUDY

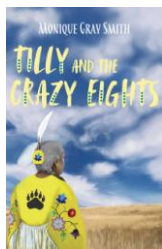
DANIEL

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. JULY 1ST

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 @ Montopolis FCC ...!!

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,

TRUSTEES IMPORTANT UPDATES ON REST ROOM RENOVATION BY JANE HOWARD

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%
---------	------

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

\$0_____ \$15,050 (28%)	\$53,000
-------------------------	----------

** Restroom Cash in Bank:

\$0____ (\$5,880) (11%)	\$53,000
-------------------------	----------

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST NEWS SERVICE

Church and Society

Agency hosts discussion on voting rights

WASHINGTON — The United Methodist Board of Church and Society will host a Zoom discussion about voting rights at 7 p.m. Eastern time June 30. The discussion is based on the new documentary "Suppressed: The Fight to Vote," which can be watched for free before the conversation. The discussion will include reflections from film director Robert Greenwald and faith leaders from Ohio and Florida and a call to action.

[Register for discussion](#)

[Watch film](#)

Abraham to lead Wesley studies at Baylor

WACO, Texas — The Rev. William J. "Billy" Abraham, longtime professor at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, will lead a new Wesley House of Studies at Baylor University's Truett Seminary, beginning Aug. 1. Abraham is on study leave from SMU in 2020-21 and is set to retire from SMU in 2021.

[Read press release](#)

COMMENTARIES

UM News includes in the Daily Digest various commentaries about issues in the denomination. The opinion pieces reflect a variety of viewpoints and are the opinions of the writers, not the UM News staff.

When pandemic ends, confusion in church will remain

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (UM News) — The Rev. William B. Lawrence examines constitutional issues presented by plans for the future of The United Methodist Church. The former Judicial Council president writes that the church seemed confused even before the global pandemic upended the world's priorities. He expects that confusion to continue after the pandemic.



The Rev. William B. Lawrence (Photo by H. Jackson/Southern Methodist University.)

It is confusing to be a United Methodist these days. Even before the global pandemic upended the world's priorities, the church seemed confused. And after the pandemic ends, the confusion will endure.

The first reports of a mysterious illness in China were published in early January. Also in January, United Methodist News and major secular news media — including CNN, NPR, The Washington Post and The New York Times — had reported that an agreement had been reached to split The United Methodist Church. The reports said that [a compromise “protocol” would create at least two separate denominations](#) and end a dispute over homosexuality that has bedeviled United Methodism for decades.

The breaking news seemed definitive.

But, so far, no such schism has happened. And it is not clear whether anything of that sort will happen soon. The only changes most United Methodists have seen since the release of the protocol on Jan. 3 have involved suspending the passing of the peace, altering how we handle communion elements, meeting and worshipping online and canceling services completely. These are consequences of COVID-19, not decisions about the destiny of the denomination.

Furthermore, the protocol is actually just a proposal to the General Conference, the denomination's global legislative assembly, [which is now rescheduled it for Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 2021](#). It is only one of [several proposals](#) for schism that have been submitted. The Commission on the General Conference right now seems confused about whether it can decide if additional legislative proposals may be submitted for consideration, even though current church law in Paragraph 507 of the Discipline clearly says any individual or organization may do so.

There are hopes that the delegates will approve some plan. Yet each proposal has elements that the General Conference on its own may not have the authority to decide.

Millions of United Methodists attend worship, study Scriptures, offer community service and pray daily for the church. But only some realize that responsibility to make decisions is distributed across an array of conferences and councils by a constitution.

We might want the General Conference to enact a plan for separating the church. But it has only some forms of authority under the terms of the constitution. It cannot act beyond the limits established in the constitution.

On March 11, [the Council of Bishops asked the Judicial Council](#) to rule whether the proposed protocol legislation is constitutional. The bishops are asking the Judicial Council to declare whether anything in [33 pages of proposed protocol legislation](#) lies outside the limits of General Conference authority. Of course, the spring Judicial Council meeting was canceled because of COVID-19. It is unclear when the Judicial Council might rule on the bishops' request.

When the founders of The United Methodist Church were working on plans that led in 1968 to the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches, they chose to connect all the parts of the church through a constitution that established a governing network.

This constitutional approach, [begun by Methodists in 1808](#), assigns authority in a connectional manner. From its local churches to its global assemblies, The United Methodist Church is a connection of entities, each of which has powers established by the constitution.

It is not a loose confederacy of congregations and clergy. Nor is it a pyramid controlled at its peak by some central board or chief executive.

Different units of the church have final authority for specific aspects of its life.

A **bishop** decides where clergy will be appointed, but a bishop has no vote in choosing the clergy that are eligible for an appointment. The General Conference can set the procedures for a church trial of a clergy member, but it cannot do anything that would deprive the clergy of the right to a trial and to an appeal.

The proposed protocol legislation, for example, would allow a central conference in a region outside of the United States to remove all the annual conferences and all the local churches in its region from any connection to The United Methodist Church.

If the **Judicial Council** does what the bishops have asked, it will have to determine whether the constitution allows a simple majority of General Conference delegates to permit a two-thirds majority of central conference delegates to take all of those annual conferences and local churches out of the denomination.

Some of the **proposals** for dividing the denomination that were previously submitted recognize that their plans have no basis in the constitution. So they include recommendations for constitutional changes or amendments.

The **Connectional Table**, for instance, seeks to create a new layer of governance in a regional conference in the United States, with authority to set church policies and write church laws that would only apply to United Methodist annual, jurisdictional and local church conferences in the United States. It would require amending the constitution in order to establish the regional conference and specify its authority.

UMCNext has recommended writing a new constitution. It proposes to create a Commission on the 21st Century Church, which would present a draft constitution at a special session of the General Conference in 2023. If approved, it would go to annual conferences for a final vote.

UM-Forward has proposed that The United Methodist Church cease to exist. It would dissolve the denomination and create four new denominations that take differing positions on full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons. But the General Conference has no constitutional authority to make the denomination dissolve or disappear.

The **Indianapolis Plan** would not dissolve the denomination but would divide it into three separate entities. It envisions one of the three as a continuation of The United Methodist Church. The other two would be characterized by their positions on the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons. Like the protocol, however, this plan relies on claiming constitutional authority for letting a simple majority of General Conference delegates give a designated majority of central conference delegates the power to remove its annual conferences and their local churches from the United Methodist connection.

Multiple proposals — including but not limited to the Indianapolis Plan and the protocol — claim that an annual conference has the authority to vote to leave The United Methodist Church. Indeed, the protocol mentions a Judicial Council decision that says annual conferences have a right, under the constitution, to do so.

There are at least two immensely important and difficult issues with this.

One is the Judicial Council ruling on which the protocol relies. It is unidentified but is almost certainly [Decision 1366](#), in which the Judicial Council addressed specific pieces of proposed legislation prior to the special session of the General Conference in 2019. [Petition 90041](#), which the Judicial Council considered partly constitutional as it existed before the General Conference met in 2019, was defeated in the legislative process. It never was enacted into church law. Since it does not exist, it cannot be constitutional.

Second is the part of the protocol involving an annual conference vote to depart from The United Methodist Church.

When persons are elected to clergy membership by an annual conference, they have the right to a trial and to an appeal. To be specific, the constitution says that the General Conference “shall not do away with the privileges of our clergy of right to a trial by a committee and of an appeal.”

So the **General Conference does not** have any constitutional power to authorize the removal of a clergy member from The United Methodist Church. Such a legislative act would do away with the clergy member’s constitutional right to a trial and an appeal, and the constitution says the General Conference “shall not” do that. The only way for the General Conference to acquire such power would require amending the constitution and removing the right of each clergy member to a trial and an appeal.

These are very confusing matters to be sure. Whenever the critical condition of the world’s public health permits these proposals to be considered, the terms of a schism or separation should not create greater confusion or provoke yet another crisis.

Lawrence is an ordained elder of The United Methodist Church, former dean of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and former president of the Judicial Council.

SUMMER

CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC NEWS

A WORD FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

Click [here](#) for summer message from DS Teresa Welborn

Office hours at the Capital District office will vary during the summer due to staff vacations and physical distancing recommendations.

Director of Operations Jill Barre

Monday, Wednesday:

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday – available by email

Jill will be on vacation 6/29 - 7/3

Treasurer Marvin Morgenroth

Tuesday, Thursday

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

UPDATE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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.
- 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.