

# HAPPENINGS this week at CPFUMC

11/25/2020

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

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

**ALL INSIDE Sunday Worship & Other Activities have been canceled until further notice**  
**IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30am &**  
**LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 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/>  
More HELP finding the service information is below .....

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## Celebrations

<https://cpfumc.org>

### **PRAYERS of Thanksgiving:**

Gigi Baggerman Heersman: I have a joy, my Papa turned 83 on the 19th

Jodi Blount: Joys. Kyle home and Sab going to State for FFA.

### **PRAYERS of Sympathy:**

Adalid Verastegui and family on the death of his wife Mary Linda

Jorge Soto on the passing of wife, Edna

MaryAnn Mosier. Please Pray for my Aunt Emma. My only living Aunt. Her husband of 50 year, Curt

Atkinson, passed away Friday. She is having a real hard time with this and please continue to Pray for Dwaynes' Aunt Paulette on the loss of her husband, Uncle Wes Mosier.

Pat Sowder: My brother David passed away while on vacation in Costa Rica 1 week ago. My new address is: 4500 Williams Dr Ste 212-518; Georgetown TX 78633

Steve Howard and family on the death of his wife Linda

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

For patience and understanding ...

Corrie van Rensburg : Asking for prayers during my travels to South Africa to visit my ill mother, she will be 90 on December 3rd. I am leaving on November 20th and will return on December 12th.

Gigi Baggerman Heersman: I have a Prayer request for my freshman athlete Jaya who will be competing at the State Cross County meet tomorrow.

Jodi Blount: For Audrey as her roommate, Emma, diagnosed with Covid-19 and Audrey now in quarantine.

Karen Packard: Please Pray for the healing of my grandson Trevin Packard, who has Covid-19 and for his family who likely were exposed before he knew.

Laurel Fabian: Please continue to Pray for my friend Ruth Sutera who now is in the hospital with pneumonia and had to have feeding tube inserted.

Margaret McClintock: Lord, be with my friend Hal Waldman who has Covid-19

Sterling Hartman: Relief from back spasms.

Sterling Hartman: Jobs for the unemployed including my brother Rick. Also, Thanks for the help the computer competent give to the computer incompetent like me.

Sterling Hartman. Prayers of strength for my Granddaughter, Shelly Blanda RN with ever increasing Covid-19 patients to care for.



**TUESDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:30am Service of Morning Prayer led by Pastor Peter via Zoom (email Peter to attend)  
10-10:30a HCCM food collection in the Parking Lot ..600 W Park  
10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

**WEDNESDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am Men's "Red Shirt" Fellowship (Zoom at 8:30 )

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

**CHOIR**

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!! JODI**

Please, keep practicing with the tracks I sent you. We are still planning to practice next Sunday after second service for those interested at 11:15 am. Then, again for those interested - please mark your calendars for Sunday December 13th to record those two pieces - Neil has graciously offered to help us and will be adding mics - THANK YOU NEIL and Jane!!!!!!!

**Sunday 29th** - off for Thanksgiving

Sunday December 6TH - OFF I'm with Sab in Houston

Sunday December 13th - meet at 11:15 AM TO WARM UP AND PRACTICE **AND**

**RECORD AT 12:15 outdoors** - please plan for a longer time period this day

**Nov 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY ADULT STUDY**

**1PM**

Followers of the Word, the adult Sunday school class, will be meeting this Sunday, via Zoom at 1pm. Pastor Peter is facilitating a study of "The Sermon On The Mount" by Dr. Amy Jill Levine

**NOVEMBER**

**ON-LINE AUCTION FOR HOLY LAND TRIP**

**NEED DONATIONS.**

The BE LIGHT YOUTH are ALMOST oh so close to finishing our fundraising for our Holy Land Trip. Please check out our on-line auction yourself by clicking on this link. Easy to put a bid in on any item there by clicking on the picture. You are asked to share your email but ONLY Pastor Suzette gets it ( so it is not sold off somewhere for marketing). If you win the item, you will get a notice and Pastor Suzette will get a notice. YOU get to chose how to pay - either follow the directions and use your credit card OR contact me directly with a check. [I will keep adding items as they get donated so check back often. It helps if people get bids rolling so take a minute to stop and shop for your holiday needs too!](#)

<https://www.32auctions.com/HolyLand2021finishline>

*THE BIGGEST way to help is to COPY AND PASTE that link on your Face book page. You can click on the link, find a new item EVERYDAY and click to share on FB. FB will then put that picture on your feed with a link back to the entire auction!! Super Duper Easy Peasy!!! The more eyes clicking and linking to the auction the greater chance we raise funds from outside the church!! That's a win-win situation.*

*Please copy and paste - forward the link via email with a note of how you feel the YOUTH have been working etc. Let's generate some excitement and some cash!!*

**Nov. 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**BE LIGHT YOUTH**

**FALL SCHEDULE**

- **YOUR YOUTH** are the ones stepping forward. Well done church!! peace, Suzette [suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:suzette@cpfumc.org)
- **ALL on-line and in-person are NOW Sundays 11:30-1PM unless otherwise noted**
- **When we meet in person**
- **BRING:** face mask, water bottle, lawn chair, and lunch (I am investigating possible lunch donations as we move forward but for now everyone brings their own food and we gather under the trees distantly to eat). All YOUTH families must complete a one-time COVID covenant prior to being on the church campus.

**Friday, Nov. 27:** Super Excited to announce:

YOUTH miniReUNION with Pastor Bonnie!!! we are headed to her new church in downtown Austin to build picnic tables for the congregation. Bonnie will hang out with us and feed us too! It is the day after Thanksgiving. We will get a head count as we get closer. Parents of YOUTH welcome too for some reconnect time with our beloved Bonnie.

**Nov 29th online Advent starts**

Dec 6th in-person Mission activity

Dec 13th in-person Christmas party in a socially safe kind of way TBD

Dec 20 and 27th Winter break - activities TBD

Jan 3rd resume in-person

SUN, DEC 6TH

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

4-6PM

Our charge/church conference (via Zoom) is scheduled for Sunday, December 6 from 4-6pm.

MISSION

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES (HCCM)

GOD BLESS YOU ALL !!

Bob Bowker is at the Church parking lot from **10:00 until 10:30 on Tuesdays** for anyone who would like to drop food off, which he will then take up to HCCM. There is a box on the front porch of the church for donations also. Any questions please give me a call, Bob cell 512-771-1680

**Food and health items donated this week was 142 pounds**

**Through November we have donated 2,595 pounds of food and personal care items**

**Our monetary contributions to HCCM year to date are \$1,513.19.**

**!!! Way To Go !!!! Thanks to all**

I OWE A BIG APOLOGY

It just dawned on me yesterday (*yes, I am quite a bit slow*) that while I have been providing data as to the food offerings I have been VERY REMISS in not identifying the monetary contributions.

To all if you who have thoughtfully given monetary donations I truly apologize and will begin correcting that error now. I will start proving the monetary numbers on a monthly basis going forward .

A belated thank you to all of you!!!

MISSION

WITH GRATITUDE, LOVE AND COMFORT FOR US ALL

[HTTPS://THEREFUGEAUSTIN.ORG/](https://therefugeaustin.org/)



While we're all figuring out how to safely gather the family for the holidays, we want to share a sweet moment when the girls asked a couple of staff members to join them for dinner. Their House Mom was making her famous pot roast that evening and the girls wanted to share all that savory goodness.

Seven people gathered in a cottage, laughing through their masks and talking over each other. A new arrival, who had recently moved into the cottage after she'd quarantined in The Haven, spoke up and said, "Can we have a family dinner?"

"This is a family dinner! Welcome to the family," her new House Mom replied.

"This is the very first family dinner I've had in my entire life." Through instant tears, the new girl then tried to explain what this gathering meant to her. It was a small dinner, but it was a big moment for her and everyone at the table knew it.

Moments like this remind us that even if there might be several empty place settings at this Thanksgiving dinner, our yearning for the love and comfort of family will endure even during a pandemic.

Here's wishing you and all your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**A PLACE OF REST AND RESTORATION FOR CHILD SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING**

MISSION

HANDSPUN HOPE (FORMERLY TRUE VINEYARD)

[HTTPS://WWW.HANDSPUNHOPE.ORG/](https://www.handspunhope.org/)



handspun hope

**Rwandan Widow project:**

Looking to trim the tree, deck the halls AND find gifts for the special people in your life? The Hope Artisan Collective has what you're looking for! We've put together a gift guide to help you find the perfect item for everyone on your list while supporting artisans.

Ornaments, scarves, towels and toys, oh my! **The Hope Artisan Collective** has something for everyone and you can rest assured that all of our products are ethically-sourced and Fair Trade Certified.

And if you're sending a gift, we have **gift wrapping** available for purchase through the Christmas season!

Simply add it to your cart and we'll send it ready to be put under the tree tied up with a (yarn) bow!

MISSION

A CHILD'S HAVEN (ACH)

WISH LIST

**Teacher's Wish List:**

- Soccer Balls/Kickballs
- Scoop Shovels for playground
- 2 Plastic reading chairs for our 4's reading corner (deep seated kids plastic chair from IKEA)
- CD Player for 4's Classroom

### We Can Help Keep ACA Compliant With Licensing Requirements.

A Child's Haven (ACH) is randomly inspected by the licensing department to ensure all the rules are being followed for a safe preschool environment. Such an inspection happened last week. They passed, with some suggestions for improvement.

It is very important that Members who have a key to access the MMB, not use those keys to access the ACH classrooms until the pandemic restrictions are lifted. Instead Members are encouraged to stay in the Office Area only. There are signs posted on the interface doors from the office to A Child's Haven spaces that remind you, "Potential COVID 19 Zone". Please honor these signs.

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](https://achildshavenpreschool.com/) <https://achildshavenpreschool.com/>

Thank you, Shannon P. Parker Director [A Child's Haven](#)

**Nov-DEC**

**FALL WORK DAY 2020**

**THANK YOU!!!!**

We have a [list of the tasks](#) that need to be done to care for and maintain what God has given us. Some of these tasks are inside tasks and some of them are outside tasks. We are asking you to pick a task or two, sign up for one or more of them online and then complete them at your leisure on a schedule that fits your life. The only condition is that we want to get as many of them as possible done by the end of the year.

So, the **Fall 2020 Work Day begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

#### Tasks Yet To Be Volunteered For:

1. Pull weeds in the MOS. Take vines out of trees, while you are there
2. Pull weeds in the planting strip on the E boundary of the parking lot. Some weeds are in the Sotol plants. *Be careful around these as their leaves are razor sharp. Best to use a hoe around these plants. There is a hoe in the shed if you do not have one.*

### **FINAL PUSH FOR RESTROOM RENOVATION FUNDING**

We need to make the final push to get over the funding hump for our restroom renovation project. The most recent preliminary construction proposal is \$52,000. We have \$38,000 pledged so far. We need about \$14,000 more to have enough funds to start and complete the project. \$26,000 has been contributed to date and we have it in the bank. Thank you very much to the 35 members and friends who have contributed one or more times to this project so far! We are almost there!

The restroom renovation features such amenities as

- 12 new LED lights in the restrooms
- A bi-level drinking fountain
- 3 new sinks
- 2 new super quiet exhaust fans
- Powder coated metal restroom partitions
- 10 ft laminate counter tops
- Ceramic tile floor
- 4 ft wet wall with ceramic base

*Please consider making a pledge or contribution by January 5, 2021.*

**MISSION**

**ACTS OF LOVE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER**

**BABY NEEDS**

#### A Very Cozy Christmas

This Christmas, we are blessing our teen parents and their families with a cozy gift that will encourage them to snuggle up and read with their babies. We are putting together Christmas packages that will include books, cozy blankets, and snuggly socks and slippers for our teen parents and their babies. You can support our "Very Cozy Christmas" project by purchasing items from our Amazon wish list ([click here to shop!](#))

We ask that you please order items by November 30 to make sure we receive them on time. If you wish to shop on your own, you can pick up some Christmas books for infants and toddlers, cozy Christmas blankets, or Christmas slippers for mom and baby and bring them by ACTS of Love every Thursday, from 12-4pm, from now until December 10. We will be sending home these "Very Cozy Christmas" gifts with our teen parents on Monday, December 14.

As teen moms try to return to school AoL would like to have some supplies for them. CPFUMC has been asked to help provide Baby Wipes and Diaper Cream for about 10 moms with babies. Now Through the end of the school year so ongoing giving is terrific !!

To Donate: a. Bring donation of supplies to the church office on Wednesdays when Sue is there  
OR b. put additional money in your weekly offering designated for AOL Supplies  
OR c. Bring or Send Supplies to Sue Sidney's house at 1606 Mackenzie Ln, Cedar Park  
Any Help will be greatly welcomed as these moms continue their education at LISD ...

## NEWS AND FEATURES

## CAPITAL DISTRICT UMC NEWS

## A WORD FROM DS TERESA WELBORN

Dear friends and colleagues:

Grace and peace to you this Thanksgiving week!

If you are finding it difficult to give thanks this week, you are not alone. A great number of people throughout our country are tired of being told to count their blessings in the midst of heartbreaking news. We are reaching the 40th week of the pandemic and we have grown weary. Our despair has deepened as over a quarter million people in the United States have died of Covid-19 to date.

The prayer below by Diana Butler Bass reminds us that as people of faith, we can choose gratitude, even if we may not feel it. I was crushed as I canceled plans this week to see family in Denver. Like many of you, I will be celebrating this week without the company of extended family members and friends. But as our family tables are smaller, I pray our hearts will be open wider as we are reminded perhaps more than ever of the gift of life we share with loved ones.

This Thanksgiving, I choose gratitude. And I give thanks to God for each of you.

Stay encouraged! Teresa

### **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

*By Diana Butler Bass*

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*We choose to thank our ancestors, those who came before us, grateful for their stories and struggles, and we receive their wisdom as a continuing gift for today.*

*We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating and accepting them for who they are. We are thankful for our homes, whether humble or grand.*

*We will be grateful for our neighbors, no matter how they voted, whatever our differences, or how much we feel hurt or misunderstood by them.*

*We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the stage of the future of humankind and creation.*

*God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it. We will make this choice of thanks with courageous hearts, knowing that it is humbling to say "thank you." We choose to see your sacred generosity, aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world.*

*Thus, with you, and with all those gathered at this table, we pledge to make thanks. We ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around our family table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth.*

*We choose thanks.*

*Amen.*

*(adapted from Grateful, p. 199-200)*

**LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 10am****Sunday Morning Worship at 10am**

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**Are you having trouble connecting to the Facebook service on Sunday mornings?**

Try using this YouTube link, which becomes available about an hour or two after the Facebook service is over:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyKfsPkzCTo-2DRH1azqHAg>

Additionally, save this link, because it has all the past episodes as well. It looks like gobble-dee-gook, but I think you will find the results rewarding. You can also get to videos of recent worship services on the church website on our *Find Out What's Happening* page at:

<https://cpfumc.org/find-out-whats-happening/>

**IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30am**

Come join us for onsite, in-person worship in our Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:30 am (weather permitting). Worshipers **must reserve a seat** in advance, agree to abide by the Covenant and submit a signed Waiver the first time they attend. The Waiver can be downloaded from the blue Waiver form link at the bottom of the reservation page: <https://cpfumc.org/mos-worship-service/>

Click on a yellow **SELECT** button to select the date of service you wish to attend, then click on the yellow **SELECT** button again to select the time of the service (there's only one choice right now), type in your name, email address, phone number and reservation information, then click on the yellow **RESERVE SEAT!** button to reserve your seat(s). You should receive a confirmation by email.