

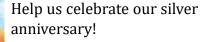
CPFUMC Members,

A breath of fresh air visited the council meeting. You know Jane Howard with all her work as a trustee, yard service, volunteering at A Child's Haven, to mention a few. She is a person who gets the job done. She has a new cohort, Maryann Mosier. For those who do not know Maryann, she joined CPFUMC a couple of years ago and attended the first service. She immediately started looking for places where her services could benefit our church. You now see her as one of the greeters for the in-person service. The team of Jane and Maryann have started the Evangelism Team, the ETs. They are researching and following up on how to increase the membership of the church. What it is people want in a church and volunteer opportunities for all. When you see Jane or Maryann, please stop to ask, "What can I help with?"

Speaking of Maryann, the torch of the Great Pumpkin was passed onto her. She is

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25 Years of Pumpkins



October may seem far away as you read this, but a sure sign that Halloween is coming is that we have already ordered our pumpkins for this Fall! If

this were a wedding celebration, we'd give gifts of silver. But what we really need is a lot of people and quite a few pickup trucks to

come out of the wood work and make this event e s p e c i a l l y successful this noteworthy year. Please volunteer early



to help Maryann Mosier, our new fearless leader, who likes to plan ahead.

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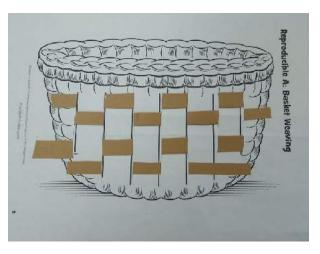
JESUS' ROCK STAR CORNER

Submitted by Debra Longoria

We are learning about Moses and how the Egyptian princess found him in a basket and was cared for by his mother. He grew up in an Egyptian palace and learned all the rules and

traditions. We weaved baskets with construction paper and colored pictures of Moses to remember the story.

We made a construction paper bush with punched holes at the top and held a flashlight behind it to see how the light is





strong but the bush was not burning. The light was bright inside the holes at the top, so it felt like what Moses would have seen.

We learned how Moses was learning what God wanted him to do. He had to confront Pharaoh to release the Israelites and it was not working, so he had to wait on God.

The children will continue learning about how Moses and Aaron trust God on the next adventures in the story.

News Flash: Bible Club on Wednesdays for the children.

We have started a new Bible Club to have some fun as a group. We are meeting on zoom on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.

We have time for reading a short Bible story to discuss. We will have different activities virtually such as: time to share jokes, share good things, show and tell, prayer requests, crafts, science fun, eating a dessert together, singing a song and spending time together. I think it's important that the children have an opportunity to be silly and have time to share as a group.

All children are welcome and if you have children that are interested in joining the group, please contact Amanda Theriot at amanda.theriot@icloud.com, so she can send you a zoom invitation.

We will post the days that we meet, as we will not meet each Wed. Our September schedule will be 1st, 15th, and 29th.

We will keep you posted on what we're learning and our fun activities.

To join our Sunday School Zoom sessions, please contact Debra Longoria (longoria1@gmx.com), or Amanda Theriot (Amanda.theriot@icloud.com).

BE LIGHT YOUTH UMArmy August 2021

BE LIGHT YOUTH EVENTS Fall 2021 - SAVE the DATE!!

Sept 12th: Tik Tok Preacher event at Bethany with YOUTH groups from around

Austin area

Sept 25th: Pumpkin patch prep 10am

Oct 9-12 Eagle Pass Mission Trip (tentative dates)
Oct TBA visit SW University
Oct 30 Host Fall Festival for A Child's Haven preschool

Nov 5th Laura Daigle Concert - MUST contact Pastor Suzette NOW to get tickets(\$60)

Nov 20-23: Beach Retreat in Rockport (space limited, please reserve your YOUTH spot)

Nov 27 Hanging of the Greens Party

Nov 28 Advent begins

Dec 19 Christmas party and Casting Crowns - MUST reserve ticket now (\$35) as limited number of tickets available

Dec 31-Jan 2 Beach retreat in Rockport (space limited, please reserve your YOUTH spot)

More details will follow as we get closer to events.

As always - contact me as needed: suzette@cpfumc.org

It is a goooooood year ahead!

Peace,

Pastor Suzette



Laity Sunday 2021

Submitted by Sue Sidney

A note of gratitude to the community at CPFUMC

Sunday, August 15th Pastor Peter and Pastor Suzette were going to be away on retreat with other pastors in Michigan . What would happen "in person" at CPFUMC?? From this dilemma came the need for the Laity (ordinary people) to be in charge.

"I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together! "

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The plan was made for "Laity Sunday"

- Thank you to Carolyn Smith for bringing the message to the children who included her daughter and granddaughter..... Just what I've read over the years about the "babushkas" passing the teachings of God along to their grandchildren..
- Thank you, Sergio Longoria, for sharing information about Lay Ministry and Lay Servant training.





- •Thank you, Karen Packard, for telling us about Project Transformation, United Methodist Women, and Acts of Love.
- •Thank you, Bob Bowker, for sharing your stories of serving Hill Country Community Ministries by encouraging the people of CPFUMC to share their food resources.
- •Thank you, Jane Howard, for encouraging us to receive Safe Gathering Certification to work with the children and vulnerable adults in our community And also for the delightful carrot cake served after the service .!!
- •Thank you for each story that made us think about how each of us at CPFUMC can be a Lay Servant of God in our community. Yes, we're the church together !!!

Thank you, Peter and Suzette, for daring to take some time to refresh after a couple of years of turmoil, change, challenge, and uncertainty. Thank you for trusting in the

"ordinary people" (laity) to teach the message of Jesus through sharing our life's experiences.

Council Approves ET

What is the first thing you notice when you come to the in-person service at 10am on Sundays? There are a lot of empty chairs. Where is everyone? How can we grow our numbers?



A new team has been created, nicknamed the ET, to answer those questions. The full name is the Evangelism Team and it is actually an outreach, research and brainstorming effort to find out how we can get back to full attendance.

In a nutshell we want to define and describe CPFUMC Evangelism in specifics: Who, What, Why and How. We want to come up with a plan for people reaching people and sharing the Good News making us a magnet for Guests and returning members to become immersed in the joys of sharing the Love of God among our naturally friendly and kindred spirits who attend regularly.

What prevents people from coming in-person – is it the time of the service? Have in-person attendance skills atrophied and people need a personal invitation to return? Do people actually prefer wearing pajamas and watching the church service remotely versus coming in-person and sharing the reunion of worshiping together? We want the answers. Do you have ideas?

We want to test new ideas and revive old ones, such as, "let's set up a cookie brigade" and have volunteers call on Guests with cookies delivered to their homes to ask for feedback – introduce yourselves, ask how the service was, what could we do better and key: do you have any ideas for reaching people better based on what worked at your previous church?

Someone volunteered we should "restart the Pew Angels". This is a group of volunteers attending church who go out of their way to engage Guests in conversation in the pews before the service actually starts. Our greeters meet the new people and actually guide them to sitting next to one of the designated Pew Angels.

How can we expand Sunday School attendance for children living nearby? We need ideas and we need you to attend a future committee meeting when we set a date to get the brainstorming started. Pop in or email ideas to Maryann Mosier (grandmamosier@icloud.com). We'd also like to invite you to bring a buddy – someone you know from a different church background who could describe how their church does outreach and evangelism. Zoom attendance is an option!

Wednesday Evening Social Square Dancing Returns to CPFUMC, on September 8, 2021

For many years now, Buckles & Bows Square Dance club has held Wednesday evening Square Dances at CPFUMC. Since March of 2020, with the COVID-19 Pandemic there has been no dancing. We are happy to announce we are going to return square dancing back to CPFUMC, on Wednesday evenings, **beginning September 8**th, **2021** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm!

Buckles & Bows offers a wholesome evening of Fun, Fitness and Friendship set to music. Square dancing is a called dance that can be enjoyed by young and old alike, and we encourage families to come. Children (age 7 & up), Teens, Singles & Couples are all welcome. It is a fun group activity enjoyed by all, and you are welcome to come dance in comfortable clothes and shoes -- no special attire is necessary.

Square Dancing is a dance giving you an opportunity to work with 8 other people as a team in a square. You move around the square shuffling to the beat of the music, dancing to learned calls the caller has taught. A variety of music is used throughout the evening to make for an entertaining evening. No experience is necessary, we teach you all you need to know, just bring your enthusiasm!

During the month of September there will be **4 FREE INTRODUCTORY DANCES** every Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00 pm, on Sept. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th, for you to come and try square dancing -- Bring your family & friends with you, we think it will be something you will enjoy. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow CPFUMC members, meet new friends and enjoy a great activity. Please join us!

A flyer of our dance program is in the newsletter. Feel free to call Arnold or Marie Gladson, at 512-219-9258, or email us at arnold@gladson.us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our introductory dances in September!



Windows 11 Is Coming Soon

It's all about security, but your older computer won't be able to run it.



Just when we all got somewhat familiar with the Windows 10 computer operating system, Microsoft is planning a major, free update beginning on October 5th. They call it Windows 11. Since it was first released in July of 2015, Microsoft Windows 10 has become the most popular personal computer operating system in the world, currently comprising about 76% of the desktop and laptop market worldwide.

Why Windows 11?

Why do we need another new computer operating system when Windows 10 seems just fine? In the case of Windows 11, it's all about security. While there are some minor user interface changes in Windows 11, such as a center-aligned start menu and task bar, its main purpose is increased security at the chip level.

In 2018, two serious hardware flaws were discovered which affect every central processing unit (CPU) chip manufactured in the last 20 years. These hardware flaws have been named *Spectre* and *Meltdown* – scary sounding names – which would allow hackers to access data previously thought to be protected. For more technical details about these two vulnerabilities, see Reference 1. The good news is that these two design flaws have not yet been exploited. The bad news is that these vulnerabilities exist at the hardware level, so they cannot be fixed by a simple patch to the Windows operating system. The CPU chip itself needs to be redesigned to protect against them. These CPU design changes were made starting in 8th generation CPU chips from Intel in 2017 and

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starting in 2018 with the Ryzen 2000 chips from Advanced Micro Devices (AMD). Intel and AMD are the two major CPU manufacturers. See Reference 2 for more details on this.

In addition to resolving these two hardware vulnerabilities, Windows 11 requires something called a Trusted Program Module (TPM) version 2.0 chip. TPM is a tamperresistant chip on the computer motherboard which handles hardware encryption and certain



types of malware protection. These TPM chips have been built into desktop and laptop computers for about the last 8 years, but not all computers have a TPM chip that will handle version 2.0 of the TPM firmware. See Reference 3 for more details about TPM.

Will My Computer Run Windows 11?

The bottom line is that for the improved security of Windows 11, you must have the newer computer hardware to run it. If you have purchased your computer new in the last two years or so, you are likely good to go for the free Windows 11 upgrade. You will probably see the Windows 11 upgrade popping up on your newer computer by the spring of 2022.

If your computer is three or more years old, you will be sticking with Windows 10 for a while yet. Of the 13 computers we have at the church, only two of them meet all the hardware requirements for Windows 11. These two computers were purchased new in late 2020.

Microsoft will be publishing a PC Health Check app which you can use to check if your computer will run Windows 11, but as of September 3, 2021 the tool is still "Coming Soon." Check on <u>Microsoft's Windows 11 website</u> for future availability of this app to assess whether or not your computer can run Windows 11.

Don't Panic: Windows 10 Is Still Good for A While

Microsoft will continue to support Windows 10 through October 14, 2025, so you can keep using Windows 10 for several more years. Microsoft will continue the twice-yearly security and feature updates for Windows 10 throughout its planned lifecycle.

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overseeing the **Pumpkin Patch** this fall. Your help is needed. Let her know you are available.

MASK OR NO MASK? It is still a difficult call. Do I wear the mask or not? Is the vaccine enough to keep my family and me safe? These are tough questions. People have the right to make that decision for themselves. If you feel you should wear a mask to protect yourself, your family, or the people around you, wear your mask. The choice is yours.

The church wants everyone to be safe and feel safe. There are masks, hand sanitizers, and disinfectants available. If you do not see these items, ask the greeters or ushers.

In-person attendance. Join us for service in the sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you prefer, you can view the service live from the comfort of your home. Go to the church website, cpfumc.org, and click the Facebook or YouTube link. Be sure to register your attendance by noting your name in the comment box.

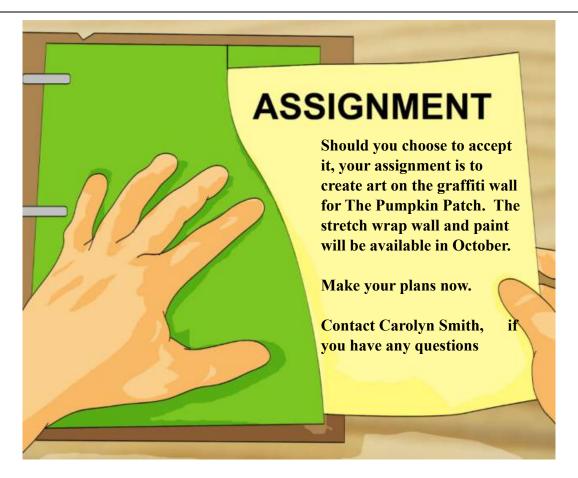
Thank you to all who came out to make National Night Out a success. I hope you saw the pictures from an email sent out earlier in August. It was a blast. I am already making plans for next year. There are plans to put up a few graffiti walls during The Pumpkin Patch, and the snow cone machine might make an appearance or two.

The Laity Sunday service was fantastic. Thank you to all who aided in that service.

See you Sunday,

Carolyn Smith

Council Chairman



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Pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, October 2nd at 9 a.m.

Based on our past experience, this is a very approximate time, especially last year when they were short of drivers and trucks due to the pandemic and they didn't arrive until October 15 at 4pm. We squeezed a whole month into two short weeks of selling!

We are very proud we were able to bring the pumpkin patch to the community especially last year, lifting a lot of spirits. Several commented at the picture bales, "we've been coming for 18 (12, 20, every) year(s)" and "we have an album of pictures showing how much our children have grown."

SAVE THIS DATE: September 25 is a key set-up date to move the pallets that hold the pumpkins into the patch itself. Please identify early that you have a pickup truck and would be willing to drive while others load and unload to transform our grounds into the actual patch.

Finally, we need people to work shifts during the week and on weekends to sell the pumpkins. Training is free and we work in teams of two or three. There are four ways to sign up to work:

- 1. Click on the pumpkin on the front page of www.cpfumc.org
- 2. Email Maryann at grandmamosier@icloud.com
- 3. Phone Maryann (she has the paper version of the schedule) at 512-680-0450
- 4. Click on this link to go directly to the Google Docs worksheet: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iepgCY4FBK1oVoPFftak4ygtXSfbe7m00PVpSoY Mww/edit

But especially we need to <u>identify workers early</u> to help with driving pickups, setting up, unloading and selling. Please let Maryann know we can count on your help. We need to create a roster of willing workers to make sure we have another very successful CPFUMC Pumpkin Patch!





Put your hand under this wall mounted sanitizing station at the front door to receive a dose of sanitizing foam.

It is an easier way to clean, if you need to refresh your hands and....when rubbed in, it doesn't leave a sticky feeling.



Please check out the <u>cpfumc.org</u> website under "When's the Next..." to see yourself last year setting up the pumpkin patch and also unloading the pumpkins.

Through the magic of Neil Howard's compression technology, the two hour events take place in minutes and are hilarious to watch.

Electronic Archive Upgraded

Did you know that our church has an electronic archive? The CPFUMC Electronic Archive is an electronic collection of historical documents, photos and videos stored on a server in the church office and backed up to a network attached storage disk in the sound booth.

We recently upgraded the storage capacity of the server to 3.8TB by adding two more disks to the server's RAID5 array. The backup device capacity is 4TB. Right now, only about 34% of the total







Figure 1 CPFUMC Electronic Archive Server

Figure 2 Backup Device in Sound Booth

capacity is full, so we have plenty of room to grow. The server was originally donated to the church in 2018. The additional disks just added were also donated. The backup device was purchased by the Trustees in 2020 for \$150.

If you want to know what kinds of things are in the CPFUMC Electronic Archive, here is a 4-page index. The index is updated annually. The CPFUMC Electronic Archive is available from any of the 13 computers on the church local area network.

Do you have a contribution to make?

If you have a contribution to make to the CPFUMC Electronic Archive, contact Neil Howard, nhowardtx1@gmail.com for more information. Of particular interest from a historical perspective are photos or documents showing the original sanctuary building construction, photos of early services at Faubion Elementary school, photos of past pastors, MMB construction, charter members and any official church documents or state of Texas documents related to the church. Don't let these get lost forever in a paper file at your home. We have a high-resolution, high-speed scanner right at the church!

Church Contacts

Find us online at cpfumc.org or call the church Tues-Thurs between 9 and 2 at (512) 335-9540

Want to contact a Church Leader or submit something for a future Newsletter?

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Be sure to put "Newsletter" in the subject for Connections submissions!



Introducing Marta Santos

We are so excited to introduce to you our new Early Childhood Director, Marta Santos. She will be taking over the daily operations at our new early childhood facility while our current Director, Katie Evans, moves into her new role as Executive Director. Marta served as our infant teacher during the 2019-2020 school year and we are thrilled to welcome her back to Acts of Love as our new Early Childhood Director. To learn more about our current staff and employment opportunities, please our website.

Marta joined Acts of Love in 2019, where she continues to make a difference, not only for the children but also for families, for whom she is a mentor. Marta has spent



5 years in the area of Early Childhood Development, creating a safe, robust and an inclusive environment for all children while building sustainable relationships with families and key stakeholders in Childhood Development.

Marta graduated with honors from the prestigious Ibero Americana University, where she obtained a degree in Business Management. Over the years, Marta has owned several successful business ventures which she managed with a singular vision, of providing the best experience to her clients. She worked for several national and international firms, before finding her true passion, working with children and helping people and communities in need. Marta continues to seek excellence in both her professional and educational pursuits, she recently obtained her CDA (Child

Development Associate) Certification and is a Certified Life Coach.

When not at Acts of Love, Marta loves to swim, read historical novels, travel, and cook up original recipes.

Ways you can support ACTS of Love:

- **GIVE...** Help us furnish our new facility by shopping our <u>Amazon Wish List</u>. We are also in need of the following items: A desk, locking file cabinets, shelving units, a standard size table and chairs (think break room/meeting space). If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please let us know!
- **PRAY...** Join us in praying for our new staff; that God would guide Katie and Marta as they lead the program; and that He will provide the perfect infant and toddler teachers.
- ACT... Want to keep up with our reopening progress? Visit our website for weekly updates!



PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson

Pray for my Aunt Ruth who fell down stairs and is in the hospital.

Pastor Peter Castles

Pray for Jodi Blount and Sterling Hartman families and friends in New Orleans in harms way from Hurricane Ida.

CPFUMC

Pray for Martha Orr having surgery on September 3 and prayers for Priscilla Gregory. I am asking from my neighbor Sam. He is having troubles and needs our Prayers.

Priscilla Gregory

I need Prayers for my friend Greta she is having troubles with her lower back. Sue Sidney. Thank you for lifting up HOLDINGS INSTITUTE COMMUNITY CENTER. I have UMW friends who schooled there many years ago when public schools would not accept them. Rosa became a public school music teacher and her daughter now teaches music at Texas State. Holdings holds a special Place in my Heart.

THANK YOU

Karen Packard

I am Praising God for a safe trip to Alaska. Good to be home.

CPFUMC Calendar September 2021 Click here to go to the most up to date online calendar

Sat	4	10am - Sanctuary -
Fri	7:30pm - Alcoholics 9am - Adult ESL 4:15pm - Piano 7:30pm - Alcoholics	9am - Adult ESL 4:15pm - Piano 7:30pm - Alcoholics 9am - Adult ESL 4:15pm - Piano 7:30pm - Alcoholics 7:30pm - Alcoholics 7:30pm - Alcoholics
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Sun	9am - Children's SS 10am - In-Person 8pm - Youth @ 5 9am - Children's SS 10am - In-Person 8pm - Youth @	9am - Children's SS 10am - In-Person 8pm - Youth @ 19 9am - Children's SS 10am - In-Person 3:30pm - Worship @ 8pm - Youth @ 26 9am - Children's SS 10am - In-Person 8pm - Youth @