



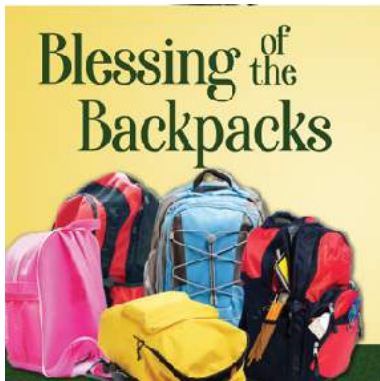
*A Spiritual Oasis Committed to Christ,
to Peace, and to Service*

August 2022

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

Connections

Newsletter



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 14
TO FEATURE
BLESSING
OF
BACKPACKS**

During both worship services on Sunday, August 14, we will be blessing the backpacks students will be taking with them as they start a new school year. All children are invited to bring their backpacks with them to church that day. A special memento will be given for the students to attach to their bag to commemorate the blessing they will receive.

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A conversation with Richard and Anjanette Inzunza

Submitted by Anita Martin

Q: When was your first day at CPFUMC and what do you remember about it?

A: Prior to us living in Jonestown full-time, Anjanette visited several times when she spent a couple of Summers here in 2017 and 2018. We began attending regularly in the Spring of 2019 when we moved here full-time.

Q: Tell us about what drew you to CPFUMC.

A: Initially we tried CPFUMC because it was the Methodist church nearest to us. The people are nice and Pastor Peter has a talent for the sermons. We also like the more traditional type of service.

Q: In what city did you grow up? Where do you live now?

A: Richard grew up near Saugus, CA north of Los Angeles. This was near the edge of the Mojave Desert, so the climate was even hotter than here in the Summer, but less humid. Anjanette was born in Dumaguete and grew up in Bais City in the Philippines. She came to the U.S. in 1978 and lived in Los Angeles.

We have lived in many different places following Richard's work. We have lived in

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BE LIGHT YOUTH

Summer Greetings from **BE LIGHT YOUTH**. We have been on the go this summer working around family travel and medical issues and regular life events. Shout out to our birthday kiddos and relentless adult volunteers: Jozi, Gigi, Shawn and Audrey have celebrated recently. Jozi had her birthday in the midst of UMARMY mission trip. We enjoyed sharing our mission trip adventures with the church family with a Fourth of July potluck (alright it was July 3rd but still)

We gathered with two new persons to do yard work for Ruth G. In about two hours, we hedged, weeded, and cleared out garden beds – enough to fill ten compost bags! We followed that with showers (!!!) then met at Mods pizza for lunch before watching the Rise of Gru movie. **Please pray our YOUTH** community keeps growing so that more young humans and their families embrace God's grace for them.

LONDON Methodist Roots 2024

Our next world faith adventure will be to England in summer of 2024. This is part of a seven year youth curriculum cycle intended to ground our faith roots in the legacy of our faith mothers and fathers. The Holy Land trip allowed to walk in the spaces and places of people seeking to engage God and responding to God's call. The Methodist Roots trip puts in the path walked by John Wesley the founder of Methodism. We will explore both his struggle and his life freed by grace which transformed the world. We will spend time between now and then learning of history of Methodism and the current means/missions of the Methodist church around the world. God calls us for the very transformation of the world by God's love.



Please consider hiring the BE LIGHT YOUTH for any jobs around your house where you'd hire someone to do the job. They have honed skills in painting, minor repairs, moving, raking, decks, lawn maintenance – just let Jozi clean up your hedges– you will not be disappointed! We can hang Christmas lights and clean out storage sheds or garages. Power wash your driveway or pull weeds and of course rake. (suzette@cpfumc.org) We will be doing a mulch fundraiser where mulch – you would have bought anyway – can be bought from the youth and we will also install it in your gardens and yards for you.

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The trip details are not yet finalized and we will share those as soon as we have them. We will use a tour company as we did for the HOLY LAND TRIP. We will host a travel info meeting then too. ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE TRIP – not just for youth and their families. The estimated cost will be around \$3800 per person. We intend to raise funds so that everyone who wishes to go is able to go. Therefore we must start working to raise the money now.

HOLY LAND LUNCHEON Saturday, September 17: Come see and taste the goodness of the Holy Land. The BE LIGHT YOUTH will serve you the wonderful taste of Jericho – a traditional dish eaten weekly by families there. It is called Maqluba. It is a chicken and veggie dish cooked with rice that is flipped over to serve much like an upside down pineapple cake! We were delighted with it at our lunch in Jericho. We will provide the meal and stories of our HOLY LAND journey. Reservations required. Cost of meal TBD but it will serve as a fundraiser for the London Methodist Roots 2024 trip. Please be on the lookout for details coming soon.

Many of our bigger events have been slotted into the Fall calendar. There will be more added to the YOUTH schedule **BUT FOR NOW**

SAVE the DATES:

Sun, Aug 14: Blessing of the backpacks and water fun (be prepared to GET WET)

Sat, Aug 27- Sun Aug, 28 Church Lock-in and WELCOME rising middle schoolers to BE LIGHT YOUTH

At CPFUMC and nearby locations – ends with a pool party on a lazy river after worship on Sunday.

Sat, Sept 3 and Mon, Sept 5th : **LONDON Methodist Roots 2024** workdays

Sat. Sept 10 – practice making the Palestinian chicken and rice meal: Maqluba in church kitchen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: Holy Land Luncheon with maqluba and dessert FUNDRAISER for **LONDON Methodist Roots 2024**

Reservations required. BE LIGHT YOUTH will cook lunch and present the HOLY LAND adventure with pictures and stories

Sun, Sept 25 5:30-9pm (NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 9/26) Line Dancing at Family Fun night at the Cotton Club in Granger

Sat, Oct 29, 8-noon FALL FESTIVAL for A Child's Haven mission project

Sun, Nov 20: Hanging of the Greens

Sun, Dec. 18: Christmas party at Jozi's and Trail of Lights

Peace, Pastor Suzette (suzette@cpfumc.org)

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Southern California, Northern California, Des Moines, Iowa, London, England, Chicago, IL and now Jonestown, TX.

Q: What church did you come to CPFUMC from?

A: Elmhurst FUMC in Elmhurst, IL. This is a very small church, not even half the size of CPFUMC.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: We have a daughter, Shayna, who is 28. She moved to the Austin area in May after living in Chicago. She is a consultant to the food industry. Her company allows 100% remote work, so she decided to come to Texas.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: We had a Jack Russell Terrier named Cash for 16 years. We lost our friend last September.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time? Or what takes up a lot of your time?

A: Richard still works managing an investment portfolio for ERS. Anjanette spends time, almost daily, baking all types of bread products. Savory, sweet, pizza, American, Italian, Japanese, Asian, Middle Eastern. If it involves dough she can make it. We buy 25lb bags of flour and have not purchased a bread product in a few years.

Q: Do you have a particular hobby? Is there one you want to learn?

A: Anjanette is a competitive tennis player. She plays in multiple leagues several times per week. She was once on a team that was one tiebreaker result from going to the national championship for that division. Richard is a competitive shooter competing in USPSA matches.

Q: What's your favorite restaurant or favorite meal?

A: We cook regularly and it is fairly involved. You definitely wouldn't make this type of effort just because you are hungry. Anjanette makes anything with dough. Shayna is near a professional level chef. She worked on the business side of the #1 restaurant in America at one point. Richard handles the fires on the wood-fired oven, grill and smoker. Our favorite meal is Christmas dinner. We have been preparing a large Tomahawk steak cooked to temperature then seared on cast iron in the wood oven at 1000 degrees.

Q: Where is your favorite vacation locale?

A: We have travelled extensively, especially when we lived in London. However, our favorite trip was to Japan. We visited the large cities of Tokyo and Kyoto, but the best part of the trip was going through the countryside in Western Japan.

Q: I'd rather do anything besides:

A: wait in line for a restaurant.

Q: Tell us something we might not know about you!

A: Anjanette was a 1st team All-City of Los Angeles basketball player in high school and was offered a college scholarship. Richard was once the #1 ranked bicycle racer in Illinois and the #4 in the U.S. in his division.





Drive a Senior Needs Volunteers

For 35 years we have helped thousands of Cedar Park, Leander, and Northwest Austin seniors **live independently in their homes longer.**

Drive a Senior Northwest provides rides, handyman help, events to reduce social isolation, friendly phone calls, and a personal touch to a fast-growing population of seniors who no longer drive, so that they may remain independent. Trusted and caring volunteers provide access to healthcare, food, and savings of time and money for seniors and their families.

DASNW desperately needs more volunteer drivers. If you can give a few hours a month on the schedule that you choose, you would be a big help. For more information, see Julie Ramsey or Harriet Dunne or the DASNW website <https://driveaseniornorthwest.org/>

I have driven with DASNW from the time it started as Far Northwest Caregivers ... I have been gifted by the people I have known in this way. After these 35 years I have decided that it is time for me to retire. I can still help serve lunch at the monthly Senior Day Out gatherings or may even learn to play cards with the other Seniors.... *Hard to admit that I am one of those seniors.* It would be wonderful if others would volunteer to drive the seniors to maintain their independence. *Thank You, Sue*

New Computers Installed, Old Computers Sold

Our Technology Plan is being executed this summer. Two new computers were purchased and installed in the church. One new computer is used to run the slide show every Sunday during worship services. The other new computer was installed on the desk of Reanna Eddy, our Child's Haven director.

The new computers are Dell OptiPlex model 7090 small form factor machines with Intel Core i5-11500 processors, 16GB of RAM and 512 GB PCIe NVMe solid-state storage disks.

The computers that these new computers replaced were cascaded into our fleet of 14 computers and the resulting two oldest computers were combined with donated monitors, keyboard, mice, Wi-Fi adapters and webcams to be sold off as complete systems to some lucky church members and friends who got a great deal.

After taking advantage of a Tech Soup discount coupon (10%), the gross cost of the two new computers was \$1,836.38. Child's Haven graciously picked up half the cost of one of the computers and sales proceeds from selling off the two older computer systems subsidized the cost by raising an additional \$450, so the net cost to the CPFUMC Technology Fund of two brand new Dell computers was only \$936.38.



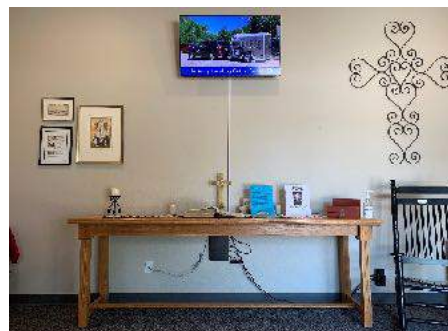
Narthex TV Installed

In their June 6 meeting the CPFUMC Trustees decided to improve the arrangement of the Narthex by mounting a TV to the wall instead of using the rolling cart TV parked in the corner by the coffee table. This TV is used to provide a weekly slide show that the church council had earlier requested to promote the recent activities of the congregation and upcoming events.

On June 29th Neil and Jane Howard were able to get a new Narthex TV mounted on the wall behind the long table. The TV itself is a 4K TV and it has voice control via the remote. The TV remote, wireless keyboard and mouse for the Dell OptiPlex 5070 micro-computer are in the drawer of the Narthex visitor's desk.

The TV remote has a push and hold for voice commands and it takes two AAA batteries. You can push and hold down the mic button remote to say "Switch input to HDMI-1" and "Lower volume to 24." The PC is connected to our church network via both Wi-Fi and hardwired Ethernet. The TV is connected to our network via Wi-Fi only. There is a Vizio SmartCast Mobile app which can also be used to control the TV in case we somehow lose the remote. You have to pair your phone with the TV. This TV has Chromecast and Apple AirPlay built-in.

The total net cost of the Narthex TV project was \$790.89, paid for by the CPFUMC Technology Fund.



Church Finance Report

The Church's operating fund financial status through June 30, 2022 is summarized below. June was another good month with generous giving for church operations. Most expenses were consistent with budgeted estimates, though there were one-time expenses that resulted in a small deficit for the month. Year-to-date the Church continues to have an operating deficit so your ongoing support is appreciated. The Church continues to have adequate cash reserves to meet its financial obligations.

Financial status through June 30, 2022

Total Income:	\$ 126,633.79
Total expenses:	<u>\$ 134,895.18</u>
Net Income/deficit:	-\$ 8,261.39

YOUTH MEALS NEEDED!

PLEASE FEED the BE LIGHT YOUTH

Food is a crucial aspect of YOUTH ministry. Please consider sponsoring or bringing lunch for

TEN BE LIGHT YOUTH for their Youth Gatherings after church.



Super simple suggestions:

- Spaghetti
- sandwich fixings (bread, meat/cheese, PB&J) couple bags of chips, fresh fruit,
- basic tacos
- salad with a protein,
- chicken nuggets and veggies sticks
- hamburgers
- soup and bread
- cheese/crackers/meats/grapes tray
- a casserole (please provide a vegetarian option)
- pancakes or breakfast tacos
- store bought item we can cook in the oven – family size lasagna for example
- gift card/cash for Subway or Taco Bell or HEB.

Dessert is really optional and should be small as the YOUTH only want a bit of a treat.

Please sign up to provide a meal! A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby.

Thank You for loving the BE LIGHT YOUTH

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!



CPFUMC Calendar August 2022

Click [here](#) to go to the most up to date online calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 8:30am - In-Person 9:45am - SS in-person & 10:45am - In-Person	1 4pm - Piano Lessons - 7pm - TRUSTEES in- 7:30pm - Centering	2 9:30am - Morning Prayer 10am - Bible Study 10am - HCCM 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's Group	3 4pm - Piano Lessons -	4 3:30pm - Piano Lessons -	5 10:30am - Women's 6pm - Piano Lessons - 7:30pm - Alcoholics	6
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21 8:30am - In-Person 9:45am - SS in-person & 10:45am - In-Person	22 4pm - Piano Lessons - 6:30pm - Council Meeting 7:30pm - Centering	23 9:30am - Morning Prayer 10am - Bible Study 10am - HCCM 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's Group	24 4pm - Piano Lessons -	25 3:30pm - Piano Lessons -	26 NEWSLETTER Input Due 10:30am - Women's 6pm - Piano Lessons - 7:30pm - Alcoholics	27
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