



## A Conversation with Margaret (Meg) McClintock

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

A: My first day at CPFUMC would have been in January 2020. Pastor Suzette was having an information meeting about the Holy Land trip. I was really impressed by that. I loved the Shalom song at the end and the incredible friendliness of everyone.

Q: Tell us about what drew you to CPFUMC.

A: It was close to Highland Estates. I felt comfortable driving there from Highland.

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

A: I was born in Illinois. I lived in Illinois, California (twice), Colorado, Arizona and Nevada. I moved here from Henderson, Nevada and am now living at Verena at Leander.

Q: What church did you come to CPFUMC from?

A: Green Valley United Methodist Church in Henderson,  
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# BE LIGHT YOUTH

Cedar Park first UMC- We are off and running this semester. Loads of gooooooood stuff going on. Check the schedule and save the dates.

Drum Circle is a blast – we are doing one every other Sunday with confirmation classes. See details below. We are considering playing the drums for Christmas Eve service – (perhaps Lil Drummer Boy), When we return to Confirmation – you are welcome to jump in – always to reflect on who do we claim Jesus to be? Confirmation Service will be on Pentecost in late Spring.

We have earned over \$3500 towards our goal of \$40,000 for the Trip to England in just two months which puts us squarely on track for everyone being able to travel who is willing to show up on England work days. You are also welcome to contribute \$\$ towards your trip as well – set up a monthly donation via church website to YOUTH England – that might make it more manageable with time and resources.

Fall Schedule (so far- jobs will be added as we receive them)

## September

## October

SATURDAY 10/1 – 9am TACOS!!! And then help set up the pumpkin patch

Sun 10/2 Helen and Chuck's – We will dine at **Subway** with Nell and Horace before heading over to **earn \$\$ for England 2024**

Sun 10/9 prep activities for Fall Festival including UNLOAD PUMPKINS

SATURDAY 10/15: 8-noon HOST Fall Festival for A Child's Haven preschool and neighborhood  
**NEED CAKE WALK DONATIONS AND TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL HOSTS**

Sun 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 Fun in the Pumpkin Patch

## November

Sun 11/6 and 13 work on creating items to sell at **Christmas Tea and Treats** first weekend in December

Sun 11/20 Hanging of the Greens

Sun 11/27 Holiday Inn at the Georgetown Palace theatre plus dinner with a church member (I will need a head count soon as to buy tickets)

## December

SATURDAY 12/3 **Christmas TEA and TREATS** fundraiser for **Methodist Roots England 2024**

Sun 12/18 Christmas party /Trail of Lights

**I will need a SECOND SAFE GATHERINGS ADULT for these to happen. Please consider your schedule and let me know about serving ONE Sunday a month. If you have not yet completed the easy THREE steps process, please so using this link: <https://riotexas.org/safesteps> I encourage ALL PARENTS to become *Trusted con Confianza* (one who has completed the three step process) as another layer of accountability for all the church happenings for all vulnerable humans.**

**Methodist Roots England 2024** more details to come BUT FOR NOW we are earning our way to travel to England in summer of 2024 to explore the roots of the Methodist faith and the impact of the Methodist faith on the world. We will visit John Wesley's journey and have some time in London as well. We are expecting it to cost about \$3800 per person and are starting to earn that through projects. ALL are welcome to join the trip and all are welcome to earn funds to offset the cost. The more people who go, the more it reduces the cost for all. There will be an info meeting most likely in October.

# FALL FESTIVAL

## WE NEED YOU!!! FALL FESTIVAL IS TAKING IT UP A NOTCH and happening DURING the PUMPKIN PATCH

Fall Festival is Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> for A Child's Haven preschool. The YOUTH will once again create a carnival for our littlest disciples. Doing it earlier means it happens while the PUMPKIN PATCH is up and running. All visitors to the patch will be encouraged to join in the fun as they come to the pumpkin patch as well so there may be even more folks Goin' Fishing for slimy worms, doing the cake walk or getting faces painted.

Two of the favorite events were the "cake" walk and the Trick or Treat Trail.

**WE NEED CAKES and MORE.** We need our fabulous bakers to whip up tasty treats – cakes, cookies, cupcakes, fudge- whatever flips your baking nickel. Please bring the items up to the church before the festival starts on Sat. Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

**WE NEED TRICK OR TREAT TABLE**

**SPONSORS.** Our Trick or Treat Trail will be in the midst of all the fun. We will set up tables along the side walk for church members to decorate (think trunk or treat style); bring your chair and your treats for trick or treating and enjoy the preschoolers making their way along the trail of tables. Invite a friend or three to set up next to you and enjoy a lovely fall morning bringing smiles to children while you chat with good friends. What a delightful way to share God's love.

PLEASE email Pastor Suzette so she knows how many tables to set up and how many bake goods are on the way. This is a practical way to show her love as it also reduces her stress level for the planning of the festival.

([suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:suzette@cpfumc.org)) This truly takes a village to make a success.





Join us in your  
Halloween best for

# CPFUMC FALL FEST

Put on BeLight Youth and  
A Child's Haven

Saturday, October 15th  
9AM TO 11AM  
600 W. Park St

Trick-or-Treat Trail,  
Pumpkin Decorating, Games,  
and More!

Greetings  
ISLAND



Well, it is that time of year again when Christmas is on our minds. The Children's Sunday School performs at the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Would your child like to participate? If so, rehearsals are during the Sunday School hour. Attendance at Sunday School is required.

Please let Carolyn Smith know if your child wishes to participate ([carolynsmith2215@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsmith2215@gmail.com), 512.970.9087). This is important to ensure the script will accommodate the number of children. Rehearsals will begin on October 15.

### **MEMBERS from p. 1**

Nevada.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: My husband Dan and I were married one month short of 40 years. He passed away in 2008. I have two sons. Scott lives in Media, PA with his wife Heather. They have a 7-year-old son (Davyn) and a 4-year-old daughter (Brielle). Eugene lives in Killeen. He is married to Kelly and they have an 18-year-old son, Jonathan.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have no pets now. We've always had dogs---basenjis.

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

A: I love to read, play games, make jigsaw puzzles and watch basketball games.

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

A: Mahjong. There is nothing I am really wanting to learn now.

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

A: I don't have a favorite restaurant, but I really love a good steak house.

Q: Where is your favorite vacation locale?

A: I am not a sun and sand person. If I could go anywhere now it would be a cruise around the British Isles.

Q: I'd rather do anything besides cook!!!

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

A: I love Utah Jazz basketball and Il Divo music group. Other than that, I'm an open book.

# The Pumpkins Are Coming and We Need Your Help!!

Every October Cedar Park Church gets the Pumpkin Patch open and starts selling pumpkins. Our neighbors love to bring their families to our Patch. Some have been coming for over twenty years. But we need your bright smile to greet our visitors and help them find the perfect pumpkin. Come get trained to work the Patch and then sign up to work a shift. Two shifts are available each day the Patch is open: 2:30-5pm and 5-7pm (a third shift is available on Saturdays from 12-2:30pm). You can sign up in person when you're at church on Sunday or you can sign up online by visiting the church website.

Sunday, October 2  
After church  
**GET TRAINED**  
on how to work  
the patch and count  
the proceeds.



Sunday, October 9  
????  
**PUMPKINS ARRIVE**  
Come help unload  
the pumpkin truck!!

## Church Finance Report

The Church's operating fund status through August 31, 2022 is summarized below. August expenses, and expenses for the year, remain consistent with our budgeted estimates. During August the Church received a substantial payment from Atmos, the region's natural gas supplier. They will be using Church property on our east side, south of the parking lot, for construction staging as they replace their natural gas pipeline in the utility easement. Their payment of \$10,618.58 enabled the Church to show positive net income for August and it reduced our overall deficit for the year. However, since we continue to have an operating deficit your ongoing support is appreciated. The Church continues to have adequate cash reserves to meet its financial obligations

### Financial status through August 31, 2022

Total Income:	\$ 175,947.88
Total expenses:	<u>\$ 178,998.41</u>
Net Income/deficit:	-\$ 3,050.53

# 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](http://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 October 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 8:30am - In-Person 9:45am - SS in-person & 10:45am - In-Person 10:45am - Livestream	26 4pm - Piano Lessons - 6:30pm - Council Meeting 7:30pm - Centering	27 9:30am - Morning Prayer 10am - Bible Study 10am - HCCM 11am - Prayer Shawl	28 4pm - Piano Lessons -	29 3:30pm - Piano Lessons -	30 10:30am - Women's 6pm - Piano Lessons - 7:30pm - Alcoholics	1 9am - Fall Work Day @ 9am - Pumpkin Patch
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