



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC
600 W. Park St.
Cedar Park Tx 78613

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2022

IN PERSON WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M. IN PERSON AND
YOUTUBE CHANNEL / FACEBOOK PAGE



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Seekers and Thinkers are meeting in person at 9:45 am in MMB studying *The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch*

Followers of the Word are meeting in person at 9:45 am in MMB studying the Gospel according to Mark

Children's Sunday school meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the MMB room 3. Contact Amanda Theriot at Amanda.theriot@icloud.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

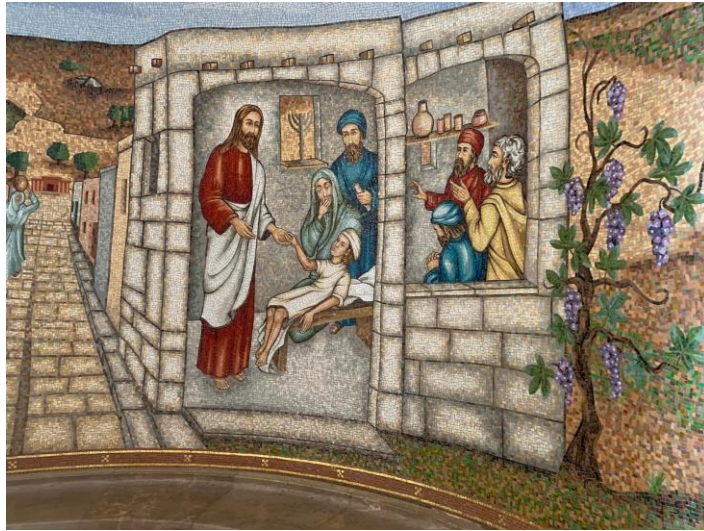
- Monday Nov. 7th** Trustees meet in MMB Conference room and by Zoom
7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
- Tuesday Nov. 8th** 9:30 am Service of Morning Prayer in sanctuary
10:00 am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and via zoom
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Sanctuary
- Wednesday Nov. 9th** 8:30 am **Red Shirts** meet at Los Reyes on Zoom. Contact Dave Sidney dsidney@aceweb.com for Zoom meetings and Jim West for in person meetings
- Friday Nov. 11th** 8:45 am **Red Shirts** meet at Randalls
10:30 am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, Nov. 13th** 9:45 am Sunday school for adults:
Seekers and Thinkers are *studying The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation To the Modern Megachurch* (36 lesson series)
Followers of the Word studying Gospel according to Mark
9:45 am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3
9:45 am Youth confirmation class
8:30 am and 10:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE



CHOIR Practice Schedule

Choir Sunday Practice Dates:

- November 6th - sing Come and See out of TFWS and practice after second service
November 13th - sing Gloria and practice after second service
November 20th - sing TFWS (Russ solo) and practice after second service
December 4th sing Tiny Hand and practice after second service
December 11th - sing ALL BOTH SERVICES - Tiny Hand, Ding Dong, Sing We Now and Child of Hope
December 18th - sing Gloria again at second service



PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Rachel Longoria. Prayers of safe travels for Dad leaving Friday for India.
Prayers of joy for David's birthday this Friday.
- Helen Trahan. Prayers for Chuck having hernia repair surgery.
- Charles Bland. Prayers for my cousin having surgery.
- Margaret McClintock. Prayers for friend Maggie.
- Gigi Heermans. Prayers for friend having to start over.
Prayers for Jozi's 1st musical performance.
Prayers of joy for Track Team doing well.
- Karen Goodman. Prayers for Mart going on trip and I will be fine.
- Charles Bland. Prayers of joy for Pastor Peters 1st grandson Simon.
- Karen Bowker. Prayers of joy for my brother, nephew and friend being here to visit.
- Marsha Suber. Prayers for my granddaughter now in an air cast.
- Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers for my nephew who had a relapse.
- B.J. Posner. Prayers of joy for my son turning 61 on Tuesday.
- Sue Chesnut. Prayers for granddaughter finding a new job starting Monday.
- David Beck. Prayers for son Kirk who is challenged with an illness.

Upcoming EVENTS !!

- November 17 A Child's Haven Thanksgiving Lunch at 11:30am (help is needed at 10am to set up and serve)
- November 19 Memorial Service for Dick Doak in the Sanctuary at 4:30pm (food is needed for after service fellowship – contact Karen Packard kvpackard@aol.com)
- November 20 Commitment Sunday (return your financial commitment cards during worship)
- November 26 *Holiday Inn* intergenerational theater event in Georgetown at 2pm
- November 27 Thanks for Giving Potluck Luncheon at noon in the Sanctuary
- December 3 Tea and Treats fundraiser for BE LIGHT YOUTH England Trip at 10am in the Sanctuary

HCCM



Food / Health Care

CPFUMC donation to HCCM for the 1st week of November were;
Food / Health Care Week 64 pounds YTD 2,974 pounds

The volunteers that are always there asked me to convey their thanks for us continuing to be faithful to them. Additionally, the bulk of our food offering was JELLY. They were so excited as they have been out of jelly for several days.



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 contact Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com, or 512.970.9087 if your child wishes to participate. This is important to ensure the script will accommodate the number of children. Rehearsals will begin on October 15.

Volunteer Opportunity - Project Transformation

PT's Reading Allstars is a virtual volunteer opportunity – all sessions take place on Zoom. During virtual sessions volunteers listen to participants read, ask questions, and offer strategies for reading help. Volunteers and the PT staff work to help participants maintain or improve their reading level and love of literacy throughout the school year.

Session Options (all times in CST):

- **Tuesdays 4:30p-5:30p** (participants read from 4:30-5:00p and from 5:00-5:30p)
- **Thursdays 4:30p-5:30p** (participants read from 4:30-5:00p and from 5:00-5:30p)

To learn more and register.

[Click here](https://www.givepulse.com/event/319436-Reading-Allstars-Virtual-Program) <https://www.givepulse.com/event/319436-Reading-Allstars-Virtual-Program>

If a session is full, please join the waitlist! As children continue to register, we will need more volunteers and having folks on the waitlist helps ensure every child has a volunteer.

YOUTH

Theatre and Dinner with a YOUTH

HOLIDAY INN

Sunday, November 27
2pm matinee then dinner

Adopt a YOUTH for an afternoon of musical theatre followed by a shared meal at a nearby restaurant (TBD). Pay for your ticket plus a youth ticket (\$33 each).

Hire BE LIGHT YOUTH for your next project....

If you have tasks around your home for which you'd already be paying someone to handle, please consider hiring the **BE LIGHT YOUTH** instead. We do work hard and are fun to have around! Contact Pastor Suzette to discuss and schedule. (suzette@cpfumc.org)

Safe Gathering Adults needed...

Please consider your schedule and let me know about serving ONE Sunday a month. If you have not yet completed the easy THREE step process, please so using this link: <https://riotexas.org/safesteps> I encourage ALL PARENTS and ALL church members 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.

Youth Calendar...

Sun 11/20 Hanging of the Greens

Sun 11/27 Holiday Inn at the Georgetown Palace theatre plus dinner with a church member

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

Sun 12/18 Christmas party /Trail of Lights

DONATIONS needed for Santa's Shop for MOM and POP

BE LIGHT YOUTH are hosting an arts, and gifts shop for the preschoolers at A Child's Haven to "shop" for their parents or special people. For a small donation, the children will come into the Santa Shop and select gifts for their mom and pop; the BE LIGHT YOUTH will then wrap them and return the wrapped gifts to be opened on Christmas morning. **Donations need not be new but in good quality and smaller sized** as the children will be putting their selection into a labeled paper bag for wrapping.

Need: small gifts such as earrings, money clip, keychain, figurines, etc. Something a small child would see and delight in giving to daddy or pretty enough to give to the best mom in the world. Please put donation in the BE LIGHT YOUTH room by Sunday Nov. 27 (the earlier the better). The YOUTH will also be making crafts for the children and for this next thing:

TEA AND TREATS

Join us for tea, treats, conversation and a little Christmas shopping on **SATURDAY, December 3 from 10-noon**. YOUTH will provide tasty teas and little nibbles and conversation for a minimum donation of \$5. Items will be available to purchase from the YOUTH. You may also make a donation for the gifts to be taken to our nearby nursing homes. The YOUTH will wrap and deliver the Christmas gifts later in the month.

Donations from both the **Santa's Shop for MOM and POP** and **TEA and TREATS** will help fund the BE LIGHT YOUTH #Methodist Roots England 2024

LISD School Board of Trustees Candidate Info

[Community Impact Monthly Magazine, October 2022, p28-33](#)

[LeanderISD.org website](#)

Be an Informed Voter

(Click on the underlined blue links above to read about the candidates)

Early voting starts October 24. Election Day is November 8

Help Needed

A Child's Haven preschool will be having their annual Thanksgiving Family Lunch Thursday, November 17th ...

Kitchen Help Needed at the church from 10am to 1pm ...

Please contact Sue Sidney (512.657.6650) via text or call letting her know that you would like to help out that day ...

Thank You ...

Please help Drive a Senior Northwest raise funds by ordering some yummy pasta in unique shapes for yourself or your friends and family!

Order until November 11th; Free shipping for orders over \$65!

You get great pasta and fun gifts, our transportation program for seniors receives 40% of all sales - helping DASNW with the funding we need to keep our wheels on the road!

2023 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2023 stewardship campaign starts on Sunday, November 6, 2022. This is a time when we ask you to think about what the Church means to you, and how you can help it be a blessing to you, our community and beyond.

Cedar Park First UMC continues to thrive and serve through challenging times due to your faithful support. During this past year Church attendance has steadily grown. Our mission giving this year looks like it will set a Church record. That giving helps Hill Country Community Ministries, Ukrainian refugees locally and through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, a Rwandan widow and other Church missions. Our Youth have served on mission trips and completed an amazing, and challenging, trip to the Holy Land.

There are many ways you can support the Church. You can attend worship, participate in adult education, volunteer with the youth and with the membership care and outreach committee and of course give financially. Pledging to give, for those who feel able, is very important to the Church. A pledge is just an estimate of what you can reasonably, faithfully expect to give for the coming year. It is not a contract and you can change it if needed.

In 2022 our pledges were 15% below the prior year. As a result the Church Council had a challenge budgeting for 2022. We budgeted our expenses very conservatively and hoped for other giving. Overall the 2022 budget grew by only 1.5% even though we knew we had to increase some line items due to expected inflation. And we have experienced increased costs for insurance, utilities, building maintenance and other costs. In 2022 we also experienced some unexpected costs, like having to replace a heating/air conditioning unit in the Multi-ministries Building, at a cost of almost \$10,000.

By pledging you help the Church better plan its ministries for 2023, you support our pastors, you help us maintain our renovated sanctuary and you support our children and youth programs. Soon you will receive a letter including a pledge card and on November 6th you will also have an opportunity to pick up a pledge card at both worship services. We ask you to prayerfully consider completing a pledge card. You can mail it back to the church, or you can turn it in during worship on Commitment Sunday, November 20, 2022. We ask that you also consider an additional gift for this year, to help us address a deficit in our current year finances.

We have been blessed at Cedar Park First UMC and we are called to be a blessing to others. We hope and pray that you think, and then act, on how you can help us continue to be that blessing.

CPFUMC Ministries Brochure has been prepared. Hardcopy is available on the desk in the Narthex.

For our weekly email publication *Happenings* please send input to Stephanie Talley at office@cpfumc.org

