



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC
600 W. Park St.
Cedar Park Tx 78613

NOVEMBER 21st, 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. 21st** 7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
- Tuesday Nov. 22nd** 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. 23rd** 8:30 am **Red Shirts** meet at Burger King and on Zoom. Contact Dave Sidney dsidney@aceweb.com for Zoom meetings and Jim West for in person meeting
- Friday Nov. 25th** 8:45 am **Red Shirts** meet at Randalls
10:30 am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary
- Saturday Nov. 26th** Holiday inn Intergenerational theater event in Georgetown
- Sunday, Nov. 27th** 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
Thanks for Giving Potluck Luncheon in Sanctuary (bring a dish to share)

Let's all get together
for a POTLUCK LUNCH!!
This Sunday, November 27th
@ Noon. Everyone bring a dish to share! Please come





CHOIR Practice Schedule

Choir Sunday Practice Dates:

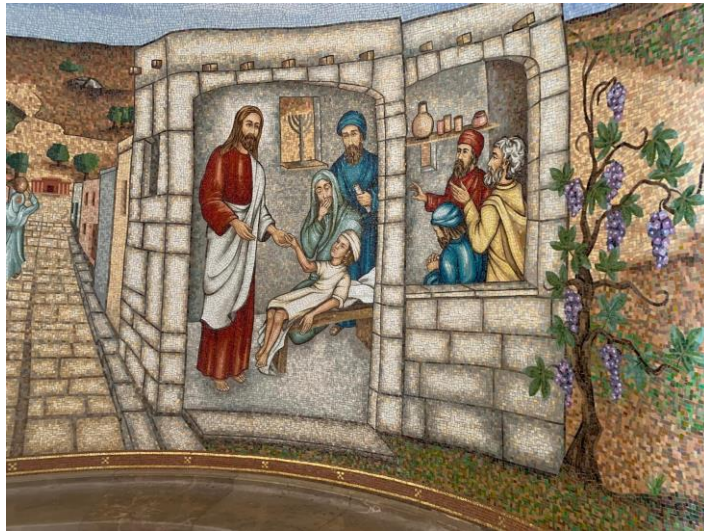
December 4th sing Tiny Hand and practice after second service

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

Upcoming EVENTS !!

November 26	<i>Holiday Inn</i> intergenerational theater event in Georgetown at 2pm
November 27	Thanks for Giving Potluck Luncheon at noon in the Sanctuary
December 3 Sanctuary	Tea and Treats fundraiser for BE LIGHT YOUTH England Trip at 10am in the



PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson.

Prayers of Joy for Pastor Jo and husband Randal Kretzler being with us today.

Jill Lundstrom.

Prayers for family being here today.

Debra Longoria.

Prayers that Sergio is home safely.

Prayers for people with loss during this season and that God will comfort them.

Lisa Feazell.

Prayers for children who do not have adults in their lives.

Bill Hanna

Prayers for my wife who is not feeling well and heartbroken from her youngest sister passing away.

Sterling Hartman.

Prayers for granddaughter with a one year old and not getting a perfect score on her test.

Nancy Holmes.

Blessed to have my oldest son Jeff here with me this weekend.

Martha Orr.

Blessing for Michael and I getting married this coming Saturday.

Karen Goodman.

Prayers for son and family going on a trip.

Isabelle Lundstrom.

Blessed for my son Russ and Thankful to be here today at this mighty little Church. You are wonderful.

HCCM



Food / Health Care

Our donations to HCCM for the 3rd week of November were;

Food / Health Care
Week 38 pounds
YTD 3,098 pounds

We also had a large assortment of items for the Thrift Store Sent from my iPhone

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

The HCCM Community Cupboard is free and open to the public and no appointment is needed. You can visit once a day to shop for things like fruits and vegetables, bread, pastries and other miscellaneous items. Items vary daily.

Cupboard Location

1005 Lacy Drive

Leander, TX 78641

Cupboard Hours

Mon –Fri 9am –12pm

1pm –3pm

*Extended hours on

Thursday until 7pm

****Please note: You must arrive 10 minutes prior to closing at each shift to allow you time to shop and for our volunteers to clean up.**

HCCM HOLIDAY MEALS

As many of you are aware, HCCM has, for numerous years, placed a special emphasis on providing a Holiday meal for their clients. The clients have a choice of receiving the components of the meal for either Thanksgiving or Christmas. They are continuing this tradition this year, however, their method has changed and they have asked that their supporting Churches or Agencies provide quantities of the meal components that are significantly beyond our capabilities.

Therefore, I am suggesting that any person / family desirous of assisting HCCM in this effort make a cash donation identified as a Thanksgiving / Christmas gift.

If any of you have any questions of this suggestion please contact me at Church or my e mail which is

bob927bowker@gmail.com Thank you to all for assisting in this effort.



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

BE LIGHT YOUTH – check it out!

Fall Schedule

November

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

SATURDAY 11/12 **Oh What a Circus** musical to cheer for Jozi - 7pm meet for dinner at 5:30pm

Sun 11/20 **at noon** Hanging of the Greens AND workday at Helen's 1:30-3:30pm

Saturday 11/ 26 Holiday Inn at the Georgetown Palace theatre plus dinner with a church member ;

Currently have 4 YOUTH tickets donated; (accompanying adults/parents must purchase tickets for \$36) Youth attending so far: Abby, Audrey, Mady and ??

TUESDAY November 29 - set up SANTA'S SHOP FOR MOM And POP - need people to come after work that evening to set up the shopping space for the preschoolers time to TBD

December

SATURDAY 12/3 **Christmas TEA and TREATS** from 10-noon **BE LIGHT YOUTH 8:30-12:30** (setup and clean up) fundraiser for **Methodist Roots England 2024**

Sun 12/4 wrap gifts from the Santa's Shop for Mom and Pop

Sun 12/ 11 Christmas party after worship

Sun 12/18 deliver Christmas gifts to nursing homes

Sun 12/25 Christmas Day - no YOUTH

There will be work/play days scheduled over the break TBD.

January

Sun 1/1 NO YOUTH= Happy New Year

Sun 1/8 confirmation resumes

**MIDWINTER RETREAT FRIDAY 1/13-SUNDAY 1/15 at a ranch in New Braunfels
(no school on Monday)**

(Look for separate email with specifics coming soon)

Thank you to each of the parents and adults volunteers who have stepped up to be Safe Gatherings Compliant. It is a **vital** aspect to the thriving of our YOUTH ministry and the life of the church. Still planning to but haven't yet - here's the 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.

CONFIRMATION classes + MUSIC JAM sessions + Tacos Sundays during SS hour 9:45-10:30am

November 6 and 20– confirmation

November 13 and 27 – drumming circle – we have not yet determined if they will play on Christmas eve as we really have had few practices. We can make that determination next week between what we practice and the anxiety of the YOUTH too. I am hoping to keep it light and fun.

December 4 confirmation

December 11 and 18 will be drumming circle especially if we do decide to drum on Christmas eve.

Dec 25/Jan 1 – no SS or YOUTH – we will have work days for those wanting to go to England over the break

Jan 8 resume Confirmation

Jan 13-15 District wide Midwinter retreat for YOUTH in New Braunfels/ No SS at CPFUMC

Jan 22 Confirmation

Jan 29 NO Youth at Church – United Women in Faith conference for the young women/ No SS at CPFUMC

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



It's official! The Youth Midwinter Retreat is back!

Take a breath and spend some time reconnecting with God and each other this January.

Youth from Methodist churches across the Austin area will spend Friday night through Sunday morning in the beautiful Texas hill country at the T bar M campground in New Braunfels, TX as we gather for an awesome weekend full of worship, fellowship, and fun.

- **What:** Capital District Youth Midwinter Retreat
- **When:** Jan. 13 (7pm) through Jan. 15 (10:30am)
- **Where:** T Bar M Camps and Retreats in New Braunfels, TX
- **Cost:** \$175/person (partial scholarships are available)

[Youth sign up HERE.](#)

IT IS A GRANDSON!!!

Have you heard the wonderful news? Pastor Peter's first grandchild was born this month. Baby Simeon is gorgeous and all is well.

If you'd like to join in welcoming this little bundle of joy to the family, Karen Packard is collecting books to create a gift basket for Pastor Peter to bring to this sweet young family. Please bring your book to the nurse in the Worship building by Sunday, Dec 4th. Karen will put them all together and present it on behalf of the CPFUMC family to Pastor Peter the following week.

Questions or solutions, please contact Karen (kvpackard@aol.com)

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.



Tea and Treats

Saturday
December
3rd

10am-12pm

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church
600 West Park Street
Cedar Park TX 78613

Youth Vendors. Crafts and other goodies.

Free event.

Robert Schnase to Return to Rio Texas Conference as Episcopal Leader



HOUSTON - On the Thursday evening of the 2022 South Central Jurisdictional Conference, it was confirmed that Bishop Robert Schnase will continue as the Episcopal leader of the Rio Texas Conference. Schnase will also serve as the Episcopal leader for the New Mexico Conference.

This announcement was made when the SCJ Committee on the Episcopacy reported the assignments of the Bishops within the South Central Jurisdiction.

The new SCJ Bishop assignments are:

- Arkansas Annual Conference – Bishop Laura Merrill
- Central Texas Annual Conference – Bishop Ruben Saenz
- North Texas Annual Conference - Bishop Ruben Saenz
- Great Plains Annual Conference - Bishop David Wilson
- Louisiana Annual Conference - Bishop Dee Williamston
- Missouri Annual Conference - Bishop Robert Farr
- Northwest Texas Annual Conference - Bishop Jimmy Nunn
- Oklahoma Annual Conference and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Annual Conference - Bishop Jimmy Nunn
- Rio Texas Annual Conference - Bishop Robert Schnase
- New Mexico Annual Conference – Bishop Robert Schnase
- Texas Annual Conference - Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey

These Episcopal Assignments will begin January 1, 2023.

“It is an honor and a privilege to return to the Rio Texas Conference,” stated Bishop Schnase. “I will continue to serve two conferences with God’s guidance and a lot of prayer. The people I have met the past six years in this conference are true servant leaders and I look forward to our continued ministry partnership. Rio Texas is my home and I’m energized by this reassignment.”

Bishops are elected for life and serve in their assignment until retirement (required by the Book of Discipline to be the jurisdictional conference following their 68th birthday). Bishops are elected at Jurisdictional Conference and then are assigned to Episcopal Areas, which may include one or more Annual Conferences, within that Jurisdiction for a four-year term. Due to the pandemic and the rescheduling of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, delegates will meet again in July 2024. Therefore, some assignments will be for two years.

During the 2022 South Central Jurisdictional Conference, delegates from the twelve annual conferences have gathered under the theme “Together in Christ; Rooted in Love.” They heard reports and voted on business matters and worshiped together.

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

