



# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC  
600 W. Park St.  
Cedar Park Tx 78613

### FEBRUARY 27TH, 2023

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 of John

**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](mailto:Amanda.theriot@icloud.com)

**Youth Sunday School** meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in the youth room

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
- Tuesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>** 8:30 am **Red Shirts** meets on Zoom Contact Dave Sidney [dsidney@aceweb.com](mailto:dsidney@aceweb.com) for Zoom meetings and Jim West for in person
- Saturday Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10:00 am – 11:25 am Read Across America
- Friday Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>** 8:45 am **Red Shirts** meet at Randalls  
10:30 am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary
- Saturday Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am United Women in Faith meet in the MM Conference Rm
- Sunday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion  
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 of John  
9:45 am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3  
10:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE with Holy Communion



## *CHOIR*

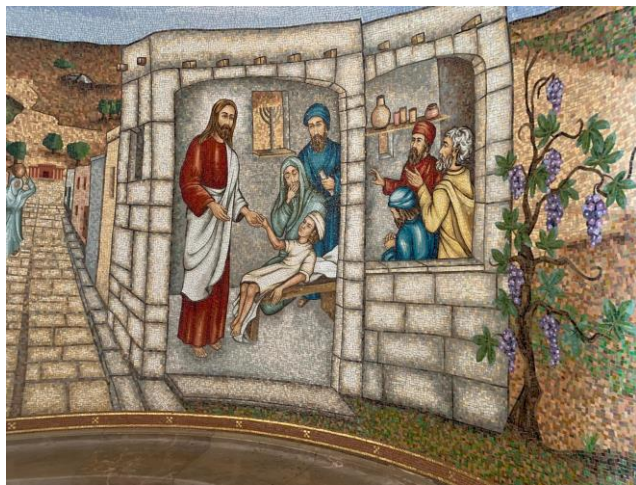
March 5<sup>th</sup> - NO PRACTICE

March 12<sup>th</sup> - practice after second service

March 19<sup>th</sup> - practice after second service

March 26<sup>th</sup> - practice after second service

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Palm Sunday practice after second service



## *PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS*

**Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson.** Next week my son is getting Betrothed to Fiancé.

My youngest son is turning 15 years old.

Prayers for Chuck Trahan recovering from a successful surgery.

**Margaret McClintock.** Prayers for healing from violence.

**Debra Longoria.** Prayers for healing from aches and pains.

Prayers to get injections to help Sergio with pain.

**Rachel Longoria.** Prayers for healing of right arm and leg.

**Charles Bland.** Prayers for Sue Sidney getting eye injections and for Dave Sidney receiving cancer treatments.

**Nell Pennington.** Continued Prayers for Paul on the healing of his foot.

Hill Country Community Ministries  
(HCCM)  
basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Donations for the 3rd week of February were; Food / Health Care Week 44 pounds  
YTD 472 pounds

We also had a bedspread donated to the Thrift Store

## LENT CHALLENGE FOR HCCM

WEEK 1 JELLY

WEEK 2 CANNED VEGGIES

WEEK 3 TOMATO SAUCE

WEEK 4 HEALTH ITEMS

WEEK 5 DRIED BEANS

WEEK 6 CANNED MEAT

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN RAISE THE ROOF ON DONATIONS TO HCCM TO HELP ALL THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE



### Art Gallery at Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

For a while now I've been eyeing the blank sanctuary hallway thinking this would be a good place to hang some art and to my surprise the trustees agreed. Plans are underway to increase lighting in the hallway and to install a gallery hanging system then create a subcommittee that answers to Trustees and Outreach to create an agreement between local artists and our church along with guidelines for what goes on the walls. If you would like to serve on this committee or have suggestions / comments please contact Kevin Middleton at: [ArtGallery@cpfumc.org](mailto:ArtGallery@cpfumc.org)



# YOUTH



## **BE LIGHT YOUTH MULCH FUNDRAISER COMING SOON**

The BE LIGHT YOUTH will be offering bags of mulch as a fundraiser for the METHODIST ROOTS ENGLAND 2024 trip. We are in process of finalizing details. We will be offering bags for pick up at the church for \$5 each or for delivery to your home for \$6 each. The BE LIGHT YOUTH will also install the mulch for an additional donation of your choice.

We have been working hard doing everything from Christmas lights, to raking, to brush clearing, to fun community gatherings and so much more. The cost for each person to travel to England will be about \$4000 and we do not want money to be a barrier for anyone who wants to explore how the Wesley family started a church which factually altered the world.

This is the standard Wesley trip via EO. We will be doing something very similar with an additional day in London if possible: [https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/files/uploads/HE23\\_A\\_Wesley%20Heritage\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/files/uploads/HE23_A_Wesley%20Heritage_FINAL.pdf) We will most likely be traveling the last full week in May to take advantage of the lower airfares before the summer season opens in June.

We THANK YOU for your support for the BE LIGHT YOUTH

## **HIRE THE BE LIGHT YOUTH for YOUR TO-DO LIST around your HOME**

IF YOU have a house task you were planning on hiring someone to take care for you – PLEASE consider asking the YOUTH to do it instead. We are great at a variety of home repair and yard clean up. We painted the interior of a home in Eagle Pass in two days and have pulled weeds, lopped hedges, repaired/painted fences, cleared debris and so much more. Please contact Pastor Suzette ([suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:suzette@cpfumc.org)) to see if we are good for your job needs. The added bonus is the YOUTH come hang with you while they work and have fun getting your to-do list taken care of- we really do WORSHIP HARD WORK HARD and PLAY HARD.

**CONFIRMATION Sunday will be EASTER morning, April 2nd, at the Sunrise service at 7am. BE LIGHT YOUTH lead the outdoor worship and we will confirm YOUTH.**

Updated confirmation/Sunday School schedule:

March 5th NO YOUTH SS/NO BE LIGHT YOUTH

Mar 12 Drum Circle/spring break

**Mar 19 Confirmation/spring break**

Mar 26 Drum circle

**April 2 Palm Sunday EVERYONE prep for Easter**

**April 9 Confirmed at Sunrise worship ALL BE LIGHT YOUTH participate**

Greetings Friends,

**Suicide is a reality in our world and we often are at a loss about how to comfort those left to grieve (including ourselves perhaps) or what to do if someone presents signals about suicide. Below is description for a one-day class at Austin Seminary near UT. I will be attending and invite anyone whose heart has been tugged or bruised by this issue to join me in learning how to respond meaningfully to suicide. There is a \$50 fee which includes instruction, materials and lunch. The registration link can be found below. Please let me know if you are attending and perhaps we can arrange carpooling: [suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:suzette@cpfumc.org)**

Peace, Pastor Suzette

**Soul Shop™ is a one-day workshop that equips faith community leaders to minister to suicide impacts as a regular aspect of their ministries. The workshop includes addressing the primary obstacles to dealing with suicide such as stigma, fear, and shame; statistics/facts about suicide; and how ministries can create a supportive environment while shifting the culture around how people deal with this subject and one another.**

**During the workshop we will talk about the creation of worship resources, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and how to extend the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories.**

**Who Should Attend? Faith leaders and benefits counselors, lay ministry leaders, first responders and essentially anyone interested in learning how to effectively minister to those impacted by suicide.**

**Date and Time: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 9:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Cost: \$50, includes lunch and refreshments – use link below to register:**

**<https://www.austinseminary.edu/lifelong-learning/workshops/soul-shop>**



## READ ACROSS AMERICA AT A CHILD'S HAVEN ON MARCH 2

Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day, is a yearly observance in the USA inaugurated by the National Education Association (NEA). It is held on the school day that is nearest to March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American artist, book publisher, animator, poet, and author of over 60 children's books.

NEA is an organization that represents public school teachers and other support personnel, staffers, and faculty at universities and colleges, as well as educators that have retired and college students who are preparing to become teachers.

In 1997 NEA launched the Read Across America, to encourage children to read more books and also get them excited about reading. On March 2, 1998, the first Read Across America Day was celebrated. Since then, it has been held annually.

The holiday mainly focuses on motivating children to read as it improves their performance in school. On this day, hospitals, bookstores, community centers, churches, libraries, and schools host many events to promote reading.

This year on Thursday, March 2, Cedar Park Church members are invited to Read Across America with the children at a Child's Haven from 10am-11:30pm. Sign up in the Sanctuary Lobby to read from one of Dr. Seuss's books to a group of children for ten or fifteen minutes. What a great way to celebrate reading!!

### Church Finance Report

The Church's operating fund status through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 is summarized below. Financially we have started the year very strong with income running a little above expectations. Expenses are running below budgeted estimates as well. As a result the Church had a positive financial results for January. However, expenditures will increase in the coming months as we begin paying our apportionments and other church activities pick up. Your continued support for the Church is needed and appreciated.

### Financial status through January 31, 2023

Total income:	\$24,696.28
Total expenses:	\$20,204.30
Net Income/(deficit):	\$4491.98

**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](mailto:office@cpfumc.org)