

December 2017



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

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

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Newsletter



Women's Advent Brunch Angels Among Us

You are invited
Saturday, December 9, 2017
First UMC, Cedar Park
10am-1pm
to share brunch & fellowship

We will be collecting donations of
New socks & pillowcases for the women and
children at
the **Williamson County Crisis Center,**
Hope Alliance

And
Newborn/#1 or #2 Diapers & Baby Wipes for
the babies cared for by **ACTS OF LOVE**

Monetary Donations are always welcomed ...

This "party" is being sponsored by
the United Methodist Women



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Stewardship Update

Submitted by Steve Howard

Our 2018 stewardship campaign is off to a great start! Church members responded to Commitment Sunday by returning 39 cards totaling \$157,512 in pledges. We had a lot to be thankful for at our "Thanks for Giving" potluck dinner.

Our goal for 2018 is to exceed the \$190,000 in pledges budgeted in 2017. So while we have made a great start additional pledges are needed to get to our goal. Pledges will continue to be accepted through year-end and pledge cards will be available at church worship services. If you have not yet pledged please consider doing so.

And remember for this year contributions made through December 31st will be tax deductible for 2017. Our last worship service this year is December 31st so you can drop a contribution in the plate that day, receive a tax deduction and help us end this year on a strong note financially.

Your generous giving has enabled Cedar Park First UMC to make substantial progress in facilities, staff, worship and service. Thanks for all you do to support our "mighty little" Church.

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JESUS ROCK STAR CORNER

Submitted by Carolyn Smith

The Jesus Rock Stars are working hard in rehearsals for their upcoming Christmas Eve skit where they will be performing the Skit Guys' "The Innkeeper's Dilemma". This is the story as told by Hannah of the strange night at her inn as she encounters travelers that detail the story of Christ's birth.

Our Sunday School classes are not all rehearsals. We continue to our study of how God wants us to live and love one another. November has been a month of discussing how we thank God for all he has given us and how he wants us to treat one another.



We made our Thankful Trees and wrote notes to people to whom we often forget to say "thank you".

The younger class is learning of David. They have studied his escape from Saul with arrows and how Abigail's courage helped to bring peace between David and Nabal.

"The Innkeeper's Dilemma"

The Jesus Rock Stars look forward to performing the "The Innkeeper's Dilemma" for you on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm. Come and enjoy how Hannah finds meaning in her life. See you there.

Advent VBS - coming soon

Do you need something for the

children to do while they are out for Christmas holidays? Please register for the Advent

VBS. It is Thursday, December 28th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the sanctuary. VBS is open to all elementary age children. Please consider this for your children, neighborhood friends, and visiting children. Register online at www.cpfumc.org or pick up a form at the church.



When you say "David", we always think of David and Goliath. That was a fun class.



A Child's Haven Happenings

Submitted by Lesley Foyt

November was another exciting month at A Child's Haven! The older classes took a field trip to HEB and learned all about healthy foods and snacks. Their favorite parts were meeting H-E-Buddy and tasting the yummy samples. The children learned about healthy foods, Native Americans and Thanksgiving this month. They talked about what they were thankful for and how Jesus wants us to help others in their time of need. One way we practiced giving this month was by holding a canned food drive for Hill Country Community Ministries. We collected 42 pounds of food to help those in need this holiday season! It was such a joy to see the children bringing in their items and giving back to our community.

We held our annual Thanksgiving Lunch for families as well this month. It was a great time of fellowship and counting of our many blessings. Of course, the food was delicious as well! In December we are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season and will have our Christmas Program on Dec. 19th. Happy Holidays!

Blessings,

Lesley

Coming Soon
Mark your Calendar

Rockin' Cookie Exchange

Thursday, Dec 7th - 6:30pm

CPFUMC Sanctuary

Join in Christmas Carols

Have you ever decorated Christmas cookies?
Or a gingerbread house?

Bring 3 dozen cookies to share.
Taste a few and take more home
to taste later.

Cookie and Recipe Exchange

Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and joy. Share cookies and favorite Holiday Recipes. Please send recipes to carolynsmith2215@gmail.com by Tuesday, Dec. 5. If you wish to exchange cookies, please bring 3 dozen, though this is not mandatory to join in the fun. See you there!

Mark Your Calendars for Book Club

Coming in 2018...

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Novel: *The Feathered Bone* by Julie Cantrell

Genre: General Fiction

Discussion Leader: Author Julie Cantrell

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Novel: *Counted With the Stars* by Connilyn Cossette

Genre: Biblical Fiction

Discussion Leader: Author Connilyn Cossette

We hope to see you at one or both of these discussions!

CPFUMC December 2017

See full calendar online at
<https://cpfumc.org/find-an-event/>

Central Park First United Methodist Church, CARE Calendar, Child's Haven Events, Choir, CP1UMC Youth, Dec 2017 (Central Time)
 Other Groups, Pumpkin Patch, SCOUTS, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday 10:45am - Worship 1pm - Youth @	27 2pm - ESL - GED @ 2:30pm - Talley 7:30pm - Contempla 1pm - Youth @	28 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - Talley 3:30pm - Brownie 6:30pm - Alpha @	29 1pm - Easy Line 1pm - Talley Piano 6:30pm - Cub Scout	30 10:15am - Disciple 1pm - Talley Piano 5:30pm - GS Troop 6:30pm - AA 12 Step 6:30pm - Buckles	1 9am - ESL/GED @ 6:30pm - Alcoholics	2
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