



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

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Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

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Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary Planting and Mulching Dates- Volunteers Needed!



Planting:

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9:00am – 12:00pm

600 W Park St, Cedar Park

We will plant 140 native Texas shrubs and grasses and 1 tree around the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary on our church property. The plants will be mostly 5 gallon size with a few 3 gallon and one gallon pots. We will also plant a 30 gallon Texas Mountain Laurel tree. Most of the planting will be in raised

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We Needed an Electrician. God Sent Us One.

Submitted by Neil Howard

One of the goals of every ministry team in our church is to engage friends and members in our ministries. Each of us has been given gifts by God; some of us have skills learned in our work life. If you have a gift or skill that can be engaged in our ministries at church, contactor Peter or Bonnie.

Here's an example of a skill being put to great use. Our Trustees have been wondering how to deal with a number of electrical issues in our buildings. Little things -- like an outlet that won't work, a light fixture that won't light and some live wires hanging out of an electrical box. Cliff and Janice Burris stepped up to the challenge.



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JESUS ROCK STAR CORNER

Submitted by Carolyn Smith

Innkeeper's Dilemma

Written by Eddie James

The Jesus Rock Stars were very eager to perform the duet version of the "Innkeeper's Dilemma" for you. Our two actresses, Gwen and Jozi worked several weeks on this production. This was not just the usual Christmas story. They told us of what happens when there was not enough room. The the business man came with a barrage of bulk. What does that mean? The poor shepherd was so confused but he did tell us the baby's name. The innkeeper finally grasped the meaning of this amazing event. She told us of how this special birth was going to change our world forever.



← Gwen, as Hannah the innkeeper, and Jozi as the crazy, crazy shepherd. Jozi also played all other characters, patron, business, and newsboy.



↑ Jett, Allie, and Luke sang the closing song as our children entered for the nativity scene.



← Addison, James, and Tony as wise men. Leland and Rachel as Joseph and Mary. Josie as the angel. Kennedy as the drummer boy. Addison as the shepherd. And our two actresses, Gwen and Jozi.

This group of children had an amazing performance. If you missed their performance, you will find the link on the church's website or the church's Facebook page.

The old light fixture outside the kitchen was just not working. Cliff and Janice



removed the old fixture, bought a new one and installed it. We added a dusk to dawn lamp and now we have a nice light that comes on automatically at night. Nice job!

They also replaced an outdoor outlet on the MultiMinistries Building that hadn't worked for the last 4 years!

Then there was a nasty piece of work left by the crew that installed the irrigation system in our Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary: Cliff and Janice figured this one out and made an unsafe situation much safer.



In the space of a week, all of those nagging electrical problems were solved. Only later did we find out that Cliff was a professional electrician before he retired. Who knows what other hidden talents lurk in the friends and members of our church? Thanks to Cliff and Janice for coming forward to lend their gifts and skills to the ministries of our church! What gifts and skills do you have to lend to God's work?



A Child's Haven Happenings

Submitted by Lesley Foyt

Blessings,
Lesley

Rockin' Cookie Exchange



Submitted by Carolyn Smith
Who would have thought to start off our Christmas events at CPFUMC it would snow? Yes, snow. It may have been a light dusting but for us southern residents it is something we don't see often. How many of you took pictures? How many of you built snowmen. There were a lot of pictures on Facebook of tiny snowmen.



Kaitlyn and James decorated cookies for everyone.



Jozi was very detailed in her decorating.



Taylor was very creative, using skewers to spread the icing.



The snow may have made it cold outside but the children did not miss a beat. With coats and hoods on they went straight to decorating cookies. We all were able to see and visit with friends, and make new friends. Our amazing pianist, Jodi, played for us as we sang Christmas carols. If you were unable to attend the evening, please see the church's Facebook page to view more pictures.



Wonder: Movie Review

Submitted by Amber Lo

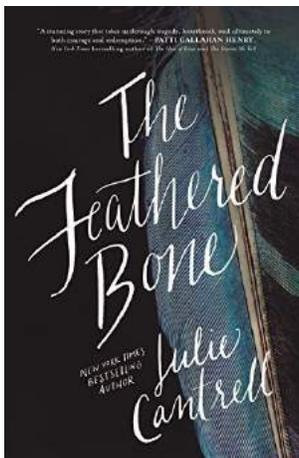
The movie *Wonder* is a great demonstration of the book by R.J. Palacio. It does a fantastic job of illustrating the conflicts within a family and the lives of children in school. August Pullman, the main character of the story, is truly a sweet boy that you can relate to. A story that seems to revolve around a special boy can actually be translated into many perspectives. The use of different characters and their points of views offers insight on the relationships which develop the story and can turn the direction of the story. The movie incorporated many narrations that were direct quotes from the book, and it added to the enjoyment of the movie. Watching the movie was an experience that consisted of many tears shed and times where laughter would just burst out of you. *Wonder* is so heartwarming through the demonstrations of great friendships and a supportive family. After watching the movie you really start to think about the little things in life and what you can be grateful for.

Old Friends

Are any of these familiar to you? Please check our Lost and Found in the church office to be reunited.



Enjoy reading Fiction? If so, please take a look at what we have in store...



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 October 2017

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 World Wide 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday 10:45am - Worship 1 pm - Youth @	2 2pm - ESL - GED @ 2:30pm - Talley 6:30pm - Bear Den 6:30pm - TRUSTEES 7:30pm - Contempla	3 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - Talley 6:30pm - Alpha @ 6:30pm - Book Club 7:30pm - AA Men's	4 1pm - Easy Line 1pm - Talley Piano 6pm - CaregiverU -	5 10:15am - Disciple 1pm - Talley Piano 6:30pm - Buckles	6 9am - ESL/GED @ 6:30pm - Alcoholics	7
8 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday 10:45am - Worship 1 pm - Youth @ 2 pm - Pumpkins	9 2pm - ESL - GED @ 2:30pm - Talley 6:30pm - FINANCE 7:30pm - Contempla	10 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - Talley 3:30pm - Brownie 6:30pm - Alpha @ 7:30pm - AA Men's	11 1pm - Easy Line 1pm - Talley Piano 6pm - CaregiverU -	12 10:15am - Disciple 1pm - Talley Piano 5:30pm - GS Troop 6:30pm - Buckles	13 9am - ESL/GED @ 6:30pm - Alcoholics	14 9am - UMW Meets 6pm - EMPOWER @
15 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday 10:45am - Worship 1 pm - Youth @ 3:30pm - Worship @	16 2pm - ESL - GED @ 2:30pm - Talley 6:30pm - Bear Den 6:30pm - COUNCIL 7:30pm - Contempla	17 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - Talley 6:30pm - Alpha @ 7 pm - Girl Scout 7:30pm - AA Men's	18 9:30am - Mbrship 1pm - Easy Line 1pm - Talley Piano 6pm - CaregiverU -	19 Rio TX UMW Annual 10:15am - Disciple 1pm - Talley Piano 5:30pm - GS Troop 6:30pm - Buckles	20 NEWSLETTER Input Rio TX UMW Annual 9am - ESL/GED @ 6:30pm - Alcoholics	21 Rio TX UMW Annual
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29 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday 10:45am - Worship 1 pm - Youth @ 3 pm - Church	30 2pm - ESL - GED @ 2:30pm - Talley 7:30pm - Contempla	31 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - Talley 6:30pm - Alpha @ 7:30pm - AA Men's	1 1pm - Easy Line 1pm - Talley Piano 6pm - CaregiverU -	2 10:15am - Disciple 1pm - Talley Piano 5:30pm - GS Troop 6:30pm - Buckles	3 9am - ESL/GED @ 6:30pm - Alcoholics	4