

WHO WE ARE

The mission of our church is derived from the words of Jesus:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20), and **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . . And you shall love your neighbor as yourself”** (Matthew 22:37, 39).

We seek to be a community of true believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. As a church we are prayerfully striving to develop a deeper commitment to the will and grace of God. In so doing, we involve ourselves in public and private prayer, worship, study, Christian action, and holy discipline, as we grow in our appreciation of Christ, understanding of God at work in history and the natural order, and understanding of ourselves.

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church is engaged in a variety of activities, encompassing fellowship, study, worship, and service, all of which are reflected in this ministry booklet. We hope you will use this booklet to explore where you might get involved in the life of our church.

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Cedar Park First United Methodist Church MINISTRIES



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SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

Group Home Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
Multi-Ministries Building Back Room

Sunday school class for special needs students from several group homes in the area.

Contact: Steve Hamman, skhamman@msn.com, 512.970.7789

Middle & High School Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
Youth Room

Bible study and discussion for 6th-12th grade youth.

Contact: Bonnie How, bonhow@gmail.com, 512.983.7433

Nursery

Every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. – noon
Multi-Ministries Building Classroom 1

Quality child-care is provided for infants and pre-K children.

Contact: Laurel Fabian, lfabian3145@gmail.com, 732.604.0951

Youth Fellowship

Sundays (Wednesdays in the summer) at 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Middle school and High school age youth meet for worship, study, and fun.

Contact: Bonnie How, bonhow@gmail.com, 512.983.7433

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Followers of the Word is a class open to both men and women of all ages, who want to study a book of the Bible in verse by verse fashion. They meet in the Multi-Ministries Building Conference Room. *Contact: Steve Howard, showard746@gmail.com, 512.528.5850*

Seekers and Thinkers is a class open to both men and women of all ages, who are interested in a more cerebral approach to faith. Typically, they watch a presentation from one of *The Great Courses* videos, and then a free-ranging discussion ensues concerning the ideas presented in the video. They meet in the Library. *Contact: Dave Sidney, dsidney@ecpi.com, 512.259.8623*

The Discussion Group is a class open to both men and women of all ages, who read and discuss a popular book. They meet in Multi-Ministries Building Classroom 5. *Contact: Karen Packard, kvpackard@aol.com, 928.246.2412*

Christian Parents is a class devoted to the issues and concerns of raising children and teens in trying times like these. They meet in the Sanctuary. *Contact: Stephanie Talley, stephtalley@gmail.com, 512.797.536*

Elementary Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Multi-Ministries Building Classrooms 2 and 4

Bible stories, crafts, snacks, skits, games, and prayer for children aged pre-K through 5th grade.

Contact: Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com, 512.970.9087

BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER GROUPS

Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a movement beyond conversation with God to communion with Him. The session consists of an inspirational passage, followed by twenty minutes of silence, ending with discussion and specific prayers.

Contacts:

Steve Hamman, skhamman@msn.com, 512.970.7789

Karen Goodman, mkgoodman@austin.rr.com, 512.619.8315

Disciple Bible Study

Weekly

Sanctuary

A series of in-depth Bible studies in a small group setting, beginning in the Fall and continuing through the Spring. The study uses the Bible, video presentations by knowledgeable scholars, and a manual with commentary and probing questions. Sign-up begins in early Fall.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

Lectionary Bible Study

Every Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

This Bible study considers the scripture passages appointed for the coming Sunday from the Revised Common Lectionary, which serves as the basis for the Sunday sermon.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER GROUPS (continued)

Prayer Group

Every Tuesday from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.
Library

A small group of people who gather weekly to pray for the church and those who are ill or in need.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Board of Trustees

1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Multi-Ministries Building Conference Room

The Board of Trustees oversees and cares for the church's buildings and grounds. They handle insurance matters and also ensure that all needed repairs of church facilities and equipment are accomplished.

Contact: Neil Howard, nhowardtx@gmail.com, 512.456.7034

Church Council

3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Multi-Ministries Building Conference Room

The Church Council is the church's governing body and is responsible for envisioning, planning, implementing, and evaluating the various ministries of the church.

Contact: Steve Howard, showard746@gmail.com, 512.528.5850

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Pumpkin Patch

Month of October

Every October the church sells a variety of pumpkins and gourds as a fundraiser for the church and as a way of making contact with the surrounding community.

Contact: Bonnie How, bonhow@gmail.com, 512.983.7433

Vacation Bible School

One week in the Summer and one day during the Christmas break

A week-long evening event (in Summer) or one day event (after Christmas) providing Bible study and creative activities for elementary-age children.

Contact: Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com, 512.970.9087

Youth Mission Trip

Summer

Each summer our youth journey to a special location to perform service work for persons in need.

Contact: Bonnie How, bonhow@gmail.com, 512.983.7433

PUBLICATIONS

Happenings

Weekly

Weekly e-mail from the church with news about upcoming church events and information about the global United Methodist Church.

Contact: Sue Sidney, suesidney@aceweb.com, 512.259.8623

Newsletter

Monthly

Monthly printed newsletter publicizing congregation events and news.

Deadline for articles is third Friday of each month.

Contact: Jill Lundstrom, lund121@me.com, 512.712.5376

Website

Help us keep the church's website up-to-date and visually appealing. Write an article or take pictures of church events. Manage our "Upcoming Events" section. It's easy and can be done from your home computer. Training provided.

Contact: Neil Howard, nhowardtx@gmail.com, 512.456.7034

BOARDS & COMMITTEES (continued)

Congregation Care Team

This group provides care for members who are in the hospital or home-bound by making visits and/or telephone calls.

Contact: Glenda Morrison, glendalmorrison@gmail.com, 512.506.8249

Endowment Committee

This group manages the church's permanent fund investments and makes distributions to various ministries from the interest.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

Finance Committee

2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Multi-Ministries Building Conference Room

This committee sets the budget for the church each year and manages the church's finances.

Contact: Glenda Morrison, glendalmorrison@gmail.com, 512.506.8249

Membership Care and Hospitality

3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Multi-Ministries Building Conference Room

This group furnishes greeters for church services, plans fellowship dinners and receptions, and writes notes to newcomers and those who are ill.

Contact: Karen Packard, kvpackard@aol.com, 928.246.2412

BOARDS & COMMITTEES (continued)

Memorials Committee

This group recognize and distribute gifts given to the church in memory of others.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

Nominations and Leadership Development

This committee tries to identify, develop, and deploy Christian spiritual leadership for the church. Each year this committee proposes a list of people who will be elected to serve as officers of the church and leaders of designated ministries.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

This committee serves as the Human Resources committee for the church. It hires and manages all the church's staff members, provides for open communication among the pastor, staff, and congregation, and supports the pastor and staff in setting priorities for the effective use of their gifts, skills, and time. The committee also advises the Bishop regarding pastoral appointments to the church.

Contact: Jane Howard, quilterjaz@gmail.com, 512.456.7034

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

Ushers

Every Sunday

Help us hand out worship bulletins, pass the offering plates, and assist visitors with seating at worship services.

Contact: Steve Howard, showard746@gmail.com, 512.528.5850

Whitestone Backpacks

Each week during the school year

We fill backpacks with food to send home to needy students at Whitestone Elementary School.

Contact: Glenda Morrison, glendalmorrison@gmail.com, 512.506.8249

Women's Coffee

Every Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Join us for coffee, fellowship, bulletin-folding, and other special projects.

Contact: Par Keys, par.keys@yahoo.com, 512.567.1123

Young at Heart

1st Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Each month our older adults and any others gather for a meal and special program.

Contact: Peter Castles, peter@cpfumc.org, 512.335.9540

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

Meals on Wheels

This organization delivers hot meals to seniors and others who are home-bound.

Contact: Bob Packard, bpackard2@aol.com, 928.305.6078

Men's Coffee

Every Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Randall's Grocery Store (Cypress Creek Rd. at S. Lakeline Blvd.)

Join us for coffee and fellowship every Wednesday and Friday morning.

Contacts:
Andy Carver, andycarver@hotmail.com, 512.528.8801
Jim West, rjwest1951@gmail.com, 512.258.1000

Sanctuary Choir

Sundays in the Fall and Spring

The choir sings special music during worship services, and each year presents a Christmas and Easter cantata. The choir rehearses on Sunday at noon.

Contact: Jodi Blount, jodi_blount@hotmail.com, 512.506.8902

United Methodist Women (UMW)

2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
Library

United Methodist Women is the largest national organization of women organized for mission. Their vision is to turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Contact: Sue Sidney, suesidney@acweb.com, 512.259.8623

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

A Child's Haven Preschool

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday during school year
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This ministry of the church for young children provides learning opportunities which are developmentally appropriate, intellectually stimulating, and spiritually nurturing in a safe, loving environment.

Contact: Lesley Foyt, director@childshaven.net, 512.335.9540

Acolytes

Every Sunday

Elementary-age children light and extinguish the altar candles at each worship service.

Contact: Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com, 512.970.9087

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Our congregation sponsors and provides meeting space for people who are recovering alcoholics.

Contact: Steve Hamman, skhamman@msn.com, 512.970.7789

Buckles & Bows Square Dancing

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

For people who love to dance and have lots of fun.

Contact: Carolyn Smith, carolynsmith2215@gmail.com, 512.970.9087

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

Coffee and Cookies

Every Sunday

We get the coffee ready and set out cookies for the hospitality time before and after each worship service.

Contact: Anita Martin, anitamartin1705@gmail.com, 512.250.0739

Communion Preparers

Every Sunday

We prepare the communion elements and set the table for Holy Communion each Sunday.

Contact: Sue Sidney, suesidney@aceweb.com, 512.259.8623

Contribution Counters

Every Sunday

Two persons are needed each Sunday to count the morning's offering.

Contact: Jane Howard, quilterjaz@gmail.com, 512.456.7034

Drive a Senior Northwest

This organization serves senior adults who no longer drive, providing transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, personal errands, and the like.

Contact: Bob Packard, bpackard2@aol.com, 928.305.6078

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

Easy Line Dancing

Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Exercise class for the body and mind.

Contact: Parthenia Keys, par.keys@yahoo.com, 512.243.7400

Education Connection

Week days during the school year

This ministry changes the lives of young children by reading to and with two elementary students once a week for 15 minutes with each student. Training is provided annually. Opportunities are also available to mentor students for thirty minutes a week.

Contact: Karen Packard, kvpackard@aol.com, 928.246.2412

Greeters

Every Sunday

Help us greet and provide a warm welcome for all who arrive for Sunday worship services.

Contact: Anita Martin, anitamartin1705@gmail.com, 512.250.0739

Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

We collect food and other designated items in a basket in the lobby year-round, which allows HCCM to provide hundreds of families in our community with money, food, clothing, and help.

Contact: Morgan Wertman, notaspamfan@yahoo.com, 419.212.2935