



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

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

# Connections

## Newsletter



### CPFUMC Volunteers Rock Fall Work Day 2020!

The Trustees of CPFUMC are very grateful for the wonderful response to Fall Work Day 2020! As of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, all 31 tasks have volunteers assigned and 27 tasks (87%) have been **completed**. A huge thank you to the volunteers: Jane Howard, Shawn Dubler, Karen Bowker, Cliff and Janice Burris, Jim West, Neil Howard, the Longorias, Sterling Hartman and the CPFUMC Youth Group!

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CPFUMC Family Members,

Have you heard about the Annual Charge Conference? The Conference is on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting is open to all church members. If you would like to know more about the behind the scene decision making of the Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Peter Castles at [peter@cpfumc.org](mailto:peter@cpfumc.org) for a Zoom link to attend.

We welcome Margaret “Meg” McClintock as the new church council secretary.

This year under the guidance of Bob Bowker, “The Great Pumpkin,” we had a record year for the Pumpkin Patch. From the finance committee, Glenda Morrison was excited to announce the church’s share of the proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch to be slightly over \$4,000. We want to thank the youth group as they broke down the tents and stored everything away.

If you are interested in learning more about the church council or trustees meeting, please contact Carolyn Smith, [carolynsmith2215@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsmith2215@gmail.com).

Do you have any questions or concerns regarding the church, please let us know?

Carolyn Smith  
Council Chair

## JESUS' ROCK STAR CORNER

Submitted by Carolyn Smith

The children continue their studies about following God and his love for us. We read scripture.



And we do experiments while having fun. James and Elizabeth have flipped over their Sunday school assignments.



In discussing how God wants us to treat one another, we had a great game of charades.

The children have a great time and want to invite other children to our Sunday school Zoom classes. If you know of an elementary-age child, please ask them to contact Ms. Carolyn to join, [carolynsmith2215@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsmith2215@gmail.com)

For the last several years, our children created a production for the Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. service. This year the children would not allow this pandemic to ruin their excitement or their presentation. The children and their families' created four invitation videos inviting you and a friend to the Christmas Eve services. You will see a new video presented at each Sunday's services during Advent and on Facebook. Please share the Facebook link with your friends.

But the children did not stop with these videos.



Have you ever wondered what Mary, Joseph, and the others were feeling during this miraculous event? Along with their parents' help, the children are creating monologues with some answers to that question. Please join us Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for our production of "First Christmas: Stories from the Birth of Christ."

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# BE LIGHT YOUTH November



**WORK DAY continued from p. 1**

Special thanks to Cliff and Janice for trimming the trees and attacking the tough plumbing jobs – not their usual specialty, but very well done! They completely replaced the faucet valves on the office restroom!



Jimmy West took on sanding and painting ALL ten benches in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary. His auto body shop experience helped out a lot as he filled and sanded all the cracks in the boards.



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Jane Howard went completely nuts painting all of the outdoor tables and benches as well as the inside of the trash enclosure!



The CPFUMC Youth Group and Shawn took on the unenviable task of cleaning out the nastiness in the Shed, scrubbing and sanitizing the concrete floor and Sterling Hartman and Sergio Longoria teamed up on a broken table.

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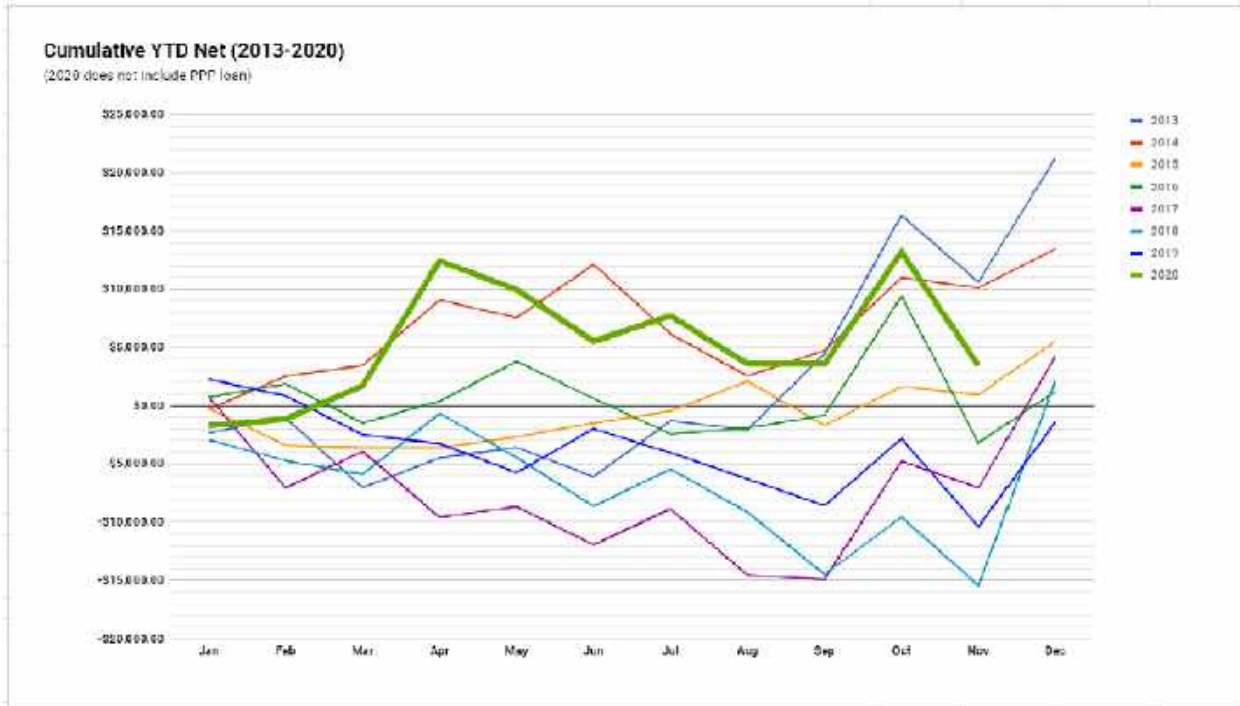
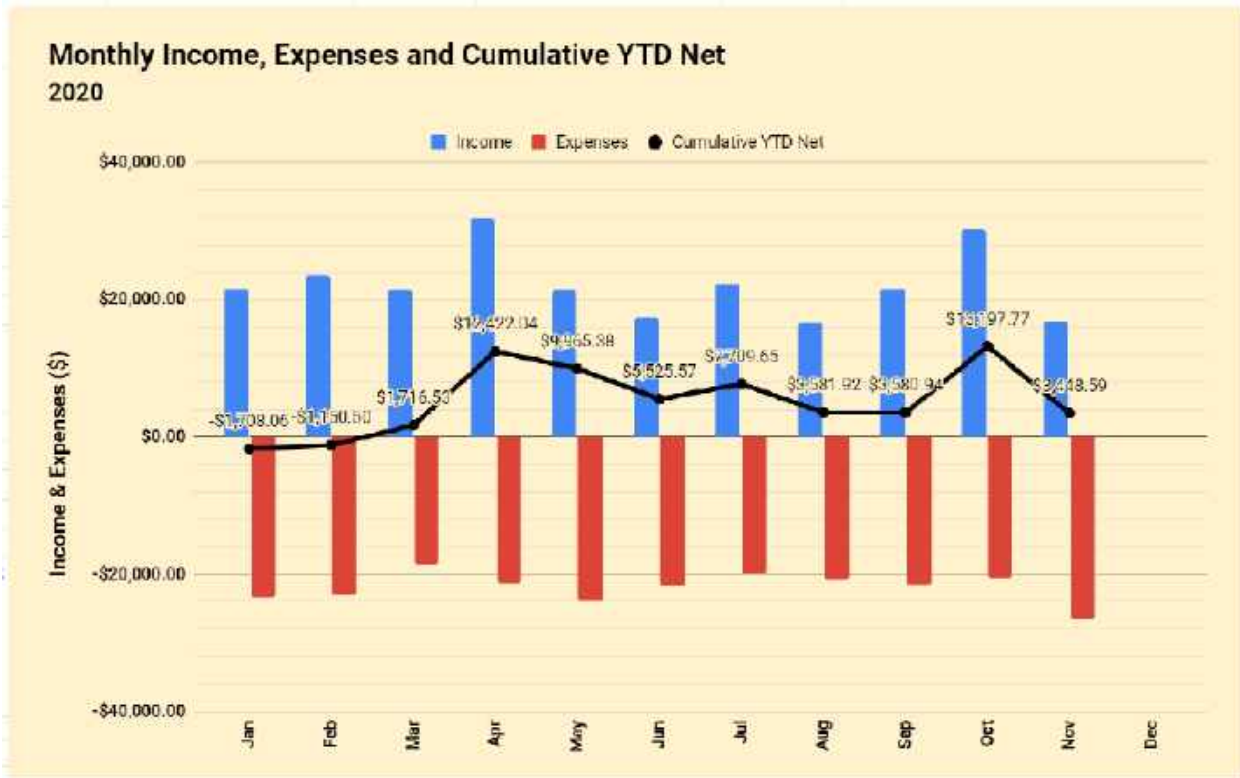
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For sheer volume, the Longorias took the prize for most tasks completed by a family. Sergio did LED tube conversions for several fixtures in the Sanctuary building. It's really bright now in the kitchen! Sergio also fixed the sagging banner holder, installed plastic channel to hide some wiring in the Nursery and fixed the grill at the bottom of the refrigerator. Debra and her helpers moved a big pulpit to the MMB and took on the huge task of cleaning out the east end of the Youth/Conference room to make way for the restroom renovation project.



A Big THANK YOU to all volunteers who help us care for and maintain what God has given us!

# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church Financial Information January-November 2020



## Financial Pledges and the Church Budget

As you may be aware, we have been working on the Church Budget for next year and we need your help. Pledge cards have been mailed out to every one along with a self addressed, stamped envelope. We requested to have the pledge cards returned by November 22. We have received some of these back, but are still waiting for several (about 30). If you have not returned yours yet, please do so this week so that we can get the budget finished. Thank You for your attention to this important matter. And, of course, Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards already.



## Church Contacts

Find us online at [cpfumc.org](http://cpfumc.org)  
or call the church Tues-Thurs between 9 and 2  
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(512) 335-9540

Want to contact a Church Leader or submit  
something for a future Newsletter?



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Be sure to put "Newsletter" in the subject for Connections submissions!



# CPFUMC Calendar December 2020

Click [here](#) to go to the online calendar

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church, CARE Calendar, Child's Haven Events, Choir, CP1UMC Youth, Other Groups, Pumpkin Patch, SCOUTS, Nov 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)  
 United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fall Work Day 2020 ON_LINE auction for 8:30am - Outdoor 9am - Children's 10am - Worship Live 11:30am - Youth	2 9am - Tea Time 6:30pm - TRUSTEES 7:30pm - Centering	3 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's	4	5	6	7 11am - Memorial
8 8:30am - Outdoor 9am - Children's 10am - Worship Live 11am - Choir 11:30am - Youth	9 9am - Tea Time 6:30pm - FINANCE 7:30pm - Centering	10 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's	11	12	13	14
15 8:30am - Outdoor 9am - Children's 10am - Worship Live 11:30am - Youth	16 9am - Tea Time 6:30pm - Church 7:30pm - Centering	17 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's	18	19 9:30am - Mbr Care	20	21
22 8:30am - Outdoor 9am - Children's 10am - Worship Live 11:30am - Youth	23 9am - Tea Time 7:30pm - Centering	24 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27 NEWSLETTER Input	28
29 8:30am - Outdoor 9am - Children's 10am - Worship Live 11:30am - Youth	30 9am - Tea Time 7:30pm - Centering	1 End On-line auction 9:30am - Morning 10am - Bible Study 11am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - AA Men's	2	3	4	5 10am - UMW Advent