



# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC  
600 W. Park St.  
Cedar Park Tx 78613

**NOVEMBER 18TH**

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 *How Jesus Became God*.

**Followers of the Word** are meeting in person at 9:45 am in MMB studying the Gospel of Luke

**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

<b>Monday Nov 18th</b>	7:30 Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday Nov 19th</b>	9:30 am Service of Morning Prayer in sanctuary 10:00 am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and via zoom Prayer Shawl meets on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues at 11:00 am and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 pm
<b>Wednesday Nov 20th</b>	8:30 am <b>Red Shirts</b> meets on Zoom Contact Dave Sidney <a href="mailto:dsidney@aceweb.com">dsidney@aceweb.com</a>
<b>Thursday Nov 21st</b>	10:00 am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary
<b>Friday Nov 22nd</b>	8:45 am <b>Red Shirts</b> meet at Randalls
<b>Sunday Nov 24th</b>	8:30 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary 9:45 am Sunday school for adults: Seekers and Thinkers are studying <i>How Jesus Became God</i> . Followers of the Word studying Gospel of Luke 9:45 am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3 9:45 am Sunday School for Youth (Youth Room) 10:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE with Holy Communion 12:00 pm Choir Practice 12:00 pm BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

## *CHOIR PRACTICE*

Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> - practice  
Sunday December 1st - practice after second service  
Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> - practice  
Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> - sing program  
Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> - warm up  
Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> - warm up

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Karen Bowker Prayers for David Beck and Lonna on David's surgery this Friday. Prayers for Maria whose whose baby passed away.
- Chuck Trahan. Prayers of Joy for the union of marriage.
- Debra Longoria. Prayers for safe travel from Spokane for Sara and Jacob coming home for Thanksgiving.
- Karen Packard. Prayers of thankfulness for people finding music for comfort.
- Vickie Thompson. Prayer of healing for Horace Pennington who had a stroke and is still recovering from Covid and for Nell taking care of him.
- Margaret McClintock. Prayers for all of the love people give of themselves from the community.
- Josi Theriot. Prayers for all who helped to make a positive experience.
- Rachel Longoria. Prayers of healing for Kayla who has cancer.



United  
Women  
in Faith

We have two wonderful programs we are supporting that are consistent with our mission to be in loving outreach to women, children and youth.

**We are providing gift cards for these programs this Christmas.** We are asking church members to either make a monetary donation in the offering basket labeled "UWF Christmas Mission" or place gift cards of \$10, \$15, or \$20 from HEB, Walmart or Target in the UWF jar in the Narthex. We will be collecting donations and gift cards through December 8<sup>th</sup>.

For Head Start, we will be providing gift cards for the teachers, who make \$14/hour. Our Christmas gift is one small way to support these teachers.

<https://www.npr.org/2024/10/22/nx-s1-5144162/biden-preschool-head-start-teacher-poverty>

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**Mission: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.**

**Vision: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities**

# YOUTH

**BE LIGHT YOUTH:**

**We WORSHIP HARD WORK HARD AND PLAY HARD**

**BE LIGHT YOUTH offered On the Road Communion to our church family members who can't always get to worship on Sunday. Both Marie and Clara delighted in the embrace of God's grace.**

## MidWinter Retreat

January 17-19, 2025

*Friday evening - Sunday morning*

Highland Lakes Camp

Spicewood, TX

\$175

**Worship, Archery Range, Archer's Quest,  
Ax Throwing, Mission Project, Crafts, and More**

Unplug from the busyness of life and gather with friends old and new at the 2025 Youth MidWinter Retreat this January. Find space away from your phone to reset, relax, and connect with God and each other through worship. Youth and adult volunteers from across central Texas will spend

Friday night through Sunday morning enjoying the beautiful Texas Hill Country at Highland Lakes Camp in Spicewood

as we gather for an awesome weekend full of worship, fellowship, and fun.

**What:** Youth MidWinter Retreat

**When:** Friday, January 17 (7 pm) – January 19 (10:15 am)

**Where:** Highland Lakes Camp (5902 Pace Bend Rd N, Spicewood, TX 78669)

**Cost:** \$175/person

**Deadline:** December 20

[Adult registration](#)

[Youth registration](#)

**Please note: You MUST complete a separate Highland Lakes Camp Release Form linked on the last page of each registration.**

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Ryan Jenson: [ryan@oakhillumc.org](mailto:ryan@oakhillumc.org)

**Notes:**

- As we seek to draw closer to God and one another, **youth are not permitted to bring their phones to MidWinter this year.** Should an emergency arise, youth at camp can contact their families and be contacted by their families through their individual youth directors.
- A limited number of partial scholarships are available as needed. Please request a scholarship form through your youth director.
- All adults attending MidWinter must be Safe Gatherings certified.
- Adult to youth ratio requirement by church is 1:8 with a minimum of 2 adults per church group.



# Blessed To Be A Blessing

We have a generous donor who will donate \$500 for every person who signs up as an Emerald Sponsor (\$100/monthly). Please help us raise the remaining \$60,000 by the end of the year. This is when we need our community most.

## Ways to Donate



**Scan QR Codes**

**Or**

**Text 'YG' to 50155**

**If you're mailing in a  
check, please send to:**

**2800 E Whitestone Blvd  
Suite 120, PMB 163  
Cedar Park, TX 78613**



## Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

### basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 2nd week of November were.....

Food / Health Care Week 187 Pounds

YTD 3,357 Pounds

We had a donation of 58 Pounds of Diapers HOLIDAY FOODS PROMOTION WEEK 2 Cranberry Sauce 33 Cans

Sweet Potatoes 23 Cans

Stuffing 8 Boxes

2 Week Total

Cranberry Sauce 67 Cans

Sweet Potatoes 50 Cans

Stuffing 8 Boxes

WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY OF MEETING OUR OBJECTIVE Additionally, we had numerous bags of assorted items for the Thrift Store THANKS TO ALL !!!

## Hill Country Community Ministries NEWS

### Help Us Provide Holiday Meals

By: Corbin Sherman

Believe it or not, even though it may not feel like it, summer is officially over, fall is here and the holidays are right around the corner!

HCCM is busy gathering up holiday dinner items to ensure our clients can enjoy a festive dinner this season.

Your donations of instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, gravy, green beans, etc. will help us spread joy and nourishment to our community members facing food insecurity.

**CPFUMC Challenge:** Let Us collect 100 cans of Cranberry Sauce and Sweet Potatoes

## Holiday Meal Kit



- Turkey
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Corn
- Gravy
- Green Beans
- Instant Potatoes
- Pie Crust & filling
- Canned fruit
- Sweet Potatoes



\*Items are subject to change based on food availability\*

### September 2024 Church Finance Report

The Church had another good month financially in September. Donations for the month were a little above our monthly estimates and expenses were close to our budgeted estimates. We also had some Pumpkin Patch income in September. As a result we had net income of almost \$4,100 for the month. However, we are still running a small deficit for the year. Most of our Pumpkin Patch income will show up in our October statements so we should have positive net income at the end of October. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet our financial obligations.

Financial Status through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Total Income: \$218,754.67

Total Expenses: \$220,372.13

Net Income/(deficit): (\$1617.46)

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL BEGINS NOVEMBER 10

Giving Moments will be offered in worship during the last three Sundays of November, as a part of our annual stewardship campaign. It's called "stewardship," because of Jesus' stories about stewards in the Bible. A steward is charged by the master with caring for the master's property. The master owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and accountable to the master. Jesus says it is the same between God and us. Everything we have — our time, talents, and financial resources — are gifts from God. We are called to be good stewards of these gifts and to give back generously.

About 75 percent of Cedar Park's annual budget is supported by pledges. Pledging enables the Church to plan its programs and budget. Pledging can seem scary. How do we know that we can fulfill that annual commitment? While it is important to fulfill a pledge, the Church understands that changed circumstances can make that difficult. You only need to inform the Church, if some unforeseen event prevents you from fulfilling your pledge.

Over the next few weeks, think about what God and our Church has given you. Pray about what is an appropriate response to God's generosity. Saint Paul famously said about giving: "Each must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion . . ." (2 Corinthians 9:7). So whatever you give, and whether you pledge or give in some other way, the Church will be grateful, and you will be blessed.

This year's stewardship campaign concludes on November 24th, Commitment Sunday. Please prayerfully consider what you can give for 2025 and be prepared to return your pledge card that Sunday, or before.

—Steve Howard, Finance Committee Chair



# A CHILDS HAVEN



## ***Thanksgiving Food Drive***

ACH will be hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive from November 7th- November 21st. Drop off any nonperishable food items to the box at the front of the school by November 21st.

All donations will be given to a local food pantry to help those in need this holiday season.

Email: [office@cpfumc.org](mailto:office@cpfumc.org) to have an event added to the calendar.

**CPFUMC Ministries Brochure** has been prepared. Hardcopy is available on the desk in the Narthex. For our weekly email publications *Happenings*, please send input to Stephanie Talley at [office@cpfumc.org](mailto:office@cpfumc.org)