



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC
600 W. Park St.
Cedar Park Tx 78613

DECEMBER 2ND

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

Youth Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in the youth room

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Dec. 2nd

7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday Dec. 3rd

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 1st Tues at 11:00 am and the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Wednesday Dec. 4th

8:30 am **Red Shirts** meet on Zoom Contact Dave Sidney

Thursday Dec. 5th

10:00 am Women meet for coffee and sanctuary prep

Friday Dec. 6th

8:45 am **Red Shirts** meet at Randalls

Saturday Dec 7th

11:00 am Memorial Service for Charles Bland

Sunday Dec. 8th

8:30 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

9:45 am Sunday school for adults:

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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 December 8th - practice

Sunday December 15th - sing program

Sunday December 22nd - warm up

Sunday December 29th - warm up

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pastor Peter Castles. Prayers of healing for Wanda Lack in the hospital for health issues.
- Debra Longoria. Prayers of Joy for Jacob and Sarah here from Spokane and safe travels going back tomorrow. Prayers of healing from pain in my hands and neck.
Prayers for all people to remember Jesus in Christmas.
- Bonnie How. Prayers of Joy, Love and happiness to my daughter Sara and Augustus who were married last week.
- Sterling Hartman. Prayers for love and care to the Middle East.
- Pam Clinch. Prayers for my Aunt who died on Friday night and for healing for her daughter and family.
- Vickie Thompson. Prayers for Kinsley's great grandfather who has mouth and renal cancer.
- Roger Ericson Prayers for my daughter and people of Cambodia.
- Karen Packard. Prayers of Thankfulness that my granddaughter was able to visit for Thanksgiving.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHARLES BLAND, WHO DIED LAST WEEK, WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, AT 11:00 AM IN OUR SANCTUARY. WE WILL BE PROVIDING A LIGHT LUNCH. IF YOU CAN HELP BY COOKING, SERVING, CLEANING UP, ETC.; PLEASE LET KAREN PACKARD KOW (KVPACKARD@AOL.COM, CELL: 928-246-2412) AS HER HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE WILL BE ORGANIZING DETAILS.



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 8th.

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>

October 2024 Church Finance Report

The Church had a positive month financially in October mainly due to income from our Pumpkin Patch. Donations were below where we need them to be and expenses were close to our budgeted estimates. We did have the bulk of our Pumpkin Patch income in October. However, our Pumpkin Patch expenses will not show on our statements until November. As a result we had net income \$4,925.61 for the month. However, we would have had a small deficit if Pumpkin Patch expenses had been recorded in October. Nevertheless, we are now showing positive net income for the year through October. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet our financial obligations.

Financial status through October 30, 2024

Total Income: \$248,767.12

Total expenses: \$245,458.97

Net Income/(deficit): \$ 3,308.15

**BE LIGHT YOUTH
WE WORSHIP HARD WORK HARD AND PLAY HARD**

**BE LIGHT YOUTH BRINGS SANTA AND JOY
TO LOCAL NURSING HOMES**

BE LIGHT YOUTH ARE ONCE AGAIN WRAPPING UP SMALL GIFTS, DRESSING UP IN OUR SPARKLIEST OF SPARKLY CHRISTMAS CHEER AND HEADED TO BRING SMILES OF JOY TO OUR LOCAL NURSING HOMES. WE BRING OUR RED WAGON FULL OF GIFTS AND VISIT EVERY RESIDENT IN THEIR ROOMS. WE SHARE LAUGHTER AND HAPPINESS AS THEY SHARE THEIR STORIES AND FEEL REMEMBERED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. FOR EVERY \$5 DONATED TO BE LIGHT YOUTH ENGLAND TRIP, WE WILL DELIVER A GIFT-A PRETTY MUG, A HOMEMADE CRAFT, A NECKLACE OR LOTION, ETC. LAST YEAR, THEY WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE US BRING BRIGHT SHINING LIGHTS TO THEIR HOMES.

PLEASE PUT DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET WITH THE MEMO JOY/ENGLAND ON THE CHECK OR ENVELOPE. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE HEARTS OF OUR ELDEST AND DEAREST BROTHER.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Join in honoring our loved ones with poinsettias decorating the church or to take home for the enjoyment or as a gift. Once again, the BE LIGHT YOUTH are partnering with Down Home Ranch to create a festive season. Down Home Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, as well as a working farm and ranch for people with Down Syndrome and other intellectual disabilities. They are located in Elgin, Tx on 410 beautiful acres about 45 minutes east of Austin. The lovely red poinsettias are grown in their very own greenhouses, nurtured and cared for by residents, staff, and volunteers. They are guaranteed to have three full velvety blooms (many have up to five!) healthily growing upwards from their 6 ½ inch pot. Typically, DHR poinsettias stand between 12"-18" tall by the time they leave our greenhouses. Place your order for the number of plants you want -\$20 each. Excellent Christmas, birthday or thank you gifts for anyone on your list. Half the funds go to the church and half the funds go towards the England trip.

NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS ORDERED: (please attach payment)

Name:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

PLEASE circle one choice:

Pick up OR decorate the church OR

deliver to nursing residents DEADLINE: Dec 15th



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

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.



Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 4th week of November were;

Food / Health Care

Week 64 pounds

YTD 4,314 pounds

We also had an assortment of items for the Thrift Store

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE FOR HCCM

WAY TO GO HCCM !!

Our final totals were;

115 cans of Cranberry Sauce

100 cans of Sweet Potatoes

THANKS TO ALL FOR STEPPING UP FOR THOSE IN NEED !!!!

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.

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



Sue Sidney will be placing an order with Equal Exchange, a Fair Trade Marketer recommended by UMC Global Ministries. IF you would like to order any items, Please let her know what you would like. She will place the order by Dec 15 th Probably will not arrive before Christmas !!
suesidney@aceweb.com OR 512.657.6650

Find many items: Coffee; Chocolate; Tea; Food; Gifts & More

Check the Website: <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/>

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

Equal Exchange started with an idea: what if food could be traded in a way that is honest and fair, a way that empowers both farmers and consumers? Our founders - Rink Dickinson, Jonathan Rosenthal and Michael Rozyne - asked this question as they envisioned a trade model that values each part of the supply chain. They decided to take a big risk and started importing fairly traded coffee from Nicaragua in 1986, despite a US embargo against the Sandinista government. A new business was born from this bold act of solidarity with Latin American farmers and Equal Exchange grew from there.



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

Email: 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