



April 2025

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

Connections

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

New Projector Installed

Our new Epson PowerLite model L260F front-facing projector was installed on March 7 by [ACA Electronics Inc.](#) (Chris and Dana Ross), a local, Cedar Park small business. The new Epson is a 1080p (1920x1080) resolution, 16:9 aspect ratio, 3LCD model producing 4600 lumens of brightness, slightly more than the old NEC P452H's 4500 lumens. The new projector has a solid-state, 88-watt laser diode for illumination which should last 20,000



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A Conversation with

Glenda Goss:

- Q: When was your first day at CPFUMC and what do you remember about it?
A: Charlie and I came in August 2012 and we thought the church was very friendly.
- Q: Tell us about what drew you to CPFUMC.
A: The church was close to our house. Charlie and I had never attended a small church but after hearing Peter's sermon, we both felt like we belonged here.
- Q: In what city did you grow up? Where do you live now?
A: I grew up in Dallas and live in Liberty Hill now.
- Q: What church did you come to CPFUMC from?
A: St. Luke's Methodist Church in Midland, TX.
- Q: Tell us about your family.
A: Charlie and I were married for 47 years before his death in 2019. Charlie was a proud veteran and enjoyed attending the weekly men's group for coffee.

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A Child's Haven Happenings

Our Read Across America Read-A-Thon was a great success. We want to give a huge THANK YOU to all the church members who volunteered to come read to our students. The kiddos really enjoyed the books and we greatly appreciate your time!

Our color of the month was green, and diamond was the shape of the month. Gentleness was our fruit of the spirit, and we practiced the verse *"Let your gentleness be known to everyone..."* Philippians 4:5

We were off for Spring Break from March 17-24, but we are now back and ready for the remainder of the school year to be great!

Coming up in April:

- Coffee, Community, and Prayer: Wednesday, April 2nd
- Easter In-School Celebrations: April 16 and 17
- No School: Monday April 21st (LISD in-service day)

Yaheli Benitez, Director
[A Child's Haven Preschool](#)



BE LIGHT YOUTH - Check it out!

YOUTH SUNDAY is April 6th

Come support and love on all the youth as they present the teachings from MIDWINTER and share their faith with us.

METHODIST ROOTS: ENGLAND 2025 is almost here. WE NEED YOU TO JOIN US ON THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!!!

We are traveling with EO tours who specializes in small group tours abroad for both young and more advanced young people. Our group size has shifted due to a variety of issues and where we had scheduled and priced for 14 travelers, we now have 10. We have room just for YOU to join us as we stroll about London, and gawk at St. Paul's cathedral where Wesley preached, and shop along the Stafford on Avon, where Shakespeare grew up before heading over to the homestead of the Wesley family near Manchester. We are book-ending our trip with free days in the great city of London where you can choose for yourself which museum or castle or West End play you'd like to experience. We are headed out at the end of May!

PLEASE contact Pastor Suzette if you would like to join our Merry Band of Travelers to learn about not only how God used the Methodist movement to alter the course of history but also enjoy the history and culture of England. (suzette@cpfumc.org)

BE LIGHT YOUTH SPRING/SUMMER

APRIL

Sat 4/5 "Solea Spring Fling"

Sun 4/6 **YOUTH WORSHIP**

Sun 4/13 Palm Sunday

Thu 4/17 Maundy Thursday worship

Fri 4/18 Good Friday worship

Sun 4/20 **Easter SUNRISE WORSHIP**

Sun 4/27 **CONFIRMATION**

MAY

Sun 5/4

Sun 5/11 – Mother's Day No YOUTH

Sat 5/17 Schlitterbahn 10-7

Sun 5/18 Graduation Recognition

Sun 5/25

ENGLAND: Methodist Roots

May 28- June 4

JUNE

Sun 6/1 NO YOUTH

Sun 6/8 Returning from England—NO YOUTH

6/11-14 Rio Texas Annual Conference

Sat 6/14 VBS 9AM -1PM

Sun 6/15 Father's Day – NO YOUTH

Sun 6/22 -28 UMARMY MISSION TRIP

Sun 6/29 NO YOUTH



United
Women
in Faith

The next UWF quarterly meeting is **Saturday, May 3rd at 9:30 am at La Madeleine Lakeline**. Please join us for a time of fellowship and planning for our mission projects and Advent Brunch fundraiser.

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

- [Yesterday's Gone](#) is the transitional housing and support program for women in our area who have suffered trauma or abuse.
- Teen moms at [Head Start](#), the daycare program for ages birth through five for families meeting the federal low-income guidelines.

Please join us on May 3rd as we gather in fellowship as women of the church support these important ministries in our community.



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.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: A cat named Pazleigh.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?
Or what takes up a lot of your time?

A: My daughter, Cheryl, and I go to Abilene to visit great grandchildren and we spend a lot of time with them. We also enjoy spending time with friends doing a variety of things.

Q: Do you have a particular hobby? Is there one you want to learn?

A: I used to do ceramics but I no longer do this craft.

Q: What's your favorite restaurant or favorite meal?

A: I like home cooked meals. Meatloaf is my favorite with corn bread.

Q: Where is your favorite vacation locale?

A: Hawaii.

Q: I'd rather do anything besides

A: Stay home. I look for any opportunity to get out of the house.

Q: Tell us something we might not know about you!

A: Cheryl and I live at the Santa Rita Ranch. They have a community clubhouse which offers many different activities. We play cards and dice games. They have a luncheon monthly and also have craft days, bands and dancing. We attend a lot of these activities.



Church Contacts

Find us online at cpfumc.org
or call the church Tues-Thurs between 9 and 2 at (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!

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hours which at our usage rate is about 100 years. This is the same projector model that we have for the rear-facing projector installed in June 2024. The same remote works for both projectors. In fact, if you stand half-way between the two projectors, you can turn both of them ON/OFF simultaneously with one remote.

CPFUMC Calendar April 2025

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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>8:30am - In-Person</p> <p>9:45am - SS in-person &</p> <p>10:45am - In-Person</p> <p>10:45am - Livestream</p> <p>12pm - Youth</p> | <p>4:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - Centering</p> | <p>9:30am - Morning Prayer</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p> <p>10am - HCCM</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Men's Group</p> | <p>8:30am - Red Shirts</p> <p>5:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - Big Book Study</p> | <p>10am - Sanctuary Prep</p> <p>4:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> | <p>8:45am - Men's Coffee</p> <p>4pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Group @</p> | |
| <p>8:30am - Youth Sunday</p> <p>9:40am - Trustees</p> <p>9:45am - SS in-person &</p> <p>10:45am - Livestream</p> <p>10:45am - Youth Sunday</p> <p>12pm - Youth</p> | <p>4:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - Centering</p> | <p>9:30am - Morning Prayer</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p> <p>10am - HCCM</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Men's Group</p> | <p>8:30am - Red Shirts @</p> <p>5:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - Big Book Study</p> | <p>10am - Sanctuary Prep</p> <p>4:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> | <p>8:45am - Men's Coffee</p> <p>4pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Group @</p> | <p>9am - Confirmation Day</p> <p>9am - PEO Meeting @</p> |
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| <p>7am - Easter Sunrise</p> <p>8:30am - In-Person</p> <p>9:45am - SS in-person &</p> <p>10:45am - In-Person</p> <p>10:45am - Livestream</p> <p>12pm - Youth</p> | <p>4:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - Centering</p> | <p>9:30am - Morning Prayer</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p> <p>10am - HCCM</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Men's Group</p> | <p>8:30am - Red Shirts</p> <p>5:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - Big Book Study</p> | <p>10am - Sanctuary Prep</p> <p>4:30pm - Stephanie Piano</p> | <p>NEWSLETTER input Due</p> <p>8:45am - Men's Coffee</p> <p>4pm - Stephanie Piano</p> <p>7:30pm - AA Group @</p> | |
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