



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC
600 W. Park St.
Cedar Park Tx 78613

MARCH 3RD, 2025
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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. Contact Amanda Theriot at Amanda.theriot@icloud.com

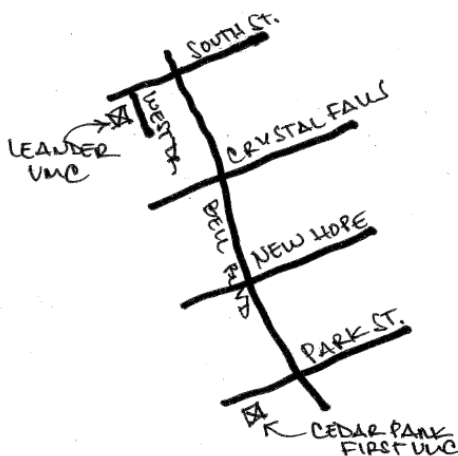
Youth Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in the youth room

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday Mar. 3rd** 7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
- Tuesday Mar. 4th** 9:30 am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00 am Bible Discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and via zoom
Prayer Shawl meets on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 am and the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Mar. 5th** 8:30 am **Red Shirts** meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney
6:00 pm Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Worship at Leander UMC
- Thursday Mar. 6th** 10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
10:00 am Read Across America at A Child's haven (sign up in the lobby)
- Friday Mar. 7th** 8:45 am **Red Shirts** meet at Randalls
- Sunday Mar. 9th** **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RETURNS – CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR!**
8:30 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
9:45 am Sunday school for adults:
Seekers and Thinkers are studying *How Jesus Became God*
Followers of the Word studying Gospel of Luke
9:45 am Sunday school for Children in the MMB
9:45 am Sunday school for Youth in Youth Room
10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion
12:00 pm Choir Practice



MARCH 5th
Joint Worship Service
Cedar Park First UMC
Rockbridge UMC and Leander UMC
At the Leander Church
107 S West Drive
Pancake Supper at 6pm
Ash Wednesday Worship
at 6:30pm



Collection to be taken to benefit Lydia Patterson Institute

LOOKING FORWARD!!

MARCH 30TH
APIL 6TH

ALL CHURCH POT-LUCK LUNCHEON, NOON
BE LIGHT YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP AT BOTH SERVICES



CHOIR PRACTICE

March 9th – practice after second service at noon
March 16th- No Practice
March 23rd- practice and sing for Lent
March 30th – practice after second service at noon
April 6th – No practice
April 13th – practice and sing

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers of healing for Martha Orr with a bronchitis illness.
- Karen Packard. Prayers of Joy that my granddaughter Morgan was awarded best choreography in dance.
- Lonna Beck. Prayers for David's father to know how much he is loved.
- Sterling Hartman. Prayer for my friend whose Dad Passed away 2 years ago and then his mother passed away this year on the 28th the same day as his dad.
Prayers for everyone to start to love one another.
- Roger Erickson. Prayers of comfort and healing for Pope Francis.
- Vickie Thompson. Prayers for my Aunt and 2 cousins who are not getting along.



United
Women
in Faith

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.

UWF Quarterly Meetings

When? May 3rd, August 2nd and November 1st at 9:30 am

Where? La Madeline on HWY 183 and Lakeline Blvd.



Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Donations for the 4th week of February...

Food/Health Care Wk 78 lbs

YTD 377 lbs

Thanks to all!

While HCCM can always use the food items we have been donating, this week when I dropped them off the lady said that she was excited to see the Health Care items because they were running quite low. So while all the food items are really appreciated at this point the Health care is particularly necessary

Health Care Items Needed for Both Men and Women

**Deoderant, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Razor Blades, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Hand and Body Cream\
Any other Health Care items you can think of!**

I had heard rumors that some of our congregation were concerned about HCCM wanting to get a bigger building and that our Church and other Church's donations would be put towards purchasing the building instead of being for food for those in need.

I approached the Director of HCCM about this and the following email is her response.....

Bob

Good morning Bob....

Oh my goodness, I am not sure why people would think we don't need food donations if we are trying to get a new building. Have the parishioners asking the questions been to our facility? We have been doing tours of our facility A LOT the past couple of months. I would invite anyone and everyone to please visit us. Take a tour. I will be more than happy to show them how our building is still barely hanging on with the amount of visitors (130-150 families EVERY DAY Monday - Day visit) and the amount of food distributed.

That being said.... and I was just sharing this yesterday with 3 pastors who came to visit us for the first time. When I started in 2015, HCCM served just a little over 4,000 families the entire year. This was about 14,500 individuals. HCCM now serves this many families and individuals in less than 2 months.

I also shared, in 2020 (COVID year) nearly all of our food pantries doubled the amount of families and individuals served. HCCM served 71,000 people that year. We never thought we would ever see COVID numbers. YET.... HCCM DOUBLED the amount of people served AGAIN in just 4 years? YES... we provided food to nearly 140,000 people in 2024. WE distributed OVER 1.3 million lbs of food out of 900 square feet. That is the size of our food pantry... 900 square feet.

Also, keep in mind... since COVID.... our country faced food shortages and recession/inflation. HCCM has spent WAY more money to purchase food in the past 2 years than it EVER has. There were food pantries all over central Texas cutting their food orders in half, meaning families were getting WAY less food than they would normally get. And the NEED was so great!! Some food pantries had to turn families away b/c they ran out of food to give out. And some food pantries had to close their doors. HCCM is sooo BEYOND BLESSED because of the support of food drives, retail partner pickups and money donated for food that we NEVER had to do any one of these. I wrote a check for \$18,000 one month to purchase food so we could keep up with the need, while food drives were down b/c food supply chain was strained.

So, yes, while we are trying to raise money to purchase an existing building (move in faster) or build from the ground up, I am not sure why people would not think we would still need food? We are already seeing a 12% INCREASE YTD as we kick off the new calendar year. We could potentially serve 150,000 people in 2025. And if we don't receive donated food from our churches, individuals, schools and businesses.... there is no doubt we will run out of food money.

I hope this helps!!!! I had someone ask me yesterday, "Would you be willing to speak to this at our church?"

And... of course... that answer is YES.

So... please share this with EVERYONE you know. We can ONLY feed our community with the support of our churches, individuals, schools, businesses... our people.

Thank you so much for this. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do.

Happy to Serve,

Tiesa

Tiesa Hollaway

Executive Director

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Church Finance Report

January was a good month financially due to the recognition of unpledged income received in 2024 that was designated for 2025. Without the one-time item, contributions were below budget. Operating expenses were also below budget without any items that stood out. As a result, the Church had net income of \$4,528.33 in the month. This is a positive start for 2025, but the remaining months will not reflect the prepaid contribution that was recorded in January. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through January 31, 2025

Total Income: \$ 26,056.14

Total Expenses: \$ 21,527.81

Net Income: \$ (4,528.33)

READ ACROSS AMERICA AT A CHILD'S HAVEN ON MARCH 6TH

On Thursday morning, March 6th, church members are invited to Read Across America with the children at A Child's Haven. Sign up in the sanctuary lobby to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and read from one of Dr. Seuss's books to a group of children for fifteen minutes.

What a great day to celebrate reading!!!

BE LIGHT YOUTH



BE LIGHT YOUTH Spring/Summer 2025 Possibilities

March

- 5th – ASH WEDNESDAY join worship at Leander UMC
- 8th – Mulch Church (TBD) Concert at Cedar Park Toby Mac
- 9th – Daylight savings SPRING ahead – no Youth
- 16th – No Youth (spring break)
- 21st YOUTH DAY – Mission and Play Day
- 29th – Rally with the Bishop in Kerrville, TX 9:30 – 2:00 pm (need to register ASAP)
- 30th – witness Rachel’s Baptism at New Hope Church at 11:00 am Rolling Communion

April

- 5th – Solea Spring Fling
- 6th -Youth Worship
- 13th – Palm Sunday
- 17th – Maundy Thursday Worship
- 18th – Good Friday Worship
- 19th - Baptism and Pool Party
- 20th – EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP CONFIRMATION

May

- 11th – Mother’s Day No Youth
- 17th – Schlitterbahn 10:00-7:00
- 18th – Graduation Recognition

May 28th – June 4th ENGLAND: Methodist Roots

June

- 1st – No Youth
- 11th – 14th Annual Conference
- 14th – VBS 9:00 am to 1:00 am
- 15th – Father’s Day – No Youth
- 22nd – 28th UMARMY Mission Trip
- 29th – No Youth

BE LIGHT YOUTH LED WORSHIP

SUNDAY APRIL 6TH Both Services

Come support and grow along side the YOUTH as they lead our worship, prayers, music, and scripture reflection

MULCH MULCH MULCH

It's coming - be on the look out for more details to freshen up your summer water saving yard treatment. BE LIGHT YOUTH will be selling mulch for your yard and placing the mulch all around the church property to help save resources. Be on the lookout for more details soon.

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 Strand on Anon, 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 - the exact dates are in flux as a conflict with two of families travel has necessitated a shift; I am awaiting the final dates but they will be within a few days of the ones listed in the link here: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/wesley-heritage-tour-with-cedar-park-umc>

PLEASE contact Pastor Suzette if you would be willing to join our Merry Band of Travelers to learn about how 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)

A Note from Paul Venincasa.....

I wanted to take a moment to send along my sincerest thanks for the cards and notes of well wishes the church has been sending my way. It has meant the world to me!

Since the holidays I've been having some pretty aggressive ups and downs with this immunotherapy. There was a 10 day and then a 16 day stretch that I still wonder how I made it through.... well, I know how...because of my faith. But that doesn't mean those were not tough days.

I am pretty immunocompromised right now so I've been trying to stay a bit quarantined not wanting to catch the flu or something to go with the other cancer treatment side effects.

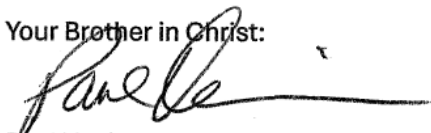
I will be in Houston at MD Anderson the next two weeks having targeted radiation treatments on the tumor on my spine. Once that is over, I come back to Austin and start an even harder hitting immunotherapy regimen. I am very apprehensive about starting this new regimen but I keep saying "that which doesn't kill you makes you stronger." 🙏

So again, thank you and the entire congregation for your prayers and your well wishes! It means so much to know you have brothers and sisters in Christ and quite the prayer warrior team.

I hope to return to normal life sometime in late March. Until then I will keep in touch and let you know how things are going.

I really do miss everyone! You have become my refuge, touchstone and safe harbor.

Your Brother in Christ:



Paul Venincasa

Surplus Equipment for Sale -12 Jan25

The church has a number of surplus equipment items for sale. Click on the link under the pictures for more detailed information. Church friends and members get a discount off the listed price.



[BOGO: Netgear Nighthawk R7000 PLUS TP-Link AC1750 WiFi 5 Routers - \\$25](#)



[ViewSonic 24" FHD Monitor, model VA2446mh w/Spkrs - \\$60](#)



[Dell 24" FHD Monitor, model P2414Hb - \\$45](#)



[Dell 24" FHD Monitor, model P2414Hb with Dell Sound Bar - \\$55](#)



[Dell 23" FHD Monitor, model U2312HMT - \\$50](#)

Contact Neil Howard. nhowardtx1@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these surplus equipment items.

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