



# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC  
600 W. Park St.  
Cedar Park Tx 78613

**MARCH 17TH, 2025**  
**CPFUMC**

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](mailto:Amanda.theriot@icloud.com)  
**Youth Sunday School** meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in the youth room

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Mar. 17th	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Mar. 18th	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 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 11:00 am and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Wednesday Mar. 19th	8:30 am <b>Red Shirts</b> meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney 10:30am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in MMB Conference Rm
Thursday Mar. 20th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Mar. 21st	8:45 am <b>Red Shirts</b> meet at Randalls
Saturday Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00 am Memorial Service for Charley Gray in the Sanctuary
Sunday Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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 the MMB 9:45 am Sunday school for Youth in Youth Room 10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion Choir practice



**A Memorial Service for Ruth Gray's husband Charley will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 22 at 11am. All are invited to attend.**

## LOOKING FORWARD!!

**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>  
APIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**POTATO JAR SUNDAY AND ALL CHURCH POT-LUCK LUNCHEON, NOON  
BE LIGHT YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP AT BOTH SERVICES**



## CHOIR PRACTICE

March 23<sup>rd</sup>- practice and sing for Lent  
March 30<sup>th</sup> – practice after second service at noon  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – No practice  
April 13<sup>th</sup> – practice and sing

### PRAYER CONCERNS

- Don Stratmann** Prayers for my mother who is 94 year old and is having surgery that God helps her through this process with healing and Peace for all
- Debra Longoria** Prayers of Peace for John in the work force. Prayers for David finding new position in his employment
- Karen Bowker** Prayers of Joy for Gayle Caraway and husband on their Wedding Anniversary of 58 years of marriage.
- Rachel Longoria** Prayers of joyfulness for our families coming together for Sarah's wedding.
- Wanda Lack** Prayers of remembrance for my husband and 61 years of marriage.
- Margaret McClintock** Prayers for Peace On Earth.
- Peter Castles** Prayers of Thankfulness for Martha Orr that she is well and back with us today.



## Lenten Devotions Week Two

Take a small container of potting soil and sprinkle wheat grass seeds over the surface. Water gently and place in a sunny window. Throughout the days of Lent you will see how the seeds change. When they come together with water and sunlight, they are changed

from hard and dry to green and growing.

### Reflection on the Previous Sunday

#### Monday

Psalm 105:1-15, 42  
Exodus 33:1-6  
Romans 4:1-12

#### Tuesday

Psalm 105:1-15, 42  
Numbers 14:10b-24  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

#### Wednesday

Psalm 105:1-15, 42  
2 Chronicles 20:1-22  
Luke 13:22-31

### Preparation for the Coming Sunday

#### Thursday

Psalm 63:1-8  
Daniel 3:19-30  
Revelation 2:8-11

#### Friday

Psalm 63:1-8  
Daniel 12:1-4  
Revelation 3:1-6

#### Saturday

Psalm 63:1-8  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Luke 6:43-45

### A Prayer for the Week

O God, you give your people power  
to hope for that which is unseen.  
Strengthen us so that we may follow your Son  
with courage and humility. Amen



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 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am

**Where?** La Madeline on HWY 183 and Lakeline Blvd.

I have participated in the UMW/UWF Reading Program for many years. Here is a recommendation from our neighboring UWF unit at Lake Travis UMC.

Enjoy, Sue Sidney!

### **OUR MISSING HEARTS**

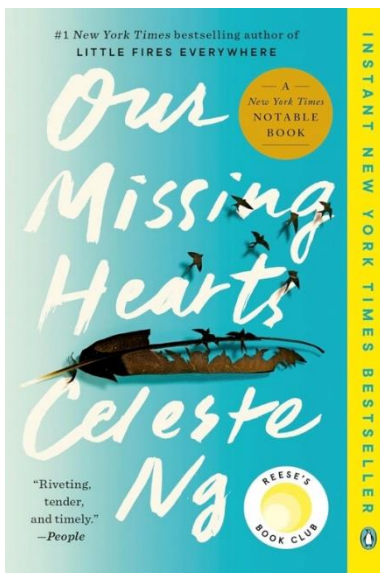
by Celeste Ng

[Social Action Category]

Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother Margaret, a Chinese American poet, left without a trace when he was nine years old. He doesn't know what happened to her—only that her books have been banned— and he resents that she cared more about her work than about him. Then one day, Bird receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, and soon he is pulled into a quest to find her.

Named a Best Book of 2022 by People, TIME Magazine, The Washington Post, USA Today, NPR, and more. Book available in English &

Spanish. Order the book or audio version [HERE](#).



# HCCM



## Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

### Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

**Our donations for the 2nd week of March**

Food / Health Care Week. 40 pounds

YTD. 461 pounds

Once again we had a large number of items for the Thrift Store MOST NEEDED ITEMS; Jam Pasta Sauce Dry Beans 1 lb bag Canned tomatoes Tomato Sauce Canned Fruit Canned Tuna or Chicken MEN AND WOMEN HEALTH ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

### 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!



JOIN WAYBACK  
AND  
*Support*

## Hill Country Community Ministries

Wednesday March 19, 2025 from 11am - 3pm

Wayback Burgers 406 West Whitestone Blvd.  
Cedar Park, TX 78613

SAVE THE DATE IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT A  
GREAT CAUSE WHILE ENJOYING A GREAT MEAL.

[WAYBACKBURGERS.COM](http://WAYBACKBURGERS.COM)

# BE LIGHT YOUTH



## BE LIGHT YOUTH Spring/Summer 2025 Possibilities

### March

- 21<sup>st</sup> YOUTH DAY – Mission and Play Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Rally with the Bishop in Kerrville, TX 9:30 – 2:00 pm (need to register ASAP)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – witness Rachel’s Baptism at New Hope Church at 11:00 am Rolling Communion

### April

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

### May

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day No Youth
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Schlitterbahn 10:00-7:00

- 18<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Recognition

**May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup> ENGLAND: Methodist Roots**

## June

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

**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.go.travelwithus.com/tours/wesley-heritage-tour-with-qedar-park-ume>  
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@epfume.org](mailto:suzette@epfume.org))



## 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)

## Surplus Equipment for Sale - 9Mar25

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.



[NEC P452H Full HD Projector with NEC WiFi Adapter - \\$355](#)



[ViewSonic 24" FHD Monitor, model VA2446mh w/Speakers - \\$55](#)



[Dell 24" FHD Monitor, model P2414Hb - \\$40](#)



[Dell 23" FHD Monitor, model U2312HMT - \\$45](#)

Contact Neil Howard. [nhowardtx1@gmail.com](mailto:nhowardtx1@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of these surplus equipment items.

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)