



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC
600 W. Park St.
Cedar Park Tx 78613

MARCH 24TH, 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 Great Commission"
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. 24th	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Mar. 25th	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 st Tuesday at 11:00 am and the 3 rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Wednesday Mar. 26th	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney 10:30am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in MMB Conference Rm
Thursday Mar. 27th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Mar. 28th	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Sunday Mar. 30th	<i>Potato Jar Sunday</i> 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 "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20) 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

The Followers of the Word Sunday school class will begin a two-week study of "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20).

LOOKING FORWARD!!

MARCH 30TH
APIL 6TH

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



CHOIR PRACTICE

March 30th – practice after second service at noon
April 6th – No practice
April 13th – practice and sing

BRING YOUR COINS FOR THE POTATO JAR!!

Every fifth Sunday of the month (like the last Sunday in March!) we pass the Potato Jar and collect your coins and cash to benefit the Society of St. Andrew's Potato and Produce



Project. The Society of St. Andrew is a United Methodist ministry that salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Usually, these rejected loads end up at local landfills.

Through the Potato and Produce Project, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 40,000-45,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low-income housing areas, local churches, and

other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor.

Because this produce is donated to the Society of St. Andrew, they pay only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 9 cents per pound. That means the Society can provide food to the nation's hungry for about 3 cents per serving.

Your contributions to the Potato Jar on Sunday, March 30 will be greatly appreciated!



**ALL-CHURCH
POTLUCK
SUNDAY,
MARCH 30
AT NOON**

Bring a dish to share!

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers for two of my friends who Passed Away and their families.
- Karen Bowker. Prayers for Pastor McGreen who suddenly Passed Away on Monday.
- Ruth Gray. Prayers of Thankfulness for all who helped with Charley's Memorial Service yesterday.
- Vickie Thompson. Prayers for the great group of women on the Membership Care Committee & all they do.
- Kevin Borja. Prayers of Blessing's on Karen's birthday tomorrow.
- Nell Pennington. Prayers of Joy for Paul on his birthday today. Continued Prayers for Horace's brother.
- Nancy Holmes. Prayers of Thankfulness for Sue Sidney that she is feeling better resting and healing.
- Jane Howard. Prayers for my teammate at gym Carin who needs a new Aorta and surgery is April 3.
- Vickie Thompson. Prayers of Joy on my son Andrew's birthday and the same day as my parent's anniversary.
- Janice Burris. Prayers for our neighbor Donna who is in a Houston hospital in critical condition.
- Margaret McClintock. Prayers of Thankfulness for healing of Pope Francis on his returning home.
- Laurel Fabian. Prayers for a successful surgery for Don Stratmann's 94 year old mother tomorrow and for complete healing.



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.

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.

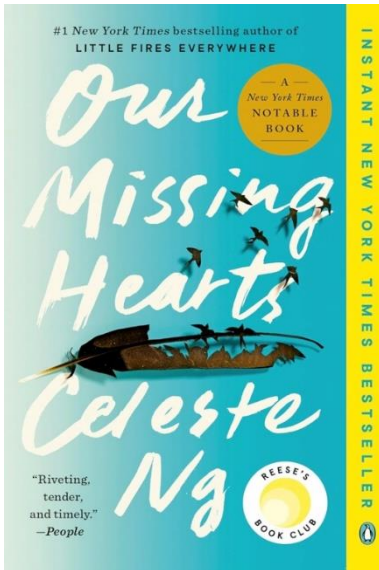
Enjoy, Sue Sidney!

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 3rd week of March

Food / Health Care

Week. 40 pounds

YTD. 501. Pounds

We also had a good number of items for the Thrift Store, which has become quite common each week

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

Jam, Salad Dressings, Dry beans (1 pound bag), Ketchup, Hot Sauce, Mustard. Additionally, they need health care items for both men and women, Shower gel, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Deodorant, Shampoo, Razors, Shave cream, and any other health care items you may identify

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE



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

BE LIGHT YOUTH



BE LIGHT YOUTH Spring/Summer 2025 Possibilities

March

- 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

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)

CHURCH FINANCE REPORT

In February the Church operated at a deficit of \$(3,048.38). February contributions were consistent with January, but were below the average monthly budget. Operating expenses were also below budget, but that is primarily due to apportionments. Apportionments are not paid in January and February, but will begin in March and occur each month for the remainder of the year. The Church has net income of \$1,479.95 YTD in 2025. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through February 28, 2025

Total Income: \$ 45,560.85

Total Expenses: \$ 44,080.90

Net Income: \$ 1,479.95

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 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