



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

APRIL 21ST, 2025

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IN PERSON WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M. IN PERSON AND

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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 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus

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 Apr. 21st	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Apr. 22nd	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 3 rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Wednesday Apr. 23rd	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney
Thursday Apr. 24th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Apr. 25th	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Saturday April 26th	10:00 am Van Rensburg Memorial in the Sanctuary
Sunday Apr. 27th	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 are studying 1 st and 2 nd Timothy and Titus 9:45 am Sunday School for Children in the MMB 9:45 am Sunday school for Youth in the Youth Room 10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary 12:15 pm Church Council Meeting MMB Conference Room

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers of Celebration for 6 people baptized in congregation and party afterwards. Prayers of Joy for Kinsley and Rachel.

Anita Martin. Prayers of Joy to Pauline on her birthday today.

Vickie Thompson. Prayers for my Aunt LaNae who Passed away Friday. Prayers for the amazing youth group.

Nell Pennington. Prayers of Thankfulness to the congregation for all the Prayers and cards.

Marsha Suber. Prayers for my new great grandson who is struggling in ICU.

Karen Packard. Prayers that God's Glory will overwhelm the politicians in D.C.

Pastor Peter Castles. Prayers of Joy for the Ministry of Child's Haven.

Sterling Hartman. Prayers for the loss of life and change from bombing 30 years ago.

Karen Bowker. Prayers of Joy to families coming together. Prayers for our neighbor Jeff for recovery.



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 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.



From Rio TX Conference UWF:
Mission U 2025
Save the Date!
July 11 & 12, 2025
New Braunfels UMC

HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 3rd week of April

Food / Health Care

Week. 46 pounds

YTD. 733 pounds

We also had several items for the Thrift Store

HCCM NEEDS

Razors

Shave Cream

Shower gel

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Tooth Brushes

Jelly

Dried beans

Hot Sauce

Salad Dressing

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR HELPING PEOPLE OUT!!!

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

BE LIGHT YOUTH



BE LIGHT YOUTH Spring/Summer 2025 Possibilities

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

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 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-cedar-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@cpfume.org)

Surplus Equipment for Sale - 30Mar25

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.



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



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

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

Tax-Free Charitable Giving from Your IRA

Do you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA)? Are you over 70½ years old?

If you answered “Yes” to both of these questions, then you are eligible to make tax-free charitable contributions from your IRA. Here is how it works:

If you are over 70½ years old and you have a regular IRA (not a Roth IRA), the government requires you to withdraw a portion of your IRA every year. It doesn't matter if you are retired or not, you still have to withdraw a certain amount. The IRS calls this amount a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You can't just let your IRA investment grow indefinitely. The government wants to finally tax the tax-deferred income that you socked away during your wage-earning years. Your RMD is taxable.

However, IRS rules allow you to use a portion, or even all, of your RMD for charitable contributions tax-free. The IRS calls this tax-free charitable contribution from your IRA a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you are really well-off, you can actually make tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA up to \$105,000 per year. The QCD counts toward your RMD, but the QCD portion is tax-free whereas the rest of your RMD is taxable. The QCD can be any amount you choose up to your entire RMD or \$105,000, whichever is less.

Going with the QCD is actually a better deal than taking the entire RMD, making a charitable contribution and then claiming an itemized deduction for the charitable deduction. This is because the QCD is never considered as income since it is sent directly from your IRA to the charitable institution. Thus, your overall income, and thus your taxable income, is lower.

You can set up a QCD to make tax-free withdrawals from your IRA on a recurring basis, for example, monthly, or in one shot every year. You can set up QCDs for more than one charitable organization. The organization receiving your QCD must be a 501.c.3 charitable organization recognized by the IRS, for example a church like CPFUMC.

This is all described on the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/retirement-plans-faqs-regarding-iras-distributions-withdrawals> and in IRS Publication 590-B (see page 13). Consult with your IRA holder or financial adviser to set up a QCD.

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