



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

JULY 7TH, 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 *Jesus and His Jewish Influences*.

Followers of the Word are meeting in person at 9:45 am in MMB studying 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus

Children/Youth Sunday school meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Contact Amanda Theriot at Amanda.theriot@icloud.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday July 7th	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday July 8th	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 July 9th	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney
Thursday July 10th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday July 11th	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Sunday July 13th	8:30 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary 9:45 am Sunday school for adults: Seekers and Thinkers are studying <i>Jesus and His Jewish Influences</i> Followers of the Word are studying 1 st and 2 nd Timothy and Titus 9:45 am Sunday school for Children/Youth in the Youth Room 10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

LOOKING FORWARD!!

JULY 19TH CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS IN THE SANCTUARY (FOR KIDS ENTERING K-5TH) 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CHURCH FINANCE REPORT

In May, the Church had an operating loss of -\$8,937.44. Contributions were down considerably from trend. Other income was also lower in May as it did not benefit from the tithe from A Child's Haven. Overall expenses were somewhat higher due to lawn care and technology licensing.

Some of these expenses should be annual or seasonal rather than recurring monthly. The Church has a net loss of -\$2,715.71 YTD in 2025. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through May 31, 2025

Total Income: \$ 119,159.04

Total Expenses: \$ 121,874.75

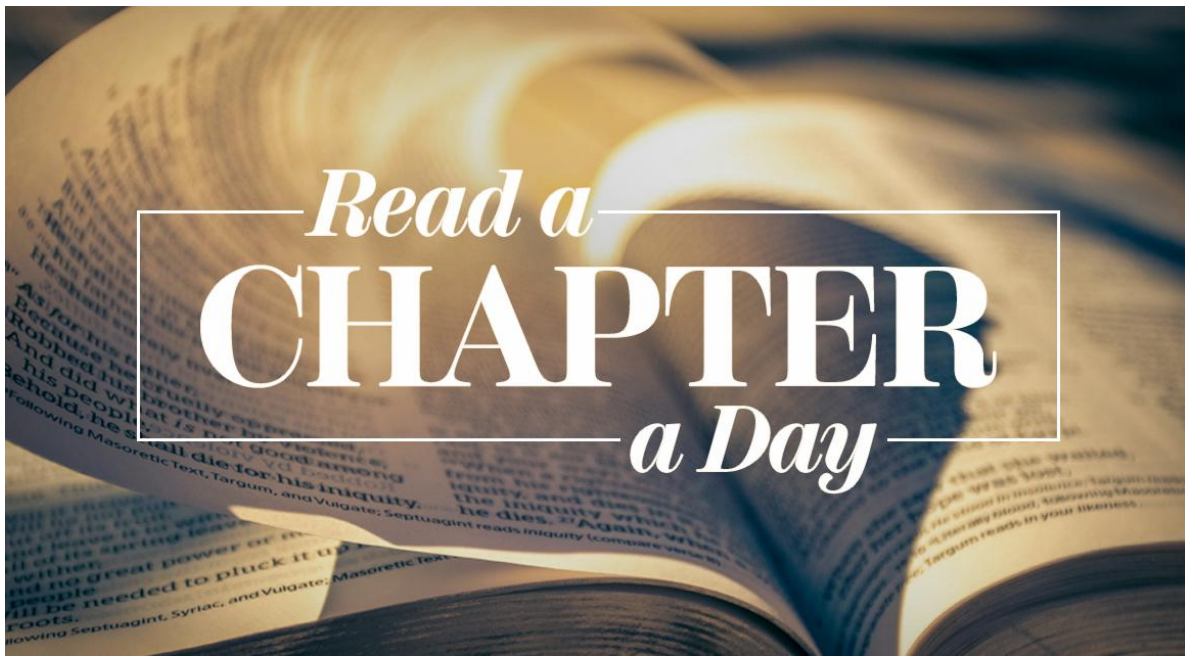
Net Loss: -\$ 2,715.71

Email: office@cpfumc.org to have an event added to the calendar



PRAYER REQUEST

- Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers for the world: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda
Prayers for safe travels for the Borja family relatives returning to her home on Tuesday.
Prayers of Joy for Gigi Heermans birthday on Thursday.
Prayers of Joy for Gavin celebrating his birthday today.
Prayers of Joy for Leland on his birthday today.
- Debra Longoria. Prayers for David on his job hunting situation getting settled.
Prayers of healing for Rachel from an unknown fall and eye issue while at home cooking.
- Nell Pennington. Prayers for Martha Orr who is not healing well from surgery.
- Vickie Thompson. Prayers for celebrating working 46 years in the Dental field and 25 years at Austin Endodontics.
- Pam Clinch. Prayers for safe travels for my mother.
- Marianne Borja. Prayers of happiness to Marianne and Marvin Borja on their 5th Wedding Anniversary.
- Gigi Baggerman Heermans. Please PRAYERS for Jett Heermans who is looking for a job and that his current living situation gets better.
- Stephanie Talley Prayers for my 19 year old nephew who had fireworks explode while he was bent over trying to light it. He has 2nd and 3rd degree burns on 30% of his body and will have his first surgery on Tuesday.



TAKE THE CHALLENGE: READ A CHAPTER A DAY JUNE 9-JULY 26

Join hundreds of people for a summer reading challenge! Registration is free and will provide you with opportunities to connect with other UMC folks from around the world.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Visit <https://www.UMCDiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day-summer-2025-challenge>

This reading challenge will guide participants through Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians, providing a strong foundation in Christian theology, practical church life, and discipleship. The plan is designed for everyone—both new and mature believers—who want to engage with scripture daily. A weekly Bible study component offers deeper reflection and group discussions.

Each day, you will receive an email with the chapter of the day, a reflection question from a theologian, and encouragement for your journey. This is a powerful opportunity to immerse yourself in scripture and grow in faith alongside thousands of others worldwide.

Here's the schedule for reading:

- June 9–June 24: Romans 1–16
- June 25: Reflection on Romans
- June 26–July 11: 1 Corinthians 1–16
- July 12: Reflection on 1 Corinthians
- July 13–July 25: 2 Corinthians 1–13
- July 26: Reflection on 2 Corinthians

(Reflection days allow you to pause, pray, and revisit key themes from the passages.)

Reading the Bible is a transformative spiritual practice. Whether you're a seasoned daily reader or just starting, this is an opportunity to grow in faith, reflect on God's word, and engage with a community of believers. Let's take this journey together. Sign up today and be part of this powerful summer challenge!



RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE FLOODING RESPONSE

As our Conference continues to assess the impact of the flooding along the Guadalupe River and surrounding communities, one of the most effective ways you can help right now is through financial gifts.

Our Bishop, Cynthia Harvey, and our Conference Disaster Response Team is encouraging churches to make contributions to a special Disaster Response Fund. CPFUMC will be accepting donations over the next few Sundays to provide relief for those affected by the severe floods and devastation. Please note "Flood Relief" on your gift.

Your generosity will support immediate needs in the affected areas. Our Conference is also working with UMCOR on securing an initial grant to aid their response. Please continue to pray, and stay tuned for updates on specific needs as assessments continue.



June 14th and July 19th

9 am - 1 pm

Cedar Park FUMC

600 West Park Street Cedar Park

Register at

cptfume.org

Children entering K through 5th grade

GOD'S WORK IN ACTION – NEXT VBS JULY 19TH





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.

The next Quarterly UWF Breakfast will be August 2nd

**La Madeliene 14028 US 183 – Ste 210 Austin, Tx
9:30 am**

Donation Opportunity

Our church has generously contributed to UWF's ministry for teen moms in our community. In the past, we supported Acts of Love, a free childcare service for high school students so they can finish their education. Since Acts of Love has transitioned into Leander Head Start, we have stayed connected with our teen moms through that program.

Madison, mother of 3-year-old Brielle, was one of our high school teen moms. She graduated from Leander High School and is continuing her education at cosmetology school. She recently moved into an apartment and does not have family support, and is asking for our help with the following:

- Food and gas
- Clothes for Brielle, 3T-4T, shoes toddler size 9
- Diapers size 7 or pullups 3T-4T

If you feel called to help Madison, you can

- Make a donation to help with food/gas through the church, designate your donation as "UWF – Teen Moms." Donations will be used to purchase Walmart and HEB gift cards for Madison.
- Bring items to the church narthex and put in the box labeled "UWF".

HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 1st week of July

Food / Health Care Week. 41 pounds

YTD. 1209 pounds

HCCM NEEDS

Jelly

Pasta

Canned Vegetables

Shelf Stable Milk

Tomato Sauce

Cereal

Central Texas Food Bank

This year, we can reach more children than years before as we can to serve more children in rural areas. Rural Noncongregate feeding sites provide free, nutritious meals to children in eligible rural communities during the summer months, when school is out and access to school-provided meals is unavailable. Unlike traditional summer meal sites that require children to eat onsite at set times, noncongregate sites offer flexible options — allowing parents or guardians to pick up meals and take them home for their children. This approach helps remove transportation, scheduling, and access barriers that often prevent rural families from participating in summer nutrition programs.

For more information on where to get summer meals, you can check out our website [here](#).

From The Central Texas Food Bank.....

We truly appreciate your church's ongoing support and your willingness to do even more, especially during a time when access to summer meals is critical for so many families.

If your congregation is interested in getting more involved, there are a few ways you might be able to help:

- **Volunteer:** Some sites need help distributing meals or supporting summer enrichment activities.
- **Spread the Word:** Help families in your church or neighborhood know where local summer meals are available.
- **Fundraising or Donations:** Financial gifts allow us and our partners to supplement food resources when public funding falls short. You can host a virtual food drive and find more info [here](#).

Let me know if you would like any additional information about supporting summer meals.

Warm regards,

ABBY CHOPP, MNA

She/Her/Hers

Community Engagement Coordinator

Direct: 512.684.2549

6500 Metropolis Drive, Austin, TX 78744

centraltexasfoodbank.org

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE



VISA POLICY CHANGE AFFECTING STUDENT ACCESS AT LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

Due to the recent changes in U.S. visa policy, some of the students attending the United Methodist-affiliated high school Lydia Patterson Institute (LPI) in El Paso, Texas—especially those living in Ciudad Juárez—are being affected. New rules require all F-1 student visa applicants, both new and returning, to undergo enhanced screening. This includes public access to social media, documentation of online activity, and broad reviews of “hostile attitudes”—a term that remains undefined and open to wide interpretation.

These requirements are slowing the process and placing LPI’s students from underserved communities at a disadvantage. Priority is being given to students at large universities, not schools like LPI, where 40% of the students are international and many face financial, political, and logistical barriers.

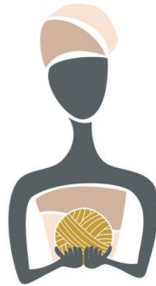
In response, LPI is preparing to offer hybrid learning this fall—with some students attending in person, and others learning remotely from across the border. Whether they are in El Paso or Juárez, the school’s commitment is the same: the students will continue learning, and LPI will continue teaching, supporting, and offering scholarships.

But the school needs your help to make this possible. Here are the urgent needs:

- Student Devices
- Internet Access Support
- Digital Curriculum & Learning Platform
- Teacher Technology
- IT Infrastructure
- Setup & Training
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If you are able to help, please make a donation to CPFUMC and mark the payment for Lydia Patterson or LPI.

For many years we have supported Handspun Hope / Rwandan Widow



handspun hope



July 2, 2025

Dear Susan,

With immense gratitude, I am excited to inform you of some amazing news: Handspun Hope has formally opened our new campus in northern Rwanda! This milestone not only signifies the expansion of our campus but also the strengthening of our purpose to provide the women we serve with sustainable livelihoods and holistic care.

This achievement, made possible through your faithful generosity, marks a new chapter in our mission to restore dignity and empower the women we serve. On June 19 — our **18th birthday** — we dedicated two new buildings that will significantly expand our reach and impact:

- A special **Early Childhood Education Center** that will give the women

in our program's children safe, stimulating care, enabling moms to work with peace of mind and giving their kids a good start in their education.

- A stunning **Worship + Creative Center**, a multipurpose area intended for artistic expression, career training, and spiritual discipleship. Our community comes together here to worship, heal, educate, and grow together.

This new campus is a haven for transformation and healing that goes beyond simple physical growth. It serves as a real-life example of what is possible when dedication and compassion are combined.

Because of you, over 200 women in Rwanda are stepping into meaningful work, creative purpose, and renewed faith. And now, their children will learn in a place where they are not only cared for but **also cherished**, given the chance to learn, laugh, and flourish within a community that sees their infinite value.

Thank you for believing in this vision and for walking alongside us every step of the way.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Diana Wiley
Executive Director



Surplus Equipment for Sale – 3Jul25

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.



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

Monitor includes both a power cable and a video cable.



[Microsoft Wireless Desktop 3000 v2.0, \\$23](#)

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

PFUMC 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