



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

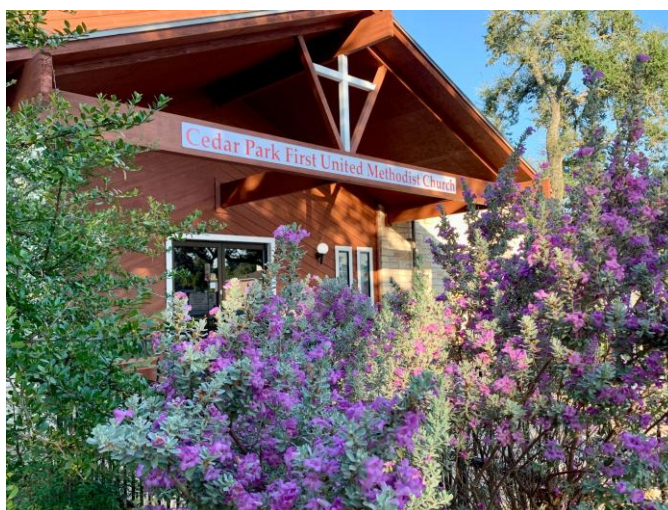
Cedar Park Tx 78613

AUGUST 11TH, 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 Joshua

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

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| Monday Aug 11th | 7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary |
| Tuesday Aug 12th | 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 Aug 13th | 8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney |
| Thursday Aug 14th | 10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep |
| Friday Aug 15th | 8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls |
| Sunday Aug 17th | 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 Joshua 9:45 am Sunday school for Children/Youth in the Youth Room 10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary 12:00 pm Youth |

LOOKING FORWARD!!

August 19th 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

August 31st Potato Jar Sunday and All Church Pot-Luck Luncheon at NOON

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

Church Finance Report

In June, the Church had an operating loss of -\$4,928.80. Contributions were up from May, but still below the average of the first five months of the year. Pledged contributions were down -11% from the YTD average in 2025. There is seasonality during summer months. Other Income was also lower in June. Overall expenses were in line with the YTD average in June. The Church has a net loss of -\$7,644.51 YTD in 2025. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through June 30, 2025

Total Income: \$ 139,348.57

Total Expenses: \$ 146,993.08

Net Loss: -\$ 7,644.51



PRAYER REQUEST

Sterling Hartman

Prayers for Steve Ramsey who is a friend with Parkinson's Disease

Pastor Suzette

Prayers for new restrictive policies in place for the new school year causing fear and anxiety for teachers. Prayers for a friend who had a double mastectomy last Monday and continuing cancer treatments. Prayers for Jerry Higgins continuing radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

Darlene Woehnker

Prayers for my husband Charlie with ongoing health issues

Sue Sidney

Traveling mercies for trip to Victoria and College Station. Dave's first trip since he began cancer treatments.

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers for World Peace: Cameron, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea. Prayers for Gigi in Nebraska helping her daughter Jozi get settled in at college. Prayers of Joy for Jessyka and Audrey in their Ice Skating championship.

Gale Caraway.

Prayers for my grandson starting boot camp. Prayers for my granddaughter starting Texas Tech.

Nell Pennington.

Prayers of Joy for Wanda on her birthday today. Prayers of Joy for Rachel turning 13 on this coming Saturday.

Kinsley Thompson.

Prayers for my friend having surgery tomorrow and a good recovery so she can come back to school before October.

Debra Longoria.

Prayers for John's girlfriend starting a new job at Lockheed Martin. Prayers for safe work travels for Sergio.

Karen Packard.

Prayers for overcoming obstacles this week on down sizing in moving transition to Colorado.

Steve Howard.

Prayers for my 104 year old mother who fractured her femur bone and for healing.

Lisa Feazell.

Prayers for a Kindergarten teacher whose husband died.

Pauline Eng.

Prayers of healing for Horace Pennington who had a difficult week and that he will feel better soon.

Anita Stratmann.

Prayers for my brother to find transportation to his Dr.s appointment.

Lonna Beck.

Prayers for Peace in our moving transition.

Laurel Fabian.

Continued Prayers for MaryAnn Mosier who was in a car accident last month and is having PT for her right leg now and cannot move her left leg. Prayers for her healing and recovery.



Choir Schedule

August 24th - practice after second service

August 31st - practice after second service

September 7th - OFF

September 14th - practice after second service

September 21st - practice after second service

September 28th - practice after second service

October 5th - OFF

October 12th - practice after second service

October 26th - Sing and practice after second service

November 2nd - OFF

November 9th - Sing and practice after second service

November 16th - sing and practice after second service

November 23rd - OFF

November 30th – Sing and practice after second service



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.



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.

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".

BE LIGHT YOUTH

Schedule

Saturday, 8/16 10:30- noon cleaning Karen P. garage to help prep her move to Colorado. Bring H2O bottles, gloves, shop vacs if you got 'em – and always close toe shoes.

Sunday, 8/17 Communion on the Road. We will gather for lunch then take the Communion elements to our homebound church family.

Sunday, 8/24 NO YOUTH as Pastor Suzette is away

Sunday, 8/31 5th Sunday POTLUCK – sharing our adventures from England: Methodist Roots earlier this summer.

Labor Day weekend TBD

HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 1st week of August

Food / Health Care

Week. 92 pounds

YTD. 1,556 pounds

We also had 2 vehicle loads of items for the Thrift Store.

HCCM NEEDS

Cereal

Pasta

Jelly

Shelf Staple Milk

Canned Vegetables

Tomato Sauce

CPFUMC COLLECTION FOR HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

A Collection Bin is in the lobby for these items for people in need in our community;

Canned items: stew, tuna, chicken, chili, soup, Spaghetios, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce, peaches, peanut butter, jelly, orange juice, and apple juice

Dry items: dried beans (1 or 2 lb pkgs), spaghetti/pasta (1 or 2 lb pkgs), cold cereal, hot cereal

Personal care items: bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toothpaste

HCCM Summer Second Helpings

With children home from school for the summer, we know many families face a greater need for food. That's why Hill Country Community Ministries launched **Summer Second Helpings** several years ago.

Typically, our full-service clients receive one food order per month. These orders—based on family size—weigh between 127 and 205 pounds and are valued (at H-E-B prices) between **\$325 and \$552**. Each order includes shelf-stable items (cans and boxes), plus fresh produce, eggs, cheese, frozen meats, hygiene products, diapers, and feminine care items.

Through the Summer Second Helpings program, families with school-age children can receive an **additional monthly food order** during the summer. While slightly modified, these “second helpings” give families access to nearly double the food—when they need it most.

So far this summer, we've provided nearly **150 Second Helpings**—and we've received many heartfelt notes of gratitude from the families we serve.

We're happy to help—and even happier to make a difference!

BE LIGHT YOUTH AUGUST

The summer has flown past! Family visits, summer classes, trips across the country and across the Atlantic, plus Audrey and Jessyka on the World Stage for ice skating competition representing with awards has left summer spent behind us. Karen has already started Corpe practice and Pastor Suzette resumes teacher duties next Monday.

We welcomed Leland into BE LIGHT YOUTH this summer and he has fit right in from Sunday school classes to mission work – almost like he has here all along. Even with his joining us, we now have more high school students than middle schoolers this coming year.

BE LIGHT YOUTH hosted a second one-day VBS in July with many of our Safe Gathering adults proving food, story time, art activities. The BE LIGHT YOUTH travel side-by-side with our VBS guest increasing the fun for everyone and sharing God's love. It was a success.

Sunday, AUGUST 31 ENGLAND: METHODIST ROOTS (potluck 5th Sunday in August)

The entire church is invited to join in a potluck after worship on Aug 31 for a show and tell of the England trip as we traveled the path of the Wesley family, the founders of the Methodist faith. The YOUTH and other travelers will share reflections of the trip as well as a grand amount of photos while you eat. Come see what an incredible experience we had tramping from London to Bristol to Epworth.

Yesterday's Gone Flood Clean Up Day

Posted on Facebook by [Janet Rickerson Yergler](#)-Volunteer Coordinator

Along with many pictures ... even CPFUMC youth !!! ·



[Yesterday's Gone](#) SERVE DAY was a complete success!

Thank you to those who donated and those that worked! 200 volunteers, 400+ sandwiches, snacks & water.

Our beautiful property is restored! ❤️👍🙌

WORK DAY AT YESTERDAY'S GONE



Yesterday's Gone

Together, We Did It! 🌿 Community Serve Day Recap

We want to give a special thank you to everyone who helped out on Community Serve Day! Your time and heart made a real difference. Because of you, Yesterday's Gone has been restored and continues to be a place of healing and hope. We couldn't have done it without you!

Over **200 people** showed up
and in just **2.5 hours**, we restored Yesterday's Gone!



A special thank you to our amazing Flood relief committee:

Byron McDaniel, Joe Vaughn, Joe Herzer, Tom Grinstead, and Jose Guerrero. Your leadership, hard work, and commitment played a big role in helping

Yesterday's Gone recover after the flooding. Your efforts were the foundation of a successful restoration. Thank you for showing up in such a big way! 🙌❤️



To our amazing churches that showed up, thank you 🙏:

Celebration Church, Northway Bible Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint, Cedar Park United Methodist Church, RockPointe Church, The Grove Church, and Vintage Church. Your love, support, and service helped make Community Serve Day a powerful reminder of what happens when faith and action come together.

To those who donated food & beverages for our volunteers:

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church, Chris & Heather Joyce, Church of Latter Day Saints, DFOX Law, Donna Hoffman, Jonathan Parahinog, RockPointe Church Leander, XXLHope Foundation, and Old Leander Gals Association. Your generous contributions kept our volunteers energized and fueled their hard work.

We couldn't have done it without your kindness and support! 📷🥤❤️



To those who donated the tools & equipment:

ATX Platinum Services, InisdeOut Home Improvements, Balarini Floors, RoofTX, Demitri Schizas, Paul's Land & Landscaping, Transformation Irrigation, Landshark Plumbing, Tom Grinstead, and Liberty Hill Lions Club Your generous donations made it possible for our work to move forward smoothly and efficiently. We truly appreciate your support in helping us rebuild and restore! 🛠️💕🔑



A thank you to some of the incredible businesses who showed up for us: Austin Brothers Fence Company, Otis Elevator, The Vine Shoppe, TORCH, BNI-Leander Lightning, Leadership Georgetown, CTX Network In Action, and Balarini Flooring. We're so thankful to have you in our corner!



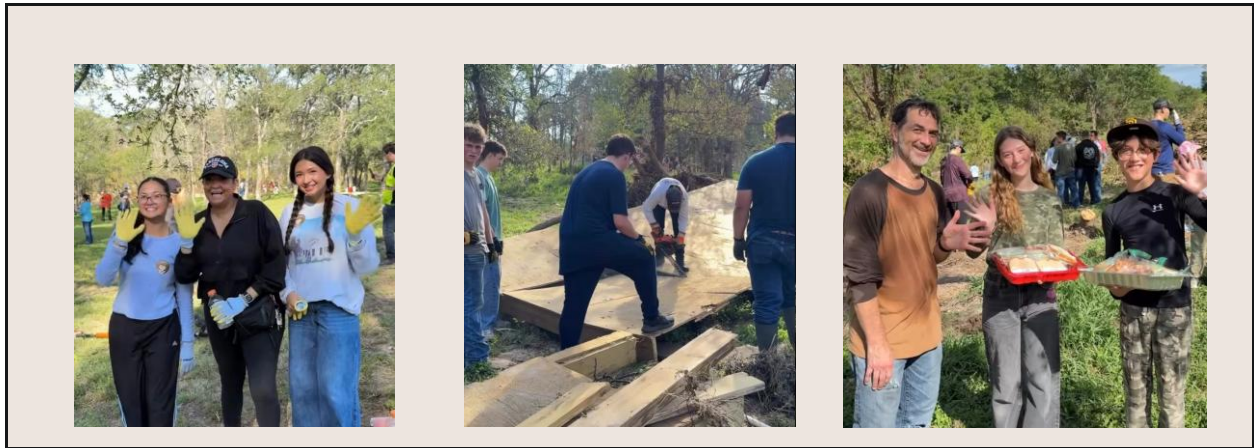
We appreciate Vintage Church & Balarini Flooring so much! ❤️

Because of both of you, our counseling office is now a space of peace and renewal. Thank you for donating your time, materials, and heart to help women heal.



We Love You All 🏠 ❤️

To every person who showed up and gave their time, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Your efforts have helped bring Yesterday's Gone back to life. We're so grateful for each of you and the difference you've made in the lives of the women we serve.



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
- If you are able to help, please make a donation to CPFUMC and mark the payment for Lydia Patterson or LPI.

How to Take a Picture for the Church Slide Show

With your Apple iPhone

Members are encouraged to take photos of church ministry events for the Sunday morning CPFUMC Church Slide Show. This is the slide show that loops during gathering time before the worship service begins and between services on Sunday morning. It also plays constantly on our church website's Find Out What's Happening page and on the screen in the church Narthex (aka Lobby) on Sunday mornings. Almost every member now has a smartphone of some sort and these modern smartphones all have cameras, so it is relatively convenient for you to document some aspect of our church ministry and share it with the entire congregation, right? Following are some lessons to help you along.

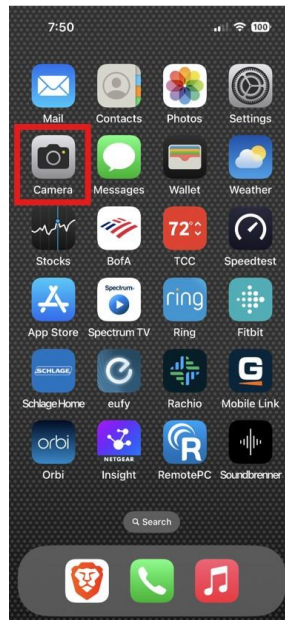
Lesson 2 – Adding a 16:9 Aspect Ratio on Your iPhone

In some ways, this lesson is optional once you have mastered Lesson 1. Every modern iPhone will create a 4032x3024 pixel (4:3 aspect ratio) image when you take a landscape photo. If you want to raise your Church Slide Show photography game a notch, you can set your iPhone to ALSO take a 4032x2268 (16:9 aspect ratio) image simultaneously.

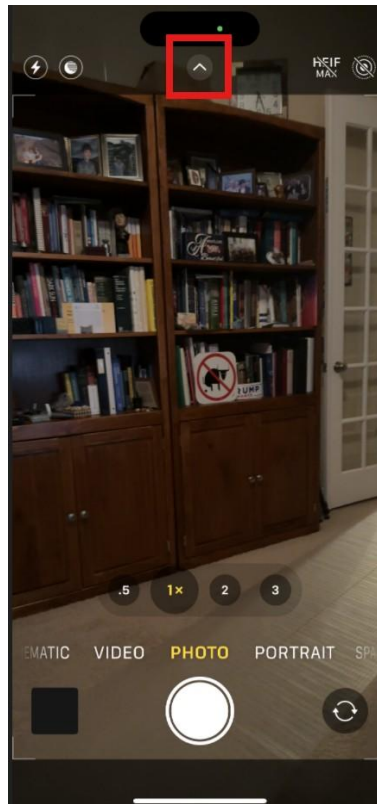


Yes, you read that correctly: you can get two images in one click! Whatta deal! Here's how to set it up on your iPhone:

- 1. Tap the Camera icon on your iPhone home screen to enter the Camera app.***



2. ***Tap the white Up Carat symbol (^) near the top of the screen in the iPhone Camera app.***



Notice that the white up-carat flips to a yellow down-carat and a new menu appears just above the big white dot near the bottom of the Camera app screen.



- 3. Tap the 16:9 option on this lower menu to add a 16:9 aspect ratio photo to every photo you take.***



The 16:9 option will turn yellow once it is selected. It will remain selected for all future photos unless you turn it off.



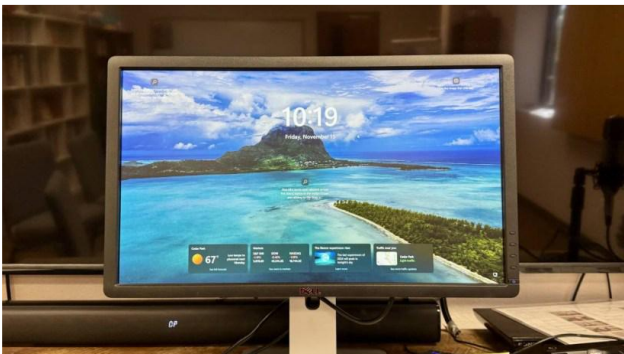
You can now close the Camera app and congratulate yourself for having set up your iPhone Camera app to simultaneously save a 16:9 aspect ratio (Church Slide Show-Ready) photo file along with every photo that you take! Landscape photos, of course. 😊 Remember Lesson 1? This 16:9 aspect ratio landscape photo will work perfectly for the Church Slide Show. Yeah, but how do I get this landscape photo into the Church Slide Show? (you ask). I have this really cool landscape photo on my iPhone, but how do I get it onto the Church Slide Show so that all the other church members can enjoy it?

Read on to Lesson 3.

Lesson 3 will be available next week at this same location.

Surplus Equipment for Sale – 27Jul25

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, \\$18](#)

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

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