



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

AUGUST 25TH, 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 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 Youth Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Aug 25th	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Aug 26th	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 27th	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney
Thursday Aug 28th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Aug 29th	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Sunday Aug 31st	POTATO JAR SUNDAY Bring your Coins 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 in MMB 9:45 am Youth in the Youth Room 10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

LOOKING FORWARD!!

August 31st Potato Jar Sunday and All Church Pot-Luck Luncheon at NOON
September 27th THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!
September 28th Patch Sales Begin

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

GET READY!!!.....PUMPKINS WILL BE DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 27TH



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

Pastor Peter Castles. Prayers and Blessings for Karen Packard in this time of transition into her new home in Boulder, Colorado. May she have good health, good luck and much happiness in her residence near her family. Prayers for Richard Blount recovering from shoulder surgery and for healing. Prayers for Paul Gay and family on the Passing of his mother due to a stroke. Prayers for Melba Howard 104 years old recovering from a fractured Femur bone and for healing. Prayers of healing for Shawn Dubler and family. Prayers of Joy for Pastor Melvin being here today. Prayers of Joy for Patti here with us today.

Gayle Caraway. Prayers for a lifelong friend whose daughter Passed away due to massive heart attack.

Martha Suber. Prayers for Sandra 84 years old who had a bad fall with severe head injuries who is recovering and healing.

Debra Longoria. Prayers of Joy for Sergio on his birthday yesterday.
Prayers for safe travels for John going to Las Vegas for work.
Prayers for man who was shot in head and is recovering.

Lisa Feazell. Prayers of healing for Jean who had gall bladder surgery.

Bill Newhouse. Prayers of healing for Bill and Sarah who were both ill with Covid.

Vickie Thompson. Prayers for my son Andrew having surgery and biopsy for a growth on his neck and successful results. Prayers for Kinsley who is training for next years Volleyball tryouts.

Karen Packard. Prayers of thankfulness to the Lord that everything is falling into place for my move to Colorado. Prayers of healing and blessings for Martha Orr with health issues.

Kinsley Thompson. Prayers for my friend Alexis who was home from the hospital but had to go back.

Julie Hohles Prayers of healing for sister Kristy Cruse, hospitalized with a serious infection

Sue Sidney offers prayers of thanksgiving for a wonderful meeting of the North District United Women in Faith that she attended with Karen Bowker at Northwest Hills UMC on Saturday, only to return home to a leak which had partially flooded her home

Sterling Hartman prayers of hope and healing for the emaciated children of Gaza



Choir Schedule

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.

BE LIGHT YOUTH

Sunday August 24th NO YOUTH

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.

Labor Day Weekend- TBD

HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 3rd week of August

Food / Health Care

Week 51 pounds

YTD. 1,643 pounds

We also had a FULL vehicle load of items for the Thrift Store

HCCM NEEDS

Cereal

Jelly

Canned Vegetable

Shelf Stable Milk

Mac and Cheese

Thanks to all for helping out all of those people who need help having enough food to live on !!

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, Spaghettios, 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

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.



Microsoft Sends 60-Day Warning to Windows 10 Users

Microsoft will end support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025. After this date, Windows 10 will continue to function, but it will no longer receive security updates, feature updates, or technical support from Microsoft. This means

devices running Windows 10 will become increasingly vulnerable to security threats and malware.

To stay protected, users are advised to upgrade to Windows 11, which can be done for free if the PC meets the Windows 11 system requirements, or to enroll in the Windows 10 Consumer Extended Security Updates (ESU) program, which provides critical security updates for one additional year at a cost.

A recent announcement indicates that users who log into their Windows 10 device with a Microsoft account and sync their settings may automatically receive one year of free extended support, extending protection until October 2026.

Surplus Equipment for Sale – 22Aug25

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 - \\$42](#)

Monitor includes both a power cable and a video cable.



[Microsoft Wireless Desktop 3000 v2.0, \\$16](#) (2 available)

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