



# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

### AUGUST 4TH, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Amanda.theriot@icloud.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 11:00 am and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Wednesday Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney
Thursday Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Sunday Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BRING YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR A BLESSING DURING WORSHIP</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 12:00 pm Youth

## LOOKING FORWARD!!

**August 31<sup>st</sup> Potato Jar Sunday and All Church Pot-Luck Luncheon at NOON**

**Email: [office@cpfumc.org](mailto: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***

**Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson.** Prayers for the World: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sap Tome, Principe and all suffering in Gaza and in life. Prayers for all teachers, staff and students returning to school. Prayers for my friend having a double mastectomy and starting treatment.

**Vickie Thompson.** Prayers of mercy in this unimaginable tragedy for a friend Kimberly who was murdered Tuesday by her husband.

**Kinsley Thompson** Prayers of healing for my friend Alexis having surgery and will not be attending school until October.

**Debra Longoria.** Prayers for David having an interview with Fort Worth Fire Department and that all goes well. Prayers for Peace on going back to work in a new substitute teaching position.

**Nell Pennington.** Prayers for Lonna and David Beck getting the hot water back in their new home.

**Gigi Heermans.** Prayers for Ashley receiving chemotherapy and for healing. Prayers of Thankfulness for Jett who found a job. Prayers for Jozi leaving for college this Saturday with a scholarship to Doane University in Nebraska.

**Sue Chesnut.** Prayers of Thankfulness for a Church in Austin allowing everyone to be able to have a relationship with God.

**Sue Sydney.** Prayers for the entire family but specifically for : Rev Larry Shores, Kathy Diehl Shores, Gabe Diehl ... ALSO request prayers for Darcy Toby who is struggling to figure out how to "do" life ...

*Hello friends. It makes me sad to let you know that my husband, **Larry Shores**, has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. He had lost 30+ pounds so our family Dr. ordered a CT scan and that is where the mass on left lung and also in the lymph node was discovered. After several tests and a pet scan it was confirmed. We have met our Oncologist and the team at Missouri Cancer Associates and have scheduled several appointments and tests. He will undergo Chemo only unless the MRI indicates more treatment options/necessities. He has good days, not so good days and bad days. This is new to us as we haven't experienced this beast before. So we take one day at a time and pray continually. Please keep him/us/family/medical team in your prayers as we know that we can't do this on our own. I will keep you informed and appreciate your love and support.*

*I also want to thank you for your prayers and donations for our son, Gabe Diehl ,,,,,,*

*He was in a serious bike accident in June. The healing is slow, much slower than he has patience for but he can only do what his body will allow him to do. He was staying with longtime friends in Lampasas but recently settled in San Marcos at a motel until Friday with his sweet dog Dora. He will be looking at rooms for rent as he continues to heal. So we continue to ask for healing prayers and patience.*



### **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".

# HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries  
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 5th week of July

Food / Health Care

Week. 56 pounds

YTD. 1,464 pounds

We also had a good number of items for the Thrift Store

**HCCM NEEDS Cereal Jelly Shelf Staple Milk Canned Vegetables Pasta 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, 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**



# VBS JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> A DAY OF FAITH AND FUN!



## 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.

Coming up:

Sun 8/2 Movie night with pizza

Sun 8/10 Back To School Worship blessing

Sun 8/10 Goodbye Summer Pool party

## Sunday, AUGUST 31 ENGLAND: METHODIST ROOTS (potluck 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

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### 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! 🙌❤️



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**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.

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**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! 📷🥤❤️




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### **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! 🛠️💕🔑




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**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!





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**We appreciate Vintage Church & Balarini Flooring so much! ❤️**

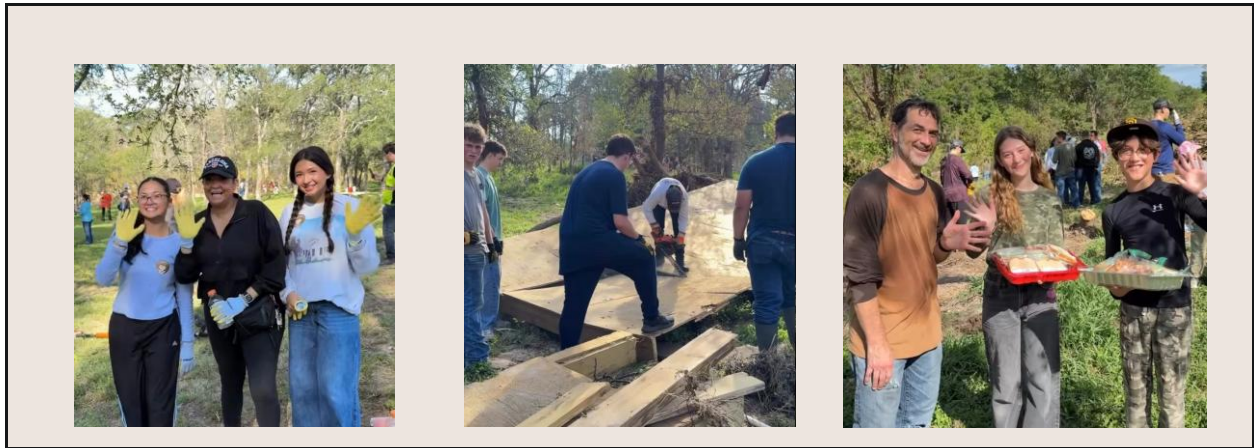
Because of both of you, our counseling office is now a space of peace and renewal. Thank you for donating your time, materials, and heart to help women heal.



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**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 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 1 – Go Landscape

Thirty-six years ago, in 1989 Stephen R. Covey first wrote a book that was very popular in the business community. The book was entitled *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. One of these seven habits (#2) is to Begin with the End in Mind. That same habit is true for taking a picture for the Church Slide Show. Realize that the front and rear slide show projectors in the church Sanctuary produce a Full High Definition 1920x1080 pixel image. This image has a 16:9 aspect ratio. That's landscape, baby!

So, the first thing to remember is that you need to hold your iPhone camera in the landscape position (not portrait) to take a picture for the Church Slide Show. If you're taking a movie for



TikTok, or a portrait of a friend, or a picture of a flagpole for Instagram, go ahead and hold your phone camera vertical. But Vertical (boo, hiss) is just not gonna cut it for the church slideshow, so go to LANDSCAPE.



Please take the time to master Lesson 1 before going on to Lesson 2. Lesson 1 is basic and the other lessons are almost totally useless without it. The good news is that once you have mastered Lesson 1, you are 98% of the way there toward taking a great photo for the church slide show! If you want to learn how to take a 16:9 aspect ratio photo along with every iPhone photo you take, go on to Lesson 2. You can set it up in 3 taps. Lesson 2 will be available next week at this same location.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cpfumc.org)