



# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

### AUGUST 18TH, 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](mailto:Amanda.theriot@icloud.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Aug 18th	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Aug 19th	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 20th	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney 10:30 am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in MMB Conference Rm.
Thursday Aug 21st	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Aug 22nd	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Sunday Aug 24th	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

## LOOKING FORWARD!!

August 24<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary Choir Practice begins at noon

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 countries of the world: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, those suffering in Gaza. Prayers for the children involved in the rollover bus crash. Prayers for the victims and family of the Target shooting. Prayers for Paul Gay's mother who had a stroke and for healing.

**Vickie Thompson.** Prayers for Andrew who is at the ER getting an ultrasound of a growth in his neck and for healing. Prayers for my Mom's roommate who Passed away. Prayers for Kinsley's mother with health issues. Prayers of Joy for Kinsley trying out for volleyball with an outcome of what she wants it to be.

**Kinsley Thompson.** Prayers for my friend Alexis who had surgery and had a tube removed and is showing good progress.

**Karen Packard.** Prayers of Thankfulness for the youth helping cleaning out my garage and down sizing for my transition to Colorado.

**Laurel Fabian.** Continued Prayers for Nate Roewe for his healing. Continued Prayers for MaryAnn Mosier for her healing.

Ginger Goodin and family on the death of her father Ron Daniels, after a lengthy decline

Paul Gay's mother Barb in Wisconsin, who had a stroke last week and is now in hospice care  
Prayers of thanksgiving for the return of MaryAnn Mosier to church but who still has a lengthy recovery ahead after her car accident

**Pattie Fennell** prayers for the Fennell family

**Gigi Heermans** prayers for the family of a coaching friend who passed away last week in his 50's; prayers for daughter Jozi getting settled in college in Nebraska; and thankful that son Jett has found a place to live

**Todd Greer** prayers for his 93-year-old father O.T. and 90-year-old-mother Dee; O.T. has a knee infection for which he has declined treatment

**Sterling Hartman** prayers for step-son Terry Smith, who is suffering from prostate cancer, is having knee replacement surgery tomorrow

**Clunie Van Rensburg** prayers for a friend in Belton who is in his 60's, but has undergone multiple health crises, including two falls, which have shattered his shoulder

**Jodi Blount** prayers for husband Richard who is having shoulder surgery on Thursday and daughter Audrey who is facing some difficult work decisions



### **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.

#### **BE LIGHT YOUTH**

Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> NO YOUTH

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.

Labor Day Weekend- TBD

# HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries  
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 2nd week of August  
Food / Health Care Week. 36 pounds  
YTD. 1,592 pounds  
We also had numerous items for the Thrift Store

**HCCM NEEDS Jelly Mac and Cheese Cereal Canned Vegetables Shelf Stable Milk**

## **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.

# 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 3 – Transfer Your Cool 16:9 Landscape Photo to the Church Slide Show

At this point you now have your cool landscape Church Slide Show photos on your iPhone. The question now is how do I get them into the Church Slide Show? The Church Slide Show is an online Google Slide Show. There are a number of ways to send your photos to the Church Slide Show. They are listed below in order of preference:

1. Email them to [cpfumcslideshow@gmail.com](mailto:cpfumcslideshow@gmail.com) (preferred! 😊) See **Note:** below.
2. Download the photo files to your computer, make them into a ZIP file and then send the ZIP file as an attachment via your Gmail account to [cpfumcslideshow@gmail.com](mailto:cpfumcslideshow@gmail.com). Gmail will automatically make the attachment into a Google Drive link which can then be downloaded. Be sure to give View access permission to **Anyone with the link**.
3. Copy the photos to your Google drive, share them with View access permission to **Anyone with the link** and share the Google Drive link to Neil Howard.
4. Put them on a flash drive and bring them to church. Give them Neil Howard or one of our pastors Peter or Suzette. See **Downloading photos from your iPhone** (below) to get the photos off your iPhone.
5. Post them directly into the slide show yourself (if you have edit access to the Church Slide Show). Contact Neil Howard first if you want to do this.

#### **Note:**

Gmail on an iPhone has a 25MB attachment limit for each email. The photos you have likely range in sizes from 1-5 MB each, so if you have a lot of photos, you will have to break them up into batches and send more than one email to [cpfumcslideshow@gmail.com](mailto:cpfumcslideshow@gmail.com). You may want to use Option 2 in this case. But if you do not have a Gmail account, use Option 4.

#### **Downloading photos from you iPhone**

For complete instructions about how to download files from your iPhone to your desktop computer, see the following YouTube videos on the CPFUMC YouTube channel:

##### **Basic Lesson:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prqD683k5OE>

##### **Extended Lesson:**

(includes setting your iPhone photo format to HEIC instead of JPG for more reliable bulk photo transfers)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJCHC5VYKNc>



## 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.

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