



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

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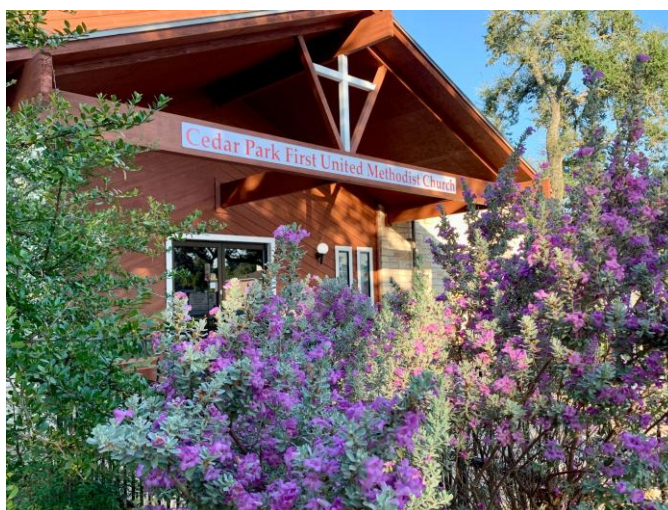
Cedar Park Tx 78613

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 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 Sept 15th	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Sept 16th	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 Sept 17th	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney 10:30 am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in MMB Conference Room
Thursday Sept 18th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep 4:30 pm FREE Line Dancing Class in Sanctuary
Friday Sept 19th	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Saturday Sept 20 th	10:00 am Pumpkin Patch Set-Up (Pickup trucks needed to move pallets)
Sunday Sept 21st	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 12:00 pm Choir Practice

LOOKING FORWARD!!

September 27th THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!! We need all hands on deck

September 28th Patch Sales Begin

November 9th Be The Church

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

**GET READY!!!.....PUMPKINS WILL BE DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 27TH
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP UNLOAD THE PUMPKINS**



Church Finance Report

In July, the Church had an operating loss of -\$6,618.04. Contributions declined in July. Pledged contributions were down -14% from the YTD average in 2025. There is seasonality during summer months as people are often travelling. Operating expenses increased 9% in July due primarily to items that are either non-recurring on a monthly basis or seasonal. The Church has a net loss of -\$14,262.55 YTD in 2025. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through July 31, 2025

Total Income: \$ 160,024.17

Total Expenses: \$ 174,286.72

Net Loss: -\$ 14,262.55



Choir Schedule

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



PRAYER REQUEST

**Jozi would love cards and letters from her church family.
Jozi Heermans 1014 Boswell Avenue Crete, NE 68333**

GiGi Heermans Prayers for a friend Ashley who has 3 small children, and who is beginning a second round of chemo for cancer. Prayers of celebration for line dancing class which began last week. Prayers for daughter, Jozi, beginning rehearsals for a new play at college, who has two solos to sing. Prayers of gratitude for Suzette's ministry with youth at church and at school.

Pastor Suzette Prayers of celebration for daughter M in 2 professional dance performances last week. Prayers for God's protection from violence of all our school children.

Sue Sidney Prayers for all our college kids; Jozi, M, Gwen, Sabrina, Taylor, undergoing so many growing pains.

Jodi Blount Prayers for son Kyle, going back to school while working full time.

Pattie Fennel Prayers for her family.

Sara Neff Prayers of Joy for being in worship here with son Vincent.

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson Prayers for Cliff Burris starting radiation treatment this week.

Kingsley Thompson Prayers for my friend who had surgery and was out of school for a month and is now returning.

Marsha Suber Prayers of thankfulness and faithfulness for healing my cousin from health issues.

Clunie Van Rensburg Prayers of Thankfulness to all the people who help cut down the tree on my property. Prayers of comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses.



COACH HEERMANS TO OFFER FREE LINE DANCING CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Leander High School Coach GiGi Heermans will be leading a FREE four-week line dancing class in the Sanctuary, beginning Wednesday September 10th at 4:30pm. Line dancing is a social, choreographed dance performed by people in rows to a repeating sequence of steps, without physical contact. It is a fun, partner-free activity that promotes physical and mental well-being and can be learned by anyone!

Coach Heermans will be bringing back some “old school” dances and also introducing some new ones. This is a great and easy way for adults to get some healthy exercise for both the body and the brain! Sign up in the Lobby to take part.



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.

HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations for the 2nd week of September

Food / Health Care

Week. 45 pounds

YTD. 1,792 pounds

As has been the norm lately we had quite a bit of items for the Thrift Store

HCCM NEEDS Jelly Canned Peas Cereal Shelf Stable Milk Shelf Stable Juice Tomato Sauce Applesauce

Thank you

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



HELP US FEED UT STUDENTS AT THE TEXAS WESLEY

The Texas Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist student ministry on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas. Every Thursday evening about 40 students gather at the Texas Wesley for a meal and worship service.

On Thursday, October 9 we'll be providing the meal for these students. Sign up now in the Lobby to provide either a soup, a salad, or cookies for this meal. We'll collect your food contribution at the church, either on Wednesday evening, October 8 or Thursday morning, October 9. Be contemplating what you would like to share with these students. For more information on the Texas Wesley see www.texaswesley.com.

BE LIGHT YOUTH

September

Sun 9/7 – Let's talk about death, shall we? Dias de Muertos skulls

Sun 9/14 – swimming in Lake Travis and picnic 4-6PM (13801 FM2769, Leander)

SAT 9/20 – pumpkin patch prep party 10-noon

Sun 9/21 – No YOUTH (see previous and next Saturday activities)

SAT 9/27 – pumpkin UNLOAD party TBD

Sun 9/28- BE LIGHT YOUTH WORSHIP SUNDAY (youth will lead worship and share reflections on 23rd psalm – please contact Pastor Suzette if your YOUTH wants to participate.)

MONDAY 9/29- Karen's Festival of Flags performance

BE LIGHT YOUTH serve in the pumpkin patch after worship for two hours throughout the pumpkin patch season

October

Sun 10/5 Prep for Fall Festival/Pumpkin patch duty

MONDAY 10/6- Kinsley's choir concert performance

SAT 10/11 FALL FESTIVAL (waiting confirmation but for now) set up at 8:30; festival 9:30-11:30; clean-up til noon; pick your kid friendly costume now.

Sun 10/12 pumpkin patch duty

October 16-20 long weekend for Leander ISD- no school/teacher work day

Sun 10/19 pumpkin patch (need TWO safe gathering adults as I am not here that weekend)

Sun 10/26 pumpkin patch duty (need TWO safe gathering adults as I am at a conference for church – contemplative spirituality)

November

Sat 11/1 clean up the patch; 10-noon

November 1-4 long weekend for students/teacher work days

Sun 11/2 Bake cookies with Sue S for Christmas Craft Fair

And the Pumpkin Smash -district-wide event more details provided later

SAT 11/8 Christmas Craft Fair 9-2

Sun 11/9 BE THE CHURCH mission project during worship 9:30-noonish

Sun 11/16 Santa Shop for Mom and Pop craft making/prep

Sun 11/23 no youth – Thanks for Giving potluck

Thanksgiving break 11/22-11/30 no school

Sun 11/30 Advent begins; Christmas play practice begins (contact Amanda if you want to participate) and Fifth Sunday – Potato Jar and On the Road Communion

December

Sun 12/7 – Hanging of the Greens

Santa Shop for Mom and Pop this week?

Sun 12/14 Christmas party

The rest is to be determined – delivering poinsettias to nursing homes; winter mission/play day, a fun day in San Antonio?

We are always in need of Safe Gathering persons to round out our events (so that Amanda is not the second and gets a break). Please contact me if you would be willing to serve this crucial role on any Sunday school lesson or any of these activities. Pastor Suzette

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