



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 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 22nd	7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Sept 23rd	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 24th	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney 4:30 pm FREE Line Dancing Class in Sanctuary
Thursday Sept 25th	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep
Friday Sept 26th	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls
Saturday Sept 27th	Pumpkins will be delivered at 9:00 AM.....Please come to help unload
Sunday Sept 28th	Pumpkin Patch open 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!!

October 25th Fall Fest

November 9th *Be The Church*

December 6th United Methodist Women's Advent Brunch

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

Save the Date
BE THE CHURCH

Sunday Nov 9
MULTI CHURCH EVENT

Coming together to ***be the church*** in the world in tangible ways on Sunday morning

During worship time:

some will worship and pray for our mission teams

Some will do indoor sitting tasks

some will be outside at different sites lifting hammers or hauling mulch or washing window or fixing ramps.

We are still determining what tasks, and where will be done. There will be a sign-up sheet soon once those details are determined.

In the meantime, save the date, please!

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



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 9:00 AM PUMPKIN UNLOADING PARTY!!



Choir Schedule

September 28th - OFF

October 5th - OFF

October 12th - practice after second service

October 19th - OFF

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

Clunie Van Rensburg Prayer request for daughter-in-law's father PASSED away.

Vickie Thompson Prayers of Thanksgivingness to all the people who help cut down the tree on my property, Prayers of comfort and relief to those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses.

Pastor Peter Prayers of traveling mercies for Jane Howard and her daughter leaving on Wednesday for Europe. Prayers of healing for Martha Orr having surgery tomorrow. Prayers of healing for Larry Caraway having surgery tomorrow.

Sue Sidney Prayers of Thankfulness for David on clear report for his cancer.

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson Prayers of celebration for daughter M starting her first job at Soup Peddler. Prayers of Joy for Bill Newhouse and Sarah Hernandez on their 4th wedding anniversary. Prayers of thankfulness to Helen Trahan for setting up the Pumpkin Patch and all who were there to help. Prayers for those who will come back this Saturday at 9:00 am to unload Pumpkins from the truck. Prayers of healing for Dayne Miller that his knees are getting better.

Neil Howard Prayers of celebrations for our church leaders, Pastor Peter Castles, Associate Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson, and Jodi Blount, our pianist.

Julie Hohle Prayers of healing for my sister with health issues.

Vickie Thompson Prayers for family and relationships to find new paths and get along with each other. Prayers for my son Andrew, who is always there to help neighbors in the community.

Nancy Holmes Prayers for older women in my neighborhood who are alone and reaching out for friendship.

Debra Longoria Prayers of safe travels for Sergio's family traveling to Oregon with 7 children.

Sterling Hartman Prayers for all policy makers in Washington D.C. to make good choices.

Corrie Van Rensburg Prayers for Peace for one of my co-workers who lost his mom.



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.

Save the Date
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ADVENT BRUNCH
December 6th

HCCM



**Hill Country Community Ministries
(HCCM)**

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations to HCCM for the 3rd week of September
Food / Health Care
Week. 109 pounds
YTD. 1,901 pounds

THIS IS THE LARGEST POUNDAGE OF FOOD FOR A SINGLE WEEK IN QUITE SOME TIME

We also had numerous items for the Thrift Store

HCCM NEEDS

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Tomato Sauce

Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans

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.

Please join the BE LIGHT YOUTH exploring and connecting with our neighbors while tasting yummy food. We will be at the Turkish Food Festival around 12:30 onward. Please contact Pastor Suzette (suzette@cpfumc.org) with questions or if you care to join us for a delightful day of food and community.

Saturday
October 11th 11:00 to 6:00 pm



BE LIGHT YOUTH

September

SAT 9/27 – pumpkin UNLOAD party at 9:00 AM

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

Looking Ahead:

Fall Festival

is nearly here – once those pumpkins arrive, the little princesses and cowboys are not far behind.

Saturday, Oct 25th

Set-up starts at 8:30; little Pokemans and Pumpkins are there from 9:30-11:30; clean up

We need people to set up fun decorations with the back of their car for Trunk or Treat as well. Be figuring out how you will add to the festive times.

BE LIGHT YOUTH need your Halloween treats – individual and pint-sized snacks/juice boxes and candy as well as small prizes- stickers, spider rings, snakes and slime, etc

Pumpkin Promenade returns this year – always a hit with the families- so we will be needed your individually wrapped yummiest Fall cookies and cupcakes.

Drop off donations in the box as you enter the church.

Thank you for celebrating the joy of childhood.



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.

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.

Surplus Equipment for Sale – 28Aug25

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.



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



[Azden SMX-10 Stereo Microphone - \\$20](#)

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