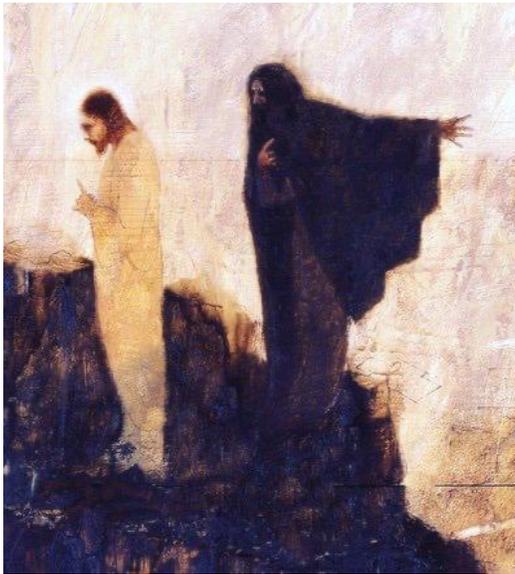


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Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

Sunday, February 22, 2026



8:30 AM In Person Worship
10:45 AM In Person Worship
and [YouTube Channel](#) /
[Facebook Page](#)

Sunday School - 9:45 am
Seekers and Thinkers
are studying
Jesus and His Jewish Influences
in MMB Back Room
Followers of the Word

are studying 1 Corinthians
in MMB Conference Room
Children Sunday School
in MMB Room
Youth Sunday School
in Youth Room

Activities for the Week

Monday, February 23rd

7:30pm Contemplative Prayer
in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 24th

9:30am NO Service of Morning
Prayer

10:00am Bible discussion group
meets at Affinity at Cedar Park, 1520
Juliette Way

Wednesday, February 25th

8:30am Men's Redshirt Fellowship on

Zoom (contact Dave Sidney
dsidney@aceweb.com for the link)

10:30am Membership Care &
Hospitality Team meets in the
Conference Room

Thursday, February 26th

10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

Saturday, February 28th

6:00pm Ramadan Iftar Dinner in the
Sanctuary

**Winners! Winners! Winners!
Of the BE LIGHT YOUTH Chili
cook-off and Cobbler Contest**

Honorable mentions and deepest thanks to

all our cooks and bakers: Neil Howard, Sterling Hartman, Sue Sidney, Leland T., Josie T, Jerry Daniel, Anita Stratmann, and Karen Bowker.

After some very serious tasting of truly fabulous chilis, the people voted for their favorites

Chili Cook-off

1st Place tied: Jerry Daniel and Anita Stratmann

2nd Place Leland T.

3rd Place Karen Bowker

Cobbler Contest

1st Place (again) Josie T.

2nd Place Karen Bowker

Thanks to all those who stopped by for a bite of home cooking and friendship on a

sunny Sunday afternoon. We had really enjoyed our time together.









**IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ON OUR CHURCH
PROPERTY OR FACILITIES THAT NEEDS REPAIR
PLEASE EMAIL OUR TRUSTEES
*Trustees@cpfumc.org***

Loaded Dell OptiPlex 7070 i7 SFF Desktop Computer System \$315

A complete, small footprint, system for a student, home office or to downsize from that old, clunky full-size tower machine hogging up all your desk space. The latest Windows 11 Professional operating system, including **Microsoft Office 2019 Professional Plus** (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and One-Note), wireless keyboard and mouse, excellent 22" Dell FHD monitor, speakers, webcam and Wi-Fi/Bluetooth adapter. This is a complete system, ready to use!



If you have questions or if interested,
please contact Neil Howard,
nhowardtx1@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Ramadan Iftar Dinner

hosted by
Dialogue Institute Austin
at CPFUMC
on Saturday, February 28
at 6:00 p.m.

We'll share a homemade meal provided by our hosts, enjoy a brief program, and engage in meaningful table conversations. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and interfaith connection.

Iftar Dinner RSVP

SATURDAY, FEB 28 at 6PM

in our church

Hosted by **BE LIGHT YOUTH**, Women United in Faith and Dialogue Institute Austin.

Dialogue Institute Austin is a non-profit founded in 2002 by Turkish Americans and their friends. Dedicated to promoting mutual understanding, respect and cooperation among people of diverse faiths and cultures, addressing the question: “How can citizens of the world live in peace and harmony?” Inspired by the spirit of dialogue and peaceful coexistence, we envision a society where every individual is treated with dignity and where shared values unite people to work for the common good.

Please join us welcoming our Muslim neighbors for a celebration of shared faith in One God. During Ramadan, the community fasts during the day as an act of worship, then gather to break bread each evening. **They are bringing fabulous food and presenting a small program about Ramadan.** Please join us and intentionally create moments of connection with new friends.

Please RSVP to Pastor Suzette (suzette@cpfumc.org) today. Thank you for being light with our neighbors.



**A Child's Haven
(sign up in the Lobby)**

READ ACROSS AMERICA AT A CHILD'S HAVEN ON MARCH 5

Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day, is a yearly observance in the USA inaugurated by the National Education Association (NEA). It is held on a school day that is near to March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American artist, book publisher, animator, poet, and author of over 60 children's books.

NEA is an organization that represents public school teachers and other support personnel, staffers, and faculty at universities and colleges, as well as educators that have retired and college students who are preparing to become teachers.

In 1997 NEA launched the Read Across America, to encourage children to read more books and also get them excited about reading. On March 2, 1998, the first Read Across America Day was celebrated. Since then, it has been held annually.

The holiday mainly focuses on motivating children to read, as it improves their performance in school. On this day, hospitals, bookstores, community centers, churches, libraries, and schools host many events to promote reading.

This year on Thursday morning, March 5, Cedar Park Church members are invited to Read Across America with the children at A Child's Haven.

Sign up in the Sanctuary Lobby to read from one of Dr. Suess's books to a group of children for ten to fifteen minutes that morning.

What a great way to celebrate reading!!



Prayer Concerns

Pastor Suzette Birch

Prayers for the world cycle: France, Germany, Monaco.

Prayers of Joy for all the winners of the Chili and Cobbler Cook Off.

Prayers for students and teachers, who will be struggling with the many standardized tests they will be facing over the coming thirty days.

Debra Longoria

Prayers for Corey who was shot and had one eye surgery and now having eye surgery on the other to restore eyesight. Thank you for all of your Prayers.

Prayers for Sergio having a vein treatment done.

Martha Orr

Prayers for my son traveling to MD Anderson for a bone marrow transplant and will be there 4 months. Prayers for healing.

Prayers for Karen, my friend of 60 years having a procedure and for healing.

Roger Ericson

Prayers for all the Olympians who participated in the celebration of the world.

Rachel Longoria

Prayers of Joy for getting accepted for an early high school entry and for the journey ahead.

Ruth Gray

Prayers of Thankfulness that we sold our house in Corpus Christi.

Sterling Hartman

Prayers for all who are ill and do not talk to anyone to be open to mourn and grieve.

Gigi Heermans

Prayers of celebration about another successful year at the state swim competition.

Prayers as I travel to go see Jozi Heermans at her first college performance.

Carol Salater

Prayers for her cousin (like a brother to her) Bruce Anderson in North Dakota, who had a massive heart attack and is in hospice; prayers for his wife Mary and other family members at his bedside.

Sue Sidney

Prayers of thanks for son John's safe return

Prayers of thanks for son John's safe return from a trip to Florida to visit cousins.

Jodi Blount

Prayers of healing for a colleague who has leukemia, but whose heart issues may prevent her from undergoing chemotherapy; prayers for her mother who has developed dizzy spells and has fallen several times;

Prayers for her daughter Sabrina who has taken an introductory job with a veterinarian treating small and large animals and who will be visiting Texas A&M for veterinary school orientation this week.

Neil Howard

Safe travels for his wife Jane and daughter Marta, who will be returning from a quilting convention in North Carolina.

Choir Practice



March 1st - sing TFWS 2113 at second service and practice afterwards

March 8th - sing TFWS 2112 at second service and practice afterwards

March 15th - BASS AND TENORS

March 28th - Brass and Percussion
sing Let Me Never
and practice afterwards

March 29th - Palm Sunday sing TFWS
2111 and practice afterwards

April 2nd - Holy Thursday sing
Lamb's High Feast

April 5th - sing Behold the Lamb and
Rejoice

*Be Light Youth
Event and Schedule*

Sat 2/28 Host Iftar dinner at 6pm

Sun 3/1 SS Beatitudes/prep for youth

worship; BE LIGHT YOUTH confirmation
Sun 3/15 YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE on
the Beatitudes; SS confirmation
Thu 3/26 VR HS Color Guard Performance
to celebrate Karen
Sat-Sun 3/28-29 Confirmation Rally with
the Bishop in Victoria TX then overnight
confirmation retreat at the beach in Port
Aransas too

Sat 4/4 Sunrise service practice /
final confirmation with Leland
Sun 4/5 Scripture enactment, Dance and
confirmation of Leland
egg hunt with confetti

June 1-4th possible mission trip for flood
relief in San Angelo.



HCCM

Hill Country Community Ministries

Our donations for the 3rd week of February were; Food / Health Care Week. 77 pounds YTD. 466 pounds We had numerous items for the Thrift Store.



Finance Report

HCCM NEEDS

Peanut butter

Jelly

Peaches

Pasta Sauce

Toilet Paper

Deodorant

Dish Soap

In January, the Church had an operating loss of -\$6,342. The icy weather that forced the cancellation of one week of Sunday services had a material impact on contributions. Operating expenses were lower than the monthly average budgeted. However, January does not include apportionments and some one-time expenses. Specific operating expense line items were consistent with budgeted amounts. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through January 31, 2026

Total Income: \$11,802

Total Expenses: \$18,144

Net Loss: -\$6,342

Communion

3 WAYS TO OBTAIN ITEMS FROM HCCM

1. Become a client

To do this please call 512-259-0360X202

Please have your financial data available as well as household needs

2. Community Cupboard

No previous call needed just go to

1005 Lacey Drive Leander

on Monday through Friday

from 9AM TO NOON AND 1PM TO 3PM

except Thursday WHERE THEY ARE OPEN UNTIL 7PM

At the Cupboard you can obtain breads,

pastry, deli goods, produce

WHILE YOU CAN ONLY GO ONCE A DAY,
HOWEVER YOU CAN GO EVERY DAY THEY
ARE OPEN

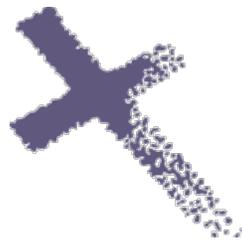
3. FRESH FOOD FOR ALL. THE DELIVERY
TRUCKS FOLLOW A SCHEDULE AND THIS
SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN
BOARD LOCATED ON THE WALL BETWEEN
THE KITCHEN AND THE NARTHEX. THEY
WILL HAVE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

ANY QUESTIONS ON ANY OF THESE PLEASE
CALL BOB BOWKER @512-771-1680



Help is needed
to prepare the communion elements
before the 8:30am and 10:45am worship
services (contact Sue Sidney
suesidney@aceweb.com
if you are able to help with this)

also, help is needed
to clean up the communion elements
after the 10:45am service
(contact Anita Stratmann
anitastratmann5@gmail.com)



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