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# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## HAPPENINGS

Sunday, March 15, 2026

### BE LIGHT YOUTH

Sunday

8:30 AM In Person Worship  
10:45 AM In Person Worship  
and [YouTube Channel](#) /  
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*Sunday School - 9:45 am*  
Seekers and Thinkers

are studying  
The Apocalypse:  
Controversies and Meaning  
in Western History  
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, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30pm** Contemplative Prayer  
in the Sanctuary

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** NO Service of Morning Prayer  
**10:00am** Bible discussion group  
meets at Affinity at Cedar Park, 1520  
Juliette Way

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am** Men's Redshirt Fellowship on Zoom (contact Dave Sidney [dsidney@aceweb.com](mailto:dsidney@aceweb.com) for the link)

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

**11:30am** Young at Heart Pot-luck Luncheon

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** Sanctuary Preparation

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45am** Men's Redshirt Fellowship at Randalls (1400 Cypress Creek Road)

**IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ON OUR CHURCH  
PROPERTY OR FACILITIES THAT NEEDS REPAIR  
PLEASE EMAIL OUR TRUSTEES**

*Trustees@cpfumc.org*



Joint Ash Wednesday Service  
[Article](#)

## *Upcoming Events*



Bring salad or dessert to share,  
plus send a picture of a special  
place where you have lived  
to Pastor Peter.



Join us for a morning of fellowship and fresh air as we work together to beautify our church grounds!

Please email Anita Stratmann if you can help.

[anitastratmann5@gmail.com](mailto:anitastratmann5@gmail.com)

Email Anita if you want to help but can't make it that Saturday.

Everyone else, please pray for our workday.

**THANKS!**

 **Planting**    **Trimming**    **Picking Up Trash**    **Mulching**

# What to bring:

-  **Work gloves**
-  **Yard tools (if you have them)**
-  **A cheerful spirit!**

 **Butterfly-Friendly Plants for Austin, TX**

 **Nectar Plants (for adult butterflies)**

These provide vibrant color and nectar all season long:

-  **Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes lemmonii*)**  
*Bright yellow blooms, excellent nectar source*
-  **Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)**  
*Cheerful yellow flowers butterflies love*
-  **Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)**  
*Long-blooming and hardy*
-  **Maximillian Sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*)**  
*Tall native with golden blooms*
-  **Lantana (*Lantana urticoides*)**  
*Clusters of color that draw butterflies all day*
-  **Turk's Cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus*)**  
*Red blooms that last into fall*
-  **Gregg's Mistflower (*Conoclinium greggii*)**  
*Soft blue flowers that flutter with butterflies*

**Pick up the list  
of butterfly plants  
in the Lobby and  
donate a plant**

Creating stained glass, 100% for charities by Rodger Ericson  
 Saturday, March 28, 10-1, at Affinity at Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way, Rodger Ericson is taking orders for custom designs and selling finished small colorful stained glass for yourself or as gifts - 100% of small items that are purchased can be given for the Peace Housing Project, the temporary housing project for 4-6 homeless families in NW Austin along 620 by Peace Lutheran Church. Check it out.

Visits to the Craft event will yield support for building 4-6 units for homelessness families.











*March has 5 Sundays.*  
*That means*  
**MARCH 29 is**  
**POTATO JAR SUNDAY!**  
*Have your coins ready*  
*for the Potato Jar!!*

### **Celebrating Mission Partnership with the Society of St. Andrew**

Thank you, **Cedar Park First UMC**, for reducing food waste and sharing the abundant harvest of this country's fields! Our food system is broken, but in partnership with the Society of St. Andrew you are part of the joyful solution and the community of compassion. Your lifetime gifts of **\$15,593** have shared... **378,012 servings(!)** of fresh fruits and vegetables with Americans struggling to put food on the table. **AT THE SAME TIME**, you've protected our climate by diverting from landfills more than 94,503 pounds of perfectly good, nutritious food. You're caring for God's creation and sharing food with hungry Americans as disciples of Jesus Christ. May God bless you in this 40-day season and draw you closer to Christ our Lord.



Until all are fed, Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Director of Church Relations [church@endhunger.org](mailto:church@endhunger.org) **Gleaning America's Fields | Feeding America's Hungry**



**April 2*****Maundy Thursday Worship Service***

**11:30am** at Affinity Cedar Park,  
1520 Juliette Way

**6:30pm** in the Sanctuary

**April 3*****Good Friday Worship Service***

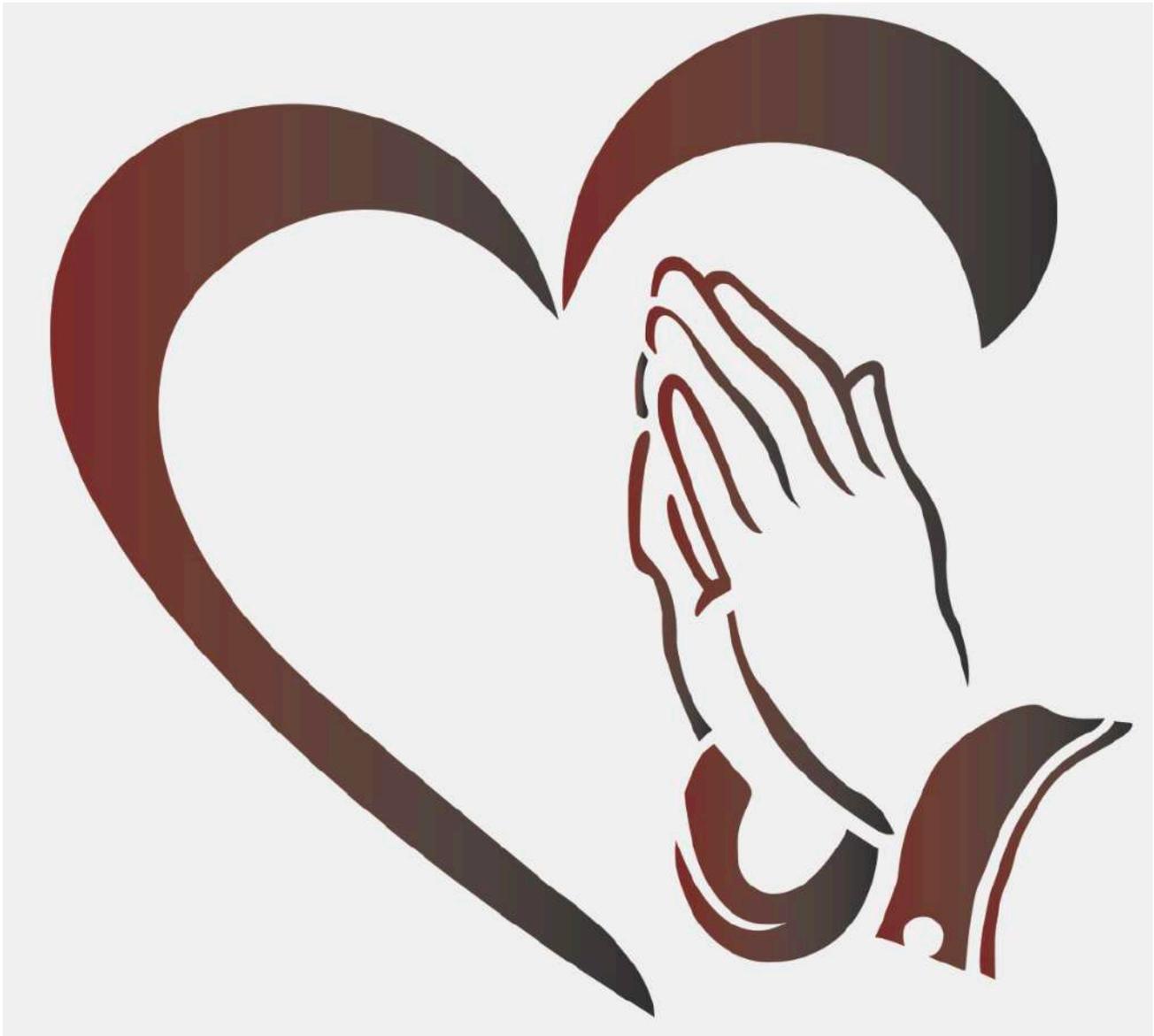
**6:30pm** at Leander UMC, 107 S.  
West Dr.

**April 5*****Easter Sunrise Worship Service***

**7:15am** in the Memorial Outdoor  
Sanctuary

***Easter Egg Hunt***

**9:45am** on the South Lawn  
**Easter Sunday Worship Service**  
**10:45am** in the Sanctuary



*Prayer Concerns*

Pastor Peter Castles

Prayers to lift up Horace Pennington facing heart surgery.

Prayers of healing for Ruth West from leg injury.

Prayers of healing for Jodi Blount's mother and mother-in-law with health issues.

Prayers of Thankfulness to the amazing youth and fun on spring break.

Prayers of joyfulness for the amazing men singing today for us.

Karen Bowker

Prayers of Joy for my grandson celebrating turning 25 last Friday.

Roger Ericsson

Prayers for Jeannie Best who lives at Affinity and whose husband Passed Away and mourning his loss.

# *Choir Practice*



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*

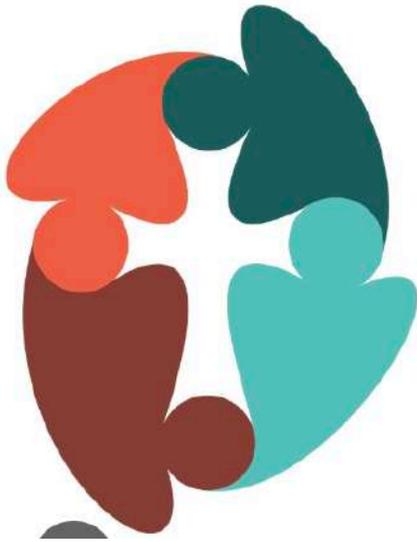
Thu 3/26 VR HS Color Guard Performance  
to celebrate Karen

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 1-4<sup>th</sup> possible mission trip for flood  
relief in San Angelo.



# HCCM

Hill Country Community Ministries

**Our donation for the  
2nd week of March  
were;  
Food / Health Care  
Week 109 pounds  
YTD 678 pounds**



## *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

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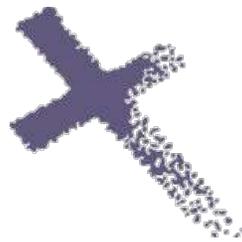
3. FRESH FOOD FOR ALL. THE DELIVERY TRUCKS FOLLOW A SCHEDULE AND THIS SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED ON THE WALL BETWEEN THE KITCHEN AND THE NARTHEX. THEY WILL HAVE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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](mailto: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](mailto:anitastratmann5@gmail.com))



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