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Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Easter 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

Wednesday, April 8th

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

Thursday, April 9th

10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

Friday, April 10th

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



**POT-LUCK
LUNCHEON**
Wednesday
March 18th, 11:30am

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Last Wednesday several of us got together in the sanctuary for a pot-luck luncheon and a time of sharing. We talked about special places where we have lived. Sue Sidney shared a map she had drawn of New York, where she grew up:



Rodger Ericson showed us a picture of his and Marge's home in Ajijic, Mexico, where they live part-time:



We saw lots of pictures of various people's "special places," including pictures of Arizona, North Carolina, California, Iowa, Washington, Michigan, Louisiana, Texas, and even a U. S. Navy ship at sea.

Anita Rizley shared a picture of her special place, an artistic rendering from a photograph of her walking her dog out on the prairie:



She also shared some reflections that her mother Margaret had written about the place where they lived:

“When I got home, I realized how much of a plainswoman I am. I all but suffocate in the midst of tall, tall trees and buildings. I need space and far off horizons” (written on March 7, 1991 upon her return from a trip to Boston).

“When I take my late evening walk around Bintree, I can see as far as the distant horizon, no trees or hills or dwellings to interfere. The Kildeer and Larks guard their nests with piercing calls as they rise up from the prairie grass into the fading skies. I can never give enough praise to God for the sweep of sky from rim to rim. I feel so free, the world is pure, the beauty so great a gift. I love the prairie. No one who knows the mountain top can comprehend this feeling of stretch of sky – liberating, exhilarating, comforting. Nothing to get in the way. Just peace and silence” (written on May 22, 1991; Bintree was a neighborhood in Perryton, Texas).

We all had so much fun listening to these wonderful stories about the lives of people in our church! Hopefully, you’ll want to join us when we have our next Young at Heart luncheon.



Joint Ash Wednesday Service
[Article](#)

Upcoming Events



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, April 16 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.



Prayer Concerns

Pastor Suzette Birch

Prayers for our youth for all of their help
and for students and teachers during the
next seven weeks.

Karen Bowker

Prayers of Thankfulness for family being here today.

Prayers for Sally Johnson for healing and for husband taking care of her.

Sue Chesnut

Prayers for a friend Loretta who had a heart attack and had 2 stents placed in her arteries and now is home healing.

Sterling Hartman

Prayers for my son who had knee replacement which was not successful and now has to have a second replacement.

Karen Bowker

Prayers of healing for my brother-in-law in Colorado who had a stroke.

Pastor Peter Castles

Continued Prayers for Horace Pennington who had a Pacemaker procedure on Friday.

Anita Stratmann

Prayers of Thankfulness for the rain and water supply for help beautifying our gardens we planted.

Jodi Blount

Continued Prayers for my colleague with cancer and for healing.



HCCM
Hill Country Community Ministries

**Our donation for the
5th week of March
were;**

Food / Health Care

Week 83 pounds

YTD 951 pounds

**We have significant
greater through 5
months this year than
last year.**

Thanks to all!!!



Finance Report

HCCM NEEDS

Peaches
Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter
Toilet Paper
Deodorant
Dish Soap

In February, the Church had an operating gain of \$141. It's not a lot, but after the disastrous January impacted by icy weather that forced the cancellation of one week of Sunday services, a positive number is great news. Pledged income was slightly above budget, but unpledged and other income was below budget. The church is doing well on controlling operating expenses in 2026. However, keep in mind that apportionments will begin in March and will be a recurring item for the remainder of the year. Specific operating expense line items were either one-time or consistent with budgeted amounts. The Endowment Fund increased by \$1,320 in February to \$118,857. Both the Balanced Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund posted gains.

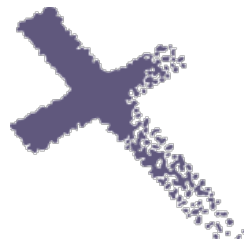
YTD Financial status through February 28, 2026
Total Income: \$33,424
Total Expenses: \$39,626
Net Loss: -\$6,202

Communion



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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