



# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

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## HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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  
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, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Service of Morning Prayer  
in the Sanctuary

**10:00am** Bible discussion group  
meets in the Sanctuary

**11:00am** Prayer Shawl ministry meets  
in the Sanctuary (come crochet or  
knit with us!)

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** Sanctuary Preparation

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**DAILY READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

# Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday

Genesis 9:8-17

Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 5:22-33

1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 31:1-13

John 16:16-24

# Preparation for Coming Sunday

## Thursday

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

## Friday

2 Kings 2:1-12

Ephesians 2:1-7

## Saturday

2 Kings 2:13-15

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John 8:21-30

Sunday, May 17th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

*Upcoming Events*

**A Special Collection  
will be taken**

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 17th**

To help support 500 student annually  
to prepare for pastoral ministry across  
Africa, Europe, and the Philippines



**Love Boldly  
Serve Joyfully  
Lead Courageously**

*Uniting 30,000 congregations worldwide.*

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To Empower Ministry, Inspire Hope,  
and Support Global Leaders**

## and support Global Leaders.

A leadership gap persists in The United Methodist Church. In the U.S., 71% of clergy hold a master's degree in theology, supported by robust denominational funding and healthy seminary endowments. Outside the U.S., in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, fewer than 5% of clergy have such preparation. Over 20 theological schools in these regions receive little or no endowment and face significant challenges:

- Seminaries are often too far away or too expensive
- There is a shortage of well-trained

professors and library resources in the needed languages

- Courses of Study must be developed in local languages
- Scholarships are needed for both initial and post-graduate studies
- Professors are needed who can teach and equip in a Wesleyan mindset and identity.

The UMC is growing in these regions, with clergy and laity engaged in God's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Yet too many barriers prevent quality theological education that could transform communities around the

globe.

We can and must do better. Cedar Park First UMC and 30,000 other congregations around the world will be taking up a special collection on Sunday, May 17th to raise funds for The Endowment for Theological Education in the Central Conferences (UMC Conferences outside the U.S.). With this special collection, we aim to equip 500 additional graduates each year to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. Together, we can provide our future leaders with the tools and resources they need—rooted in a Wesleyan mindset of

joining knowledge and vital piety—  
to impact lives and communities for

generations to come.

Please be prepared to give  
generously on May 17th!

# Pentecost SUNDAY

THE SEASON OF EASTER REACHES ITS FULLNESS ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, WHICH IS THE 50<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF EASTER, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PENTECOST. ON THAT PENTECOST SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH, AND THE CONFIRMATION OF LELAND THERIOT. CPFUMC WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP THAT DAY AT 10:00 A.M. ON THAT SUNDAY, MAY 24, PLEASE WEAR RED, TO CELEBRATE THE WIND AND FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND BE READY TO BE FILLED WITH BREATH AND STIRRED AFLAME!

# CAMP BE LIGHT

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

## Details:

- ✓ July 18, 2026
- ✓ 9AM – 1PM
- ✓ Cedar Park FUMC
- ✓ Children entering K through 5
- 📍 600 West Park, Cedar Park, TX

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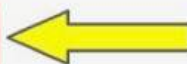
 [cpfumc.org](http://cpfumc.org)



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Neil



Pastor Peter Castles <pastormail127@gmail.com>  
To: nhowardtx1@gmail.com



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Hello Neil, how are you?

Do you have some availability? I have a confidential request that requires your attention.

As I'm currently unavailable for calls, please respond via email.

God bless.

**Pastor Peter Castles  
Serion Pastor**



**"Serion Pastor?"**



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# COMMUNION SET UP

Please contact Sue Sidney  
if you would like to help with this committee.

<b>MAY</b>	<b>2026</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Sandy Prior</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Jane Howard</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Sandy Prior</b>	
<b>24</b>	<b>Karen Bowker</b>	<b>Pentecost/Confirmation 1 Service at 10am</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Sandy Prior</b>	

# MAY COMMUNION CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

May 3rd	<b>Wanda Lack Ruth Gray</b>
May 10th	<b>Pauline Eng Laurel Fabian</b>
May 17th	<b>Bill Newhouse Sarah Hernandez</b>
May 24th	<b>Lonna Beck David Beck</b>
May 31st	<b>Darlene Woehnker Anita Stratmann</b>



We have hired Jozi Heermans to maintain the church lawns while she is home from college this summer. We are looking for lawn equipment she can borrow to complete the job. Please contact Anita Stratmann at [anitastratmann5@gmail.com](mailto:anitastratmann5@gmail.com) / 512-426-5483 if you can help.

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



*Prayer Concerns*

Jane Howard

Prayers of healing for her long-time friend from the gym, Diane, who has developed a racing heart, for which she is receiving treatment.

Pastor Peter Castles

Prayers for Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

Prayers of Thankfulness for Horace here with us today and for continued health.

Prayers of healing for Alice Wiles from difficult pain after surgery.

Prayers for JoAnn Doak who was hospitalized and now home and in good health.

Prayers for Martha Orr's son David undergoing treatment and not doing well.

Prayers of celebration for the Borja family on receiving their green cards.

Debra Longoria

Prayers for Rachel who had some injuries and now in good health.

Prayers for Child's Haven graduation on Thursday and for all those graduating.

Sergio Longoria

Prayers of healing for my best friend's 90-year-old mother in the hospital.

Nell Pennington

Prayers of thankfulness to everyone for all the Prayers of healing for Horace and I for continued health.

Roger Ericson

Prayers for the City Counsel and those who voted and did not vote asking Blessings for them.

# Clunie Van Rensburg Prayers to lift up all the people of South Africa and the Philippines.



# Choir Practice

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am** to warm up  
lots and sing through  
Tcshotsholoza a few times  
before the service at 10am –  
please wear reds, oranges or  
bright pinks if you have



**HCCM**  
Hill Country Community Ministries

**New Socks & Underwear Needed**

HCCM helps clients stay supported by providing new socks and underwear year-round.

We are collecting donations for all sizes but especially need adult men's and women's underwear in medium, large, and XL. Drop off brand new packages at our pantry or shop our Amazon Wishlist and send items straight to us, simple and stress-free. We appreciate your support!

**HCCM NEEDS**

Peaches

Pasta Sauce

Peanut Butter

Toilet Paper

Deodorant

Dish Soap

*Finance Report*

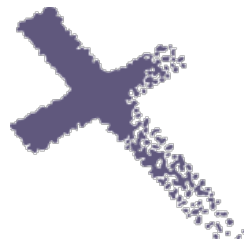
In March, the Church had an operating gain of \$860. This is the second month in a row in which the Church reported a gain. Pledged income was close to budget, but a special offering of close to \$3,100 resulted in a material increase in contribution income. The Church continues to do well on controlling operating expenses in 2026. The Church posted a gain even with the initiation of apportionments that will continue through the remainder of the year. 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  
March 31, 2026

Total Income: \$57,707

Total Expenses: \$63,049

Net Loss: -\$5,342



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