

Prayer Concerns

Let Us Pray...

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Those affected by the terrorist attacks in Spain

For our family and friends:

Clara Crank	Bob Packard	Bonnie Hicks
Eric Mullen	Mary Williams	Alan Thompson
Marilyn Hartman	Bob Slater	Mary Linda Verastegui
Sarah Price	Danny Long	Audrey, Kyle, and Jodi Blount
Connie Kohl (Karen Packard's sister)		David Lewis (Pam Hardin's husband)
Pam Moots (Sue Sidney's sister)		Melba Howard (Steve's mother)
Steve Jean (Martha Vinson's brother)		Mike Hall (Marc's brother)
Beth Spaulding (Vickie Thompson's mother)		Geraldine Shaw (Susan's mother)
Poppie Swart (Corrie Van Rensburg's sister)		Will Burks, Jr. (Pam's brother)
Kristie Schelski (Carol Slater's friend)		Jim Lancharic (Lesley Foyt's uncle)
Virginia Betz (Nancy Burdette's mother)		Deb Pauly (Jill Lundstrom's aunt)
Steven Wehlmann (Carolyn Smith's brother-in-law)		
Kris Uglum, Keith and Caroline Jensen (Carol Slater's cousins)		
Ronald Sage, Cheryll Sage, Fern Hardy (Janice Burris' family members)		

Prayers of sympathy:

Chuck and Irene Carrillo on the death of their nephew Carlos Carrillo

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday

1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday

Deut. 32:18-20, 28-39
Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday

Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday

Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6

Friday

Jeremiah 15:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday

Jeremiah 15:10-14
Matthew 8:14-17

Sunday, September 3rd

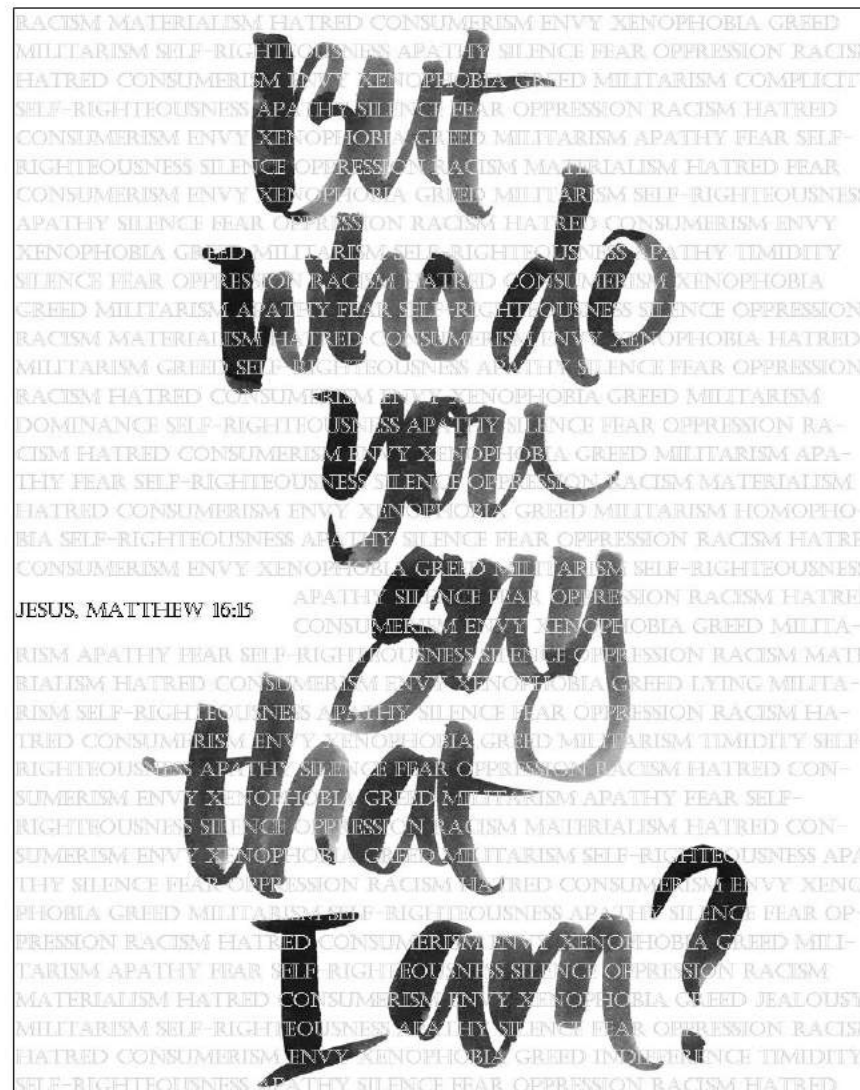
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Today's altar flowers are given by Vanh Li-Diaz

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
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** indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

WELCOME

Bonnie How

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jodi Blount

*GREETING

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH 64

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Blessing of the Backpacks

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us, we pray.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen**

(All pray in silence)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church
A Spiritual Oasis Committed to Christ, to Peace, and to Service
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There are many different opportunities for spiritual enrichment here:

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am

(Nursery is available in building next door for infants and pre-K)

Sunday School at 9:45 am for all ages, including children, youth, and adults

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) — Sunday, 6-8 pm

United Methodist Men — day and time varies

United Methodist Women — 2nd Saturday of every month, 9 am

Young At Heart (older adult fellowship) — day and time varies

Sanctuary Choir — performs Sunday at 10:45 am, but off in the summer

Contemplative prayer group — Monday, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday prayer service — Tuesday, 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Weekly Bible study — Tuesday, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Weekly women's coffee — Friday, 10 am in the Sanctuary

A Child's Haven (preschool) — Monday through Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

(Fall thru Spring; contact Lesley Foyt director@childshaven.net for more info)

The United Methodist Church is a 12-million-strong global church that opens hearts, opens doors, and opens minds through active engagement with our world.

John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

We invite you to learn more about our rich theological heritage by visiting the website for The United Methodist Church (UMC.org).

If you would like to learn more about Cedar Park First UMC or have questions about joining the church, e-mail one of our pastors or check "Desire a Call" on the attendance registration pad when you sign in today.

Rev. Peter Castles, Senior Pastor Peter@cpfumc.org

Rev. Bonnie How, Associate Pastor Bonnie@cpfumc.org

Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director

Vickie Thompson, Childcare Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, August 27th — Blessing of the Backpacks

8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion (NURSERY available for infants and pre-K)
9:45am Sunday School for ALL ages —
Followers of the Word are studying *Romans* in Conference Room (other bldg)
Seekers and Thinkers are studying *Lost Christianities* in the Library
10:45am WORSHIP (NURSERY available for infants and pre-K)
6:00pm Youth Fellowship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, August 28th

7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, August 29th

9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Bible discussion group in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, August 30th

1:00pm EASY Line Dancing Exercise class in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, August 31st

10:00am Dialogue class with Islamic Center in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY, September 1st

10:00am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary

Looking FORWARD !!

September 10 — Discussion Group Sunday school class begins *The Wesley Challenge* (sign up on back table for a copy of the book), 9:45am
September 10 — Christian Parents Sunday school class resumes in the sanctuary, 9:45am
September 16 — Capital District UMW Annual Meeting at St. John's UMC, 8am-1pm
September 30 — Spruce Up the Church Work Day, 9am-noon
October 3 — Anne Mateer leads a discussion of Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, 6:30pm
October 4 — six-session *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* classes begin, 6:30pm

Visitors and Newcomers:

We invite you to participate to the extent you feel comfortable. *UMH* indicates a song from *The United Methodist Hymnal* (found under the chair in front of you). *TFWS* indicates *The Faith We Sing* soft-bound hymnal out on top of the chairs. Words will also be shown on the screen at the front. Childcare is provided for infants and preschoolers in the Nursery in the building next door. Ask an usher for directions. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

*HYMN

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

UMH 352

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cynthia Lawrence

**O Lord our God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 138 (p. 545 in the pew Bible OT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 17 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"Near to the Heart of God"

UMH 472

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

People's response: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen**

MISSION MOMENT AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

As we depart, please turn and join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.

Visitors and Newcomers:

Please join us for light refreshments in the back of the Sanctuary after the service. We'd love to have an opportunity to get to know you better.



FOOD NEEDED FOR WHITESTONE ELEMENTARY BACKPACKS

We are providing backpacks of food for children at Whitestone Elementary to take home each Friday for the weekend. These are children who utilize the Texas Free and Reduced Lunch Program during the school week and whose families have limited resources. Here is the list of items we can use for the backpacks:

- Small individual boxes of cereal
- Packages of instant oatmeal
- Nutrigrain bars
- Pop-tarts
- Fruit cups/applesauce cups
- Individually wrapped snack items (goldfish, crackers, granola bars, raisins)
- Ramen noodles (with or without vegetables)
- Easy Mac (macaroni and cheese)—individual serving size
- Small individual pop-top cans of soup, chili, stew, spaghetti, ravioli, etc.
- Small pop-top cans of chicken or tuna
- Small pop-top canned vegetables

**AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT
HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES!**

The HCCM food pantry is always in need of food items to help feed almost 500 families per month. Here's a list of food they always can use:

- Canned items: stew, chicken, chili, tomatoes, mixed vegetables
- Dry items: 1 or 2 lb. packages of dried beans, hot cereal
- Personal care: bar soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, toothpaste

FOOD COLLECTION BINS ARE IN THE LOBBY UNDER THE COFFEE POT