

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
Floods in California

For our family and friends:

Cliff Burris	Ruth West	Paul Gay
Beverly Montgomery	Dave Sidney	Holly Laughlin
Marilyn Hartman	Myrl McKellar	Lillian Smith
Cynthia Lawrence	Par Keys	Janice Burris' sister Marilyn
B. J. Posner's grandson Taylor		Marsha Suber's cousin Pam
Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)		Diana Longoria (Sergio's mother)
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)		Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)
Corrie and Clunie Van Rensburg's daughter Connie	Julie Hohle's grandson Sammy	
Jodi Blount's sister-in-law's mother Denise and Jodi's co-worker Kendra		
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		

Prayers of sympathy:

Charles Bland and family on the death of his Uncle Ray

If you wish to add a prayer request to this list, please complete a Prayer Card available in the chair pouch in front of you and place it in the collection basket as you come forward for communion. Please indicate how the person we are to pray for is related to you.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Ruth 1:1-18
Philemon 1-25

Tuesday
Ruth 2:1-16
James 5:1-6

Wednesday
Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22
Luke 6:17-26

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Deuteronomy 4:1-14
1 John 5:1-5

Friday
Isaiah 29:1-12
James 3:13-18

Saturday
Isaiah 29:13-16
Mark 7:1-8

Sunday, February 5th
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

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** indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jodi Blount

*GREETING

The Lord is our strength and our song;
The Lord is our salvation.

O God, you lead the people you have redeemed.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH 159

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Thorpe Johnson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 6:1-8 (p. 816 in the pew Bible OT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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There are many different opportunities for spiritual enrichment here:

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45am

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

BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) — Sunday, noon-1:30pm

United Women in Faith — 1st Saturday of the month, 9am

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

Sanctuary Choir — performs Sunday at 10:45am, practices Sunday at noon

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

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

Weekly Bible study — Tuesday, 10am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

Prayer shawl ministry — Tuesday, 11am in the Sanctuary (3rd Tues at 5:30pm)

Weekly women's coffee — Friday, 10:30am in the Sanctuary

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

(Fall thru Spring; contact Reanna Eddy 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, Pastor Peter@cpfumc.org

Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org

Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director

Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, January 29th — Potato Jar Sunday

HAVE YOUR COINS READY FOR THE POTATO JAR!!

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for adults:
Followers of the Word are studying *Gospel of Mark* (MMB Conference Room)
Seekers are studying the history of Christianity (MMB Back Room)
- 9:45am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3
- 9:45am Confirmation Class for Youth in the Youth Room
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- Noon Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, January 30th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, January 31st

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
- 11:00am Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

THURSDAY, February 2nd

- 10:00am Methodist Reading Club discusses *Right Here Right Now* in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY, February 3rd

- 10:30am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, February 4th

- 9:00am United Women in Faith meet in the MMB Conference Room

Looking FORWARD !!

- February 8 Young at Heart at 11:30am — Neil and Jane's Excellent Adventure to Jordan (bring a salad or dessert to share)
- February 22 Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7pm
- February 25 Chili Cook-off Fundraiser for Youth Trip to England, 3-5pm

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*, the soft-bound hymnal out on top of the chairs. Words will also be shown on the screen at the front. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

HYMN "Close to Thee" UMH 407

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p. 156 in the pew Bible NT)
Reader: The Word 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 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH 301

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS
People's response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

MISSION MOMENT

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
. . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . .
. . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here . . .
. . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen, Amen, Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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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**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Because the table at which we gather belongs to the Lord, it is open to all who respond to Christ's love, regardless of age or church membership. All, including children, are invited to receive both bread and cup, which is served by means of intinction — a small fragment of bread is placed in the hand to dip in the cup before consuming. Or you may take one of the small communion cups after consuming the bread. If you desire gluten-free bread, please ask for it when you come forward to be served.

Place your regular or special offering in the offering basket as you come forward for communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

UMH 297

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM