

Prayer Concerns

Let Us Pray...

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia,
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia

All those affected by the coronavirus

For our family and friends:

Larry and Anita Martin	Martha Orr	Priscilla Gregory
Cliff Burris	Beverly Montgomery	Sterling and Marilyn Hartman
Grover Williams	Jessica Benson	Hardy Porterfield
Par Keys	Clara Crank	Cynthia Lawrence
Myrl McKellar	Lillian Smith	Marc Hall
Marcia Pridgen (Karen Bowker's sister)		Adalid Verastegui
Brice Bridges (Sally Johnson's great-grandson)		Judy Marshall (Par Keys' sister-in-law)
Karen Packard's sisters Cindy and Connie		Corrie Van Rensburg's sister Poppie
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		
Jeff Slater, Joyce Read and Cheri Jessen (Carol Slater's son and cousins)		
Jorge Soto's mother Aida and her sister Marla in Puerto Rico		
Neil and Jane Howard's grandson Jackson		

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 SEPTEMBER 13th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
1 Kings 13:1-10
Romans 3:9-20

Tuesday
1 Kings 13:11-25
Colossians 3:1-11

Wednesday
Isaiah 10:12-20
John 7:25-36

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Judges 6:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Friday
1 Kings 22:24-40
Romans 11:25-32

Saturday
2 Kings 17:5-18
Matthew 23:29-39

Sunday, September 19th
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jack Rich

*GREETING

Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of God,
And the wonderful works done for us.

Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH 159

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*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Thorpe Johnson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O God,
to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a (p. 640 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 10am

Sunday School at 9am for adults and children

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) — Sunday, 11:30am-1pm

United Methodist Women — day and time varies

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

Sanctuary Choir — performs Sunday at 10am, practices Sunday at 11:30am

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

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

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

Prayer shawl ministry — Tuesday, 11am in the Sanctuary

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

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

(Fall thru Spring; contact 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, September 12th

- 9:00am Sunday school for adults:
Followers of the Word are studying *Colossians* (MMB Conference Room and Zoom)
Seekers are studying *Religions of the Axial Period* (MMB Classroom 4)
- 9:00am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3 and Zoom
- 10:00am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 5:00pm Youth meet at the church to travel to Bethany UMC for TikTok teen preacher

TUESDAY, September 14th

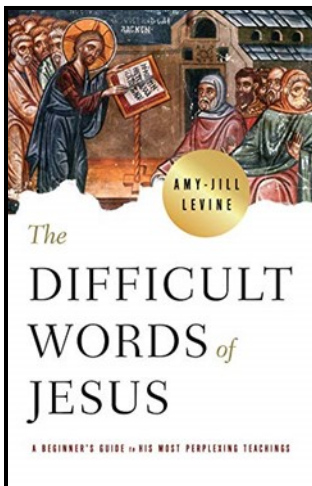
- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary and via Zoom
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and via Zoom
- 11:00am Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

WEDNESDAY, September 15th

- 9:30am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in the Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Learn to square dance in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY, September 17th

- 10:00am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary



STUDY OF THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23

Jesus sometimes spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); and he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

Join Pastor Peter on Thursday mornings at 10am, beginning Sept 23, as he leads a six-week study of these difficult sayings of Jesus. The study will be based on the book *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine, which can be purchased from the church for \$15. A sign-up sheet for this class is on the table in the Lobby.

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. Childcare is provided for infants and preschoolers in the Nursery next to the Lobby. Ask an usher for directions. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-33 (p. 41 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 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH 382

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.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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!

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

UMH 23-24

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. 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.
Giving envelopes are available in the pocket of the chair in front of you.*

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

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH 399

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM