

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

For our family and friends:

Cliff and Janice Burris	Dick Doak	Marc Hall
Beverly Montgomery	Marilyn Hartman	Holly Laughlin
Myrl McKellar	Lillian Smith	Lauren Hohle
Julie Hohle's sister Kristy and grandson Sammy	Jodi Blount's mother LeRene	
Marsha Suber's granddaughter Peyton	Marsha Suber's cousin Pam	
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)	Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)	
Joe Dolence (friend of Sergio Longoria)	Diana Longoria (Sergio's mother)	
Corrie and Clunie Van Rensburg's daughter Connie	Janice Burris' sister Marilyn	
Shelby Pennington (Horace and Nell's granddaughter)	Mart Goodman's cousin Mike	
Carolyn Smith's brother-in-law Steve and mother Betty		
Karen Packard's sister Cindy and her sister Connie's granddaughter Neva		
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		

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 5th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
2 Kings 17:24-41
1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday
2 Kings 18:9-18
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday
2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7
Luke 18:18-30

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Genesis 6:1-6
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday
Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5
2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday
Genesis 8:20-9:7
John 10:11-21

Sunday, September 11th

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Ella Carter

*GREETING

Blessed are those who delight in the teaching of the Lord.

They meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees giving fruit in their season;

They do not wither, but give praise to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Thorpe Johnson

A THANKSGIVING FOR OUR LABOR

For the work of our lives, we give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the work of our hands; for the work of our minds; for the work of our hearts,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the enlightening work of teachers, librarians, researchers, and scholars;

For the healing work of doctors, nurses, and counselors;

For the creative work of artists, musicians, painters, and sculptors,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the precise work of engineers, scientists, and computer specialists;

For the nurturing work of homemakers, parents, and guardians;

For the wise work of grandparents and retirees,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the proclaiming work of writers, photographers, editors, and publishers;

For the trustworthy work of accountants, bankers, lawyers, and salespeople;

For the faith-filled work of ministers, ordained and lay,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

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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 and children

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

United Women in Faith — day and time varies

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

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, September 4th

- 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 *Understanding the New Testament* (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for children in MMB Classrooms 2 and 3
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion

MONDAY, September 5th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, September 6th

- 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!)

FRIDAY, September 9th

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

Looking FORWARD !!

- September 17 Tales and Taste of the Holy Land hosted by BE LIGHT Youth, 4:30pm
September 24 Memorial Service for Jeff Slater in the Sanctuary at noon



METHODIST READING CLUB meets again in late September

Pastor Peter will be leading a discussion (in person and by Zoom) of *Girl Gone Missing: A Cash Blackbear Mystery* by Marcie Rendon, a novel about a nineteen-year-old who helps law enforcement solve the mysterious disappearance of a local girl from Minnesota's Red River Valley.

The book group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10am, beginning in late September. If you are interested in joining us to read and discuss this book (a 2021 UMW Reading Program selection) please see the sign-up sheet in the Lobby or email Peter.

Copies of the book will be available for \$15, or you can download the book to your e-reader.

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.

For the protective work of police, firefighters, and military personnel;
For the dedicated work of secretaries, receptionists, and bookkeepers;
For the compassionate work of volunteers, young and old,
We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the judicious work of managers, administrators, directors, and supervisors;
For the fruitful work of farmers, fisherfolk, growers, and gardeners;
For the steadfast work of those who manufacture products and household goods,
We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the constructive work of builders, surveyors, architects, masons, and carpenters;
For the efficient work of those who transport people and things by bus and train,
plane and taxi, truck and boat; For the hospitable work of cooks, waiters and waitresses,
cashiers, and hotel and motel workers,
We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For the clarifying work of those who work with television, radio, news media, and internet;
For the dependable work of telephone, cable, and postal workers;
For the good work of all who labor for the common good,
We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For our work which sheds light on the darkness; For our work which created order
from chaos; For our work which builds peace out of hostility,
We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

For our work which serves others; For our work which empowers others;
For our work which inspires others,
We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

**For all work on our part, and the part of others, which builds your Kingdom
here on earth, we give you thanks, O Lord, and praise. Amen**

*HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**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**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:25-33 (p. 73 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"I Surrender All"

UMH 354

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM