

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

*A Spiritual Oasis
Committed to Christ
Committed to Peace
Committed to Service*

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

For our family and friends:

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| Horace Pennington | Cliff Burriss | Chuck Trahan |
| Paul Venincasa | Alice Wiles | Ruth West |
| Dave Sidney | Shirley Torres | Matt Packard (Karen's son) |
| Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin) | | Jamie Kemper (Sandy Prior's son) |
| David Read (Martha Orr's son) | | Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut) |
| Sharon Platt (Paul Gay's sister) | | Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother) |
| Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister) | | Ron Daniels (Ginger Goodin's father) |
| Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter) | | Melba Howard (Steve's mother) |
| Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister) | | Mike Trahan (Chuck's son) |

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 MARCH 24th

**Reflection on
Previous Sunday**

Monday
Jeremiah 11:1-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday
Ezekiel 17:1-10
Romans 2:12-16

Wednesday
Numbers 13:17-27
Luke 13:18-21

**Preparation for
Coming Sunday**

Thursday
Joshua 4:1-13
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5

Friday
Joshua 4:14-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Saturday
Exodus 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, March 30th
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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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

Because the steadfast love of God is better than life,
Our lips shall praise the Lord.

Let us bless the Lord as long as we live;
We lift our hands and call upon God's name.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"* UMH 340

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9 (p. 644 in the pew Bible OT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 63:1-8 UMH 788

Response: **My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting,
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:1-5 (p. 71 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel 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 — quarterly Saturday, 9:30am

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 — 1st Tuesday, 11am; 3rd Tues, 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary preparation — Thursday, 10:00am in the Sanctuary

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

(Fall thru Spring; contact Yaheli Benitez director@childshaven.net for more info)

The United Methodist Church is a several-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, March 23rd

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
Followers of the Word are studying the Gospel of Luke (MMB Conference Room)
Seekers are studying "How Jesus Became God" (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, March 24th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, March 25th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

THURSDAY, March 27th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

Looking FORWARD !!

- March 30 Potato Jar Sunday and All Church Pot-luck Luncheon at noon
April 6 BE LIGHT YOUTH Sunday — Youth lead worship at both services

We are always collecting items for Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

A Collection Bin is in the Lobby. Here's a list of items that are needed:

Canned items: stew, tuna, chicken, chili, soup, spaghetti's, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce, peaches, peanut butter, jelly, orange juice, apple juice

Dry items: dried beans (1 or 2 lb. pkgs), spaghetti/pasta (1 or 2 lb. pkgs), cold cereal, hot cereal

Personal care items: bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toothpaste

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.

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

"Just as I Am"

UMH 357

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

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, 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

"I Surrender All"

UMH 354

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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