

**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: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Cliff Burris	Dave Sidney
Paul Venincasa	Alice Wiles	Ruth West
Martha Orr	Jerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)	
Jerry Troyer and Joey Haase (friends of Sue Chesnut)		
Larry Carraway (Gayle's husband)	Jamison Kemper (Sandy Prior's son)	
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)	David Read (Martha Orr's son)	
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)	

Prayers of sympathy:

Corrie and Clunie Van Rensburg on the death of their daughter Connie Hayden

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28th

**Reflection on
Previous Sunday**

Monday
Esther 7:1-10
Revelation 1:9-20

Tuesday
Esther 8:1-17
Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday
Esther 9:1-5, 18-23
Luke 12:4-12

**Preparation for
Coming Sunday**

Thursday
Isaiah 5:11-17
Revelation 3:14-22

Friday
Isaiah 6:1-4
Revelation 4:1-11

Saturday
Genesis 18:1-8
Luke 14:12-14

Sunday, May 4th
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19



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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
Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God’s deeds among the nations!

Sing to God with joyful songs;
Tell of God’s wonderful deeds!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Up from the Grave He Arose"* UMH 322

*OPENING PRAYER *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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 Acts 5:27-32 (p. 115 in the pew Bible NT)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People’s response: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 150 UMH 862
Response: **Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja!**

*GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-23 (p. 108 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, April 27th

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
 - Followers of the Word* are studying 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus (MMB Conf 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 BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

MONDAY, April 28th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, April 29th

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

THURSDAY, May 1st

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SATURDAY, May 3rd

- 9:30am United Women in Faith meet at La Madeleine (US Hwy 183 at S Lakeline Blvd)

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**

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWL

**May God’s grace be upon these shawls
to warm and comfort, enfold and embrace.
May they provide a safe haven,
a sacred place of security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May those who receive these shawls
be cradled in hope, kept in joy,
graced with peace, and wrapped in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

UMH 375

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

*THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS 2257-b,c,d

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!**

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