

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

For our family and friends:

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chuck Trahan                                         | Cliff Burris | Dayne Miller                         |
| Paul Venincasa                                       | Alice Wiles  | Ruth West                            |
| Martha Orr                                           | Ruth Gray    | Jerry Higgins (Brenda’s husband)     |
| 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)            |
| Jerry Troyer and Joey Haase (friends of Sue Chesnut) |              |                                      |

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 MAY 19th

Reflection on  
Previous Sunday

Monday  
1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42  
Acts 11:19-26

Tuesday  
2 Samuel 1:4-27  
Acts 11:27-30

Wednesday  
Leviticus 19:9-18  
Luke 10:25-28

Preparation for  
Coming Sunday

Thursday  
Proverbs 2:1-5  
Acts 15:36-41

Friday  
Proverbs 2:6-8  
Acts 16:1-8

Saturday  
Proverbs 2:9-15  
Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, May 25th  
Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5  
John 14:23-29

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

GATHERING

WELCOME Suzette Thorpe Johnson

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Jodi Blount

\*GREETING  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
**And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.  
**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "The Gift of Love" UMH 408

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: Gwen Greer, Jozi Heermans, Audrey Wan  
**God of truth and knowledge,  
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.  
Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study.  
We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them,  
and all who supported them along the way.  
Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life.  
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.  
Strengthen their many talents and skills,  
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,  
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Peter@cpfumc.org)  
Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor [Suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:Suzette@cpfumc.org)  
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director  
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

# This week at Cedar Park First UMC

## SUNDAY, May 18th

- 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 “Jesus and His Jewish Influences” (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, May 19th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, May 20th

- 9:30am NO Service of Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
- 5:30pm Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

## WEDNESDAY, May 21st

- 10:30am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in the MMB Conference Room

## THURSDAY, May 22nd

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

Pastor Peter is away on vacation through May 25.  
Pastor Suzette will be handling any pastoral emergencies.  
Her cell phone number: 737-376-3478

## 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

### 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.

## 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**

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 13:34-35 (p. 102 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 “Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH 641

### CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

\*THE PEACE

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

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

\*HYMN "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM  
*As we depart, please join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.*