

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger
Those suffering in Gaza

For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Cliff Burris	Dave Sidney
Paul Venincasa	Alice Wiles	Ruth West
MaryAnn Mosier	Barbara Bunn	Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband)
Nate Roewe (Stephanie Talley's nephew)		Jerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)		Larry Caraway (Gayle's husband)
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)
Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)		Melba Howard (Steve's mother)
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)		Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)
Steve Ramsey (friend of Sterling Hartman)		Richard Hartman (Sterling's brother)

Prayers of sympathy:

Ginger Goodin and family on the death her father Ron Daniels

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 AUGUST 11th

Reflection on
Previous Sunday

Monday
Jeremiah 23:30-40
1 John 4:1-6

Tuesday
Jeremiah 25:15-29
Acts 7:44-53

Wednesday
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Luke 19:45-48

Preparation for
Coming Sunday

Thursday
Numbers 15:32-41
Hebrews 12:3-17

Friday
2 Chronicles 8:12-15
Acts 17:1-9

Saturday
Nehemiah 13:15-22
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, August 24th
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

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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
God is our rock of refuge.
God is the strong fortress who saves us.

God rescues us from evil.
Let us praise God for ever!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* UMH 127

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Selected verses from Hebrews 11 (p. 211 in the pew Bible NT)
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 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, August 17th

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
 - Followers of the Word* are studying Joshua (MMB Conf Room)
 - Seekers* are studying “Jesus and His Jewish Influences” (MMB Back Room)
- 9:45am Sunday school for Children and Youth (Youth Room)
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- Noon BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

MONDAY, August 18th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, August 19th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 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, August 20th

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

THURSDAY, August 21st

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

Looking FORWARD !!

- August 24 Sanctuary Choir Practice begins in the Sanctuary at noon
- August 31 Potato Jar Sunday and All Church Pot-luck Luncheon at noon

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 (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 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* UMH 172

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

SOUL LIFT

MISSION MOMENT

*THE PEACE

*DOXOLOGY	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 94	THE LORD'S PRAYER
THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION			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
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		UMH 23-24	GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
The Lord be with you. And also with you.			<div><i>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 into 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.</i></div>
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.			<i>Place your regular or special offering in the offering basket as you come forward for communion.</i>
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:			PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
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.			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
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:			SENDING FORTH
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.			*HYMN
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.			"How Firm a Foundation"
Amen, Amen, Amen			UMH 529
			*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
			*SINGING THE SHALOM
			<i>As we depart, please join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.</i>