

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe
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	Jerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)
Nate Roewe (Stephanie Talley's nephew)		Larry Caraway (Gayle's husband)
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)		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:

Carol and Robert Hall on the death of Carol's brother Robert

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 4th

Reflection on
Previous Sunday

Monday
Ecclesiastes 2:1-17
Colossians 3:18—4:1

Tuesday
Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:8
Colossians 4:2-6

Wednesday
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14
Luke 12:22-31

Preparation for
Coming Sunday

Thursday
Job 21:1-16
Romans 9:1-9

Friday
Ecclesiastes 6:1-6
Acts 7:1-8

Saturday
Genesis 11:27-32
Matthew 6:19-24

Sunday, August 10th

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

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CORINTHIANS



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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
Let us give thanks for God’s steadfast love,
For the wonderful deeds of the Lord.

God satisfies the thirsty,
And fills the hungry with good things.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* UMH 61

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (p. 174 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 3rd

8:30am	WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am	Sunday school for Adults: <i>Followers of the Word</i> are studying 2 Timothy (MMB Conf Room) <i>Seekers</i> 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	Church Council meets in the MMB Conference Room

MONDAY, August 4th

7:30pm	Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary
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TUESDAY, August 5th

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!)

THURSDAY, August 7th

10:00am	Sanctuary Preparation
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SUNDAY, August 10th — Blessing of Backpacks

BRING YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR A BLESSING DURING WORSHIP

Looking FORWARD !!

August 31	Potato Jar Sunday and All Church Pot-luck Luncheon at noon
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UWF SUPPORTING TEEN MOM

Our United Women in Faith are supporting Madison, mother of 3-year-old Brielle and recent Leander High graduate, who is continuing her education at cosmetology school. She recently moved into an apartment and needs help with: 1) food and gas; 2) clothes for Brielle, 3T-4T, shoes toddler size 9; 3) diapers size 7 or pullups 3T-4T. If you can help Madison, you can make a donation to help with food/gas through the church, and this will be used to purchase Walmart and HEB gift cards. Or you can bring items to the church and put them in the box in the Lobby labeled “UWF.”

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

**We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us,
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out,
refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth,
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God,
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen**

PRAYER SONG	<i>"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"</i>	UMH 521
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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 17-18	GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
The Lord be with you. And also with you.			<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 invn 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>
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.			"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
Amen, Amen, Amen			UMH 664
			*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
			*SINGING THE SHALOM
			<i>As we depart, please join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.</i>