

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Cliff Burris	Gayle and Larry Caraway
Alice Wiles	MaryAnn Mosier	Jane Hilton
Butch Sloan	Barbara Bunn	Jim and Ruth West
Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut) and Jerry's son Todd Sailor		
Martha Orr's brother David Orr and her son David Read		
Claire Nicholson (Hyacinth Fenty's sister-in-law in Trinidad)		
Jose Damaso Ramos (Sarah Hernandez' brother)		
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)	Gayle Caraway's grandson Cole	
Marsha Suber's great-grandson Brooks	Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel	
Charlie Woehner (Darlene's husband)	Gerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)	
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)	Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)	
Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)	Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)	

Prayers of sympathy:

Chuck and Helen Trahan on the death of Chuck's sister Valerie Fine

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 FEBRUARY 2nd

Reflection on  
Previous Sunday

Monday  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Philemon 1-25

Tuesday  
Ruth 2:1-16  
James 5:1-6

Wednesday  
Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22  
Luke 6:17-26

Preparation for  
Coming Sunday

Thursday  
Deuteronomy 4:1-14  
1 John 5:1-5

Friday  
Isaiah 29:1-12  
James 3:13-18

Saturday  
Isaiah 29:13-16  
Mark 7:1-8

Sunday, February 8th  
Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 112  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:13-20

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

GATHERING

WELCOME Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Yunzhi Guan

\*GREETING  
The Lord is our strength and our song;  
**The Lord is our salvation.**

O God, you lead the people you have redeemed.  
**The Lord will reign for ever and ever!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Is the World's Light" UMH 188

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Suzette Birch

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 Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 4 in the pew Bible NT)  
*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

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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 on a 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 Birch, 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, February 1st

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:  
*Followers of the Word* are studying 1 Corinthians (MMB Conference 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 BE LIGHT YOUTH Fellowship in the Youth Room

## MONDAY, February 2nd

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, February 3rd

- 9:30am NO Service of Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

## THURSDAY, February 5th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

## SATURDAY, February 7th

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

## Looking FORWARD !!

- February 15 Chili Cook-Off and Cobbler Contest, noon
- February 18 Ash Wednesday Worship Services — CPFUMC at noon; Rockbridge UMC at 6:30pm

### 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.

\*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**

### BABY BLANKET BLESSING

**May God’s grace be upon these blankets  
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 blankets  
be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,  
and wrapped in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH 420

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

***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**

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 Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

UMH 712

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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