

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine

For our family and friends:

- Chuck Trahan

Gayle Caraway

Dave Sidney

Jose Damaso Ramos (Sarah Hernandez' brother)

Martha Orr's brother David Orr and her son David Read

Claire Nicholson (Hyacinth Fenty's sister-in-law in Trinidad)

O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)

Pattie Fennell's granddaughter Erica

Marsha Suber's great-grandson Brooks

Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband)

Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)

Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)

Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)
- Cliff Burris

MaryAnn Mosier

Barbara Bunn
- Alice Wiles

Jane Hilton

Jim and Ruth West

Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut)

Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel

Jorge Soto's granddaughter Alina

Gerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)

Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)

Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)

Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)

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 JANUARY 5th		
Reflection on Previous Sunday	Preparation for Coming Sunday	
<u>Monday</u> Joshua 1:1-9 Hebrews 11:32—12:2	<u>Thursday</u> 1 Samuel 3:1-9 Acts 9:1-9	<u>Sunday, January 11th</u> Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
<u>Tuesday</u> Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	<u>Friday</u> 1 Samuel 3:10—4:1a Acts 9:10-19a	
<u>Wednesday</u> 1 Kings 10:1-13 Ephesians 3:14-21	<u>Saturday</u> 1 Samuel 7:3-17 Acts 9:19b-31	

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

**GATHERING**

WELCOME *Suzette Birch*

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Jodi Blount*

**\*GREETING**

We meet to worship God  
**and to remember, tell, and show God’s love.**

Like a bright star in the night sky,  
**the life of Christ lights up the whole world.**

The star of hope shines on,  
**and no darkness will overcome it.**

The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be,  
where we have been and where we should go.  
**Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* UMH 224

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Glorious God, in Jesus your grace appears, bringing salvation to all. Help us to ponder your words of love by the light of your Spirit, that we may proclaim glad tidings of peace and welcome Christ in our world. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jeremiah 31:7-14 (p. 690 in the pew Bible OT)  
*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 (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 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, January 4th

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

## MONDAY, January 5th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, January 6th

- 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, January 8th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

## 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**

## PRAYER SONG

*"Because He Lives"*

UMH 364

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

## A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen**

MISSION MOMENT

\*THE PEACE

\*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**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, Amen, Amen**

UMH 23-24

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

*"Joy to the World"*

UMH 246

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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