

## Prayer Concerns

### For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Ireland; United Kingdom — England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

### For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Gayle Caraway	Meg McClintock
Alice Wiles	MaryAnn Mosier	Jane Hilton
Horace Pennington	Barbara Bunn	Jim and Ruth West
David Read (Martha Orr's son)		David Orr (Martha's brother)
Karen Ballard (friend of Martha Orr)		Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law)
Bruce Anderson (Carol Slater's brother)		Jodi Blount's mother LeRene
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)		Charlie Woehner (Darlene's husband)
Marsha Suber's great-grandson Brooks		Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)		Jerry Troyer (friend 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 MARCH 9th

#### Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday  
Genesis 24:1-27  
2 John 1-13

Tuesday  
Genesis 29:1-14  
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wednesday  
Jeremiah 2:4-13  
John 7:14-31, 37-39

#### Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday  
1 Samuel 15:10-21  
Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday  
1 Samuel 15:22-31  
Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday  
1 Samuel 15:32-34  
John 1:1-9

Sunday, March 8th  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

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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

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the nations.**

The living water will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

**Give us that water, so that we may never be thirsty.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

UMH 400

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Suzette Birch*

***PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,  
that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen**

DRAMATIZED GOSPEL LESSON: Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman (John 4)

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, March 8th

- 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 "The Apocalypse" (MMB Back Room)  
9:45am Sunday school for Children and Youth (Youth Room)  
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion  
Noon Choir practice in the Sanctuary  
Noon BE LIGHT YOUTH Fellowship in the Youth Room

## MONDAY, March 9th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, March 10th

- 9:30am NO Service of Morning Prayer  
10:00am Bible discussion group meets at Affinity at Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way

## THURSDAY, March 12th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

## SUNDAY, March 15th

YOUTH SUNDAY — BE LIGHT YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP!!

### Looking FORWARD !!

- March 18** Young at Heart Pot-luck Luncheon at 11:30am — bring a salad or dessert to share, plus send a picture of a special place where you have lived to Pastor Peter  
**March 28** Congregational Work Day, 9am-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.

\*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

*"O Love, How Deep"*

UMH 267

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT: Congregational Work Day, March 28

*Anita Stratmann*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*THE PEACE

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

***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

*"Jesus Is All the World to Me"*

UMH 469

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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