

## Prayer Concerns

### For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Malawi, Zambia

### For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington	Jane Hilton	Jim and Ruth West
Alice Wiles	MaryAnn Mosier	
Mattie Brooks (Linda Sheneman's mother)	Dylan Howard (Anita Rizley's son)	
Heather McClintock (Meg's daughter-in-law)	Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband)	
David Read (Martha Orr's son)	David Orr (Martha's brother)	
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)	Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel	
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)	Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)	
Jodi Blount's mother LeRene and mother-in-law Sandra		

### Prayers of sympathy:

Family of Adalid Verastegui on his death  
Sue Sidney and family on the death of her cousin Debbi Ozolins

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 JUNE 22nd

#### Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday  
Genesis 16:1-15  
Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday  
Genesis 25:12-18  
Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday  
Jeremiah 42:18-22  
Matthew 10:5-23

#### Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday  
Micah 7:18-20  
Galatians 5:2-6

Friday  
2 Chronicles 20:5-12  
Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday  
Genesis 26:23-25  
Luke 17:1-4

Sunday, June 28th  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

*Community only happens when we surrender to the process of getting to know others and letting ourselves be known.*

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*A Spiritual Oasis  
Committed to Christ  
Committed to Peace  
Committed to Service*



**Love Boldly**  
**Serve Joyfully**  
**Lead Courageously**

Laity Sunday  
June 21, 2026

# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

## Laity Sunday

June 21, 2026

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

### **GATHERING**

WELCOME

*Peter Castles*

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Yunzhi Guan*

\*GREETING

We are called to recognize and join God's mission of love.

**We gather to become more like Jesus.**

We learn how grace has met other lives.

**We wait for God's empowering presence to open our eyes.**

We engage and serve our neighbors.

**And God's love, power, and justice help repair the world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Many Gifts, One Spirit"*

UMH 114

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the diverse gifts and talents you have poured out upon the laity of your church. On this special day, we honor the faithful men, women, and youth who carry your love beyond the walls of the sanctuary and into the world. Grant us the courage to witness to your truth, the compassion to care for our neighbors, and the wisdom to serve you in our daily work. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Debra and Rachel Longoria*

### **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**

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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, June 21st — Laity Sunday

10:00am WORSHIP with Holy Communion

### MONDAY, June 22nd

7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, June 23rd

9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctaury

10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, June 25th

10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

## Looking FORWARD !!

**July 18** Vacation Bible Camp, 9am-1pm (for children entering K through 5th grade)

**July 26** Potluck Luncheon and celebration of Pastor Suzette's ministry, 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, shampoo

**Thrift store items:** gently used clothing, shoes, kitchenware, jewelry

#### *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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 (p. in the pew Bible NT)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

#### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITES

United Women in Faith

Hill Country Community Ministries

Membership Care & Hospitality

*Ginger Goodin*

*Bob Bowker*

*Anita Rizley*

\*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

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

*Sergio Longoria*

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

*"We Are the Church"*

UMH 558

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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