

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe  
All those affected by flooding central Texas

For our family and friends:

|                                                     |             |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| Horace Pennington                                   | Jane Hilton | Jerry Troyer                           |
| Clara Crank                                         | Alice Wiles | Jim and Ruth West                      |
| Mattie Brooks (Linda Sheneman's mother)             |             | Dylan Howard (Anita Rizley's son)      |
| Jodi Blount's mother-in-law Sandra                  |             | Carey Garner (Anita Rizley's friend)   |
| Heather McClintock (Meg's daughter-in-law)          |             | Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband)   |
| David Read (Martha Orr's son)                       |             | Shirley Baker (Charles Bland's mother) |
| 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)      |
| Sergio and Diana Longoria (Sergio's parents)        |             | Pam Clinch's brother-in-law Jude       |
| Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law)            |             | Brenda Higgins' sister-in-law Margaret |
| Aryn Tumner and family (Anita Rizley's goddaughter) |             |                                        |

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 3rd

Reflection on  
Previous Sunday

Monday  
Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday  
Deuteronomy 26:1-15  
Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday  
Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35  
Matthew 15:32-39

Preparation for  
Coming Sunday

Thursday  
1 Kings 18:1-16  
Acts 17:10-15

Friday  
1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40  
Acts 18:24-28

Saturday  
1 Kings 18:41-46  
Matthew 16:1-4

Sunday, August 9th  
1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

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

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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*  
*Rachel Longoria (10:45)*

\*GREETING  
I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *"The God of Abraham Praise"* UMH 116

\*OPENING PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
**O Lord our God,  
your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,  
that we may be obedient to your will  
and live always for your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (p. 469 in the pew Bible NT) *Josie Theriot (8:30)*  
*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Kevin Borja (10:45)*  
*People’s response: Thanks be to God!*

HYMN *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"* UMH 601

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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 our pastor or check “Desire a Call” on the attendance registration pad when you sign in today.

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Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

# This week at Cedar Park First UMC

## SUNDAY, August 2nd

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:  
*Followers of the Word* are studying the Ezekiel (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

## MONDAY, August 3rd

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, August 4th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 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, August 6th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

### Looking FORWARD !!

**August 26** Young at Heart Pot-luck Luncheon at 11:30am — bring a salad or dessert to share, with presentation by AGE of Central Texas on developing “Passion and Purpose”

### 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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31 (p. 29 in the pew Bible OT)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

SERMON

\*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church)

**We believe in the one God,  
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,  
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.  
We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.  
We believe in the Word of God  
contained in the Old and New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.  
We believe in the church,  
those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.  
We believe in the reign of God  
as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God,  
where we are all brothers and sisters.  
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness  
and in the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

UMH 474

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

SOUL LIFT

MISSION MOMENT

\*THE PEACE

## ***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.**  
**Blessed is he 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**

### 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

*"God Be with You till We Meet Again"*

UMH 672

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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