

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Eritrea, Ethiopia
 All those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela

For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington	Jane Hilton	Jerry Troyer
Alice Wiles	Jim and Ruth West	Robert and Carol Hall
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)		Aylene Muniz (Jorge Soto's daughter)
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
Jodi Blount's mother LeRene and mother-in-law Sandra		

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 JULY 13th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
 Micah 1:1-5
 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday
 Jeremiah 49:7-11
 Ephesians 4:17—5:2

Wednesday
 Obadiah 15-21
 Matthew 13:10-17

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
 Isaiah 44:1-5
 Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday
 Ezekiel 39:21-29
 Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday
 Exodus 14:9-25
 Matthew 7:15-20

Sunday, July 19th
 Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

*GREETING

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

The steadfast love of the Lord endures for ever.

Give thanks and bless God's name.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

UMH 152

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Birch

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**

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p. 13 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel 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 (6th-12th 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 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).

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

Rev. Suzette Birch, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org

Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director

Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, July 12th

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

MONDAY, July 13th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, July 14th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, July 15th

- 10:30am Membership Care & Hospitality team meets in the MMB Conference Room

THURSDAY, July 16th

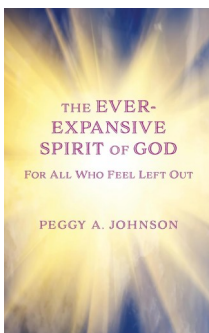
- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

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
August 1 United Women in Faith meet at La Madeleine (Hwy 183 @ S Lakeline), 9:30am

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB to meet JULY 30

Please join us for a discussion of Methodist bishop Peggy Johnson's memoir *The Ever-Expansive Spirit of God: For All Who Feel Left Out*. We will meet on Thursday, July 30 at noon in the sanctuary. Bring a sack lunch and join us to read and discuss this 2026 UWF Reading Program selection. See the sign-up sheet in the Lobby to indicate your interest in participating and to order a copy of the book.



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

"Thy Holy Wings, O Savior"

UMH 502

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

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! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 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.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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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

"This Is My Father's World"

UMH 144

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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