

## Prayer Concerns

### For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda  
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	
Mattie Brooks (Linda Sheneman's mother)		Dylan Howard (Anita Rizley's son)
Heather McClintock (Meg's daughter-in-law)		Charlie Woehner (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)		Robert and Carol Hall
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 6th

#### Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday  
Genesis 27:30-46  
Romans 1:18-25

Tuesday  
Genesis 29:1-14  
Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday  
Genesis 29:31-35  
John 13:1-17

#### Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday  
Exodus 3:1-6  
Romans 2:12-16

Friday  
Deuteronomy 32:1-10  
Romans 15:14-21

Saturday  
Isaiah 2:1-4  
John 12:44-50

Sunday, July 12th  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 65  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

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

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Committed to Christ  
Committed to Peace  
Committed to Service*



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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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

We give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.

**Before all creation we sing God's name.**

When we call, the Lord answers.

**The steadfast love of God endures for ever.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

UMH 400

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Suzette Birch*

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

Mighty God: the earth is yours and the nations are your people. Take away our pride and bring to mind your goodness, so that, living together in this land, we may enjoy your gifts and be thankful. **Amen**

For clouded mountains, fields and woodland; for shoreline and running streams; for all that makes our nation good and lovely; **We thank you, God.**

For farms and villages where food is gathered to feed our people; **We thank you, God.**

For cities where people talk and work together in factories, shops, or schools to shape those things we need for living; **We thank you, God.**

For explorers, planners, statesmen; for prophets who speak out, and for silent faithful people; for all who love our land and guard our freedom; **We thank you, God.**

For vision to see your purpose hidden in our nation's history, and courage to seek it in love given and received; **We thank you, 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 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, July 5th

- 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

## MONDAY, July 6th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, July 7th

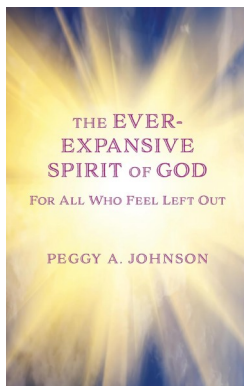
- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctaury
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

## THURSDAY, July 9th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

## Looking FORWARD !!

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



### **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.

O God: your justice is like rock, and your mercy like pure flowing water. Judge and forgive us. If we have turned from you, return us to your way; for without you we are a lost people.  
**Amen**

From brassy patriotism and a blind trust in power; **Deliver us, O God.**

From public deceptions that weaken trust; from self-seeking in high political places;  
**Deliver us, O God.**

From divisions among us of class or race; from wealth that will not share, and poverty that feeds on the food of bitterness; **Deliver us, O God.**

From neglecting rights; from overlooking the hurt, the imprisoned, and the needy among us; **Deliver us, O God.**

From a lack of concern for other lands and peoples; from narrowness of national purpose; from failure to welcome the peace you promise on earth; **Deliver us, O God.**

Eternal God: before you nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by your design. Help us to repent of our country's wrong, and to choose your right in reunion and renewal.  
**Amen**

Give us a glimpse of the Holy City you are bringing to earth, where death and pain and crying will be gone away, and nations will gather in the light of your presence.  
**Great God, renew this nation.**

Teach us peace, so that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.  
**Great God, renew this nation.**

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudice, and may put a stop to cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.  
**Great God, renew this nation.**

Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that our land may be a light to nations, leading the way to your promised kingdom which is coming among us.  
**Great God, renew this nation.**

Great God, eternal Lord: long years ago you gave our ancestors this land as a home for the free. Show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you modestly, as devoted people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN

"America"

UMH 697

## 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**

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:25-30 (p. 11 in the pew Bible NT)

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord. *People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

### 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 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

UMH 526

### CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

\*THE PEACE

\*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 94

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 23-24

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### 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

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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