

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Liberia, Sierra Leone
All those affected by recent earthquakes and floods

For our family and friends:

Glenda Goss	Dave Sidney	Karen Goodman
Horace Pennington	Jane Hilton	Jerry Troyer
Clara Crank	Alice Wiles	Jim West
Jodi Blount's mother-in-law Sandra		David Read (Martha Orr's son)
Mattie Brooks (Linda Sheneman's mother)		Dylan Howard (Anita Rizley's son)
Heather McClintock (Meg's daughter-in-law)		Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband)
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)		Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel
Sergio and Diana Longoria (Sergio's parents)		Pam Clinch's brother-in-law Jude
Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)

Prayers of sympathy:

Jim West and family on the death of his wife Ruth
Nell and Horace Pennington on the death of Nell's sister Leona

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.

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Committed to Service*



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24th

Reflection on
Previous Sunday

Monday

1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday

Deut. 32:18-20, 28-39
Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday

Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Preparation for
Coming Sunday

Thursday

Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6

Friday

Jeremiah 15:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday

Jeremiah 15:10-14
Matthew 8:14-17

Sunday, August 30th

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

*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
Let us give thanks to the Lord.
God’s steadfast love endures for ever.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

*OPENING PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 51:1-6 (p. 640 in the pew Bible OT) Leland Theriot (8:30)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Karen Borja (10:45)
People’s response: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 138 UMH 853

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 17 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 our pastor or check “Desire a Call” on the attendance registration pad when you sign in today.

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GiGi Heermans, Youth Director GiGi@cpfumc.org
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, August 23rd

- 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
- Noon BE LIGHT YOUTH Fellowship in the Youth Room
- Noon Choir practice begins in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, August 24th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, August 25th

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

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

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

THURSDAY, August 27th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SUNDAY, August 30th — Potato Jar Sunday

BRING YOUR COINS FOR THE POTATO JAR!!

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.

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 SHAWL BLESSING

**May God’s grace be upon these shawls and blankets
to warm and comfort, enfold and embrace.
May they provide a safe haven,
a sacred place of security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May those who receive these shawls and blankets
be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,
and wrapped in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

UMH 175

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

SOUL LIFT

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.
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

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

UMH 581

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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