

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

For our family and friends:

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| Glenda Goss | Dave Sidney | Karen Goodman |
| Horace Pennington | Jane Hilton | Jerry Troyer |
| Clara Crank | Alice Wiles | Jim West |
| Cliff and Janice Burris' nephew Bentley | | Joan Steele (Laurel Fabian's friend) |
| 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) |
| Jose and Robert Ramos (Sarah Hernandez' brothers) | | |

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31st		
Reflection on Previous Sunday	Preparation for Coming Sunday	
<u>Monday</u> 2 Samuel 11:2-26 Revelation 3:1-6	<u>Thursday</u> Ezekiel 24:1-14 2 Corinthians 12:11-21	<u>Sunday, September 6th</u> Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
<u>Tuesday</u> 2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15 Revelation 3:7-13	<u>Friday</u> Ezekiel 24:15-27 Romans 10:15b-21	
<u>Wednesday</u> Jeremiah 17:5-18 Matthew 12:22-32	<u>Saturday</u> Ezekiel 33:1-6 Matthew 23:29-36	

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 bow down before the Lord,
And glorify God’s holy name.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving;
Abounding in steadfast love to all who call you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"* TFWS 2042

*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 Psalm 105:1-6, 45b (p. 525 in the pew Bible OT) *Josie Theriot (8:30)*
Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Kevin Borja (10:45)*
People’s response: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN *"Bind Us Together"* TFWS 2226

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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.

Rev. Peter Castles, Pastor Peter@cpfumc.org
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 30th — Potato Jar Sunday

HAVE YOUR COINS READY FOR THE POTATO JAR!!

- 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 Choir practice in the MMB Back Room

MONDAY, August 31st

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, September 1st

- 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, September 3rd

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:9-21 (p. 151 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen

PRAYER SONG "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TFWS 2171

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

SOUL LIFT

MISSION MOMENT: Potato Jar (Society of St. Andrew Potato Project)

*THE PEACE

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

UMH 94

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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

TFWS 2257-b,c,d

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!**

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

"The Servant Song"

TFWS 2222

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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