

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Ghana, Nigeria

For our family and friends:

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| Glenda Goss | Dave Sidney | Jim West |
| Horace Pennington | Jane Hilton | Jerry Troyer |
| Clara Crank | Alice Wiles | |
| Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law) | Georg Turwitt (Posaunenchor leader) | |
| 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) | |
| Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel | 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) | Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother) | |
| Sergio and Diana Longoria (Sergio's parents) | Pam Clinch's brother-in-law Jude | |
| Jose and Robert Ramos (Sarah Hernandez' brothers) | | |

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 SEPTEMBER 14th

Reflection on
Previous Sunday

Monday
Genesis 48:8-22
Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday
Genesis 49:29—50:14
Romans 14:13—15:2

Wednesday
Genesis 50:22-26
Mark 11:20-25

Preparation for
Coming Sunday

Thursday
Nahum 1:1, 14—2:2
2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Friday
Nahum 2:3-13
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday
Zephaniah 2:13-15
Matthew 19:23-30

Sunday, September 20th
Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God’s benefits.

God satisfies us with good as long as we live.
Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

*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 103:8-13 (p. 524 in the pew Bible OT) Josie Theriot (8:30)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Autumn Stratmann (10:45)
People’s response: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN "There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy" UMH 121

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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, September 13th

- 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 C. S. Lewis and “The Screwtape Letters” (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 in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, September 14th

- (Begin reading *Ephesians* <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day>)
- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, September 15th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary
- 5:30pm Prayer Shawl ministry meeting in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

WEDNESDAY, September 16th

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

THURSDAY, September 17th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SATURDAY, September 19th

- 8:30am Pumpkin Patch Set-up

Looking FORWARD !!

- September 26 PUMPKINS ARRIVE — Help us unload the truck!!
- September 26 Virtual Baby Shower for the Longorias’ daughter Sarah
in the MMB Conference Room, 3-5pm

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.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 19 in the pew Bible NT)
Reader: The Gospel 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 "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH 560

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS *Sergio Longoria (10:45)*
People’s response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

MISSION MOMENT: The Pumpkins are coming! *Anita Stratmann*

*THE PEACE

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

UMH 23-24

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.
Blest is the one 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 "Amazing Grace" UMH 378

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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