

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

For our family and friends:

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| Marsha Suber | Dave Sidney | Jim West |
| Horace Pennington | Jane Hilton | Jerry Troyer |
| Clara Crank | Alice Wiles | Richard Blount |
| Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law) | Georg Turwitt (Posaunenchor leader) | |
| Cornett Venter (Corrie Van Rensburg's niece) | Jorge Soto's granddaughter Alina | |
| 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) | |
| Tim Moore (Darlene Woehnker's brother) | Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband) | |
| Heather McClintock (Meg's daughter-in-law) | 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) | | |
| Todd Greer's parents O.T. and Dee and in-laws Ed and Tina | | |

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 28th

Reflection on
Previous Sunday

Monday
Judges 14:1-20
Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday
Judges 16:1-22
Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday
Judges 16:23-31
Matthew 9:2-8

Preparation for
Coming Sunday

Thursday
Jeremiah 2:14-22
Colossians 2:16-23

Friday
Jeremiah 2:23-37
Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday
Jeremiah 6:1-10
John 7:40-52

Sunday, October 4th
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

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
To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.
O God, in you we trust.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is before our eyes,
And we walk in your faithfulness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* UMH 127

*OPENING PRAYER

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**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (p. 737 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!**

PSALM 25:1-10 UMH 757
Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.**

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32 (p. 22 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.

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 27th

- 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 Pumpkin Patch
- Noon Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, September 28th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, September 29th

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

THURSDAY, October 1st

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SUNDAY, October 4th — World Communion/UMCOR SUNDAY

SPECIAL COLLECTION taken for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Looking FORWARD !!

Today through Oct 31 **Work a shift at the Pumpkin Patch**
(Use the QR Code to sign up)



October 17 **Fall Festival in the Patch**, 10:00am-Noon
(sign up to be a trunk-or-treater, or to provide candy, prizes, cupcakes or cookies)



**We are collecting gravy, stuffing,
cranberry sauce and pie filling for
Hill Country Community Ministries’
Thanksgiving Meal Kits**

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

**We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us,
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out,
refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth,
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God,
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

**May God’s grace be upon these shawls
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
be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,
and wrapped in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

“I Surrender All”

UMH 354

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.

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

UMH 23-24

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

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

UMH 731

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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