

The Newsletter

April 2015

Memorial United Methodist Church

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and spirit in the name of Jesus.**

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Sunday Schedule

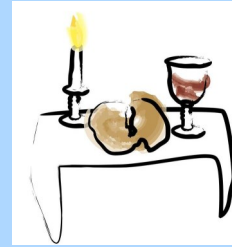
Sunday School 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday, April 2

Gathering at 7:00 pm in our parlor for
an intimate worship experience.



Good Friday, April 3

Our Chancel Choir presents a
Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm in the
sanctuary.



Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service at 7:30 am on the lawn
next to the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Worship at 10:30 am

Come celebrate the risen Christ!



Women's News

BIF met with Alberta Shelton sharing stories of Martha and Mary from a book by J. Ellsworth Kallas. The group found that each of these women who were so close to Jesus have a message for our lives.

Honeybees met and made plans for a sale on Sunday, March 22. The sales of craft items and Rada knives have made almost \$300. At their March 24th meeting they will be going through a large donation of fabrics to see what they can use for quilting and what can be donated to Montopolis Friendship center. They also stuffed Easter eggs for Spring Fling on two Tuesdays.

Reading and Library met and Billie Talley reviewed the book *Love in a Headscarf* from the Methodist Reading List. This is the story of a Muslim woman's search for a husband following the customs of her faith.

Five of our members remain faithful volunteers at Montopolis friendship Community Center. Special appreciation goes to Billie Talley who co-chairs the Board and runs the clothing room sales three times monthly.

A pancake supper was served on Shrove Tuesday complete with Mardi Gras decorations. We had a good crowd and raised \$100.00.

Members are turning in their Thank Banks.

Breakfast was served on the first Sunday of March. Breakfast will not be served on the first Sunday in April.

On March 23, the United Methodist Women celebrated their 146th birthday. We are collecting funds for our 150th celebration. Funds are also being collected for the Legacy Fund. This is a fund created for giving for the future.

YOUTH NEWS

UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Thanks to everyone who helped with Spring Fling! This was our service project for March and a number of youth contributed before and during this event!

We had a great Spring Break Lock-in with games, food, fun and a great time of worship and sharing. There was some dozing off during the movies...!

Here's what's coming up in April:

April 5 Easter Sunday. No youth. Enjoy your family!

April 12 UMYF at noon. Eat with Brunchers

April 18 Confirmation Celebration with Bishop Jim Dorff at St John's 3-5 pm.

April 19 Freestore workday 1-3 pm after eating with Brunchers

April 26 UMYF at noon. Eat with Brunchers.

Come join us and help us as we begin to plan our big end of school celebration trip. Target date is May 22-24.

Coming this summer...

First ever Capital District Summer Camp at Mount Wesley June 22-25

See you on Sunday!

Kendall and Logan

Call, email or text Kendall for questions! If you don't have his information contact the church office, secretary@memorialumcaustin.com or 512-452-5796.

News from the Pews



In Sympathy

Heartfelt sympathies go to the family of Eddie Smith. Eddie passed away at home on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at the age of 87. Eddie was born in Caldwell, Texas in 1927. He was one of nine children. Eddie entered the United States Navy in 1942 as a medic. He was present on the United States ship when Japan surrendered in 1945 ending World War II. He completed his military service in 1947, receiving many metals and honors. In 1952 he met the love of his life, Virginia Ruth Baker at Eagle Rock Dude Ranch in Wimberley, Texas. They married in 1954. They were blessed with three children: Deborah Ruth, Gina Marie, and Maurice Edwin. Eddie was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of New York City and throughout his life he owned and operated many restaurants and clubs in the Austin area. He was a man of many hats. Eddie loved hunting, fishing, and cooking, farming, and spending time with his four grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Eddie is preceded in death by his parents, six of his siblings, and his daughter Gina Marie. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Smith, daughter Deborah Smith Stalbaum and her husband Robert Stalbaum, son Maurice (Mo) Edwin Smith, his grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Memorial United Methodist Church at 10:00 AM on the 27th of February and interment followed at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery, Pflugerville, Texas.

Sympathy also goes out to Herb Purtle in the death of his brother-in-law, Boyd Adkins. Boyd was married to Herb's sister, Elizabeth. Herb and Jan traveled to Texarkana for the funeral on March 17, 2015. Boyd is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and two grown children and grandchildren.

Sympathy goes to Clayton and Cynthia (Kepler) Karrer in the death of Clayton's uncle, Norman

"Pete" Karrer. Pete was Clayton's father's younger brother. Of the original seven siblings only two remain. Pete was born Oct. 25, 1932 in San Antonio and died March 12, 2015 in Placerville, California. He was in the navy for 20 years during both the Korean and the Vietnam Wars. He is survived by his wife, Sue, six children, eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. His son Ken Karrer used to be Vice Principal at Reagan High School in Austin. Graveside services were held March 18, 2015 in Placerville, CA.

May God walk with each of you, holding tightly to your hand and carrying you when your strength is gone. Remember we at Memorial care and are praying for you.



Wedding News

Bob and Norma Hauser's granddaughter, Julie Ann Jalufka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jalufka, was married to Peyton

Wayne Kurio on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Services were held at 4:45 pm at First United Methodist Church in Pflugerville which was immediately followed by the reception.

Our prayer for them is that they may truly become one in God as they make Him an integral part of their lives.

*Billie Nixon,
Membership Coordinator*

2015 Calendar for Altar Flowers Posted

Altar flowers may be given in memory or honor of loved ones or for special mission projects .

Fill out a form designating your wish and leave at the office or drop it off in the offering plate on Sunday. A new sign up sheet for Sundays through the June 28, 2015 has been posted in the hallway of the administration wing.

Bouquets are \$20.00 each - two maximum per Sunday. Stop and signup today.



April Birthdays

- 2nd Stephanie Shelton
- 3rd Zora Mae Hise
- 5th Virginia Smith
- 7th David Paul Teaney
Christina Williams
- 9th John Shelton
- 13th Michael Shelton
- 17th Jessica McFarland
- 18th Jennifer Eddleman
Debbie Schmidt Parsley
Victoria Purtle
- 19th William Dennig
- 21st Russell Moore
- 22nd Betty Moore
- 23rd Laura Rhoades Smith
- 24th Lauren Michele Dennig
Glenda Houston
- 27th Lela Barker
Jacob Shelton
Sarah Shelton
- 30th Jane Friedrich

Building Use Calendar

Any group wanting to use a room at the church for a meeting needs to make arrangements with the church office. You can make a one-time reservation or an on-going reservation.



April Calendar

Wednesday, April 1

- 10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service –Parlor

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

- Office Closed
- 7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service –Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

- 7:30 am - Sunrise Service
- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, April 6

- Office Closed
- 6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:30 am - Staff meeting
- 9:30 am - BIF-Bible Information Fellowship
UMW Circle - Pearce

Wednesday, April 8

- 10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm - Reading and Library UMW Group

Thursday, April 9

- 7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society –Gym

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

CALENDAR

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Sunday, April 12

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Trustees– Pearce

Monday, April 13

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts –Gym area

6:30 pm - Church Council –Pearce

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, April 14

9:30 am - Honeybees Arts and Crafts (formerly listed as knitting) - Pearce

6:30 pm - Wesley School Board - Pearce

Wednesday, April 15

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 16

7:00 pm - Lamplighters UMW Circle –NEW

Friday, April 17

10:30 am - Women’s Bible Study

Saturday, April 18

Sunday, April 19

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, April 20

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts –Gym area

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, April 21

9:30 am - Honeybees Arts and Crafts -Pearce

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

6:00 pm - Wesley School Talent Show– Gym

Saturday, April 25

Sunday, April 26

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, April 27

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts –Gym area

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 am - Honeybees Arts and Crafts - Pearce

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary

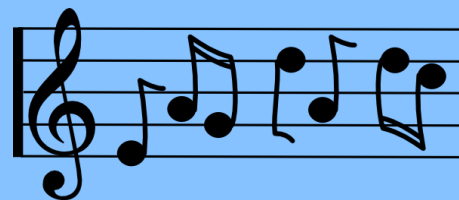
6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30

Looking Ahead

Mother’s Day, May 10



Wednesdays

Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Pastor's Corner

"When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too." John 14:3, CEB

It was a post I had made on facebook, and I can't even remember what I said. A cry for justice? A prayer for an individual who was hurting? Whatever I said, someone who was as well-versed in our liturgy as most of our congregation is responded, "Lord, here our prayer."

At first, I was amused by the misspelling. Autocorrect (a system where the computer decides what you have spelled wrong and corrects you, sometimes to hilarious effect) had probably struck again. The system has problems with homophones (words that sound alike but are spelled differently).

But then I realized what a better statement it is. Lord, *here* our prayer.

First, it locates us. We are in the midst. We need help. We are rejoicing. We are grieving. We are celebrating. We are here, surrounded by prayer, in the midst of the prayer and the situation that brings it about.

It is good to acknowledge this. It means we aren't holding prayer or the situation at arms length. We wade in. When we talk about God coming to us as Jesus, we are talking about incarnation—something taking on flesh. We don't limit ourselves or our prayers or even our presence to some spiritual realm where we don't have to put on bandages or make food or clean the house or get on our knees. We are HERE—body, mind AND spirit.

Second, it sounds to me like we're asking God to help our prayers to be effective. God, bring the

prayer to this place, to this moment, no matter where it was prayed. No matter when it was prayed.

Every Sunday, we pray for people and situations. Some of those for whom we pray are in the midst of health concerns. Sometimes our prayers are for those who are celebrating something. Sometimes we are praying for those who are absent from us. Sometimes we are praying because the world is broken and hurting.

And so we ask God to bring those people, those situations and all that go with them to us. To make us more aware, more faithful, more understanding, more willing to follow Jesus' leadership into the midst of doing something. We ask God to let those prayers follow us into the midst of our lives, our workplaces.

Lord, HERE our prayers. Where we are. Where You are. Amen.



Pastor Cynthia on Study Leave

As was announced last month in the newsletter, Pastor Cynthia is on study leave, beginning the week after Easter and going through the first week of May. Study leave is set aside in the United Methodist Church as a time for pastors to refresh and renew and go into deep contemplation on topics of theology or practice which affect ministry in their appointment. Pastor Cynthia will be visiting other congregations to see their practices and "what works" as well as going on a week's silent retreat.

This means that Pastor Cynthia has arranged for excellence in preachers to fill the pulpit at Memorial during that time. In addition, she has arranged for pastors to cover any of the pastoral care needs in the congregation. If you are hospitalized or have any other pastoral care needs, please contact the church office.

Pastor Cynthia Chosen for National Training

Along with twenty-four other clergy and lay people from ten states and 14 different conferences, Pastor Cynthia was selected to participate in a cohort for Hispanic Ministry and Cultural Sensitivity. This cohort will receive training in cross-cultural relationships as well as new ways of thinking about ministry. She attended the first session in Dallas at Perkins School of Theology in March and will continue with webinars.

Along with two other members of the Rio Texas Conference, she will be providing training sessions and workshops all over the conference. She will also be helping Memorial to understand how we might continue to reach out to our diverse neighborhood.

6th Annual MFSA BOPA Recycling Event

The Rio Texas Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) is sponsoring its 6th annual residential recycling collection on

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive in Austin,

from 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Simply drive up, provide your zip code, and volunteers will help unload your items. We will accept ONLY:

Batteries of all kinds

Oil of all kinds (in a closed container)

Paint of all kinds, wet or dry (in a closed container)

Antifreeze (in a closed container)

After the collection, volunteers will pack and transport these items to local recycling facilities. Spread the word – this event is free and open to all residents of Austin and Travis County. Questions? Contact Anne Mund at ennadnum@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Praying for our congregation and friends

For privacy we do not publish in the newsletter the reason these individuals are on our prayer chain. You may contact the church office for information if it is available.

Kathy Gray

Dorothy Dennig

William Bennink Sr.

Bill and Renee Simmons

Kay Allen

Geraldine Boydston

Lester and Ann Bryant

Syble Berglund

Dorothy Burnup

Janet Clark

Jane Friedrich

Bill Head

Ross Hise

Bob Johnston

Mildred McCullough

Grace Morris

Betty Sampler

Liz Sanford

Charleyne Schmidt

Anna Belle Turner

Diana Valastro

Cleo Wilson

Irene Wright

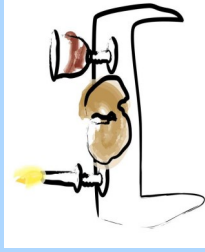
Jane Shive

Earl Cole

Norma Jones

Mike Pena

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