

# **The Newsletter**

## **May 2015**

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### *Sunday Schedule*

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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## **National Day of Prayer**

**May 7th**



## **Memorial Day**

**Observed May 25**



## **Mother's Day**

**May 10th**



## **Pentecost**

**May 24th**



## Women's News

The UMW provided breakfast for the volunteers at the BOPA Recycling event on April 18th.

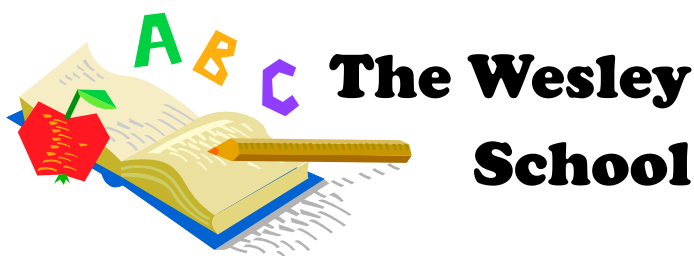
The UMW will be making pancakes for breakfast on the first Sunday, May 3rd. Because the gym kitchen has not been inspected yet, the breakfast will be served in the parlor at 8:30 AM.

The Honeybees meet every Tuesday except the first one in the month and are working on knitting and sewing projects.

### MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join your church family  
for a pancake breakfast on  
Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 8:30  
AM in the parlor .



## The Wesley School

At the Wesley School Talent Show, April 24th, everyone got their first look at the kitchen renovations. It is very impressive and if you haven't had a chance to see it yet make your way back to the gym and check it out.

The Wesley Board and Staff want to thank everyone who attended and supported this fundraiser. The kids performed beautifully, the supper was delicious, and fun was had by all. the profits stand at \$1077.45.

## YOUTH NEWS

UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship

**5/3 UMYF after church. Eat with BRUNCH.**

**5/10 MOTHER'S DAY. No Youth.**

**5/17 Free Store workday from 1 to 3 pm.  
Eat with BRUNCH and leave at 12:40 pm.**

**5/31 UMYF after church.**

**Friday – Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> END OF  
SCHOOL CELEBRATION TRIP. Details to be  
announced soon...!**

**Coming this summer...**

**First ever Capital District Summer Camp at  
Mount Wesley June 21-25**

**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](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com) or  
512-452-5796.**



## We Want to Honor the Graduates

Please let the church office know who is graduating from high school or college this year as we want to honor them during worship one Sunday.

You can email information to:

[secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com)

or call the church office (512) 452- 5796

# News from the Pews



## *In Sympathy*

Love and concern go to the following members who have experienced death within their families recently:

To Don Morrison in the death of his brother, Gaylord Lee Morrison, age 85, who died March 15, 2015. Funeral services were held March 19, 2015 in Rocklton, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Alma, and son, Ron and family, Don of Austin, Allen and wife of Sharon, Wisconsin, and Harold and wife of Darlington, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by parents and one sister, Rosella.

To the family of Elizabeth Scott who passed away March 25, 2015 in Miami, FL. She was married to Lee Scott on August 26, 1950 until his death in 1995. In 2010 she moved to Miami, FL to live with her daughter. Elizabeth was employed by the University of Texas for most of her professional career. She and Lee were active members of Memorial. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Scott and her sister Gertrude. She is survived by her son, Randy Scott and wife of North Richland Hills, TX., daughter Lisa Van Ostrand of Miami, FL, one grandson and wife of Lewisville, TX and one nephew.

Visitation was held April 1, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Cook-Walden and graveside services were held April 2, 2015 at Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville, TX.

To Lela Barker in the death of her sister, Dorothy Jean Moore, 79 of McDade, TX. She passed away April 2, 2015 at her home following an extended illness. She graduated from Lerington High School and attended nursing school in Austin. She married George Edward Moore in 1956. Dorothy retired from Giddings State School where she had worked as

a houseparent for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years, George Moore, Sr., daughter-in-law, two brothers-in-law and their wives. She is survived by six children and families, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three sisters and one brother from Bryant, TX.

To Dorothy Johnson in the death of her brother, Tom Fleener, age 87, of Dallas, TX who died on March 26, 2015. A memorial service was held April 11, 2015 in Dallas. Tom was a retired Episcopal priest. He and his first wife had four children. After her death, he married again and shared many happy years with Diane.

Dorothy has one other brother still living, Bill, age 84, who lives in Muskegan, Michigan. Bill is also a retired Episcopal priest but is still active in that ministry.

To each of our bereaved families and friends we are praying that the Lord will surround you with His peace, encourage you in His love, and strengthen you with His presence. We at Memorial do care.



## *Weddings*

Congratulations go to Connie Tatom on the marriage of her daughter, Laura Ann Tatom, who married

Joseph Lewis Card III on April 11, 2015. Their four year-old daughter, Josephine Louise was their flower girl and their son, Charles Card was also in attendance.

On this very special occasion, may God be your everlasting source of abundant joy and love. It is so wonderful to share in your joy. Congratulations and best wishes on your wedding.

***Billie Nixon,  
Membership Coordinator***



## May Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Smith
- 5 Sheryl Cheatham  
Jessica Shelton Williams
- 7 Hannah Egbert
- 11 Hale Roy Bills  
Hunter Eddie Bills
- 14 Greg Mikeska
- 16 Andrew Friedrich  
Gary Alan Gray
- 17 James Leavelle
- 18 Norma Jones
- 19 Mary Linda Gray
- 25 Lisa Schmidt Mosley  
Vicky Schmidt Mosley
- 26 Don Morrison
- 28 Emily Anne Egbert
- 29 Judy Friedrich
- 31 Margaret Adams

## 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.



## May Calendar

### Friday, May 1

10:30 am - Women's Bible Study -Moore room

### Saturday, May 2

### Sunday, May 3

8:30 am - Pancake Breakfast –Parlor

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:45 am - BRUNCH

12:00 am - UMYF (Youth Group)

### Monday, May 4

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

### Tuesday, May 5

9:30 am - BIF-Bible Information Fellowship

UMW Circle - Pearce room

### Wednesday, May 6

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 7 National day of Prayer

### Friday, May 8

### Saturday, May 9

10:00 am - Windsor Park Neighborhood  
Association– FHL room

### Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Trustees– Pearce

11:45 am - BRUNCH

# CALENDAR

## CONTINUED

### **Monday, May 11**

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, May 12**

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

6:30 pm - Wesley School Board - Pearce

### **Wednesday, May 13**

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, May 14**

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society

### **Friday, May 15**

10:30 am - Women's Bible Study

### **Saturday, May 16**

### **Sunday, May 17 Ascension Sunday**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:45 am - BRUNCH

1:00 pm - UMYF Free Store Work Day  
(leave at 12:40 after BRUNCH)

### **Monday, May 18**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts –Gym area

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

### **Tuesday, May 19**

9:30 am - Honeybees Arts and Crafts -Pearce

### **Wednesday, May 20**

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 21**

**Friday, May 22—Sunday May 24 Youth End of School Trip**

### **Saturday, May 23**

### **Sunday, May 24 Pentecost**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:45 am - BRUNCH

**Monday, May 25 Memorial Day observed  
office is closed**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts –Gym area

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

### **Tuesday, May 26**

9:30 am - Honeybees Arts and Crafts - Pearce

### **Wednesday, May 27**

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 28**

### **Friday, May 29**

### **Saturday, May 30**

### **Sunday May 31 Trinity Sunday**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:45 am - BRUNCH

12:00 am - UMYF (Youth Group)

## **Looking Ahead**

Annual Conference, June 11-14

Father's Day, June 21st



# Pastor's Corner

While I was at Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky, I had the opportunity to read, pray and hike the rolling hills of the countryside (some of which were decidedly steeper than my experience of hills!). Being surrounded by simplicity and nature helped me to meditate on the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit within our congregation. I spent time in prayer for the congregation and its people as well as for our community partners and, most importantly, for our future.

These are two pictures I took just before I left:



The first picture is of a peach tree stump in our side yard. The branches coming from the root of the stump are also peaches. The second picture shows that those new branches are already producing fruit!

Those new branches could not have grown if not for the old stump. The old stump needs the new branches to produce fruit.

And so I'm pondering and praying for what God is doing new among us...and if we will let God do that. What fruit is being produced? Is it the fruit of the Spirit? Is God creating love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control among us? Is God creating those things in our neighborhood through us?

I hope you'll join with me in pondering how God is still writing Easter hope for us in this world. I hope you'll join with me in pondering how we are still producing fruit—by being the stump that undergirds the new growth...or by doing something new ourselves!

*Lynithia Kepler-Harver*

## Community Impact

### A Thank You From a Neighbor

Dear Memorial,

Thank you so much for providing such a fun Easter festival for the community. It was well planned, there was so much to do, and our kids had a blast. Thank you and Happy Easter!

The Turpin Family

### Harris Elementary

Harris Elementary is so thankful for all the support our congregation gives them. During STARR testing our church took over snacks for the teachers and sharpened pencils for the students. We also get to use our sign to advertise for the schools pre-k registration. We are making a difference for this school.

### Young Shakespeare's

#### "Midsummer Night's Dream"

Memorial will be hosting all the practice sessions for this young cast beginning May 19th in our gym. The production is Co-directed by Artistic Director Ann Ciccolella and Nancy Eyermann. Performances will be at The Curtain Theatre, Austin's replica of an Elizabethan theatre, Thursdays - Sundays June 18 - 21, and 25 - 28.

### Austin Harmony Chorus

Memorial is hosting the practice sessions for the Austin Harmony Chorus. The Austin Harmony Chorus (AH!) is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an independent, non-profit music education association dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of four part harmony singing for women of all ages around the world. The purpose of this organization is to educate members in the art of singing A Capella music, barbershop style.



*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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## National Day of Prayer May 7th

Heavenly Father,

We come to You in the Name that is above every name—Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You.

Knowing that You are a prayer-answering, faithful God—the One we trust in times like these—we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.

We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us. Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.

We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You.

Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your righteousness.

We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to follow You.

Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope. Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior.

Amen.

— 2015 National Prayer by Dr. Jack Graham



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