

The Newsletter

April 2018

Memorial United Methodist Church

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Feeding Northeast Austin, body, mind, and spirit in the name of Jesus.

Sunday Schedule

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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April 2018

April 1st Easter Sunday



**Sunrise Service on the Lawn
at 7:15am
Sanctuary Service at 10:30am**



Join Your Church
Every 2nd Sunday of
the month in the Gym
April 8th 8:30am

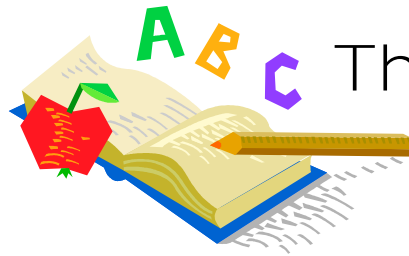
Do you enjoy making bread from scratch? Have you always wanted to learn how to make your own, but are just a little intimidated by the process? Want to hang out, learn some new recipes and think about the way that God works on your spirit?



**Bread Church
Thursday 7pm
April 19 in the
Gym**



**From
Pews**



The Wesley
School

By **Billie Nixon**

Membership Coordinator



Births

We had the pleasure to talk with great-grandmother, Alberta Shelton on March 6th, which happened to be the day that Stephanie had her baby. Krystal Alexie Walker was born March 6, 2018 at 8:15am weighing 7lb. 1oz. and 20 1/4" long to Stephanie and Wesley Walker. She certainly does have two happy older sisters, Holly and Kamika, who I'm sure will be good babysitters. Alberta now has 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. The Walkers live in Galveston, but we hope they will visit us here at Memorial, for we love them all. God bless each of you.

Wesley Talent Show & Spaghetti Supper

April 20th @ 6:00 PM



Adults \$7



Kids 12 –2 yrs. \$4

Under 2 are Free

See **Patty Marcum** for tickets and info.



What topics would you like to see in the Pastor's Corner in our monthly Newsletters? Give us a topic or scripture that you would like to see Pastor Cynthia write on and we will randomly draw from these suggestions. Please email them to secretary@memorialumcaustin.com or drop a topic card in the secretary office. Cards are on the table at the back of the sanctuary and on the front table in the Narthex.



Fun Facts about April

- * It is the second month of spring.
- * It is a time of planting and spring cleaning.
- * In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere.
- * The Boston Marathon is held during April.
- * In Ancient Rome the month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus.
- * In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.
- * April is the month when the professional baseball season begins in the United States.

Nelson, Ken. (2018). Month of April: Birthdays, Historical Events and Holidays. Ducksters. Retrieved from <http://www.ducksters.com/history/aprilinhistory.php>

2nd Annual Windsor Park



Saturday April
14th ◊ 1-5pm ◊
Cement Loop

Across from Library at
5611 Berkman Drive

Live Music, Games &
Activities, Food, Local
Vendors, Raffle, Fun For All

www.WindsorParkBlockParty.com

Food & Beverages available for purchase
but feel free to bring: your own snacks/
drinks, blankets or chairs, outdoor
games/toys, other neighbors, friends &
family.

Sponsored by Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc.

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Austin came through again to help end hunger through the CROP Hunger Walk. We expect to raise more than \$70,000 and a quarter of that amount will help locally through Sustainable Food Center, Casa Marianella, Refugee Services of Texas, Micah 6, and the Central Texas Food Bank. A special thanks to Pastor Cynthia, who encouraged Indivisible 25 East to participate.

I know that mission statements are not the most exciting things but just want to share the CWS mission statement with you:
Church World Service is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

Kevin Murphy

Community Engagement Specialist

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Please be in prayer for our congregation, friends, city and nation.



Spring is a wonderful time for renewal and reflection. Our harsh winter is coming to an end and with it begins the new life cycle for so many animals and plants. Our part of the world comes alive with the beautiful wildflowers dotting our roadways. Before the flowers, though, comes planting the seeds.

Planting seeds happens in various ways.

Farmers have to prep their soils and put in much time and effort.

Birds and other wildlife do their part to spread seeds in nature.



However, there are other kinds of seeds that should be sown. Seeds of kindness, love, friendship, and neighborliness help your community blossom. These seeds are planted with every volunteer act you provide, with every smile or hug you give, with every kind word you say.

These seeds last a lifetime and have the ability to change your neighborhood. As your seeds of volunteering are scattered, the people you serve are enabled to continue living an independent life. Senior Access needs you. Please consider joining us today! Contact Sherrie with referrals or questions about volunteering at 512 310 1060 or vr@senioraccesstx.org.

There is still time to register to play golf at our Annual Swinging for Seniors golf tournament on April 12. Go to www.senioraccesstx.org to register today.



Help deliver meals to your neighbors in need! We are looking for weekly route drivers and Monday/Tuesday substitutes! Contact our Volunteer Services office at

512-476-6325 today!

Thanks!

Denise Jimenez

Director of Volunteer Services

3227 East 5th Street Austin, Texas 78702

www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org



Shopping Hours

Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and Saturdays

9am-11am

Monday,
Wednesday,



Friday 10am-1pm and

Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In the Gym (not the office)

Pastor's Corner

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31



As we approach Easter, we've been getting back into some of the basics of the Christian faith. Last year, we did a series about United Methodism's roots in John Wesley's theology and what that means. In Advent, we talked about the ways in which our hands offer grace through our many partnerships and ministries. This Lent, we've been talking about how God moves our feet, and we've been looking at the classic spiritual disciplines. During the time after Easter, we plan on looking at different spiritual gifts, giving you tools to identify what your giftedness might be.

But there are things even more basic than that.

God loves you.

Jesus loves you.

There is a new life waiting for you today and tomorrow and every day.

God is still at work in this church.

God is still at work in this neighborhood.

God is still at work in this city.

No matter what your history is, you have a future.

No matter what your dreams are, you and Jesus are going to have to deal with your past.

God's grace sets you free from the power that sin has over you...AND we all still need to repent and reject that power because sometimes we choose sin over God.

Loving God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength doesn't happen overnight.

Loving ourselves is hard, but we should try to love ourselves as God loves us.

Loving our neighbors is hard, but we should try to love them as God loves them.

None of us has Jesus exactly right, but we can all learn if we listen to one another.

There is room for all of us to grow.

Your pastor also loves you and prays for you (by name when I can!) weekly if not daily.

Thomas Merton said it best: "In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. . . . I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now that I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun. . . . Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed. . . . But this cannot be seen, only believed and 'understood' by a peculiar gift."

This Easter, Jesus is your gift, to bring you new life and help you understand that he has brought new life, available to everyone.



APRIL CALENDAR

There are several ongoing events and new events that may not be listed. Please check the building use calendar or with the office if you need to reserve space.

*** Starred * Events Happen Each Week**

Sunday April 1 Easter Sunday

7:15am Sunrise Service on the Lawn

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday April 2 *Each Monday

*6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

*10:00am-1:00pm - FreeStore Donations - Gym

*6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday April 3 *Each Tuesday

*9:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

Wednesday April 4 *Each Wednesday

*11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping - Gym

*6:00-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL & Kid's Rooms

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 5* Each Thursday

*9:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

9:30am-12:30pm Christ Church - FHL

Friday April 6

*10:00am-1:00pm - FreeStore Donations - Gym

Saturday April 7 *Each Saturday

*9am-11am Free Store Shopping - Gym

1:00pm-3:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room

Sunday April 8

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

Monday April 9

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday April 10

Wednesday April 11

Thursday April 12

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday April 13

Saturday April 14

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday April 15 May Newsletter Content Due

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday April 16

Tuesday April 17

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday April 18

12:00pm-2:00pm Senior Access - Pearce

Thursday April 19

9:30am-12:30pm Christ Church - FHL

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday April 20

8:00am-6:00pm Wesley School - Gym

6:00pm Wesley School Talent Show

& Spaghetti Dinner - Gym



Saturday April 21

Sunday April 22

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday April 23

Tuesday April 24

Wednesday April 25

Thursday April 26

Friday April 27

Saturday April 28

Sunday April 29

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday April 30

*Please Note that there are ongoing events in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: English Class, Christ Church, Choir Rehearsal, FreeStore Shopping, Morning Prayer, Girl Scouts, and more.



April Birthdays

- 2nd Stephanie Shelton
- 3rd Zora Mae Hise
- 5th Virginia Smith
- 7th David Paul Teaney
Christina Williams
- 8th Ava Baccus-Knowles
- 9th John Shelton
- 13th Michael Shelton
- 18th Jennifer Eddleman
Debbie Schmidt Parsley
Victoria Purtle
- 19th William Dennig
- 20th Lucas Benavides
- 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



Schedule Your Building Space Use

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. Check availability at 512-452-5796 or secretary@Memorialumcaustin.com



2018 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. Bouquets are \$20.00 each - two maximum per Sunday. Stop and signup today.*

DIRECTORY UPDATES NEEDED

We get a lot of returned EMAIL and returned mail. In addition, we've got some outdated phone numbers or no cell numbers.

PLEASE send updated information either by email or a clearly printed note with your name, new email address, phone number or mailing address so that we may do these updates.

Thank You!

secretary@memorialumcaustin.com



Pew Crosses For Sale \$25

Pat Marcum fashioned crosses from the dismantled pews.

We now have these crosses for sale in either a free-standing form or a wall-hanging form. They are \$25 apiece, and all funds will go to updates to the sanctuary (like the carpeting). This is a beautiful opportunity to have a piece of Memorial in your home. Please contact the church office for more information on getting your own cross (512-452-5796).



EVENTS

March 29th

Maundy Thursday

Service 7pm

March 30th

Good Friday

3:00pm Self-guided Stations of
the Cross (Front Lawn)

*Maps provided on the lawn at 3pm * In the gym if raining

7:00pm Choral Stations of the
Cross (Sanctuary)

