

# The Newsletter

## April 2019

### Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer - Pastor

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 2019

### Spring Fling Egg Hunt

**Saturday**  
**April 13th**  
**10am-  
Noon**

**All  
Welcome!**



### HOLY WEEK



**Maundy  
Thursday  
Service 7pm**

**Good Friday  
Service  
2:30pm**



**On the Lawn  
April 21st  
6:58am**

**Sunday  
April 21st  
10:30am**





By Billie Nixon

Membership Coordinator



## Weddings

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Bret Meador and Katie Bass. The couple exchanged their vows in an outdoor wedding at Spicewood Vineyards on 3/2/2019 at 6:00 p.m. The wedding cakes were baked by Kiki Corry with the assistance of Cynthia Kepler- Karrer. Everyone enjoyed a dance lesson and dancing following the reception. The couple honeymooned in St. Croix where there adventures included scuba diving. They have purchased a home in Pflugerville.

Katie was baptized at Memorial United Methodist Church. She played in the church nursery as an infant, attended Vacation Bible School as child, and helped with Vacation Bible School as an adult. She also sang in the Chancel Choir along with her Auntie Kiki, Uncle Mark, Grandmother Afton and Mother Shelly. Katie does lab work for the City of Round Rock. Bret works at DBA Software Inc. where he runs the Tech Support and Quality Assurance Departments.

Congratulations to the happy couple from all of us here at Memorial. We pray God's blessing on your marriage .



Katherine Seat Eaker, 94 of Austin passed away Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Katherine attended North Texas State Teachers College, now University of North Texas, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education. While there she

met the love of her life Boyd. They married in 1945 and lived in West, where she was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She taught elementary school in Tokio, TX, while he finished his accounting degree at Baylor. They moved to Beaumont where she taught preschool at Trinity United Methodist Church. Since moving to Austin in 1965 she, her husband and family were faithful and active members of Memorial United Methodist Church. She taught in the Wesley school, and was a very active member in many groups over the past 54 years, especially United Methodist Women and 55+.

She was an active bridge player for many years and looked forward to playing every week with her loyal friends Alberta, Cliff and Debbie up until the last week of her life.

Katherine loved the Lord and her church family, it was her central dedication in life. As a loving mother, aunt, sister, grandmother and Great-grandmother she prayed daily for the love of the Lord to shine on all of us to light our way.

Funeral Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2019 at Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman Dr. Interment followed at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks.

Katherine is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Boyd F. Eaker; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Seat of West, Texas; and her brother, Gordon W. Seat Jr.

She is survived by her two daughters, Linda Eaker of Austin, Judy Dwyer and husband Jim of Frankston; sister Ruth Crain of Denton; brother John F. Seat and wife Joyce of Watauga; grandchildren, Michael Dwyer of Casper, WY, Robert Dwyer and wife Sarah of Katy, Jennifer Bryla of Fredericksburg, and Ashley Ernst and husband Travis of Frisco; 12 great-grandchildren, Matthew Dwyer, Avery Dwyer, Jack Dwyer, Zachary Dwyer, Brett Dwyer, Hannah Dwyer, Mallory Dwyer, Will Bryla, Jake Bryla, Drew Bryla, Ava Ernst, Audrey Ernst; Nieces, Diane Brooks and husband John of Dallas, Peggy Nolen of Denton, Susan Stuber and husband David of San Diego, CA, Carolyn Ward and husband Philip of Trophy Club, Sherry Seat of Watauga.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church of Austin, TX.



## ATX CROP Hunger Walk Report

Memorial's very own Connie Tatom (and her dog!) was

counted among the 470 walkers who enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Camp Mabry, participating in the 2019 ATX CROP Hunger Walk. Thank you, Connie!

So far, over \$56,000 has been handed in to help end hunger here in Austin and across the globe. We expect a lot more, too!

It's not too late to support Connie. No gift is too small – or too large! Just keep in mind that \$15 is enough to provide a family with a small vegetable garden. If you want to make a gift online, just go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx)

Back to the Walk – more than 40 congregations and organizations were represented – including an organization that is hosted by Memorial – Indivisible 25 E. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events. If you belong to an organization or group, I'd be happy to invite them to participate in Austin's event. Spread the good word!

Mark your calendar for the 2020 ATX CROP Hunger Walk (tentative): Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>! And join Connie as we walk and learn and commit ourselves to ending hunger.

Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Specialist  
Church World Service



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**



# Wesley School

A weekday ministry of the Memorial United Methodist Church



Friday April 26th in the Gym  
Begins at 6pm

Tickets on sale at the Wesley School Office and from board members beginning April 1st

Adult Tickets: \$8

Children under 10: \$4 Under 2: Free

NEW ! Flower offering envelopes for your altar flower forms. Please fill out forms as soon as you sign



up and drop in the secretary office to avoid forgetting or missing your sign up date. Please don't put forms in White Offering Envelopes—use our new Flower Envelopes located on the bulletin board & back of sanctuary. Thank you, Kc & Kerry



Older adults who took part in some form of volunteer service were able to delay or even

reverse declining brain function, according to a study\* by Johns Hopkins University.

“We found that [volunteer participation] resulted in improvements in cognitive functioning and this was associated with significant changes in brain activation patterns,” says lead investigator Michelle Carlson, associate professor in the Bloomberg School’s Department of Mental Health and Center on Aging and Health.



If you or someone you know are retired, energetic, and could benefit from serving others in your community, we would love to have you join our family

of volunteers at Senior Access. Senior Access provides transportation and other essential services for older seniors who are no longer able to drive for themselves. This is a great way to serve, make new friends, and get out and about in the community. Plus, if serving helps keep you younger – what do you have to lose?

At Senior Access, we provide important services for more than 1,600 seniors – which included giving nearly 14,000 rides last year. Our ability to provide these services is only limited by the number of volunteers willing to help us. Whether you have an extra of couple of hours a week - or perhaps only a couple of hours a month – you can choose your availability and make a huge difference in someone’s life.

Drivers are our biggest need, but other ways to serve include: Office Work, Light Yard Work, Friendly Phone Calls, In-Home Visits, and Handyman Services.

If you’re interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Sherrie at 512-310-1060 |

[vr@senioracesstx.org](mailto:vr@senioracesstx.org), or visit our website at [www.senioracesstx.org](http://www.senioracesstx.org).

\*<https://academic.oup.com/biomedgerontology/article/64A/12/1275/566878>



**MEALS on WHEELS**  
CENTRAL TEXAS

*Help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors!  
Weekday Volunteer Drivers and substitutes needed;  
delivery routes take one hour or less; additional  
sites open all over Austin!*

Thanks!

Denise Jimenez

Director of Volunteer Services

3227 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Austin, Texas 78702

p. 512.476.6325 x 134

[www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org](http://www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org)



Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and **\*\*NEW\*\***



Every 3rd

Saturday

9am-11am

NEW SATURDAY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

10am-1pm

and Every

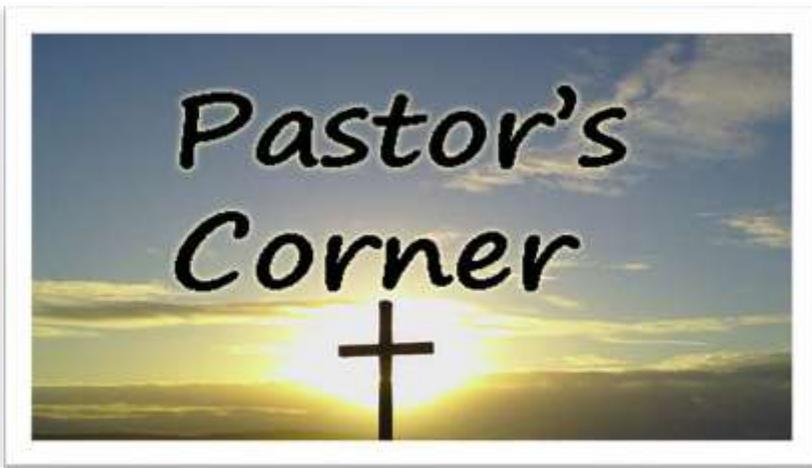
3rd Saturday

8:30am-11am



In the Gym (not the office)

512-350-2845 [frestoreaustin.org](http://frestoreaustin.org)



*"So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again. And your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." John 16:22*

Cindy came up to me early on in seminary. She was a petite blond girl with a somewhat uncoordinated walk...who was absolutely brilliant when she started speaking about faith and God. She said, "I think we should be friends because we're both Cynthia Anne, except my middle name is spelled without an "e" at the end, which I've always been a little bit resentful of, but I'll just enjoy yours."

And so we became friends and prayer partners. Cindy's life was always a little bit different. Midway through college, she had been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, which takes a toll on your GI system. There were times when she couldn't actually eat anything for weeks on end and had to get her nutrition through a port in her chest. And then, during our second year, after a particularly bad bout with pain, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Cindy spent most of our three years together in and out of the hospital. She would dictate her papers and do her reading from a hospital bed, sometimes even taking her tests there. Because MS affects the nervous system, she would compel her friends to come and spend hours rubbing up and down her spinal column to provide relief.

I still remember when she was in the hospital and I brought her lilies (It was probably around October, but I loved stargazers and they were quite beautiful at that time). Her eyes got big and she said, "You brought me Easter! How did you know I needed Easter?"

It was eight years ago that Cindy died at the age of 38. Her small body just couldn't handle the diseases that had such a weakening effect. But every time I see lilies, I think about how God brings us Easter.

And that Easter doesn't come just on the Sunday. It comes when we see a lily. It comes when we hear a particular song. It comes when we sit down to a certain meal. It comes when we smell a scent that takes us to a place of comfort and safety.

The presence of our Risen Lord is meant to give us joy, even in the midst of pain. Pain is often our own form of Lent, and it can strike at any time, not just according to a church calendar. It is a fleeting wince in our shoulder blades or a prolonged emotional distress. It is all of our longing and hurt rolled up into one, and it can make us prone to hurt others. We practice Lent as a church in order to get the pattern into our very bodies and our very lives—that always Lent is followed by Easter. If in our lives we always find ourselves having death and pain and harm thrown at us, at least we know God is always there with signs of Easter. We also practice resurrection.

What is it for you? For Cindy, Easter was a fall lily brought to her hospital room. Where is your Easter? What Lent are you experiencing?

My prayer, as it was for Cindy then and now is for her and for so many others who have died in Christ, is that our experience of God might transform us, giving us a lasting joy that nothing can ever take from us again, and that joy might spill over and over and over until the whole world knows more Easter than Lent. See you in worship!



*Cynthia Kepler-Haver*



# APRIL CALENDAR

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

## \* Starred \* Events Happen Each Week

### Monday April 1

\*9:00am-1:00pm - Freestore Accepting Donations

\*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Gym

### Tuesday April 2

\*9:00am-1:00pm - Freestore Accepting Donations

\* 9:30am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

10:00am BIF - Pearce

### Wednesday April 3

\*11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping & Donations

\*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday April 4

\* 9am-11am Wesley School Soccer - Gym

\* 9:30am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

### Friday April 5

\*6:00pm Girl Scouts #172 - Believer's/Gym

### Saturday April 6

### Sunday April 7

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

5:00-7:00pm Youth Group - Youth Room/Gym

### Monday April 8

### Tuesday April 9

10:00am Reading & Library - Children's Library

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

### Wednesday April 10

### Thursday April 11

4:00-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believer's/Gym

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

### Friday April 12 Easter Lily Orders Due



### Saturday April 13

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

10am-12pm Spring Fling Egg Hunt

### Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

5-7pm Youth Group - Youth Room

### Monday April 15

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

### Tuesday April 16

### Wednesday April 17

### Thursday April 18

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday April 19 Good Friday

2:30pm Good Friday Service

### Saturday April 20

9:00-11:00am FreeStore Shopping

10am Bread Church - Gym

### Sunday April 21 Easter Sunday

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

### Monday April 22 OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday April 23

### Wednesday April 24

### Thursday April 25

8am-5pm Wesley School - Gym & Kitchen

4:00-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believer's/Gym

### Friday April 26

6-8pm Wesley School Spaghetti Supper & Talent Show - Gym

### Saturday April 27

### Sunday April 28

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am WHO Widow Support - Pearce

5-7pm Youth Group - Youth Room

### Monday April 29

### Tuesday April 30

\*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Choir Rehearsal, FreeStore Shopping, Girl Scouts, AH Choral and more.



Spring Fling



# April Birthdays

- 2nd Stephanie Shelton Walker
- 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
- 29th Wes Walker
- 30th Jane Friedrich



Order Your Easter Lily

Order Forms on the bulletin board, in your email, in your bulletin. Use New

Flower Offering Envelopes!



## Spring Fling Egg Hunt NEW DATE

Saturday April 13th  
10:00am-12:00pm

We welcome all volunteers for set up, manning booths and cleanup! Candy donations can be made at the back of the sanctuary.



## Pancake Breakfast

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

April 14th

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?

**\*\*\*RESCHEDULED\*\*\***



**Bread Church to:  
Saturday April 20th  
during FreeStore  
9am-11am**

## Easter Lily Order Form Deadline April 12th



The Easter Season is upon us again and it is time to place your orders for the Easter Lilies. The cost is \$10.00 a plant. Please fill in the information below to ensure that your message will be included in the Lily Insert on Easter Sunday. Return the form along with your payment no later than Friday April 12th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Messages to be placed in the Insert:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many plants? (\$10.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donate To Shut In \_\_\_\_\_ or You Will Keep/Take Home \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Memorial UMC Attn: Billie Nixon Drop in Mail Slot or in Flower Offering Envelopes

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