

The Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

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

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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Spring Fling Easter Event

Egg Hunt &
Games

Saturday April 1st 10am-12pm



Holy Week Timeline



April 2—Palm/Passion Sunday—Where Are You Headed?

Join us for our Palm processional!

April 6—Maundy Thursday—Will You Wash Me?

At 6:30pm in our parlor, we will gather for a remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. This is an informal and interactive service where we will also celebrate Holy Communion (no foot washing this year).

April 7—Good Friday—Why Have You Forsaken Me?

The sanctuary will be available for reflection, prayer and some interactive stations from 12 noon to 3pm. There will be a guided meditation based on the experience of feeling left behind or forgotten by others or by God.

April 9—Easter Sunday—Who Are You Looking For?

Come and celebrate the Risen Christ with us in worship! Bring any flowers you wish from home to put on our flowering cross.



Church News



2023 Graduates

If you have a High School or College graduate this year and would like to have them featured in the Newsletter: **Please**

email a short bio, include their future plan and a recent photograph to Kc at secretary@memorialumcaustin.com no later than April 30th. It doesn't have to be a graduation photo, but any photo to honor them. Don't wait until the last minute risking the deadline!



New Breeze Giving Link

New Breeze Online Giving is Now Active. Check this

out on the homepage on our website at [www. memorialumcaustin.com](http://www.memorialumcaustin.com) or link here: [Breeze Online Giving](#) (Instructions Below)

Breeze also includes a new option to 'Text to Give' at 512-882-1966.

The Ezekiel giving platform will be retired soon. If you have a recurring gift set up, you will need to go to the New Breeze Online Giving to set that up again.

- Instructions:**
1. Enter Amount
 2. Enter Fund to Direct Your Gift/Payment
 3. Choose One Time or Recurring Setting
 4. Enter Payment Method & Details (ACH payment will require your bank routing and account number)
 5. ****Choose whether to include the cost incurred by MUMC to process your online gift based on the amount (this fee will be shown so you will know the amount).**

Youth Spaghetti Lunch & Bake Sale Fundraiser

The youth are raising money to help pay for our UMARMY mission trip in June.

Please join us on Sunday, April 2, after worship for our Spaghetti lunch featuring "Shelton Spaghetti!" Tickets are \$5.00 in advance (to cover cost and help us know how many are coming) but \$10.00 at the door, and additional donations are welcome! Please see one of the youth at church to purchase tickets and thank you for your support!

UMYF FUNDRAISER
EAT FOR A CAUSE

A fundraiser to help support the youth with camp funds!

Join us for spaghetti dinner and bake sale prepared by our youth

Serving:
 Spaghetti
 Salad
 Garlic Bread

Featuring Special Shelton's Spaghetti

\$5
 Per ticket

APRIL 2, 2023
 12PM - 1:30PM
 6100 BERKMAN DR, AUSTIN
 TX 78723



UWF meets the 3rd
Wednesday of each month
April 19th @ 10:30am in
Pearce

Bread Church
7pm Gym Kitchen
April 20th



April Youth Schedule



**Saturday April 1 - SPRING
FLING!** 10am to noon. Set up
at 8 am with cleanup afterwards.

Sunday April 2 – UMYF 6pm (Sunday School
9:45am) ****UMARMY Fundraiser**-Shelton Spaghetti
Lunch!

Sunday April 16 UMYF 6pm (Sunday School
9:45am)

Sunday April 30 UMYF 6pm (Sunday School
9:45am)

**Please register for UMARMY if you plan to attend. Some
have paid deposits and not registered. UMARMY is at
Gruene UMC, June 11-16. Total cost is \$275. Register here:
<https://www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/4252/>



Wesley Rec Soccer

Wesley Recreation Center is a
free sports program for 4th and
5th graders. In the Spring of
2023, we will be offering soccer on Mondays from
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for the first few weeks. The
program will include instruction, games, and free
time. There is no fee, but pre-registration is
required. If you have any questions, please contact
Kendall Smith 512-844-6809 or Kathleen
Beuttenmueller 920-980-7313.



April Birthdays

- 2nd Stephanie Shelton– Walker
- 3rd Zora Mae Hise
- 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





Do You Remember



In preparation of the 150th celebration of this congregations in Dec. 2023 we are featuring historical devotions, stories and images from our archives.

Easter 1930- “THE PASSION PLAY AT THE OBERAMMERGAU” 79 beautifully colored slides, shown at Central Methodist Episcopal Church. You can watch it on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHxjBhhLk9M>

Lent booklet -A devotion booklet which was designed for meditation and reflection during the 1999-2001 season of lent. It was prepared with love by various members and staff of Memorial United Methodist Church.



Easter Basket crafting contest (above)

Musical entertainment for the kids (right)

Egg Hunts (below)



Can you find the real bunny in these pics?



Lots of Lent & Easter Activities-*this page and previous page* Lent studies, Picnics lunch with a contest for the best Easter basket. Also kite flying, games, crafts egg hunt, sometimes with hard boiled eggs, bounce house and picture with the Easter bunny.



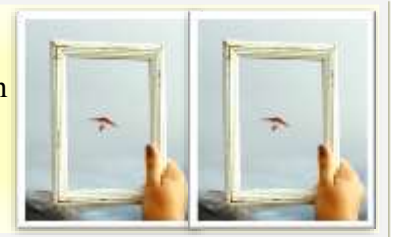
Do you recognize anyone you know?



By Gloria McPhail

Two Too Many” A Picture Give Away

While waiting for church to start, take some time to browse through the pictures in the Narthex. We have doubles of so many pictures and want to share with everyone. Please take the picture of your family and friends who have moved away. Please Share.



Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show

Wesley School Fundraiser

April 21st 6pm in the Gym

Contact Miracle or Jaleesa for more
info at 512-467-9740



Join Us for a Salad and Dessert
Potluck Hosted by UWF
April 30th After service
In the Parlor

Featuring Stories of Historical Pastor:
Rev. F.L. Hagberg (1928-1932)



Bring a salad (tuna, pasta, pea, chicken etc...) and/or dessert to share, drinks will be provided by host.

Please Contact Gloria McPhail directly for more info, or email at secretary@memorialumcaustin.com



The Pastor's Corner

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it....But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" Matthew 28:1-2, 5-6, 8

A couple of weeks ago, the Oscars were given out. Whether or not I've seen any of the movies, most of the time, I genuinely enjoy watching people receive awards, especially when it's someone who has never received one before. This year, the acting categories were especially rich since 16 of the 20 people nominated in the actor/actress and supporting actor/actress categories had not just never won an Oscar, they'd never even been nominated before.

Though I was hopeful that another person would win the supporting actress award, I was happy for Jamie Lee Curtis, who along with her fellow acting winners, gave an emotional speech, reminding us of the work that it took to get to that point. All of the eventual winners were among the first-time nominees, though each of them had significant experience in movies before this.

It reminded me of something I had read about Curtis' attitude when she's on the set of a project. Unlike many stars, she doesn't return to her trailer or dressing room when they're filming a scene she's not in. She doesn't believe in leaving the set as long as they're filming anything, and because of this practice, she's expanded her role in many movies with directors asking her to be in the background of scenes or even speak lines that they are inserting at the last minute.

She gets opportunities because she shows up and is present.

I think about the women who were the first to come to the tomb, even though they didn't know what they would find, even though there may not have been anything for them to do except to continue to care for a body.

I think about people in my own life who keep showing up, not intrusively, but patiently present.

I think about the people in our congregation who just keep showing up, even if they're not sure why or what God can do with them.

There's no indication that Curtis won the Oscar because of her practice of showing up, just like there are not necessarily any awards for any of us. Many people find that the rhythms of life, often impeded by illness or incapacity or travel, got completely turned upside down by the pandemic, and while we're trying to find our balance again, we're also dealing with a slew of changes.

So let me say—I know how hard it is to show up. There is no shame in not being able to show up. But we should never assume that we're not needed by others and by God.

Mary Magdalene and the women showed up, just like they had probably shown up to care for the bodies of other loved ones. They didn't know who would roll the stone away. They didn't know that they would be the first to receive the Resurrection news. They didn't know that they would be charged with setting everything in motion to let the world know.

I look forward to celebrating their showing up with you on Easter morning!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Join a group project: Participate in constructing a LEGO mosaic of our Jesus stained glass window (instructions and LEGOs provided) or sign up to handwrite a section of the Gospel of John (either cursive or printing is fine)



Eastertide Series: “Not Yet Convinced”

Not just Thomas, but most of our post-Easter stories demonstrate that people were confused and skeptical about the news of Jesus’ resurrection. Join us as we explore the roll of doubt and experiences of faith as we continue to celebrate the risen Lord!



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