

The Newsletter

August 2018

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 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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August 2018



Choir Begins Again

August 1st Potluck

@Kendall & Laura
Smith's Home

Rehearsals Wednesdays

@ 7pm Choir Room



90+ Ice
Cream Social

August 12th
Parlor

2:30pm-4:30pm

Featuring:



School Supply Fundraiser
August & September
See Inside



News From Pews



By Billie Nixon
Membership
Coordinator

90 + Member Celebration



Come join us for ice cream on August 12th,
2:30pm in the Parlor!

*Featuring the talents of Austin Harmony
Chorus*

New 90 + Member this Year: John Nixon



Births

Debbie Parsley welcomes
her 3rd grandchild, a
granddaughter, Charlie
Loren Blincoe, born June 19,
2018 to Debbie's son Ian
Blincoe and his wife Emily.

Debbie has 2 grandsons, Jack William
Polidore, born September 18, 2014, and
Luke Henry Polidore, born April 18, 2016, to
her daughter Sarah Polidore and husband
John.

Congratulations to your family... let the Fun
begin!



Our deepest
condolences to Jane
Friedrich in the death of
her brother. J.P. Skinner,
89 years old died on June
20th after a fall and long
illness. Services were held
at Bartlett Goodnight
Funeral Home on June
29th.

Sincere condolences to
Cliff Masters on the passing of his mother.
Norma Jean Graber on 4-22-1926 in Orrville,
OH. Married 8-22-1949 to David Masters.
Died in Port Washington Wisconsin on 7-9-18.
The song leader at her rest home was singing
Amazing Grace as she took her last breath.

Love and prayers to Jane, Cliff and their
families during this difficult time.



Memorial is honored to welcome a new member
by transfer: Betty Sanders on July 22, 2018

Betty is not a stranger to us. She married Randy
Sanders 2/12/72 and became very active like all
the Sanders family, who belonged to Memorial at
that time.

Randy had cancer and passed away on July 13,
1986.

Betty has many talents, and we look forward to
having her with us. She enjoys needlepoint and
making jewelry as well as woodwork.

Congratulations to Betty! We at Memorial
welcome you and pray that God will enrich our
lives as we witness for Christ together.



Hello Memorial Family! I am super excited to join you as youth director! For those that may not know, I am originally from a small town in South Carolina but lived in Brooklyn, New York over the past 8 years. While living in NY, I worked as a school counselor in both elementary and middle school settings. During my time at

Unity Prep Middle School, I began volunteering as a youth leader with Young Life. This opened my eyes and my heart to the possibility of youth ministry. For the first time, I was able to share my faith with my students. It provided a space for me to talk openly with teenagers about my heart for Jesus. The work I did while serving with Young Life was life changing and ultimately led to my decision to apply to CYMT.

Over the next three years, my hope and prayer is to build up a thriving youth and young adult ministry at Memorial. My vision is to create a setting where youth can experience the power of Christ in a way that's relatable and relevant to them, and to create a space where teenagers can build community while also serving the community. While working to do this, I know that I will need your help! So, if you're interested in volunteering with the youth ministry, please let me know.

What's Next for MYM (Memorial Youth Ministry)

Back to School Celebration!



The first day of school is August 20! I am currently brainstorming possible back to school celebratory activities such as a Backyard BBQ or Pancake Breakfast. The goal of the event is to not only celebrate the beginning of a new school

year, but also to remind the community that we are here and want to invest in the lives of the children within the surrounding neighborhoods. In addition to great food, this event will also include fun games and activities, and possibly free giveaways such as school supplies. If you have any suggestions or would like to be a part of the planning committee, please let me know! I'd love to have you :-)

Felicia Hefney Memorial Youth Ministry

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- 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 August 16th
7pm in the Gym



Y'ALL COME

Annual Fall Y'all Come Sunday Dinner

A covered dish luncheon.

September 9, 2018

11:45 a.m. (in the gym)

See Billie Nixon to sign up to help.

2018 Calendar for Altar Flowers



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

Fill out a form ASAP designating your wish and leave at the secretary office in the door slot. Bouquets

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

Pastor's Corner



Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)

I stood at the graveside along with people from all over, people who knew and loved the Johnson family. Rev. Sheldon Johnson had officially retired on July 1, and while he was moving his family from Goldthwaite to Smithville, they were in a horrible car crash that killed his wife, Sharon, and only child, Ray. That day at the graveside would have been Ray's 14th birthday. Sheldon was only able to be present by video link, as he was still in the hospital with severe injuries at that time.

The pastor began speaking these words of hope from Romans 8 (you can find them as an affirmation of faith in our main hymnals at #887), and I was caught on the phrase "we are more than conquerors". It certainly didn't feel like a "winning" moment at the cemetery. Even though I believe wholeheartedly in eternal life and that death here is not the end of our lives in Christ, the tragic circumstances of this particular death had shaken me.

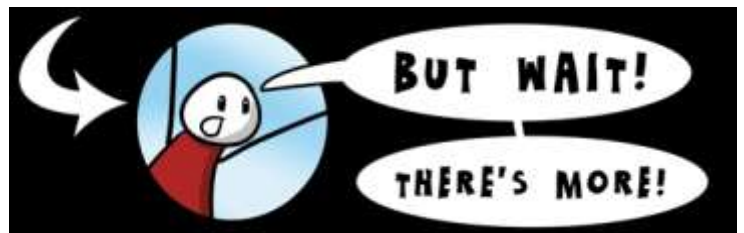
What does being a "conqueror" mean? In Paul's context, conquerors were those who managed to capture territory and bring it (and the people there) under their control. Romans were good at conquering, just as the Assyrians and Babylonians and Persians had been at conquering the ancient land of Israel. In the time of both ancient Israel and Paul, lands and territory would move back and

forth, being conquered and re-conquered, depending on who had the best and biggest army or the most sophisticated weapons. If you were a conqueror, you might not stay that way if you couldn't hold the land.

At that graveside, a person might have seen something less than victory, a defeat. The world only sees two people tragically gone—the hardship and distress and peril and death. There was no army who could bring them back, no technology or weapon that could restart their hearts. But we heard again from scripture that *even in that moment* we (and they!) were more than conquerors.

God's victory through Jesus goes well beyond what we might see as "winning". God's victory extends into the eternal. We are more than conquerors because there is nothing—not anything bad and not even anything good (which can be tempting!) that can keep us from God's love. To be MORE than a conqueror is to know that we move from grace to grace—as Charles Wesley put it, we are "change from glory into glory 'til in heaven we take our place." While we keep on working on faithfulness here in this life, we are already assured of Christ's victory on our behalf.

As far as it depends on Christ, this victory is not one that can be taken back. Death cannot re-conquer us. We can refuse this victory (we do, after all, believe that we can turn away from God's love), but that love and grace is always available to us. God's promise to us in Jesus Christ is that the absolute worst circumstances, the absolute worst situation, still cannot keep God from loving us.



We don't just win a victory that might be taken from us at any moment. We are MORE than conquerors, not because of our victory, but because Christ's

Cynthia Kepler-Harrer



AUGUST 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**

10:30-1:30 Mon-Fri. Meals On Wheels-Gym Kitchen

Wednesday August 1

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

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

6:30pm Choir Potluck—Kendall & Laura's Home

Thursday August 2

Friday August 3

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

Saturday August 4

*9am-11am Free Store Shopping& Donations - Gym

Sunday August 5

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday August 6

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

*6:30pm Girl Scouts Believer's Room & Gym

*7:00pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday August 7

6:00pm Crop Hunger Walk - NEW Room

Wednesday August 8

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday August 9

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday August 10

Saturday August 11

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday August 12

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Parlor

2:30-4:30pm 90+ Ice Cream Social - Parlor

Monday August 13

Tuesday August 14

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday August 15 Sept. Newsletter Content Due

Thursday August 16

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday August 17

Saturday August 18

Sunday August 19

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team - Pearce

Monday August 20 First Day of School

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday August 21

Wednesday August 22

Thursday August 23

Friday August 24

Saturday August 25

Sunday August 26

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday August 27

Tuesday August 28

Wednesday August 29

Thursday August 30

Friday August 31

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

****Pastor Cynthia is on vacation from**

July 29th– August 8th.

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office or Billie Nixon .**





August Birthdays

4th Melanie Baccus
 5th Doris Owens
 6th Christian Ramos
 8th Geraldine Boydston
 14th Taryn Stewart
 15th Lonan Zia Gray
 21st Janet Clark
 22nd Lynda Rychlik
 25th Karin Crumbling
 26th Felicity Rodriguez
 27th David Chandler
 Patricia Ericson
 Wallace Fowler
 28th Kerry Schmidt McFarland
 Everette Owens
 Keith Schmidt
 29th Vidette (Kiki) Corry
 Michele Reinhart Rehm
 30th Scooter Cheatham
 31st Richard Friedrich
 Julie Gonzales



AISD goes back to school on August 20th—
 we will be collecting donated funds for
 school supplies for Harris Elementary in
 August, September & October. Mark your
 donation with 'Harris Elementary' and
 drop in the offering plate or in the
 secretary's office.



Worship Readers Wanted

We are constantly seeking people who
 would like to participate in worship by
 reading scripture or offering the Prayers of
 the People. We believe that the more
 voices we hear, the more we understand
 that liturgy is the work of all the people--
 not just the pastor and choir.

If you would like to receive more
 information about doing this and get on
 the schedule please contact Connie Tatom
 512-923-3977 to volunteer to read
 scripture and prayers on Sunday during
 worship.



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





Veggies, Eggs and a Side of HOPE – that's the theme for this coming year's CROP Hunger Walks nationwide. Here's what that looks like:

like:

As many as 39 percent of children under five living in West Timor are underweight.

Most households where CWS West Timor programs are located spend about 73% of their income on food.

Through the Timor Zero Hunger program, families are raising chickens and starting or expanding vegetable gardens. Both mean better nutrition and a more diverse diet. Within weeks the families will have eggs and vegetables to eat or sell. In addition, over 60 young children with severe malnutrition received high-energy milk and nutritious foods at the CWS-supported Therapeutic Feeding Center. Over 300 families with children under five have improved nutrition through the support of chickens and home gardens.

Kevin Murphy

Community Engagement Specialist



SENIORS NEED SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER.... A great time to volunteer!

Summer is a busy time for our volunteers. It is sometimes difficult to find the drivers we need to fill the open requests from our clients.

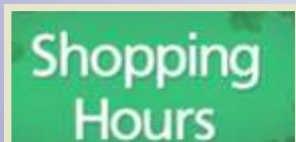


People look forward to summer all year long. It is the time for vacations, family, bbqs, swimming, ice cream, reading, beaches, and trying something new. Perhaps this year is the year to give volunteering a try.

The hot summer months takes some volunteers away, but it also brings in new people who can volunteer only during the summer. We have a great group of teen volunteers who help on the vans and in the office. We have two different organizations working with us, the **Young Men's Service League**-Round Rock and the **National Charity League** -Round Rock, who are able to provide more help to us during the summer months and it is a great time for more youth to participate. Many teachers also love to volunteer with us during the summer months. Are you involved in a group that would like to volunteer with us?

Senior Access is very aware that you have a choice in when, how, where, and with whom you volunteer and donate. The clients you serve are so grateful you have chosen them. They love seeing you and are grateful for the opportunity it gives them to be able to get out of their homes to do the business that they need to do, especially during the hot summer.

Contact Sherrie at vr@senioraccessstx.org or call 512.310.1060 or visit www.senioraccessstx.org.



Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and Saturdays

9am-11am



Monday,
Wednesday,
Friday

10am-1pm &

Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In Gym (not the office)



Help Deliver Meals in your Neighborhood!
Weekday Volunteer Drivers needed; delivery routes take one hour or less; additional sites open all over Austin. Contact our Volunteer Services office at 512-476-6325 today!

Thanks! Denise Jimenez

Director of Volunteer Services East 5th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org



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A covered dish luncheon.

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11:45 a.m. (in the gym)

Bring a side to share. Meat, drinks provided. Sign up to Help

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