

# August 2019

## Memorial United Methodist Church

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**Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Vision:** A Christian community aspiring to live its mission with passion, generosity, and intentionality.

### *Sunday Schedule*

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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# The Newsletter

Choir Begins Again

August 7th BBQ

@ 6:30pm Choir Room



**90+ Ice Cream Social Parlor**  
**August 11th 2:30-4:30pm**



**School Supply Fundraiser**  
**August & September**

See Inside





By Billie Nixon

Membership Coordinator



### Who is Shelly Pomerleau Bass?

Shelly has been a part of the Memorial family for many years. She and her family (Earl, Afton Pomerleau & children; Shelly, Kiki, Kel, Melina &

Harry Pomerleau) joined our church some time ago, and each one quickly became active here.

As a young adult, Shelly participated in the College and Career Sunday School Class, where Billie Nixon says they all "had a ball." Through members of that class, Shelly met her husband, Jon Bass. Now, they have two grown children of their own!

These days, Shelly is active in some of the music programs that call Memorial home. She sings in our church choir, and she sings and plays with the Austin Ukulele Society.

Shelly just celebrated her retirement, receiving an engraved gold watch from the City of Austin, where she most recently worked as an administrative assistant for Parks and Recreation. She served in other administrative assistant positions over the years, and her sister Kiki wants everyone to know that in each of those jobs, Shelly brought more skill and joy to her work than anyone thought a person could bring. Shelly lives and works in a way that proves Jesus can "accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). We know that by God's grace, Shelly will continue to live this way in this new phase of her life. Congratulations on your retirement, Shelly!

**Welcome Phillip Lowe to our 90+ Members**

**Come celebrate with us at our Ice Cream Social.**



## Births

**Audra Lee Smith** was born June 3 weighing 5 lb 10 oz! Parents are Josh and Lexi Smith. Older siblings Eleanor and Wilson, all living in Washington, DC.



Congratulations to the Grandparents Kendall and Laura Smith along with Uncle Tyler and Aunts, Genny and Hannah!



## You Are Invited

To Honor All Members  
90+ Years Young



Aug. 11th Parlor  
2:30pm - 4:30pm



## WELCOME DAPHNE!!

Daphne Turnage is a native of Memphis, TN. She began her walk with the Lord at an early age, but it wasn't until college during her studies at University of Tennessee-Knoxville that she realized the true goodness of the Lord. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Knoxville in 2015, completed Downline Ministries which is 9- month discipleship program, and received her certification in Community Transformation from Memphis Center For Urban Theological Studies. She has served the urban communities of Memphis, TN for three plus years by sharing the Gospel and meeting the needs of the people she served. The thing that she enjoys most about ministry is seeing lives transformed by the Gospel and helping young people realize their identity is in Christ. Some of her hobbies include Karaoke, playing Phase10, and painting. What she is excited most about for her time here in Austin is the new relationships that will be built, her studies in seminary, and to be the hands and feet of the Lord.



## 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 or would like to receive some tips and tricks for how to do it more effectively, please let the office know, and Pastor Cynthia would be happy to speak with you. You can also speak directly to Connie Tatom, our scheduler, to be on the list of readers and pray-ers!



Memorial United Methodist Church has met the criteria for Safe Gatherings' recognition program, signifying your organization's strong commitment to protect children, you, and vulnerable adults in 2019. In order to receive this recognition, an organization must have a certain number or percentage of active Safe Gatherings approvals.

But this doesn't mean we're done! Right now, we have five people in the congregation certified. Our goal is 25! Can you help us? If you work with children or youth or our Rainbow Class at all or help out with child or youth centered activities (like Spring Fling or Trunk or Treat), it is most appropriate that you be certified. We all need to be thinking about how to keep children and youth safe!



**SAFE**  
GATHERINGS



AISD goes back to school on August 19th– we will be collecting donated funds for school supplies for Harris Elementary in August & September.

**\*\*Mark your donation with “Harris Elementary” and drop in the offering plate or in the secretary’s office.**



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

Thanks!

Emma Roberts

Volunteer Recruitment Specialist

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## **Balancing a Home School Education**

Recently, BookShark, a prominent homeschooling curriculum site, had the following to say about volunteering as homeschool students and families. “It’s easy to get wrapped up in the academics of homeschooling. From planning history lessons to grading math tests, educational pursuits can quickly fill up every square inch of brain space. However, in order for our children’s education to be balanced, they need time outside of the home. If they can consider the needs of others in those activities, all the better!”



“There are so many wonderful hands-on learning experiences available by volunteering together as a homeschool family. With the flexibility of a homeschool schedule, many of these projects can be easily worked into your regular routine.”

Senior Access welcomes homeschool students and families looking for meaningful ways to volunteer. We provide transportation and other essential services for seniors in your community who are no longer able to drive for themselves. [This allows these individuals to maintain their Independence and continue living in their own homes.](#)

Teens can assist in: Office Work, Light Yard Work, Friendly Phone Calls, and Bus Ride-Along Helpers. Families can assist with: Transportation, In-Home Visits, Light Yard Work, and Handyman Services.

Whether it’s an hour a week, or a couple hours a month, you can make a huge difference in someone’s life! If you’re looking for meaningful activities for your homeschool students, contact us now!

If you’re interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Sherrie at 512-310-1060 | [vr@senioraccessstx.org](mailto:vr@senioraccessstx.org), or visit our website at [www.senioraccessstx.org](http://www.senioraccessstx.org).



## Pastor's Corner

<sup>24</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?

(Luke 9:24-25)

This is a picture of an exercise that is sometimes known as a bent hollow body hold. It is supposed to be good for your balance and for your abdominal core as a strength exercise.

But in my exercise classes, we call this position “holding the world”. We imagine holding the world using our legs and chest and hands. The goal is to hold this position for two or more minutes.

I don’t last nearly that long.

Even on mornings I don’t go to class, I have been trying to hold this position, trying to build up my stamina and my core strength.

It’s also a good reminder to me that I can’t, shouldn’t expect to, and shouldn’t WANT to hold the whole world. And if I thought it was my responsibility to do everything, well, my daily practice should be enough to remind me that although this looks easy, it doesn’t take very long before my body says, “NO!”

There’s also a tension there, right? We’re called not to be completely apart from the world or outside of it. We’re just called to know our role in the world. We don’t have to own the whole thing, nor do we get a chance to ignore it. If I don’t try to do at least the 30-40 seconds of this pose that I can currently hold (up from 20-25 second 6 months ago!), then my core is just going to become more flabby and less strong.

I’m grateful that God calls me to partner with God. I’m grateful that God holds the world—LOVES the world!—so much that God sent Jesus.

What are you trying to hold? Is that something that God is gently trying to remind you that you don’t need to hold? Is God trying to hand you something that you are refusing to work on? I pray for your balance today—that you will handle the parts that God has given you responsibility (stewardship!) over and that you will watch in wonder what God can do when we allow God’s love to transform us, others, and all of creation!

### THINKING AHEAD!

Each year, we have received permission to serve a cooked breakfast to the staff at Harris Elementary on their first staff development day. That day is likely to be August 13 though at the time of publication of this newsletter, we are still waiting to speak with the new principal to make sure we are still on their calendar. You can help by:

- ⇒ Signing up to bake and deliver a breakfast casserole (we provide ingredients)
- ⇒ Contributing to our Harris support fund
- ⇒ Volunteering to make coffee that morning
- ⇒ Planning to come over and help serve

We will make an announcement as soon as we have absolutely solid plans for this!

# AUGUST

## 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**

#### **Thursday August 1**

- \* 9am-11am Wesley School Soccer - Gym
- \* 7:00-9:00pm Al-Anon Group - Library

#### **Friday August 2**

- \*6:30pm Girl Scouts #172 - Believer's/Gym

#### **Saturday August 3**

#### **Sunday August 4 Communion**

- 9:15am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am Worship Service
- \* 6:00-8:00pm Al-Anon Group - Library

#### **Monday August 5**

- \*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Gym

#### **Tuesday August 6**

- \*9:30am-11am Wesley School Dance - Gym
- 10:00am Bible In Fellowship - Pearce

#### **Wednesday August 7**

- 6:30pm Back to Choir BBQ - Choir Room

#### **Thursday August 8**

- 4:15pm-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers
- 7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

#### **Friday August 9**

#### **Saturday August 10**

- 10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

#### **Sunday August 11**

#### **Guest Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Write**

- 8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym
- 9:15am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 11:30am Trustees - Pearce
- 2:30-4:30pm Ice Cream Social - Parlor

#### **Monday August 12**

- 6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

#### **Tuesday August 13**

- 6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

#### **Wednesday August 14**

#### **Thursday August 15**

- 7:00pm Bread Church - Gym Kitchen

#### **Friday August 16**

#### **Saturday August 17**

- 1-4pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

#### **Sunday August 18**

- 9:15am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 5-9pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

#### **Monday August 19**

#### **Tuesday August 20**

- 10:00am Reading & Library - Children's Library
- 7-10om Austin Shakespeare - Gym

#### **Wednesday August 21**

- 7-10om Austin Shakespeare - Gym

#### **Thursday August 22**

- 4:15pm-6:30pm 7-10om Austin Shakespeare - Gym
- Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers

#### **Friday August 23**

- 7-10om Austin Shakespeare - Gym

#### **Saturday August 24**

- 9:00am-11:30am Private Group - FHL
- 1-4pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

#### **Sunday August 25**

- 9:15am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 11:30am Church Council - Parlor
- 11:45am WHO Widow Support - Pearce

#### **Monday August 26**

#### **Tuesday August 27**

#### **Wednesday August 28**

#### **Thursday August 29**

#### **Friday August 30**

#### **Saturday August 31**

\*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Citizenship Class, Wesley School Soccer, Girl Scouts, Austin Harmony, Al-Anon and more.



## 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  
 Keith Schmidt  
 Everette Owens  
 29th Vidette (Kiki) Corry  
 Michele Reinhart Rehm  
 30th Scooter Cheatham  
 31st Richard Friedrich  
 Julie Gonzales

## 2019 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!*

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



Join Your Church  
Every 2nd Sunday  
 of the month in the  
 Gym 8:30am  
 August 11th



Please be in  
 prayer for our  
 congregation  
 and friends.

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?

**August 15th**



**Bread Church**  
**7PM Gym**  
**\*Fruit Based**  
**Yeast Bread**

# August Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE

**Y'all Come**

Sunday

September 8th



**Invite your friends and neighbors to come to church and join in the fun!**

Lunch served in the gym  
after service.

Bring a dish to share  
BBQ, bread and drinks  
will be provided.

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**Rev. Teresa Welborn,**  
**Capital District Superintendent**

