

# The Newsletter

## August 2017

### 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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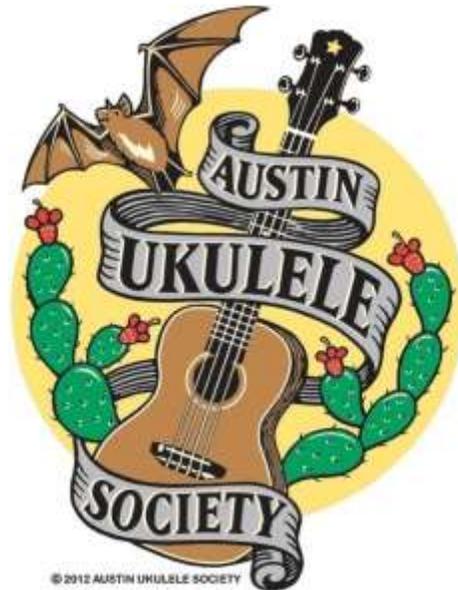
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## August 2017



### Aloha Sunday August 6th

### Featuring:



### Chancel Choir Potluck August 9th 6:30pm





By **Billie Nixon**      **Membership Coordinator**

Hi! This month I thought I would highlight some of the news from different members.

## HONORS 90 + Member Celebration



We had our 90+ Ice Cream Social on July 23rd to honor three new members this year for the first time. Welcome to the club: Gerry Almquist, Jane Friedrich and Richard (Dick) Moore.

We had over 20 people attend and 6 of our 90+ members came to enjoy and celebrate.

If you missed it, you missed a great time!

## Member Updates

Next, news of our congregation.

Cleo Wilson fell las month and broke her hip. She had hip replacement surgery and attends

rehabilitation at Park Bend. She has enjoyed receiving cards from you all.

Joann Bennink received a bad health report.

Herbert Purtle also had hip replacement surgery and is home recovering.

Billie Talley has been in out of St. David's undergoing tests.

Some of you have been sick recently– we would love an update on how you are doing, until then...

Lela Barker has been ill but was spotted a church recently, as has Pat Teaney and Jim Rhoades.

We have been so happy to see and visit with Katherine Eaker at church in July!

Even though John Nixon fell last month hurting his leg, he has been in a brace and able to attend.

Don Morrison recently moved to Buckner.

Evelyn Capps and Dorothy Langston had cataract surgery and are both doing well.

If there are others that we need to know of and send updates on, please let us know.

Love and Prayers, Billie



# Y'ALL COME

## Save The Date

**Annual Fall Y'all Come Sunday Dinner**

A covered dish luncheon

**September 10, 2017**

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

See Billie Nixon to sign up to help



## Bible In Fellowship August 1st

at Patty Marcums's 10:30am.  
Carpooling from Memorial at 10am.  
  
\*\*All Women Invited! Bring a salad to share for lunch.



Join Your Church  
Every 2nd Sunday  
of the month for  
Pancake Breakfast in  
the Gym  
August 13th 8:30am



Aloha Sunday August 6th

GUEST PLAYERS: AUSTIN UKULELE  
SOCIETY



### Wednesday Rehearsals Resumes August 16th Choir @ 7:00 pm

#### Welcome Christ Church —

This coming year, we will be hosting some regular meetings and events for Christ Church, an Anglican congregation in the area, whose facilities are undergoing major remodeling. In addition to welcoming them to our space, it makes it especially important to make sure no one is using a space without scheduling it through the office. We are happy to be able to use our facility to help people know Jesus better!



#### CHOIR POTLUCK DINNER AUGUST 9TH

We will have our back-to-choir potluck on August 9th at 6:30pm in the Parlor with mini rehearsal to follow. Any interested members of the congregation are encouraged to come and hear about fall plans for the choir. We have been blessed to have Dr. David Smalls with us as an occasional clinician this spring, and we hope to continue having special musical guests with us this fall through the generosity of the Moore Music Fund.

### Special Prayer Experience

September 3rd Labor Day  
Sunday @10:30am

Save the date!  
Invite a Friend!

## Pastor's Corner



*“Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 1:6-8)*

Memorial UMC has been invited into a discernment process by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary around the idea of discovering the gifts of 20-somethings in our neighborhoods and city. Several months ago, the head of their continuing education program reached out to me to ask if I would be willing to consider participating in some conversations leading up to a Lilly-funded initiative which might help congregations who were wanting to reach out to 20-somethings, a group that is often missing from Christian church life.

After attending several listening sessions and drawing our Leadership Team into the mix, we are entering a process of discernment. The main question is, “What are we called to do in terms of younger people?” There could be many possible answers to that question, but the answer most churches, including us, usually give is, “Wait and hope they come.”

The 787 Collective, the name of the initiative, envisions that churches won't simply wait and hope, but that they might feel a call to actively seek out relationships with 20-somethings—not to reproach them for their decisions or lifestyles or career or family choices, but to deeply listen to how they see the world and how they are already sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit, whether or not they are “churched” or religious.

We will be doing some exercises and having some listening sessions over the next few months leading up to a decision as to whether or not to apply to become a part of the Collective, which would be a group of churches ready to encourage and challenge one another in this area, with some funding to help us do that. Mostly, I see this discernment time as a good way for us to figure out what role those who are not currently in our congregations can play in helping us discern how we move forward as a congregation—because we know we can't do it on our own with declining numbers and financial resources.

Jeremiah told God that he wasn't old enough to speak God's word to the people. Young people today may not frame their hopes in these terms, but I believe we need to be prepared to listen to see whether or not God is speaking once again through a generation we tend not to listen to. I hope that you will be in prayer with me and with the Leadership Team as we seek to listen to God's Spirit and to young adults.

*Cynthia Kepler-Kauer*



### Pew Crosses For Sale \$25

Last year, 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).



# AUGUST CALENDAR

## **Tuesday August 1**

10:00am BIF Carpool from church

## **Wednesday August 2**

Every Wednesday: Free Store Open

11:00am-1:00pm Free Store Open for Shopping

## **Thursday August 3**

## **Friday August 4**

## **Saturday August 5**

Every Saturday: Free Store Open

9:00am-11:00am Free Store Open for Shopping

1:00pm-3:00pm Girl Scouts - Gym/Believer's

## **Sunday August 6 Aloha Sunday**

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am- Worship Service

Guest Players: Austin Ukulele Club

11:30am Leadership Team - Pearce

## **Monday August 7**

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00pm Boy Scout Council - Scout Room

## **Tuesday August 8**

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

## **Wednesday August 9**

6:00pm Chancel Choir Potluck Dinner

## **Thursday August 10**

7:00pm - 9:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## **Friday August 11**

## **Saturday August 12**

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

## **Sunday August 13 Pancake Breakfast**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

## **Monday August 14**

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

## **Tuesday August 15**

**(September Newsletter Content Deadline)**

## **Wednesday August 16**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday August 17**

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

## **Friday August 18**

## **Saturday August 19**

## **Sunday August 20**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team (Parlor)

## **Monday August 21 First Day of Class for AISD**

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

## **Tuesday August 22**

## **Wednesday August 23**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday August 24**

## **Friday August 25**

## **Saturday August 26**

## **Sunday August 27**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

## **Monday August 28**

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

**Tuesday August 29**

**Wednesday August 30**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday August 31**



## 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



## 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!



## 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](mailto:secretary@Memorialumcaustin.com)





I'm very excited about two new additions to the Austin CROP Hunger Walk for 2018.

On Sunday, September 10, 2017 we will hold our first-ever ATX CROP Hunger Walk celebration – which will recognize our incredible Walk congregations, the local organizations supported through the event, and some of our great walkers. The celebration will be at the Central Texas Food Bank from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Mark your calendar and come on out to celebrate with us!

The other reason for my excitement is a new Walk day activity for 2018 – a relay race for youth and young adult groups. We think this will be a fun addition to the CROP Hunger Walk – which, by the way, is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Camp Mabry.

Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Specialist  
Church World Service



### Shopping Hours

Wednesdays  
11am-1pm  
and Saturdays  
9am-11am

### DONATION DROP OFF

Monday,  
Wednesday,  
Friday 10am-1pm  
and  
Saturdays 8:30am-11am  
In Gym (not the office)



**Drive a Senior**  
Volunteers In Motion



SUMMER....time for vacations, family, bbqs, swimming, ice cream, reading, beaches, trying something new, relaxing, watching lightening bugs, or maybe the cooler mountains if you are

lucky! Summer is a busy time for our volunteers. It is sometimes difficult to find the drivers we need; but it is also amazing to see how it works out in the end. You see, Drive a Senior-Senior Access volunteers are the BEST! You make this organization great.

The hot summer months takes volunteers away, but it also brings in new people who can volunteer only in 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, who are able to provide more help to us during the summer months and it's a great time for more youth to participate.

Drive a Senior-Senior Access is very aware that you have a choice in 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.

Summer is a great time to volunteer. Next time you are out and about, consider a client, maybe they would like to get an ice cream with you! Whether you are new to volunteering or a seasoned pro, every volunteer act you provide is important. Every donation you make is important. Thank you for being GREAT! If you would like to become part of our volunteer team or a donor, please contact Sherrie Rose at [vr@driveasenior.org](mailto:vr@driveasenior.org) or call 512.310.1060.



Please be in prayer  
for our  
congregation and  
friends.



## **Bread Church: Breaking Bad Edition**

In the TV series Breaking Bad, a high school teacher who is in need of money to pay for cancer treatment uses his chemistry skills to start... shall we say concocting unhelpful products for sale.

But chemistry can also be used for good. We won't break bad— we will break bread as we make Irish Soda Bread, which uses a chemical leavener (baking soda) instead of yeast. We will talk about how we deal with new possibilities and “shortcuts” that make our lives easier.

What do we gain? What do we lose?

Join Us Thursday August 17th  
7pm in the Gym



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