

The Newsletter

SUMMER 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church

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

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Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Getting ready for FaithLabors!

As has been our habit for the past several years, on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, we will be offering ourselves in service.



This year, to mix it up a little bit, we will only have a couple of projects "on site". Instead, starting the first Sunday in August, we will have cards in the sanctuary for you to write your own service opportunity in—it can be onsite or offsite. Suggestions for offsite projects you and your family can do:

Visit a shut in

Help at the FreeStore (by special arrangement)

Explore volunteer opportunities at places like Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Walk dogs or play with cats at the Austin Animal Center (check their website for volunteer information)

During that week, if we have a card for you and your project, we will mail you a very short survey that can help us to tell the stories. Bring that back on Y'all Come Sunday, and we'll celebrate all our ways of service!

News from the Pews

Submitted by **Billie Nixon**
Membership Coordinator



AnnaBelle Burkland

Turner, 91, of Austin, was called home to our Lord on Sunday morning May 15, 2016. A member of "The Greatest Generation", AnnaBelle married the love of her life Robert Lee Turner on January 15, 1949, one year after his discharge from the U.S. Navy.

AnnaBelle was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. AnnaBelle was born on January 18th, 1925 in Austin, TX, to parents Fred Herman Burkland and Selma Helgren Burkland and married to Robert Lee Turner, of Austin for 65 years.

AnnaBelle is preceded in death by her husband Robert Lee Turner, parents Fred Herman Burkland and Selma Helgren Burkland, her adopted brother Homer Burkland, sister and brother-in-law Gladys & Harold Warner, nephew David Warner, and daughter-in-law Delma Garza Turner.

She is survived by her sons Wesley Turner of Ft. Worth, TX, and Donald F. Turner of Austin, daughters-in-law Shirley Turner of Ft. Worth, and Moonyeen Ruiz Turner of Austin, granddaughters Sara Camp of Ft. Worth, TX, Lesley Zimpelman of Ft. Worth, TX, grandsons Jonathan Turner of Austin, TX, Jeffery Turner of Austin, TX, and seven great grandchildren.

On behalf of AnnaBelle, her family would like to thank the staff at Seton Hospital for the care they provided in recent weeks as well as the staffs at Buckner Villas and Brookdale for their daily love,

care and support over the last four years.

Anna Belle and Bob were both very active members of Memorial until poor health limited their activities.

Major David Ernest Teaney, 82, was called to duty in heaven June 9, 2016. Born July 17, 1933 to David and Mary Teaney in Indianapolis, IN. He attended [Purdue University](#), a USAF pilot, He married Patty Jolliff on Oct, 9th, 1955. A decorated officer serving overseas and in the US. He retired at Bergstrom AFB as squadron commander. Owing his own company, his skills and talent made him respected and a requested leading decorator of major events in Texas and the US. The couple donated thousands of dollars and hours to charity, the Special Olympics, Goodwill, Jerry Lewis Telethon, are just a few. He was always willing to help and teach those around him.

His life is celebrated by his wife Patty Teaney, daughter, Bambi Teaney, son and wife, David and Davi Teaney, grand children, Tamera, David, Nichole, Joseph Teaney, great grand children, Anaya, Freddie, Jamie Cash, Dasia, and Dnaya.

David's memorial service was held June, 21, 2016 at 6:30pm at Memorial United Methodist Church.

For many years the Teaneys were active in all areas of Memorial until health issues restricted their activities.

They were a blessing
to us, will not be
forgotten and always
remembered with
much love.





Weddings

William Friedrich and Sarah Hilburn were married on Dutch Mountain near Llano on May 14, 2016. Both are graduates of Texas State University. William is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York. William is the son of Richard and Judy Friedrich of Georgetown, and the grandson of Jane Friedrich and the late Logan Friedrich. Like his brother Andrew,

William's Eagle Scout project was at Memorial. He is employed by the City of Austin and Sarah, a biologist, is employed by Assuragen in Austin.



HoNors Graduates 2016

Sunday June 5, 2016 Memorial was privileged to honor 3 of our graduates with a reception at 10am and recognize them in the regular morning service.



Clayton Tolle Karrer- husband of our pastor, Cynthia Kepler-Karrer, son of Ray (deceased) and Carolyn Karrer, graduated from Perkins School of Theology, SMU with a degree in Masters of Divinity. Clayton plans to work 1/4 time as Clinic Director, Redemptive Work; as he seeks ordination in the United Methodist Church.

Hannah Joann Smith-daughter of Kendall & Laura Smith, siblings of Joshua and Lexi Smith, Genny Smith Cornell, Tyler Moore and grandparents Jim Rhoades (& Shirley Rhoades-deceased).

She is a graduate from A.N. McCallum High School with Honors & Scholarships in National Honor Society, Academic All District all four years in 2 sports. Presidential Scholarship to Baylor University. She played soccer 3 years on Varsity; softball 4 years on Varsity, 1st team



Women's News

Submitted by:

The United Methodist Women hosted Church Women United on June 3-4 for their annual Wellspring Bible Study. Rev. Cynthia Rigby of the Austin Presbyterian Seminary spoke. She used Jeremiah 29:11-13 for her text as she spoke the words "Be Not Afraid".

Please be in prayer for all the families and friends of the victims of gun violence here at home and those of the recent attacks overseas.

Graduates 2016

Continued

All District, softball Jr. & Sr. years, 1st team
All District soccer 10th-12th grades.

Hannah plans to attend Baylor University in the fall.

Melissa Marie Minette-daughter of Rose & Maury Minette. She graduated from McCallum High School. She has been part of our Methodist Youth group at Memorial for years. She is a life guard with Parks & Recreation this summer and plans to attend ACC.



Graduates From Memorial's Extended Family

David Elliot, son of John and Kristen Shelton, and siblings Jacob and Sarah Shelton, will be graduating from McNeil H.S. in Austin. He plans to attend ACC and then pursue a Business degree. David is the grandson of Alberta Shelton.

Carolyn Giles, daughter of Gary and Cara Giles, her brother Charles 'Chaso' James Giles and Carole Garner is her grandmother. Carolyn is graduating from Baylor University, receiving her degree in Speech Pathology. Her future plans include a

missionary trip serving in Uganda for 8 months, leaving in September.

Matthew Lee Rosas, grandson of Connie Tatom is graduating from James Pace H.S. in Brownsville, Tx. His future plans are to go to U.T. Rio Grand Valley and major in Criminal Justice. The goal being to work as a state park ranger or for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Emily Lee Crane, daughter of Kelly and Barbara Crane, brother of Matthew Crane and granddaughter of our church's ex-bookkeeper, Peggy Sismilich. She is receiving a double degree from U.T. @ San Antonio, Tx. the 14th of May 2016 at the Alamo Dome. Her degree's : BS in Business and her Masters Cum Laude in Accounting. She has already begun work at an accounting firm in Houston.

Nicole Dennig Sword, daughter of William and Laura Dennig, sister to Michelle and Caitland Dennig. Nicole is receiving her BS in Radiology from Midwestern State University. She and her husband Aaron Sword, are now living in Tyler, Texas and she is working at Christ's Trinity Mother Frances Clinic.

We are so happy to celebrate with each of these graduates and their families. May God continue to guard, guide and direct them on their different journeys.





June Birthdays

- 2nd Cliff Masters
- 6th Kay Allen
- 7th Tina Zapalac-Nixon
- 9th Courtney May
- 10th Kathy Reinhart
- 12th Cleo Wilson
- 16th Pat Marcum
Stephanie Smith
Nicole Teaney
- 19th Joseph Teaney
- 21st Patty Marcum
- 22nd Aiden Rodgers
- 24th Chuck Garner
Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
Brieghl Mobley
- 27th Chase Jennings Holland

- 23rd Kim Gray
- 24th William Friedrich
- 28th Gloria McPhail
- 31st Tyler Joshua Moore
John F. Nixon
Shirley Wehmer



August Birthdays

- 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 Chanlder
Patricia Ericson
Wallace Fowler
- 28th Kerry Schmidt McFarland
Everette Owens
Michelle Reinhart Rehm
Keith Schmidt
- 29th Vidette (Kiki) Corry
- 30th Scooter Cheatham
- 31st Richard Friedrich
Julie Gonzales



July Birthdays

- 3rd Mark Schmidt
- 4th Karl Amundson
- 12th Dick Moore
- 15th Katherine Eaker
Gail Mohler
- 16th Betty Sampler
- 17th David Teaney
- 18th Darin Williams, Jr.
- 22nd Billie Florence Lois Nixon



AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday, August 1

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, August 2

Wednesday, August 3

Thursday, August 4

- 8:00 am - ESL classes –Parlor

Sunday, August 7, Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am - Pancake Breakfast-Gym
- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, August 8

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, August 9

Wednesday, August 10

- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room

Thursday, August 11

- 8:00 am - ESL Classes— Parlor
- 7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society— gym

Saturday, August 13

- 10:00 am - Windsor Park Neighborhood Association— Gym/FHL

Sunday, August 14

- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, August 15

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Church Council— Pearce
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, August 16

- 9:30 am - Honeybees UMW crafters— Pearce

Wednesday, August 17

- 10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room

Thursday, August 18

- 7:00 pm - Bread Church— Gym/Kitchen

Sunday, August 21,

- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, August 22

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, August 23

Wednesday, August 24

- 10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 25

Sunday, August 28

- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, August 29

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

AUGUST CALENDAR

CONTINUED

Tuesday, August 30

9:30 am - Honeybees UMW crafters— Pearce

Wednesday, August 31

10: 00 am - Wesley School Chapel

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room



2016 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.



Wednesday Rehearsals

RESUME AUG. 10th

Choir @ 7:00 pm



For groups of 10 or more: get discounted tickets to an Austin Spurs basketball game, please contact Jacob Geller at 512-236-8333 or jgeller@attcenter.com



Building Use Calendar



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.

Ice Cream Social



July 31st @ 2:30pm

Honoring All Members
90+ Years Young!



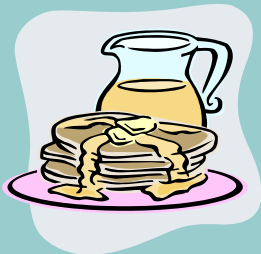
Electric Bill Savings

Did you know if the main account holder on the Austin Energy electric bill in your house is either 65+ or doesn't own/drive a vehicle, you can save some money? There is a "Street Service" charge on your bill that can be waived—it runs anywhere from \$6.50-\$9.78 per month. This money goes for street repairs, but if you don't use the streets as much (as they assume for people 65 and older as well as those who don't drive), they will waive it for you. Call Austin Energy at 512-494-9400 for more information.



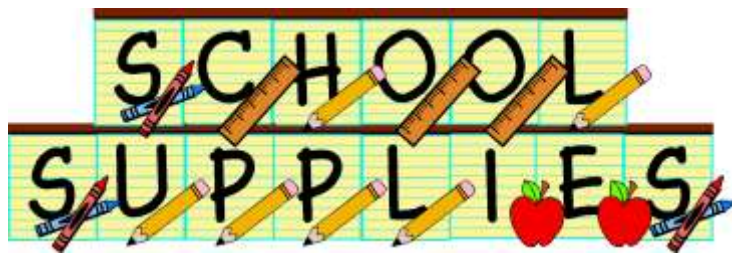
Punch with the Pastor
July 31st Parlor @ 1:30
"Get to Know Us"

MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join your church
family for a pancake
breakfast on August 7th
8:30 AM in the
gym.





Harris Elementary School Supply Drive

We will be collecting donations and school supplies to benefit the children of our community at Harris Elementary for the month of August. Please designate on your giving or memo box "School Supplies" or drop the requested items in the bin at the back of the sanctuary.

Harris gave us a list of these most-needed items.

- ⇒ Pink erasers
 - ⇒ Pencils (no pens)
 - ⇒ Kleenex boxes
 - ⇒ Highlighters
 - ⇒ Dry erase markers
 - ⇒ Red pencils
 - ⇒ Spiral wide-lined notebooks
 - ⇒ Zip-lock sandwich bags
 - ⇒ Binder
 - ⇒ Wide-lined notebook paper
 - ⇒ Crayons
 - ⇒ Markers
 - ⇒ Colored pencils
 - ⇒ School boxes
 - ⇒ Hand Sanitizer (not soap),
- **No scissors please



Bread Church

August 18th

at 7pm in Gym Kitchen

[Featured in July's Austin Chronicle](#)

"Pulling bread out of the oven always feels to me a bit like resurrection," she continues. "You come out of the heat, and it's not as though the yeast is dead. It's been transformed into something that has great value and can feed others and offer itself to the world. You could look at bread as dead yeast or you could see it as life and hope. How do we form and shape ourselves to be life and hope?"

"Bread Church helps feed the individual spirit, like sugar feeds yeast. But it's a ministry with the potential to change the world - or at least our city. When people - even within a secular context - reflect on who they are and how they navigate life through the process of making bread, they can spread those effects throughout the community. Much like turning five loaves of bread into enough to feed a multitude."
(Melanie Haupt)

Pastor's Corner

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrew 12:1-2

There have been some really great things that have happened in the life of the church lately that you may not know about. In addition to some great partnerships forming to be in ministry to the community (like our ESL program and the Girl Scout Troop that has been meeting with us for the past several months), we have received some kudos both in public and also more privately.

Publicly, there was a pretty great article in the Austin Chronicle about Bread Church and its possibilities for offering spiritual renewal to the neighborhood and even to the city. I'm so pleased with how the reporter who came and talked to me understood what we are trying to do with that—and how she also talked about what other churches are doing to combat hunger in Austin. I love it when we lift each other up—because we are cooperative, not competitive.

Privately, I had a great conversation with someone from Texas Methodist Foundation, who is excited about so much of what we're doing and how we're approaching things like letting people use our building and establishing relationships with them. It's good to have the support of groups like that because they see a wider picture, and they can let us know if we're going down a path that won't be helpful.

Finally, I received an invitation to be one of 12 UMC clergy in the country to join a peer-learning group at the Lewis Center for Leadership at Wesley Seminary in Washington D.C. We will meet 3

times this year in DC (and the Lilly foundation is paying for it!) to discuss what it means to be lead churches not just in ministering to those already here, but to those who are in our mission field.

It might be easy to think that I've done all of this. But not when I think of the cloud of witnesses. You see, I've never seen the cloud of witnesses only as the saints who have already died in the faith. I see them as those who are watching...those who will be available to God to say what they've seen of resurrection and of the Jesus life.

Before I started Bread Church, Kiki and Mark Corry were faithfully making the communion bread—really amazing and delicious communion bread! Before I went over to Harris Elementary, Steve Reinhart had been volunteering to be a crossing guard at his local elementary school. Well before I start talking about ministries to the people in our neighborhood, Alberta Shelton and a host of other UMW women were actually working with people in the neighborhood. Before we started BRUNCH, Eddie Smith spent a lot of time cooking up a storm for members of the congregation. Before I even knew what to do with visuals, Laura and Kendall Smith and Chuck Garner were plotting and planning for a great technological change in the sanctuary. Before I said a word about hospitality, Tom Bissett, William Dennig, Billie Nixon and a whole host of ushers and greeters were already welcoming people.

I didn't invent any of these things. And it's my prayer that we continue to make them such a part of our DNA that those who are still watching us—from those who are in our mission field to the city of Austin to all of United Methodists in the conference—might see that we are the church...yes, we are the church together. No one does this alone, so we all get to celebrate together. Thanks be to God!





Remember that there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with one or more of our community partners!



Meals on Wheels and More is changing its name to Meals on Wheels of Central Texas! As they expand services, it's a great time to get involved by taking a route or agreeing to substitute once a week or more. Routes are available at MUMC or in many other places around Austin. In addition, you can also learn about their services to help pets of our seniors get the food and vet care they need. Call 512-476-6325 for more information!



The Drive a Senior offices for the Northeast side of Austin are also located in our office suite. If you have even 2-3 hours a week, you might just be helping someone stay in their home by being available to give them a ride to the doctor or other appointment. These services are vital for many of our neighbors. Go to www.volunteerdriving.com to find out more and see how you can help!



HARRIS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Finally, we hope you will once again consider volunteering with Harris Elementary, our school partners across the street. Whether it's collecting supplies or going to read with kids once a week through the Reading Buddies program or helping us cook breakfast for the teachers at the beginning of the school year. Carol Logan is our contact and helps us to know what volunteer opportunities are available, whether short term or long term—let's lift up our community by helping our kids!



Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts all meet at Memorial on Monday nights. If you know a boy in junior high or up, have them come on Monday night to contact the troop directly (at 7:00pm in the gym). Girls in elementary school and up can talk to Kami or Holly (Alberta Shelton's great-granddaughters) or call the church for more information.



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Are you registered to vote?

If not, please see

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