

The Newsletter

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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December 2019

Songs of the Season



An Advent Series featuring the intersection of scripture and popular music from all ages, including “I’ll Be Home For Christmas”, “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)”, “Do You Hear What I Hear”, “Blue Christmas” and others! Including Hanging of the Greens on December 8 in our morning worship service and special guest artists!



December 24th 7:00pm



Office Closed 24th & 25th

News From Pews



**From Billie Nixon,
Membership
Coordinator**



**Geraldine F. Boydston
(Me-Maw), 92, of**

Pflugerville TX, passed away on October 28, 2019.

Geraldine was born in Hutto, TX on August 8, 1927 to Milton A. Barnes and Bess Gene Barnes. She graduated from Hutto High School and married her high school sweetheart and husband of 25 years, Auby Oran Boydston on March 13, 1945 after his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corp. Sadly in 1970, he passed away at the age of 45. Geraldine continued making her career working for many years for the Greater Texas Federal Credit Union until she retired after 27 years of service (1957-1984).

She was actively involved in the Memorial United Methodist Church and lived her life devoted to her family including her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her 2 children; Glenn (Kathy) Boydston and Pam Freitag. Her grandchildren; Lisa (Roger) Ley, Brett (Adrienne) Boydston, Farrah Freitag, and Derek (Chalise) Freitag. Her great grandchildren; Shea Prihoda, Bailey Prihoda, Austin Ley, Camren Ley, Lindsay Kirwin, Boone Freitag and Adeli Freitag. One brother; Bubba (Geneva) Barnes and a half brother; George (Janet) Barnes. Her sister-in-law; Helen Barnes along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her brother Eugene Barnes and Aunt Frances Awalt.

The funeral service were held at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville, Texas on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. A reception took place immediately following the burial service.



**WELCOME
New Member!!**

We are so happy to announce that Kathleen Beuttenmueller joined Memorial November 3, 2019.



She transferred from Faith United Methodist in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. She has already joined a Sunday school class, BIF United Methodist Women, choir and participated in church worship, and also joined Alberta Shelton & Cliff Masters to play bridge.

Kathleen is the mother of identical twin sons age 33. She likes to read, inside skating, croquet, and swimming. She is a certified lay speaker & has experience on stage acting in theater.

We gladly welcome Kathleen to Memorial and may God enrich our lives as we witness for Christ together.

**NEW
ARRIVALS**



It is our pleasure to announce the birth of Connie Tatom's newest granddaughter. Adeline Marian Tatom, weighing 7lbs. 4oz. & 20 3/4" long, which arrived on 10/21/19.

Adeline's parents are William and Angela Tatom. Connie now has 13 grandchildren, 6 boys and 7 girls, this doesn't include her great grandchildren!

Congratulations to each of you and may God guard, guide and bless you richly.



Staff Love Gift

Friends, as each of you know, we are truly blessed to have such a hard-working and loyal group of people on our church staff helping us fulfill our mission of ministry here in northeast Austin! As we approach the end of the year and the Christmas season, we want to again return a small token of appreciation to our these precious ones by collecting gifts from members and friends and then present our love gift to each staff member. All money collected will be evenly divided among our staff of six. If you wish to participate, please mail your check made out to the church **designating it "Staff Love Gift"** or put your check or cash gift in the offering in an **envelope marked "Staff Love Gift"**. Please get your gift to the church by December 16, in order for us to present it by Christmas. Thank you for your participation in letting our staff know how much we appreciate what they do for our church all year long.

Kendall Smith SPRC Chairperson



UMW Christmas Lunch Dec. 3rd 10:00am at Marcum House

*****Meet at church at 9:30am
if you need a ride.*****

**Bring a gift to exchange and
a dish to share.**

**Please bring 18 gifts, we will be
stuffing bags to go in to our
shut-in members.**



Pancake Breakfast December 8th 8:30am Gym



United Methodist Women will be collecting monetary donations only for Brown Santa so they may purchase specific toys for specific ages. Please donate at the Pancake breakfast in December in lieu of a money donation for your breakfast. Money donations may also be given to Patty Marcum or Alberta Shelton.



December Events

December 8th UMYF 5-7:15pm Gym

December 20th Friday from 10:30pm-6:30am Youth Lock-In! Multi-church event at Epic Fun

****Meet at the church at 9:30pm**



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 Daphne Turnage 512-452-5796 x 104 to volunteer** to read scripture and prayers on Sunday during worship.



It is Poinsettia Time!

Deadline to order is Friday Dec. 13th.

Please fill out the order form on back page or pick it up in the Narthex or bulletin.

The cost is \$10 for each Christmas Poinsettia. **ORDER NOW!** They will be placed in the Chancel on Dec. 22nd.



Wesley School Annual Christmas Program
Dec. 13th 6:00pm
Sanctuary

You're Invited



John Fred Nixon and Billie Doris White were married on December 28, 1949 in Seymour, Texas. She was a young 19 year old, and he was 21- both were in college.

With all the fun and adventures along the way - time seems to have flown by. On December 28th they will be celebrating 70 years of marriage.

Their children are hosting a gathering on Sunday December 29th to celebrate this joyous event. Held in the Parlor at Memorial United Methodist Church immediately following the worship service. We invite each of you to join us to give them congratulations. A light lunch will be served. There is no need to RSVP- all are welcome.

Happy 70th Anniversary



*Three partners – Church World Service, the United Methodist Committee on

Relief and National JFON -- will work together to provide resettlement support and legal assistance for those claiming asylum in Houston, Miami and New York.

The three-year, \$2 million project will support asylum seekers in the U.S. and engage local church members.

NJFON, a United Methodist network of organizations that provides free and low cost legal services to immigrants, will provide that assistance as part of this project.

Church World Service will assist asylum seekers with assistance finding housing, registering children for school, language classes enrollment, and finding social service and community programs to assist the transition to their new lives in the U.S..

“None of us can do, this alone...” said Erol Kekic, Executive Director of the CWS Immigration and Refugee Program.

None of us can do this alone – that applies not only to ministries like CWS, UMCOR and NJFON – but it also can be said of asylum seekers themselves. These are people seeking a new life, free from the fear of death, violence and deprivation.

During this Advent Season let us especially remember that the Jesus parents fled with their precious child to escape from persecution, violence and death. May we be, together, God’s instruments of safety and peace for those who, 2000 years later, seek safety and a new life.

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**Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Manager
Church World Service**

*Information in this article is taken from a UM News piece (Oct. 15, 2019) written by Linda Bloom. You can read the full article at <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/umcor-partners-start-asylum-seekers-project>



Tis the Season to Serve as A Family!

As we enter the holiday season, many families look for and have a tradition of serving others. Community service has been found to not only have an incredible impact on those who are served, but it has also proven to be a valuable opportunity for families to work side-by-side and spend quality time together.

It can be difficult for parents to have conversations with their children about social and environmental challenges facing



local communities. While groups and individuals face difficulties throughout the year, the need is particularly felt during the holidays. Getting out in the community and being a part of the solution is often the spark needed for kids to develop compassion, empathy, and a desire to help – experiencing service in their community first-hand.

Senior Access provides transportation and other essential services for seniors who are no longer able to drive for themselves. This allows these individuals to maintain their Independence and continue living in their own homes. Families and children can participate with transportation, participating with in-home visits, and even light handyman services.

Whether it’s an hour a week, or a couple hours a month, you too can change someone’s life! If you or your family are interested in volunteering, please contact Sherrie to learn more at 512-310-1060 | sherrie@senioracesstx.org, or visit our website at www.senioracesstx.org.

Don’t forget this year’s Mistletoe Magic Choral Concert, held December 8th at 6:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, Round Rock.



DECEMBER 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

Sunday December 1

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

*6:00-8:00pm Al-Anon - Library

5:00-9:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Monday December 2

*7:30am Prayer - Chapel

3-5pm **Daily-13th** Wesley Rehearsal - Sanct.

*7:00pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday December 3

*9:00am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

*9:30-11:00am Wesley Dance - Gym

10:00am Bible In Fellowship Party- Marcum Home

Wednesday December 4

*3:00pm-5:30pm Wesley Recreational Center

Basketball & Volleyball- Gym

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday December 5

*9:00am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

*9:00-11:00am Wesley Soccer - Gym

4:15-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers

*7:00am-9:00pm Al-Anon - Library

Friday December 6

*6:15pm Girl Scouts Believer's Room & Gym

Saturday December 7

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday December 8 Hanging of the Greens

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

5:00pm-7:15pm Youth Group - Youth /Gym

Monday December 9

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday December 10

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday December 11

Thursday December 12 Jan. Newsletter Content Due

Friday December 13

6:00pm Wesley School Christmas Show (Sanct.)

Saturday December 14

Sunday December 15

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday December 16

Tuesday December 17

10:00am Reading & Library - Children's Library

Wednesday December 18

Thursday December 19

4:15-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday December 20

9:30pm - UMYF Meet at church for Lock In

Saturday December 21

Sunday December 22

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday December 23

Tuesday December 24 Office Closed

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday December 25 Office Closed

Thursday December 26

Friday December 27

Saturday December 28

Sunday December 29

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Nixon Anniversary Party (Parlor)

Monday December 30

Tuesday December 31

*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Choir Rehearsal, Girl Scouts, Austin Harmony, Al-Anon and more.



- 2nd Sandra Bissett
Ron Frederick
Norma Hauser
- 3rd Caitlyn Dennig
- 5th Drianna Gonzales
Sharon Owens
- 7th Don Mohler
Paula Garner
Harry Pomerleau
- 12th Evelyn Capps
- 13th Michael Moore
- 15th Susan Froebel
Jan Purtle
- 17th Michael Shelton, Jr.
- 19th Kel Pomerleau Bills
- 22nd Lilia Gail Mohler
Jamie Alexander Carl Dahan
J.D. Dahan
- 26th Mark Corry
Laurie Dennig
- 27th Thomas Bissett



GOODBYE 2019

2019 Contributions

If you wish for any contributions to Memorial UMC to "count" for tax year 2018, they must be in to our office by December 31.

If the office is not open, they may be placed in the mail slot under the portico at the office entrance. Mail and messages will be collected daily during the last week of the year. Thank you!



Every fall, our church has a business meeting designed to help us reflect on the previous year and look forward with plans for the future. We call this a "charge conference". The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

This year, we will once again participate in a cluster of charge conferences. Our theme is "Walking Together", a continuation of that theme from our Annual Conference in June.

Tuesday December 3rd
Pflugerville UMC 7PM
500 E Pecan St, Pflugerville, TX 78660

Order Your Poinsettias! 2019 POINTSETTIA ORDER - \$10 each

Cut off date for purchasing poinsettias is Friday December 13th.

Sign up early! Drop in Secretary office or email to: secretary@memorialumcaustin.com



Poinsettias will be placed in the Chancel, December 22nd.

Check Here for same as last year.



From Whom	How Many	In Honor of or In Memory of	Donate	I'll Take

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