

The Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Robyn Bishop - Pastor
**Creating safe space for healing and
connection through Jesus Christ.**

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School Classes

9:30am: Children, Adult- Faith, Hope, Love

9:45am: Youth, Adult- New Friends

Worship - 11:00am

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Events, Birthdays & Info
Wesley School & More
From Pastor Robyn
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Feb. 4th *Communion Sunday*

What Does It Mean to be
'A People of God?' **"Paying Attention"**

Feb. 11th *Wrapping up the Series*

What Does It Mean to be
'A People of God?' **"Transformation"**

Lent Begins

Feb. 14th- Ash Wednesday

Genesis 3:19, Joel 2:12-17

12pm -30 min. meditative service
and 6:30pm service



"Creating Connection"

Feb. 18th-1st Sunday:

Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22

Feb. 25th- 2nd Sunday:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Mark 8:31-38



Church news

2024 Chili Cook-Off



Join Us!

February 4th
After Worship
12:15pm In the Parlor

Free to Enter - \$10 to Eat & Judge

Tickets available before & after worship

Contact Kendall 512-844-6809 or
Kathleen 920-980-7313

Scan QR Code to Sign Up To
Compete



Hosted by Memorial's United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

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link here: [Breeze Online Giving](#)



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Email secretary@memorialumcaustin.com
for more info.**



Register Now!! ([click here](#))

[https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/teams?
event=austintx](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/teams?event=austintx)

**Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024
Camp Mabry @ 2:30pm**

**Join Our Memorial United
Methodist Church Team**

Memorial Team Captain:
Taylor Youngblood



Pancake Breakfast

2nd Sunday of the Month
8:30 - 9:30am before Sunday
School in the FHL Room 403

NEXT: Feb. 11th A \$5 donation is appreciated.

*"Do not be anxious
about anything, but in
everything by prayer
and supplication with
thanksgiving let your
requests be made known
to God." Philipians 4:6*



2 Ways to Join Others in Prayer:

- 1). Every Thursday we send an email with a list of prayer requests and reminders of upcoming events for the week. If you would like to receive this weekly email, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Kc secretary@memorialumcaustin.com.
- 2). Afton Cherry will lead prayer in the Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.
Next. Feb. 6 & 20
- 3.) If you have a prayer request or would like to have a pastoral call, please contact Pastor Robyn, robynbmumc@gmail.com

Day Trip to
Marble
Falls to
See



Famous Jesus Paintings!

All Are Welcome to see Akiane "Prince of Peace" exhibit!!

Organized & Hosted by Merry Makers

Register by February 1st Please contact Connie Tatom at 512-923-3977 or Linda Eaker 512-689-9903 or for questions or to sign up.

TRIP: Thursday, February 8th, 11:30am ~5pm

Akiane Kramarik, a girl who's parents were atheists, started seeing visions of Jesus when she was 3 yrs old. When she was 8 yrs old she painted these visions onto what is now known as the "Prince of Peace" painting. Here is a link if you want to learn more about this extraordinary artist

There is no charge for going thru the Gallery, however, Reservations are required. We plan to make reservations for 1:00pm. It takes a little over an hour to get to Marble Falls, so we plan to leave the church at 11:30am. It takes about an hour to go thru the exhibit. Afterwards we plan to eat in Marble Falls (probably at the world-famous [Bluebonnet Cafe](#) - and then return to Austin. We should be back before dark, currently have 2 people taking their cars with each holding 5 to 7 people, so if you don't want to drive, you don't have to.



**UWF meets on the
3rd Wednesday of each
month at 10:30am
in the Pearce Room.
Next: Feb. 21st**

See Women's Ministries on
www.memorialumcaustin.com



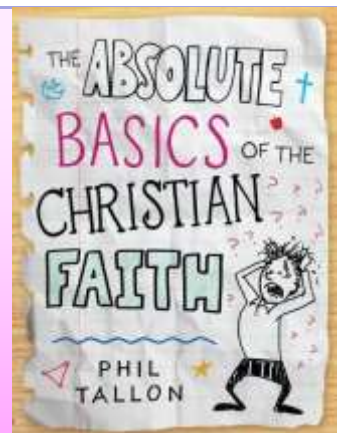
February Birthdays

- 14 Herb Purtle
- 26 Zachary Benavides
- 27 Jerry Alexander

"Confirmation"

planning is in the
works based on

"The Absolute
Basics of the
Christian Faith" by
Phil Tallon



Please contact
Kendall or Pastor Robyn for more details.

Thank You

We worked, we
labeled and we
stacked for a
whole day.

Thank you to all who
helped to organize
our Christmas closet.



Your
hard work and
dedication is much
appreciated!



Wesley School Now Enrolling

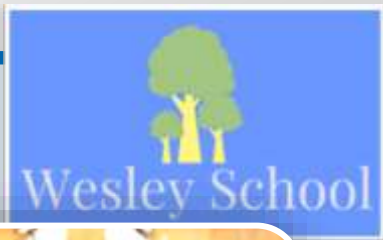
connecting@growingatwesley.org

www.growingatwesley.org

512-467-4790

Open 7am-6pm

*Care Starting at 6wks up to 5 years of age



In 2023, the Wesley School (WS) celebrated 60 years of service to our community. As we enter 2024, we have a few updates:



First, Miracle Mosely, continues into her 6th year as the director of WS and shared with the Church Council in November that our school was one of 30 selected throughout the country to get a mentoring scholarship as we work on an

accreditation with NAEYC (National Association of Young Children).

Second, Jana Alexander was hired in October to be the Financial Business Improvement Director. With a master's in finance and a career built on improving financial systems, she has brought her expertise to mentor our director, Miracle, and our Financial Coordinator, Patty Marcum, who has been our bookkeeper for 18 years. It was as if **God winked at us and said, "I'm here and I'm bringing someone to develop systems for the**



next 60 years!" Within just 2 months, Jana initiated a new payroll system, created new processes for financial documentation, helped Miracle and Patty improve our system for creating our annual budget and so much more.

Please help us congratulate these women for their work! And spread the word that we are currently accepting applications to increase our enrollment from 75 kids to 95. And finally, please keep our school in prayer as we work toward our accreditation, for our families to thrive and grow in their **understanding of God's love, and for our passionate WS teachers, staff and board of directors as they move us into 2024 and beyond!**



Daniel Swayze's Beerthoven Concert Series will be featuring the unique string quartet

Invoke as they look back in time through the lens of two new works for their unique quartet; Jonathan Bingham's *The Lessons of History* and the world premiere of original Austinite David Wilborn's string quartet *Giddings Remembered*.

Wilborn writes about the inspiration for *Giddings Remembered*, "When I was a kid, my sister and I would visit my grandmother in Giddings (Texas) over the summer. Many times our visit would coincide with a religious revival that would take place. During the revival, there was a particular song that we would sing...When singing the song, everyone in the church would grab their neighbor's hand and sing while moving their arms rhythmically up and down to the music. I remember people singing the words with such power and conviction, and the arm movement matched the intensity of the singing. I have always wanted to try and use this melody as the focus of a new composition."

The program will also feature a set of Invoke originals and a few other surprises. Performances February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

[Tickets at Beerthoven.com](https://www.beerthoven.com)



.... With Love from your Pastor

The week of January 7th the news was all about a frigid cold front coming through Texas and covering most of the country. On Thursday, January 11th before the temperature dip, Chuck (our Trustee Chair) made a run to Home Depot so he could cover the outdoor water faucets before the freezing temperatures arrived. Taylor (another Trustee team member) offered to secure potted plants and address other temporary items. We went about the property opening cabinets under sinks and **turning on faucets to drip so water wouldn't freeze in the pipes. Chuck also prepared our heating system so the building would have stable movement of warm air.**

Thank you, Chuck, and Taylor, for winterizing our property! It was 17 degrees on Sunday (January 14) in Austin! We may have a few more cold fronts before spring. Hang in there! I vote that **it's better than 110-degree temperatures!** If you need a little heat during these cold days, come to the chili-cook off on Sunday, February 4th! You can decide which is spicier, the chili or the competition!

On Wednesday, February 14, we will move our focus from the meteorological calendar into a **new season on the Christian calendar. "Lent," from the Anglo-Saxon term, "lencten," meaning "spring," covers the span of 40 days, excluding Sundays, before Easter. The way Lent is observed** has evolved since it was first recognized in the 1st century and yet its purpose is the same. Christians are invited to consider their mortality, have self-examination and reflect upon their relationship with God.

On the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, there will be two services at the church for meditation, prayer and imposition of ashes on the forehead as we consider Genesis 3:19: "You are dust, and to dust you will return." Prior to this day, you may want to pray about what you want to fast from or add to your spiritual practices to deepen your relationship with God.

For Lent some people fast from food, some from social media, some from television. Some may add to their practices by consideration of reading scripture, adding prayers such as the Daily Examen (<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/>) or adding a devotional practice (<https://www.umc.org/en/content/40-days-of-lent-find-your-own-spiritual-path>). Some may consider repenting and seeking practices to change their behavior like if a person struggles with their temper, they may intentionally seek to do more meditation and intentional deep breathing. If you have questions about fasting, please let me know, I have several resources.



How will you enter into the season of Lent? Come to the Ash Wednesday service as a marker to begin.... with love,

Pastor Lynn

Kids & Youth



Wesley Recreation Center

Free sports program for 5th graders!
Winter of 2023-2024, *basketball and/
or Soccer Mondays, 3:30pm- 5:30pm.
Program includes instruction, games,
and free time. No fee, but pre-
registration is required. Questions, please contact Kendall
Smith 512-844-6809 or Kathleen Beuttenmueller 920-980-
7313. Winter dates: February 5, 12, 26.



February

- ◆ Sunday **February 4th** – YOUTH
HOST CHILI COOKOFF!
- ◆ Sunday **February 11th** UYMF 6pm
- ◆ Friday thru Sunday **February 16-18** REVIVE
WINTER RETREAT AT CAMP EAGLE! Meet at the
church at 4pm!
- ◆ Sunday **February 25th** UYMF 6pm
- **Sunday School is every week at 9:45am

Save the Date

**Egg Stuffing
Party
Sunday
March 3rd
GYM @ 5pm**



**Spring Fling
Easter Event
Egg Hunt &
Games
Saturday
March 30th
10am-12pm**

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