

The Newsletter

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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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February 11th

Annual Chili Cook-Off

**After Service in the Gym
\$6 Adult Tickets/ \$4 Kids Tickets**

Volunteers Needed
See Wanda Adams or Susan Froebel to sign up, get tickets and volunteer.
(512) 439-9432



February 14th Noon & 6:30pm

News From Pews



By **Billie Nixon**

Membership Coordinator

Love and concern go to the following friends & families who experienced a loss in their family.



To our secretary, Kc, in the death of her brother, James "Nick" Nixon of Round Rock, Texas who passed away on December 13, 2017.



To our secretary, Kc, in the death of her brother, James "Nick" Nixon of Round Rock,

To Janet Clark in the death of her son John Max Clark Jr. age 61. John was born in San Bernardino, California on February 12, 1955 to Janet Marie (Rodifer) and John Max Clark, Sr. In 1966, she moved to Austin and then moved to Lexington where he lived the past three years. He and Shannon Simmons were married. He loved to hunt, never met a stranger, was loved by the neighborhood kids and loved the outdoors. John passed away Saturday, December 23, 2017 in the Providence Hospital in Waco at the age of 62. He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Jim Clark and nephew, Dwaine Mason. Surviving are his wife, Shannon Clark of Lexington; his mother, Janet Marie Clark of Austin; son, John Michael Clark of Austin; daughter, Paige Ashley Clark of Austin; a sister, Jill Hood and husband Harold of Waldport, Oregon; a grandson, Greg Strelsky, Jr. and wife Alaina of Rockdale; a great-grandson, Greg Strelsky, III and a niece, Amy Hood of Willoughby Island, Washington.

Memorial services for John Max Clark, Jr. of Lexington were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.



To the friends of James "Jim" R. Lane, son of Bill & Tommie Lane, both deceased, age 66, of Kerrville, TX. Jim passed away in his home in the early hours of December 22, 2017. He is survived by his wife (Sandy Lane), 2 daughters and 1 son-in-law, 2

grandsons, brother (Tom Lane), and 2 nephews. Most recently, Jim owned and operated an ACR company in Kerrville, TX until his retirement in 2013. He had a zest for life and profound love for his family and friends. Jim was raised in Austin and Memorial United Methodist Church with his family and attended Reagan High School.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 P.M on December 30, 2017 in Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home, 14501 I-35, Pflugerville, TX. Visitation was scheduled from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on December 29, 2017 also at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home.



Births

Katherine Eaker is now a Great-Grandmother to 12 beautiful children. Her 12th great-grandchild was born January 11, 2018, a little girl named Audrey Katherine Ernst. Parents are Travis and Ashley Ernst of Frisco, TX, and grandparents are Jim and Judy (Eaker) Dwyer of Frankston, TX. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. Audrey already has a big sister, Ava, who will be 2 in February.



Sunday January 14, 2018 was a wonderful day for both the Dahan family and the attending members of Memorial.

J.D & Elizabeth Froebel Dahan & family were here to dedicate and baptize their third 3rd son, Jamie Alexander Carl Dahan. Their two older sons Jack Kaylen Dahan and Felix Bear Dahan were participants in this meaningful service & were also baptized at Memorial in earlier years.

Baptism is much more than "infant dedication", more than a time for parents to "dedicate their children to God." When children are baptized the parents and the church are dedicated! We are instruments of God's love & grace so our children will grow in grace.

Congratulations to each of us for the dedication and love of these children.



Women's News

Submitted by Alberta Shelton



There will be no pancake breakfast in February due to the Chili Cook Off.

Thanks to your generosity, we took \$195 to the Travis County Sheriff's Office for Brown Santa.



Officers for the coming year will remain the same except for secretary. Kay Dunbar has

agreed to add this to her other responsibilities. Many thanks to Linda Eaker who has held this position in the past but had to step aside due to her faithful care of her mother.

UMW Officers will travel to Oak Hill UMC on February 3 for the Capital District Training Event.



Our annual celebrations of Prayer and Self Denial will be held on Tuesday, March 6. It will be led by Connie Tatom, Spiritual Growth Officer.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



The big event is here. Austin's 2018 CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, February

25, at Camp Mabry – 2:00 pm registration and step-off at 2:30. Last year more than 700 people participated in this fun, festive community event to end hunger. I am so grateful for United Methodist support. Fourteen UM congregations are signed up to date. If you can't walk you can still raise funds to help end hunger through Church World Service. Just sign up online to invite family and friends to share in their abundance: www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx



See you at Camp Mabry!
Kevin Murphy,
Community Engagement Specialist
Church World Service



Shopping Hours

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

Monday,
Wednesday,
Friday 10am-1pm
and



Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In the Gym (not the office)



Girl Scout Troop 172

continues to grow. Membership is at 28 now. We are the largest Troop in the Council at this time. We

just completed a successful Fall Products Sale. Thanks for your support. Cookie sales begin January 17 and cookies will be on sale after church on Sundays through February. The girls recently rededicated themselves at a ceremony at Covenant United Methodist Church. They have had two outdoor weekend camp-outs this fall. See Alberta Shelton for more info.

Meet The 2018 Cookies



Girl Scout S'mores™ Crispy graham cookie double dipped in yummy crème icing and finished with a scrumptious chocolaty coating.



Thin Mints® Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolaty coating.



Caramel deLites® Vanilla cookies topped with caramel, sprinkled with toasted coconut, and laced with chocolaty stripes.



Peanut Butter Patties® Crispy vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolaty coating.



Shortbread Traditional shortbread cookies.



Peanut Butter Sandwich Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling.



Lemonades® Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon flavored icing.



Thanks-A-Lot™ Shortbread cookies dipped in rich fudge and topped with an embossed thank-you message in one of five languages.



Love encompasses several different emotional and mental states. There is love for family,

romantic love, love for friends, love for community, love for pets and love for Senior Access clients and volunteers. And within all these different types of love there are also various degrees of emotion. That's what makes life so interesting! As we witness someone's passionate love for volunteering or philanthropy, we can be inspired by his or her example. Laura is a volunteer driver whom I would say truly loves the clients she serves. She drives like crazy every week. Joe is another volunteer who also shares his love freely. He is willing to take care of just about anything chore related. But, you don't have to be the one that drives 3 times a week to share the love you feel. You can share that love by doing what you can, when you can.



As we move into the month of February, it is a great time to reflect on the love you feel inside and act on that love. We hope you will be moved to share that love with your senior neighbors. There are so many different ways you can share your love. Will you consider volunteering, donating, or being a social media advocate? However, why limit yourself to one? As your time and wallet permits, you can do all of these things. What is a social media advocate? It is simply liking our Social Media outlets, following us and sharing what we share with your friends. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/senioraccessstx/>, on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/senioraccessstx> and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/senioraccess1060/>. Senior Access has several events coming up in which you could participate.

1/28/18 Painting with a Twist <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/roundrock/event/927704>

3/1-3/2 Amplify Austin <https://amplifyatx.iliveheregivehere.org/SeniorAccess>

4/12 15th Annual Swinging for Seniors <https://www.senioraccessstx.org/copy-of-individuals>

Senior Access clients love and appreciate our volunteers. Recently, one client, Lorraine said, "I lost my confidence to drive. I'm most grateful for Senior Access. Because of Senior Access, I have my freedom back."

So go ahead...share the LOVE. Volunteer, donate, and advocate for Senior Access today. Contact Sherrie at 512 310 1060 or vr@senioraccessstx.org for more information.



Pastor's Corner



Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.
(Philippians 4:8-9)

One of my friends wrote a post on Facebook after the report came out that the President had allegedly called several countries and regions in the world a word that I cannot reprint here. It came on the heels of several other posts reminding people that one of the Bible texts for the following weekend was Nathanael, speaking about Jesus and asking Philip, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” You see, there were all kinds of questions about how pastors would address even the possibility of intemperate and possibly crude remarks made by a public figure.

My friend’s post said that we are called to go deeper than that. Yes—we are called to resist injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. Yes—we are instructed to call out lies and misleading statements. But we are also called to, as he put it, “Work harder.”

He called all his pastor friends to not just rail against the latest incident of a Politician Behaving Badly, but to remind folks that we have a greater calling than to simply complain. We have a Kin-dom to keep describing and bringing into being and speaking about and inviting people to.

When was the last time you criticized someone? Perhaps it was last week, or perhaps it was just before you opened this newsletter! Was it in your head? Was it in public? Did you whisper it to someone else? Are your whispers perhaps not quite as soft as you think? Who is hearing the complaining? Are there folks out there who are searching for something true and honorable and all they find in church are naggers and naysayers and nitpickers?

I give us the same challenge that Rev. Andy Bryan gave to me and many others: Work Harder. You have been asked to keep your mind and heart fixed on Jesus, who will lead you into places where you may not want to go, put you in relationship with people you may not like, and ask you to do things that you are afraid to do. But he is also the author of your salvation, and the hope of the world and does not leave you to struggle on your own.

Being a disciple is definitely a struggle sometimes, and we will absolutely find a time when we need to raise our voices when we see something that Jesus would have also raised his voice about. He called out hypocrisy and bad manners and those that harmed or ostracized people on the margins. AND he also spent a lot of his time healing and lifting up and proclaiming the Kin-dom where everyone would know the love of God.

Lent will begin on February 14, and many of us will start some kind of discipline for those Forty Days leading up to Easter. What could you do with those days? What could you do with all the days God has given you? Will they build up? Or just tear down?

Keep on doing the things that you have learned from Jesus.



FEBRUARY 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 use space.

Thursday February 1

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

9:30am-12:30pm Christ Church - FHL

Friday February 2

10:00am-12:00pm District Meeting - Pearce

5:00pm- 10:00pm Family Counts - Gym/FHL

Saturday February 3 Each Saturday

9:00-11:00am FreeStore Shopping - Gym

Sunday February 4 Communion

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday February 5 *Each Monday

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Scout Room

Tuesday February 6 *Each Tuesday & Thursday

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

Wednesday February 7 *Each Wednesday

11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping - Gym

6:00-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL & Kid's Rooms

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 8

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday February 9 *Each Friday

5:00pm- 10:00pm Family Counts - Gym/FHL

Saturday February 10

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Chili Cook- Off Set Up in the Gym

1:00pm-3:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room

Sunday February 11 Chili Cook-Off

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Sunday February 11 (continued)

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

After Service: Chili Cook Off - Gym

Monday February 12

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday February 13

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday February 14 Ash Wednesday

Noon & 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service

7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 15

March Newsletter Content Due 15th

9:30am-12:30pm Christ Church - FHL

5:00pm-10:00pm Candidate Forum - Gym

6:00pm Austin Walk Committee - NEW Rm.

Friday February 16

Saturday February 17

Sunday February 18

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday February 19 President's Day

Tuesday February 20

Wednesday February 21

Thursday February 22

7:00pm **Bread Church - Gym**

Friday February 23

Saturday February 24

Sunday February 25

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

2:00pm Crop Hunger Walk at Camp Mabry

Monday February 26

9:30am Austin Walk Committee - NEW Rm.

Tuesday February 27

Wednesday February 28



*Please Note that there are ongoing events in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: English Class, Christ Church, Family Counts, Choir Rehearsal, FreeStore Shopping, Morning Prayer, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and more.



February Birthdays

- 3rd Christine Jane Garner
- 6th Mary Lue Laveria
Gene Arbuckle
- 7th Kayla Michelle Holland
- 11th Mary Beth O'Hanlon
- 12th Stephanie Jourdan
Mike Pena
- 16th Kamika Alberta Streets
- 18th Jodi Nichole Dennig Sword
- 20th Nancy Helge
- 21st Michael Shelton
Laurie Strawbridge
- 22nd Jeff Sacco
- 25th Carolyn Chandler Brown
- 26th Zachary Benavides
- 27th Marinda Mohler
- 28th Carol Logan



2018 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.*

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?



Bread Church
Thursday 7pm
February 22nd
in the Gym



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).



Please be in prayer for our congregation and friends.

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Lenten Worship Series

Guide My Feet

After exploring what our hands could do during Advent and remembering all the hands that brought Christ into the world, this Lent, we will look at our feet and what it means to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

* February 14—Ash Wednesday (services at noon at 6:30)

Each Sunday, we will pay attention to our feet and where they are taking us and how God is moving us!

* March 25—Palm Sunday Celebration

* March 29—Maundy Thursday (including foot-washing)

* March 30—Good Friday

* April 1—Easter Sunday

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