

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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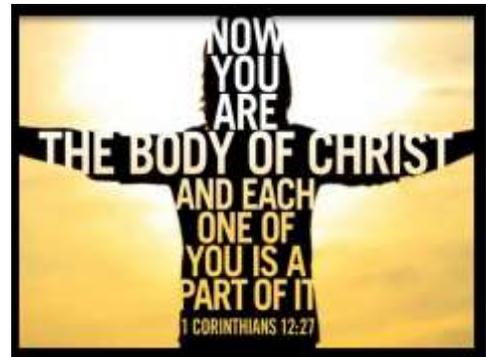


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February 2020

February 16th
Church Council



February 23rd
Chili Cook Off



February 26th
Ash Wednesday
(service times on back page)



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins



News From Pews

By Billie Nixon

Membership Coordinator



MARGARET (KIT)
NORMAN FROEBEL



Margaret (Kit) Froebel , 83, of New Braunfels, Texas was the daughter of Ernest and Gertrude (Hartung) Norman. She was born on February 7, 1936 in Fay, Noble County, Oklahoma and died Friday January 17, 2020 in New Braunfels, Texas

She was a 1954 graduate of Perry High School. She attended Oklahoma A & M College (now Oklahoma State University) and was the first woman to graduate from the School of Technology in 1957 with a degree in Drafting and Design.

When Recruiters from Hughes Tool Company from Houston, Texas came to the A & M campus, they offered her a job in their Drafting Department and she left for Houston. She continued her education at the University of Houston. She met her Husband Dick at Hughes Tool and they were married on February 22, 1958. They made their home in Houston until Dick retired and they moved to New Braunfels, Texas in 2000. She always enjoyed being a stay-at-home Mom.

She enjoyed collecting thimbles and antique sewing items and working with the Perry Alumni Association and keeping up with her classmates **from the class of '54. She had many honors and awards but was most proud of her Perry HS 2017 Alumni Association Honor Roll induction.**

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Dick, two daughters Susan Froebel of Austin, Texas, Elizabeth and husband J.D. Dahan, grandsons Jack, Julian and Jamie Dahan all of Cedar Park, Texas, sisters Rozetta Beasley of Matthews, NC, Marilyn Wasemiller of Issaquah, WA, Carolyn Wilda of Richmond, Texas and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Our love and prayers go out to the Froebel Family.



Annual Chili Cook Off Sunday February 23rd

**See Wanda Adams (512) 439-9432
or Susan Froebel (512) 424-5374 to sign
up, get tickets and volunteer.**

Tickets: Adults \$7 Kids \$5



CHECK IT OUT!

**Our calendar is now on the website. Check
out all the activities and descriptions.**

Calendar subject to change, please contact office for
availability & to reserve space for an event.



February EVENTS

UMYF- Sunday February 2nd
5-7:15pm Youth Room/Gym

REVIVE MidWinter Camp –
Mount Wesley Feb 7-9

REVIVE MidWinter Camp –
Camp Eagle Feb 14-16

Capitol District MidWinter –
Camp Buckner Burnet Feb 29-Mar 1



Ends Feb. 23rd

Girl Scout Troop 172 has moved...

Wednesday nights in 2020!!

See our online calendar: click event for more info on what this troop is up to.



We do have an option to give to Memorial UMC online through our website. This way of giving is not meant to replace normal giving paths (electronic funds transfer, checks or cash), but to offer people an additional way to support the ministry of the church. If you have friends or know of people who have wondered how they can give to the church for a memorial donation or to support a ministry outreach that they are particularly interested in, that's a great place to send them. We hope to get connected to more folks who value the ministry that we do and want to support it through giving. For more information, contact the church office at 512-452-5796.

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**Wednesday
Choir Rehearsals
@ 7:00 pm**



They Gave! Now in Gratitude – We Can Give Back.

Our North Austin area communities are thriving. Both Round Rock and Pflugerville have consistently ranked nationally as some of the best places in the country to live. Much of the credit for this rosy present belongs to the past - individuals who have worked hard to make these communities what they are today.

“Senior Access works with Seniors who have given to their communities,” said Senior Access Executive Director, Serita Lacasse. “They gave back to their communities. They served in different roles in their lifetime, and now we have the opportunity to serve them in their turn.”

It’s been said that gratitude is the understanding that we get to smell a rose because someone once planted a rose bush. Senior Access is looking for volunteers who would like to give back by providing transportation and other essential services for seniors who are no longer able to drive for themselves.

Let’s drive into the future by honoring our past! If you or a family member 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.



Calling all volunteers! We’re in need of drivers at our Central Kitchen and Parker Lane United Methodist sites. If you, or someone you know in the East Austin neighborhood, would be interested in volunteering one hour of their time, we have plenty of opportunity to help! We host open house volunteer trainings each Thursday, starting at 12:15pm, at our Central Kitchen. We would love to see you there!

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Austin’s CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, March 1, 2020, at Camp Mabry. I’m excited about 2 new additions to the Walk day activities: Tiny Tails petting zoo (which, let’s face it, gives adults an excuse to act like kids again!) and the Ukelele Society of Austin will have provide music! Walk activities start at 2 pm and Step-off is at 2:30 pm.

I hope to see a walking team from Memorial that day. Come out and listen to the music; enjoy the education tables and the walk route. Mabry is very hospitable – our walking route takes us into some wooded and shady areas.

Last Fall, several of my colleagues visited St. Andrew’s Refugee Ministries (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt. Church World Service, often because of the funds raised through CROP Hunger Walks, has been a long-term partner with St. Andrew’s. It’s difficult to sum up in a few words the impact of StARS. But please know that StARS is a family of primarily refugee staff (about 85%) who are doing everything they can to help their neighbors. As the number of refugees in Cairo continues to climb, particularly unaccompanied refugee children and youth, StARS is growing, too. They provide nearly every service you can think of, from a foster care system to legal support to schools and adult education to rent assistance to medical support to vocational training to just having a safe place to spend time. We heard over and over again that StARS is a family for refugees who have lost theirs, and an oasis in the desert. Here’s a video that tells part of the story.

A life changed



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

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The Pastor's Corner

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

On January 3, The United Methodist Church made a splash in national (and international!) media when our Council of Bishops announced that a proposal to divide the denomination had been negotiated.

Headlines screamed, “United Methodist Church Announces Plan to Split Over Same Sex Marriage” (NY Times), “Methodists Agree on Compromise to Split Denomination” (Christianity Today), “United Methodist Church Plans to Divide Over Differences in LGBTQ Beliefs” (NPR). Most of them made it sound like a “done deal” and that we would soon need to take a congregational vote over where to end up. The truth is that we are not nearly there yet, and many things have yet to be decided.

I am grateful many of you sought me out to directly address your hopes and fears about all that you had been hearing. Most of you are also aware that we have people in our congregation who are on all sides of any given argument! Sometimes our hopes and fears about the church and its position on any given topic align with our political views, and we take our cues from the nature of politics now—that we cannot live and work alongside those who do not share our views. Sometimes we point out where scripture “agrees” with us, but avoid or forget the places that challenge our viewpoints.

One thing we need to remember is that The United Methodist Church is no stranger to either arguments or division. In fact, the UMC is only 50 years old, the result of a merger between the Evangelical United Brethren (from whence we get “United”) and The Methodist Church (from whence we get “Methodist”). And The Methodist Church was the result of a 1939 merger between The Methodist Episcopal Church (which had been the original group founded in 1784), the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (which had split away from the MEC in 1844 over the right to own slaves), and The Methodist Protestant Church. Other groups split off from the original MEC over various issues like the Free Methodist Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

But in the present moment, Memorial United Methodist Church is a part of a denomination that is examining its future and finding that division may be necessary. The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation that was released on January 3 has some key support, but in reality, it is only one of several plans or processes that will be coming before our General Conference this May. The General Conference is the ONLY body that can speak or enact legislation for the entire United Methodist Church. You can find a link to a chart of the plans that have been proposed either on our website or here:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/comparing-plans-headed-to-gc2020-revised-12-2019>

As these plans are discussed (and legislation for the Protocol is written and released), I will be hosting informational sessions so that we can discuss the potential impact of legislation both on the denomination and on Memorial UMC. Those conversations will be structured so that we can examine both the issues behind the legislation and the potential legislation itself.

But even before then we have an opportunity to stay in conversation. We are in conversation with God, with scripture, with each other, and with those who are most impacted by our witness out in the rest of the world. In this day and age, what might it mean to renew your mind? What spiritual practices keep you centered on Jesus? How is God transforming YOU before God uses you to transform the world that God so loves?

I have great hope for the people called Methodists, no matter what happens to a denomination or an individual church. I pray that, as God has for almost two and a half centuries, God will continue to bring about a thirst for holiness and a love for neighbor in you, through the renewing of your mind.



FEBRUARY

CALENDAR

There are several ongoing events and new events that may not be listed. Please check the building use calendar or call office if you need to reserve space.

*** Starred * Events Happen Each Week**

Saturday February 1

9:00am-5:00pm Austin Harmony - Gym

Sunday February 2

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

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

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

Monday February 3

*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday February 4

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

10:00am BIF - Pearce

Wednesday February 5

*3:30pm-5:15pm Wesley Rec Center - Gym

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

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 6

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

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

7:00-10:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Friday February 7

Saturday February 8

10:00am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday February 9

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym Kitchen

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

Monday February 10

Tuesday February 11

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday February 12 February NL Content Due

7:00-10:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Thursday February 13

4:00-6:30pm Girl Scouts - Believer's/Gym

7:00 pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday February 14

Saturday February 15

12:30-5:30pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday February 16

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Church Council - Parlor

Monday February 17

Tuesday February 18

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

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

Wednesday February 19

Thursday February 20

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday February 21

Saturday February 22

Sunday February 23

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Chili Cook Off - Gym

Monday February 24

Tuesday February 25

Wednesday February 26

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel

6:30pm Evening Service - Sanctuary

Thursday February 27

4:00-6:30pm Girl Scouts - Believer's/Gym

Friday February 28

4:00pm-7:00pm Rover Youth Event - Gym

Saturday February 29

11:30am-1:30pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Choir Rehearsal, Girl Scouts, AH Choral, Wesley Rec Center and more.



February Birthdays

- 3 Christine Jane Garner
- 6 Mary Lu Laveria
Gene Arbuckle
- 7 Kayla Michelle Holland
Davi Teaney
- 11 **Mary Beth O'Hanlon**
- 12 Stephanie Jourdan
Mike Pena
- 14 Herb Purtle
- 16 Kamika Alberta Streets
- 18 Jodi Nichole Dennig Sword
- 20 Nancy Helge
- 21 Michael Shelton
- 22 Jeff Sacco
- 25 Carolyn Chandler Brown
- 26 Zachary Benavides
- 27 Marinda Mohler
- 28 Carol Logan



Join Your Church
Every 2nd Sunday
of the month for
Pancake Breakfast in
the Gym
February 9th
8:30am

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 20th in the Gym



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 Daphne Turnage our scheduler, to be on the list of readers and pray-ers!



2020 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 sign up today!

Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Vision: *A Christian community aspiring to live its mission with passion, generosity, and intentionality.*

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Ash Wednesday Services

February 26th Noon in the chapel
and 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

