

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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January 1st—Epiphany Sunday Covenant Renewal and Love Feast

In the tradition of John Wesley, we will take time on the first day of the year to renew our covenant with God and participate in a Wesleyan Love Feast, which is led by a lay person. The United Methodist Church is clear that both clergy and laity have important roles in helping people understand God's love and role in their lives. In addition to the renewal and the Love Feast, we will celebrate the coming of the Magi/Kings/WiseMen!



January 8th— Baptism of the Lord

The Sunday following Epiphany is almost always when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. It is also an appropriate day for baptisms and renewals of baptism. We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday, so everyone will be given an opportunity to renew their baptism. If you have not been baptized and wish to be, please let Pastor Cynthia know immediately so that she can meet with you to discuss this important gift from God in a life of faith.



By **Billie Nixon** **Membership Coordinator**



**In Memory of
Bill Head Sr.**

William Tremaine Head, Sr. died December 3, 2016. Gazelle Bauer Sump, his beloved friend and companion, had died less than four weeks before. Mr. Head was born January 14, 1918, in Greenville, Texas, to Roy Burke Head and Maude Coffey Head. He grew up in Gainesville, Texas, where he graduated from Gainesville High School in 1936. In 1940, he joined the Army Air Corps. Although Mr. Head spent most of World War II in Texas, in 1945 he was assigned to Iwo Jima where, as part of the 36th Fighter Squadron, he was a P-51 Mustang crew chief. After the war, he was employed with American Airlines for 36 years. He later moved to Austin with his wife, Marie Pace Head, whom he had married in 1942. They were married 55 years until her death in 1997. While in Austin Mr. Head was employed by the Amey Funeral Home, former Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, and then by the Texas House of Representatives. In 2000, he married Anne Broyles Bridges, who died in 2006. He later moved to Parsons House as an independent living resident. He made many friends and bought a new car when he was 90. It was at Parsons House that he met Gazelle. Ill health forced them to move, at first, to different nursing homes, but they were finally able to reunite and spend the rest of their lives together. Mr. Head will be remembered for his profound sense of fairness, his courtesy, his friendliness, and for his keen sense of humor that was so dry that some people did not get it. Survivors include Mr. Head's son, William Tremaine Head, Jr., and Patricia Winston; his stepson and wife, Drew Bridges and Deborah Bridges, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations can be made to the Pease Park Conservancy (www.peasepark.org) or a charity of one's choice.

After a private family burial, a memorial service was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd.



Caroline Doris Russell

We are so happy to announce that Stephanie Smith and Clifton Russell are the proud parents of Caroline Doris Russell, born November 26, 7lbs, 1oz.. Proud grandparents are Patrick and Jennifer Smith and Aunt Laura Smith. This is the first child and grandchild for each of them. Congratulations and Happy New Year!

Margo Katherine Dunbar

Born 12:32am December 10th, 7 1/2lbs 20" Parents Pam Ross Dunbar and Wells Dunbar, older brother, Charlie, who turns 3 on December 27th. Her first pediatrician visit shows she has already regained her birth weight and is doing great. Proud grandmother is Kay Dunbar and prayers for a Happy New Year to you as well. **Congratulations All!**

**On Epiphany Sunday
Jan. 1st, we will be collecting
underwear for Harris Elementary.
***They especially need the
smaller sizes.*****

UNDERWEARNESS
HELPING CHILDREN ONE PAIR AT A TIME



Finance Update

A called Charge Conference of Memorial UMC met after the December 11th church service, and I am writing to inform you what was decided. The main issue discussed was the budget shortfall Memorial is facing again this year. Our good Lord granted Memorial a number of years of bounty, but 2016 marks our second consecutive year of want.

The Charge Conference voted to meet our current shortfall using an amount up to \$35,00.00 of the funds that were generously donated by past members who have gone on to their heavenly reward. Your Church Council has guarded these funds over the years for just such an eventuality. These funds, however, are not limitless and could be depleted if Memorial must continue to make withdrawals to cover our budget every year. Your Council is aware that members have generously stepped up their giving during the Christmas season in years past, and we hope and pray similar generosity during the 2016 Christmas season will reduce the amount of the anticipated withdrawal.

Memorial is committed to our ongoing community missions and outreach which the church budget helps make possible. We gratefully thank you if you have returned your estimate of giving pledge card, and we ask those who have yet to do so to please send your pledge card to the church office to help your Church Council in their budgetary decisions for 2017. As was mentioned a few Sunday's ago, the Bible urges all members to tithe, but the Lord knows this is not possible for everyone, and we must also remember the saying that the Lord loves a cheerful giver. May we all be cheerful givers in our support of Memorial out of the goodness the Lord has provided each of us.

Steve Reinhart - Church Council Chair



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Women's News



Submitted by: Alberta Shelton

Your UMW has been a busy bunch. BIF met at the home of Stephanie Lacy and stuffed Christmas bags for church shut-ins with items donated by members. They had a fun morning exchanging gifts and eating lunch together. Members then delivered the bags. There were enough donated items left to provide bags for the Rainbow Class and several gifts for the children's Sunday School Class.

The Honey Bees and Reading and Library groups will meet in January in the Anderson Chapel to get the Children's Library organized.

The unit sent an extra \$100 to the District for missions and another \$100 to Montopolis Friendship Community Center. This was above the pledged amounts already sent. Fifty dollars was also sent to Church World Service for the blanket fund from the unit and members also made individual gifts to the fund. Memorial gifts were also sent for deceased members.

The Brown Santa Program was very successful with 27 toys donated and \$110 in cash to help purchase needed items.

Please remember the pancake breakfast moves in January to the SECOND SUNDAY.

The 2016 officers will serve again in 2017.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE CHANGING TO 2ND SUNDAY!



Come join your church family for a pancake breakfast every 2nd Sunday.

**January 8th
8:30am Gym**

Youth Update



- ◆ Join the Capital District Youth on a vibrant Midwinter themed "ROOTED". We will be spending the weekend of February 24-26, 2017 at Camp Tejas in Giddings, TX in fellowship with other youth.
- ◆ Come see the preview of Midwinter at Bethany UMC on January 8th. We will have a great speaker, Rev. Ruben Saenz III.
- ◆ Sign up today for REVIVE Winter Youth Retreat February 3-5, 2017 at Camp Eagle.



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 Connie Tatom, our scheduler, to be on the list of readers and pray-ers!



Girl Scout Troop 172



Our Girl Scout Troop 172 is the leading troop in the Walnut Creek Council. They have a membership of 16 at this time. They led the Council in cookie sales with one girl being the top sales person. They had an outstanding fall product sales program. They hosted the recent investiture for the Council at Messiah Lutheran Church. They have adopted two foster children for Christmas and had a great time shopping for them. The parents helped relocate the children's library so that Wesley School could have better access to the books. They have done service projects this fall by cleaning up in parks. They are now sharing their room with another Girl Scout Troop which Memorial is hosting which meets on Saturdays. Leader Carolyn Beck says "We are the envy of the council because of the excellent way Memorial has treated us. Please tell them thank you so much." Remember cookie sales begin January 18 with some new flavors to try.



2017 CROP Hunger Walk, will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 26th, beginning at 2 pm, at Camp Mabry. I hope to see some of my MUMC friends at Mabry on the 26th!

Kevin Murphy,
Community Engagement Specialist
Church World Service 512-553-1671





"Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers..." (Romans 13:11)

Time regularly gets away from me, and our administrative assistant, Kayce, knows how much time she has spent reminding me of deadlines, in particular the newsletter deadline. Yes, I am also subject to the newsletter deadline! And so the time is NOW, TODAY. I can't keep trying to figure out what I should say.

A few months ago, someone suggested that since we are a church that loves to eat, we should consider putting recipes in the newsletter. And when I attended Mildred McCullough's funeral a few weeks ago, her family told everyone to take one of her cookbooks. These two recipes from her came in a thank you note from her daughters for the prayer shawl I took to them.

I share them here with you because I believe in the power of the table (and the Table where we share Holy Communion) to transform us. Cooking for someone...and with someone...is an act of love. It is definitely time for us to learn how to love more, to connect more.

I pray you find an opportunity in this season to love and to connect. May you be blessed. And may you be more on time than I was this month!

Hello Dolly "Cake"

- 1 graham cracker crust
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 cup eagle brand milk

In the crust, layer the ingredients in same order as above. Bake for about 10 minutes.

Chocolate Pie

- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 squares chocolate or 1/2 cup cocoa
- 4 eggs separated
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon butter

Combine sugar, salt, flour. Add milk and chocolate. Cook on medium heat until it gets a little thick. Add egg yolks, cook until thick. Add vanilla and butter. Pour into baked pie shell. Top with the beaten egg whites and lightly brown in oven at 325-350 degrees.



Pastor Cynthia would like to gather groups of people who are interested in Bible study or in studies on discipleship in the United Methodist church in the New Year. If you are interested in either a 6-9 week Bible study or a 6 session (meeting every other week) discipleship study, please contact the office with your name and which night/day times are available for you. 512-452-5796



JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1

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

Monday, January 2 Office Closed

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, January 3

9:30 am BIF - Pearce

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

Thursday, January 5

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

9am– Crop Walk Packet Pickup
12:00pm– 3:00pm Girl Scout Area Meeting

Sunday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord Communion Sunday

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast - Gym
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Trustees

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

6:00 pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

7:00 pm– 9:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

10am Winsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. –FHL

Sunday, January 15

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service
3pm-6pm GS 172 Flag Training - Gym

Monday, January 16

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, January 17

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor
10:00 am Honeybees - Anderson Chapel
6:00 pm NAMI Support - Pearce

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

Thursday, January 19

(February Newsletter Content Deadline)

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor
10:00 am Reading and Library - Anderson Chapel
6:30 pm Undoing Racism - Parlor
7:00 pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

Sunday, January 22

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

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Monday, January 23

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, January 24

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

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

Monday, January 30

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, January 31

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

Travis Purtle
17th James Shelton
21st Clay Ericson
Eric Reinhart
23rd Connie Tatom
26th Steve Jourdan
31st Kirk Amundson

2017 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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES NEEDED

We get a lot of returned EMAIL. In addition, we've got some outdated phone numbers and possibly mailing addresses.

PLEASE send updated information either by email or a clearly printed note with your name, new email address, phone number or mailing address so that we may do these updates.

Thank You!

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 January 19th
7pm Gym Kitchen**



January Birthdays

2nd Candy Valentine
4th Jeremy Mohler
5th Bambi Teaney
8th Mary Bryant
11th Johnie Madison
12th Kay Dunbar
Matthew Shelton
15th Susan Froebel
16th Carl Helge

SAVE THE DATE!

February 4th

@Bethany UMC

Rethink Leadership

9:30am-3:30pm

Keynote: Gaston Warner
of Zoe Ministries

February 12th

Chili Cook Off to Return

Mark your calendars, the Chili Cook Off will be held in the gym after Worship Service to benefit the Rainbow Class for their annual Kingdom Kamp over Labor Day Weekend.

Ask Wanda Stout Adams or Susan Froebel for details. More info to come.



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