

# JULY Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church  
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Rev. Robyn Bishop - Pastor

Feeding Northeast Austin, body, mind, and  
spirit in the name of Jesus.

## *Sunday Schedule*

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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## New Sermon Series

### DISCOVERY: Where are you?

July 2: Genesis 12:1-7

The Discovery of Abram: Journey of Trust

July 9: Joshua 1:1-9 The  
Discovery of Joshua: Journey of  
Courage

July 16: John 4: 1-30  
The Discovery of the Samaritan  
Woman: Journey of Abiding

July 23: Acts 8:26-38  
The Discovery of Phillip: Journey of  
Openness

July 30: Revelation 1:9-19  
The Discovery of John: Journey of  
Patience



# Church News

Anne Bruce Boddie Ader was born October 14, 1928 in Savannah, Georgia, and died in Austin on May 26, 2023 at the age of 94. She attended a number of schools before graduating from Hapeville, GA, High School as valedictorian. She attended the University of Texas as a Plan II student, Columbia University, and Texas State University where she received a B.S. in Education in 1968 and an M.A. as a Danforth Fellow in 1970.



She married Rev. Joe K. Ader on September 14, 1947 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Austin, and began life as a Methodist minister's wife. After rearing three children, she became a teacher: English at El Campo High School and Central High in San Angelo, and History at Schertz Cibolo High School, Tivy High in Kerrville and Chisholm Trail and C.D. Fulkes Middle Schools in Round Rock. She retired in May 1991 after 20 years of teaching. She and Joe were already seeing the world on their many travels together, and only her health finally stopped her from continuing.

Her volunteer work included serving on local, district, and conference mission teams for United Methodist Women. She taught numerous studies at the School of Christian Mission in Kerrville and served on boards and agencies of the Austin District and Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was president of Church Women United in Austin. She was active for the longest at University United Methodist Church, where the AIDs Care Team was a particular calling and the Couples Plus class a particular family. Her service at Travis County Correctional Complex spanned 12 years after her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth, her husband, Joe, and her grandson, Robby. She is survived by her sister Frances Dillard, her sons Timothy, Daniel and Jonathan, her grandsons Jonathan, Danny, and Tim, and her great grandson Benton Smith. She was beloved by her extended family, including Janet Wells and sons Chafic and Dylan, Linda Smith and all her family, Sandra Davis, and many others who loved and respected her.

She is also survived by her special friend,

Ralph Underwood, who was her champion and companion for many years. His eulogy captures her personality: "She was a caring angel to many, she was devoted to her family, she was generous, organized and thoughtful. She loved teaching, and she was a dedicated church woman and Christian." And a great mom to us all!

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 1:00 at University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe St., Austin 78705. If desired, contributions in her memory may be made to UUMC or the charity of your choice.

Thanks to all the caregivers at Westminster for your able assistance over the years. Your work is done: she is restored and whole now, safe in heaven with God.

Memorial sends heartfelt prayers and condolences to all of Anne's family and friends.



## July Birthdays

2	Brian Euwer
3	Mark McFarland
4	Debbie Dixon
14	Elizabeth Froebel Dahan
15	Gail Mohler Charles Batts
18	Darin Williams, Jr.
22	Billie Florence Lois Nixon
23	Kim Gray Stew Bishop
24	William Friedrich
28	Gloria McPhail
31	Tyler Joshua Moore



**Hi, My Name Is....**

**Help Pastor Robyn learn us each by face and name!**

Please send the office a recent picture of yourself to [secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com)

Be sure to put on a name tag on Sunday mornings in July!



**UWF \* No July Meeting\***



**United Women in Faith**

UWF will be accepting donations year round of underwear & sports bras

for Harris Elementary and diapers and snacks for Wesley School. If you would like more details and specifics please call Alberta Shelton at 512-300-3796 A collection bin will be at the back of the sanctuary for your generous donations. Thanks in advance!



## New Role For Daniel

We are excited to announce that Daniel Swayze, our amazing pianist, has agreed to also take over as our choir director! As many of you are aware, due to budget restraints, Cynthia has been doing this for the last seven years as a volunteer "side job" in her spare time! Daniel actually began covering this role in April but this month it has become official!



## July Youth Schedule

Revive Summer Camp July 16-20



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[Breeze Online Giving](#)

- Instructions:**
1. Enter Amount
  2. Enter Fund to Direct Your Gift/Payment
  3. Choose One Time or Recurring Setting
  4. Enter Payment Method & Details
  5. Choose whether to include the cost incurred by MUMC to process your gift based on the amount

\*\*If you once had a recurring gift set up, you will need to go to Breeze Online Giving to set up a new one.



## Choir Break

**Beginning July 9th –  
Returning Aug. 6th**

# Vacation Bible School



All vacation bible school started out with these goals: to create a safe and fun environment and to teach bible stories during the summer mouths. The history of the V. B. S. full of starting and restarting in different location and decades.

**1866**-Boston- The least know.

**1870's**- near Lake Chaulauqua, New York- At the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**1894**- Hopedale, Illinois- The best know. At the Hopedale United Methodist Church. Started by Mrs. Martha "Mattie" Miles, who was a public school teacher. Her husband D. T. Miles was the pastor. The V. B. S. lasted 4 weeks and started with 40 students the first year. She is listed online as D. T. Miles.

**1898**- New York City, on the East side. The Mrs. Howes the founder was a member Epiphany Baptist Church. Her husband was a specialized in medical ministry to the children. She notice that children received a lot more injured during the summer mouths.

She called Everyday Bible School. The school rented beer hall because they were empty during the morning and they were in the neighborhood. The students were mostly Irish and Catholic. The school lasted 6 weeks and the first year they had 57 children and the next year 114 children. She included worship scripture memorization, and cooking. Mrs. Howes retire 1901.

**1901**-The Baptist board of Mission took over Mrs. Howes schools. They made two basic mistake. They moved the school out of the neighbor to the church and made the children dress up.

**1930's**- Austin, Texas- Central Methodist church- The church advertise in the newspaper, NO homework, NO tuition, NO books and everything the kids need are furnish.

**1952**- India- Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton founded V. B. S. in India and they made it their life work.

**1990's**- (pictured) Some V. B. S. move to nights because most people work and they need volunteers.





# ...from your Pastor

A Note of Thanksgiving— "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." -Psalm 100

Hi New Friends of Memorial!

Thank you! I give thanks for all God has done in this church and the community beyond, as well as for all that God is yet to bring forth! I find myself with a heart of gratitude for the honor it is to be sharing this part of Memorials' journey. Thank you to the SPRC committee: Kendall, Afton, Cesar, Alberta and Billie for receiving me as your Pastor and helping us in this pastoral transition! Thank you to Kc for handling lots of details! Thank you, Daniel, for your patience as we figure out a new rhythm for our weekly worship service. And thank you to Pastor Cynthia and for the 12 years she loved and served in this community.

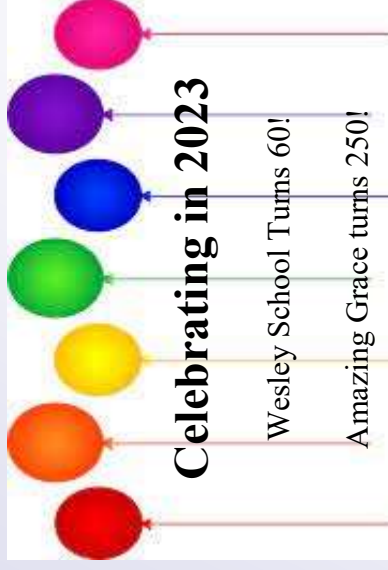
In case you wonder where I am from here is a little biographical info. I was raised within various United Methodist Churches from Houston to Austin, San Antonio to Lubbock. In my Senior year at Texas Tech, I met my husband, Stew. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts, I worked in the field of graphic design & taught art classes while raising 3 kids. In 2001, I answered the call to ordained ministry within the UMC which led me to pursue a Masters of Divinity at Perkins School of Theology (SMU). While living in the Houston area, I served as a local pastor at Christ Church UM, then St. Mary's UMC, and upon graduation was appointed to Good Shepherd UMC in Cypress. I was ordained an Elder in the Texas Conference in 2011. In 2015, I took a leave of absence so we could relocate to Orlando, FL to be near 2 of our 3 adult children. I started a Thursday night "Dinner Faith Community" focused on reaching out to people with mental health conditions while working on a Doctor of Ministry in church planting at Asbury Theological Seminary. During this season, I surrendered my credentials and started working as the bookkeeper for Stew's consulting business. In 2020, we moved to Austin and committed to St John's UMC, which is also where I was confirmed as a 6th grader. Following the nudge of the Holy Spirit and guidance of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, in September of 2022, I was approved to be a Local Pastor in the Rio Texas Conference and to move forward on the path to having my credentials reinstated. I am passionate about eliminating the stigma associated with mental illness and creating safe sacred space for people to be who they have been created to be in light of who God is. Stew and I love hiking, fishing and watching the Astros! I find joy in jogging, painting, learning, being connected in the body of Christ, participating in various cultural experiences and playing with my 4 grandchildren.

Included here are a couple of photos from my family's vacation in the Northeast during the first two weeks of June. We went to San Juan Island in Washington for one week and then to Alaska on a 7 day cruise with our kids and their families. It was wonderful to have all our family together for such a span of time. We hiked, fished, read, danced, dined, laughed and rested. I hope you are finding some time to create your own adventures. I look forward to hearing about what you have already done or plan for the summer!

As I write this note, I wonder if Pastor Cynthia is making final plans to move to her new home and new church. I want to encourage you to know it's okay if you are feeling sad upon the changes her departure brings. It's also okay to be curious or even a bit excited as you contemplate the journey God has before us. God is steadfast and faithful and promises to be with us in whatever state we find ourselves! I am praying for you and I am so excited to be with you! I plan to be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays! Let's discover what God wants us to experience together!



## Coming in August:



Be on the Lookout for Details  
coming soon regarding  
scheduled small group visits  
with Pastor Robyn

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