

# 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 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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## June 26th - July 31st

June 26--God Provides Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)

July 3--Elijah, the Widow and the Endless Oil (1 Kings 17)

July 10--Daniel and Friends Eat the Good Stuff (Daniel 1)

July 17--Jesus Feeds 5000 Plus (John 6)

July 24--Jesus Cooks the Catch of the Day (John 21)

July 31--Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread (Matthew 6)

### Come join the party!

Featuring: Snacks and games from 10:30-11am each Sunday (parlor and courtyard)

Singing from the Cokesbury hymnal and the VBS soundtrack

Craft Packs for everyone

Bible stories told in unforgettable ways

Recommendations for food truck experiences in Austin each week

Online services for those who can't be with us in person





# News From pews



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Pancake Breakfast

2nd Sunday of JULY  
in the Gym Kitchen  
8:30am  
July 10th



**\*\*No UWF Wednesday Meeting in July\*\***

# Celebrating 150 years

In December 2023, the congregation which is currently called Memorial UMC will be 150 years old!

We are looking for people who have a vision for any events leading up to our celebration to vision those events and then help to make them happen!

We hope that this celebration isn't just about a single day or party, but about an exploration of how God has been with us and who God might be inviting us to be in the future.

These events won't happen without YOU--so make sure you let us know that you would like to do something!



# 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
- 24 William Friedrich
- 28 Gloria McPhail
- 31 Tyler Joshua Moore  
John F. Nixon



## Bread Church

July 21

7pm Gym Kitchen



# The Pastor's Corner

*“And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use.” (1 Timothy 4:14—The Message paraphrase)*

I was grateful that Victoria Schwarz invited me to be one of the previously-ordained people who was among the company of those who laid hands on her as the bishop ordained her last week at Annual Conference. It is the fourth time I have been asked to be a part of the celebration for someone, and it always helps me remember my own journey to ordination.

I first heard my own call to ministry when I was in college, fumbling a bit for a major in the midst of discovering that I really didn't like math as much as I liked numbers. But I kept being excited about what I was learning in my Bible study and serving in the campus ministry I belonged to, and I was discovering that my academic interests were aligning with serving in a church.

After college, I worked as a music and youth director for three years while that call continued to be refined. Pastors and other church leaders gave me opportunities to explore that call, and my years in seminary made me certain that I was called to the ministry of an elder—to Word (preaching and teaching), to Sacrament (presiding over baptism and communion), to Order (helping to structure the church for ministry and mission) and to Service (everything from missions to pastoral care). My call was affirmed by my professors, through my years of service as a Probationary (now Provisional) Elder and through many pages of written ordination papers and interviews.

And after all of that, I knelt there in an auditorium and Bishop Martinez put his hands on my head, the hands of Rev. Dr. Amy Laura Hall and my dad, Rev. Kent Kepler on my back as well as a few others who had joined us on stage. People in the gathered congregation who knew me stood as well, some reaching out their own hands. I felt all of them.

I still do. Part of what makes me so happy to work with people on their own callings, whether it is to the life-long ministry of one who is ordained or someone who is called to particular tasks while remaining a lay person, is that it reminds me that God keeps gifting each and every one of us, no matter what age or stage or our lives we are in.

When I remember the feeling of those hands on my head and shoulders, the ones reaching out to me, and when I have an opportunity to place my own hand on someone as I am helping with an ordination or confirmation or baptism, I am reminded of all of those who have affirmed areas where the Spirit has particularly moved in my life. The places where something in me sparked, and others recognized it and made sure I recognized it too.

Where is it that the Spirit has sparked for you? Where have you seen the Spirit spark in others? What can we do to keep those places “dusted off and in use”? What moments of joy and connection to God help you to continue serving when you remember them?



*Cynthia Kepler-Karrer*

Ordination of Victoria Schwarz" and "Revs. Kallie Green and Cynthia Kepler-Karrer after Kallie's ordination

# July Youth Schedule



## July

· Sunday July 10

UMYF

· Sunday July 24 UMYF

**Wesley Recreation** is a free sports program for 5th grades. **Beginning Feb.1, 2022, we will meet on Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm.** There is no fee, but Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions please email the office at [secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com) or contact Kendall or Matt for details.



Hey Austin! Meals on Wheels has resumed daily hot meal deliveries! If you have 1 lunch hour a week or a month, Meals on Wheels Central Texas has a volunteer opportunity for you. There are 11 distribution sites around the city for you to choose from. Memorial United Methodist Church is a meal pick-up site and currently there is a high need for volunteers in this area.

Please call 512 476-6325 or

Fill out the online application here:

<https://www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org/get-involved/volunteer-application>

## Two Too Many” A Picture Give Away



While waiting for church to start, take some time to browse through the pictures in the Narthex. We have doubles of so many pictures and want to share with everyone. Please take the picture of your family and friends who have moved away. Please Share.

Do you remember?

## TRAFCO: stands for Television Radio and Films Commission, a branch of the Methodist Board of Education

**1966**– TRAFCO and Canadian Baptists jointly supported a new Christian radio station in Bolivia.

**1968**– TRAFCO and American Jewish Committee sponsored a radio show called “Might Call”. It was broadcast on KUT-FM (98.7MC) Listeners could call in with questions and comments.

**1969**– TRAFCO sponsored a radio show called “Protestant Hour”. It features guest stars like Bill Mann and Norma Zimmer of the Lawrence Welk Show and broadcast on KNOW.



**October 1962** our church newsletter encouraged the children grade 4-6 to watch a new show called Breakthru. It took six years to develop the thirteen half hour program. It made the Austin newspaper and was promoted by Christian Educational Committee.

The first guest \*star\* was Patty Duke!

**1960’s**– a show called “Light Time” was created for 8 -12 year olds, found on channel 6 and 9 and also, recommended by TRAFCO.

**1967**– Southern Texas conference Methodist Church encouraged people to watch “God and Man” a TV special on channel 9.

**1970-TRAFCO** encouraged people to watch a four part mini series on the Sermon on the Mount on NBC.

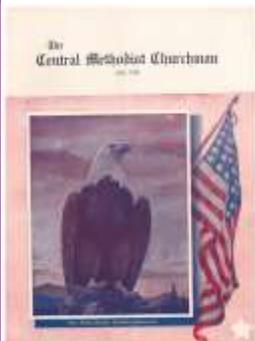
## Methodist Sponsored Publications

**Motive 1941-1972** Motive was a Methodist Student/Religious Activist magazine with strong political views on civil rights, Vietnam and emerging gender issues. Example articles: May 1942 “Mr. Roosevelt, Dr. Dykstra and Alternate Service” 1971, “The King and the Donkey”. Time magazine stated “It (Motive magazine) stood out among the church publications like a mini-skirt at a church social.” Also, in 1965 it was runner up to Life magazine. In 2015 all copies but the last one were digitized here: <https://sth-archon.bu.edu/motive/motive.html> Click link to browse archived copies & articles from the 40’s-70’s.



**Together 1956-1973** In 1962 our church newsletter encouraged members to subscribe to the magazine, which focused on family and church topics. Examples of articles: “Must Small Churches Close Their Doors?”, 1966, “Mount United College Around the World Choir Tour”, “Boat Safety” and “Worship in National Parks?”.

**Twelve Fifteen—1952-1964** Sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education, written for ages 12-15. These short stories range from religious, biographies, history, adventure and modern topics. It asked its readers to send in their own short stories about their future goals, hobbies, how they made extra money, poems and drawings. Articles sent in on topics like interior decorating, doll making, aviation and candle making were entered into a monthly contest and the winner won \$3.00!



**Central Methodist Churchman 1952-1953** Our church published the Central Methodist Churchman with articles like “An Island Saved by a Bible” and “what Methodism Stands For”. Also our pastor Dr. Will-Matthis Dunn wrote articles as did his father Rev. Sidney Sullom Dunn. We have found “Historical Issue: May 1953” and only 8 others, but are still looking.

**Current publications now available in the Narthex include:**

### Sunshine and Good News magazines.



Sunshine is over 100 years old, published by students of the Methodist Home. In 1926 they purchased a printing press that lasted until 1972!

Good News started in 1967–present. It is a classical evangelical witness and ministry for the renewal & reform within the UMC. In Other words: What’s happening in the world wide community of the Methodist Church



## **HELP!!! Take an Upper Room!**

We have many back issues of the Upper Room. If you would like a copy, or would like to take a bunch to donate to your doctor's office, local library, a nursing home, assisted living home or independent living for seniors, please grab what you need or want to donate from the display in the Moore Room.



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