

# The Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Robyn Bishop - Pastor  
**We love Windsor Park and Northeast Austin  
through creating safe space for healing and  
connection through Jesus Christ.**

## **Sunday Schedule**

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 AM  
Children, Youth,  
Adult: Faith, Hope, Love & New Friends  
**Worship - 11:00am**

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VBS and Rio Texas Conference  
From Pastor Robyn,  
June/July Youth & Sunday School

# Fall Kick-Off 2024

July & August  
Elements of Worship

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September  
Uncommon Wisdom

Sept. 1 No Communion  
Lay Speaker: Kathleen  
Beuttenmueller will preach

Sept. 8 Communion  
Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23  
What is Better than Silver or Gold?

Sept 15th  
Proverbs 1:20-33  
Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Sept 22nd  
Proverbs 31:10-33  
Can You Hear Her?

Sept 29th  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Patty Bergfield



**This year for VBS, we went diving deep into friendship with God!**  
**We had 31 kids over the course of our 3 days- Wednesday thru Friday, August 7-9th.**

**Thank you to all of our VBS volunteer team: Linda, Betty, Susan, Billie, Connie, Bea, Kendall, George, Gloria, Taylor, Kathleen, Holly!**  
**We also appreciate the Wesley School and their support with the Director Ms. Miracle, and the teachers: Ms. Gloria, Ms. Angelia & Ms. A'Miracle!**



**Day 1:** God is a friend who loves. "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34  
**Day 2:** God is a friend we can trust. "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart." John 14:27  
**Day 3:** God is a friend for everyone. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



# Church news



## Birthdays

### July

22 Billie Florence Lois Nixon

23 Stewart Bishop

### August

12 Elizabeth Dahan

15 Kathleen Beuttenmueller

27 Wallace Fowler

28 Kerry Schmidt McFarland

### September

7 Charles Waits

10 Bea Bailey

24 Jason Peterson

27 Marsha Fowler



We have a YouTube account!

If you know anyone who is not on social media and may enjoy listening to us, please share our page with them.

Please be patient with us. We're learning as we go.



Grief Support Group  
Thursdays 6:30-8pm  
Sept. 12th - Dec. 12th  
Pearce Room

Find healing and comfort in this 13 week group that will share valuable guidance & tips from over 40 professionals (video & \$25 book)

Please register ahead of time if possible or send an email.

All are welcome!

Contact Pastor Robyn Bishop  
robynbmumc@gmail.com



Lectio Divina in the  
Prayer Chapel  
Wednesdays  
12-12:45pm  
Sept. 4,11,18,25

Lectio Divina cultivates the soil of our souls as we read scripture in community, reflect & respond. Come as you are!

Contact Pastor Robyn Bishop robyn-  
bmumc@gmail.com



Lorraine (Jane) Friedrich  
Lorraine Beatrice Friedrich, 97, was born April 30, 1927, to John Pascal and Clara Cast Skinner in Buckholts, TX. She left this life on

Saturday, June 22, 2024, after a long illness.

Her family lived in Buckholts until she was ready to enter school. They moved to Bartlett when her father took a job as a postal carrier. She attended school in Bartlett where she graduated from high school in 1944.

Jane married Logan Harlan Friedrich on March 29, 1944, after convincing both their fathers that Logan was probably going to be shipped overseas during WWII. Her entire married life of 67 years was spent in Austin, TX.

**Jane's first job was at a dress and hat shop owned by Ms. Cole in Bartlett. She worked each summer there during high school. Her job was to "brush the hats and keep them on the stands, clean the shop somewhat, go to the post office, and do all those little odd jobs they wanted me to do." At the end of each summer, she had no money because she spent it all on "really cute" clothes.**

After attending a training course, she worked as a court reporter at the Legal Affairs Office at McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, TX. She then worked at Game, Fish and Oyster Commission in Austin, TX, doing typing and office work. She continued with GF&O while it transitioned to Texas Parks and Wildlife and worked as an administrative assistant to the directors (and there were several) of Fisheries and then Wildlife.

The greatest event in her life was when her son, Richard Logan, was born in 1955. The next most exciting times were when she and Logan became proud grandparents to three boys, James Logan, Andrew Michael, and William Pascal. They loved being Grinny and Grandpa and were as involved as they could be, spending countless hours at sporting and Scout events, enjoying weekends at the Friedrich (homestead) farm, etc.

Jane and Logan were active members of Memorial United Methodist Church for many years, since 1957, serving on many committees and in many areas of the church during that time.

She was predeceased by her husband, Logan on May 13, 2011. She is survived by her son, Richard Logan and wife, Judy; sister, Johnnye Gresham; grandsons, granddaughters, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bartlett United Methodist Church, 645 W. Clark St., Bartlett, TX 76511. The family would like to express their gratitude to all the facilities Jane lived in but, especially, the wonderful staff of Wesleyan in Georgetown and Will-O-Bell Nursing in Bartlett.

A visitation for Lorraine was held on June 28, 2024 at Cook-Walden Funeral Home Austin, TX 78752. A graveside service was at 3:30 PM at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home & Cemetery, in Pflugerville, TX 78660.



Jerry Alexander  
Feb. 27, 1958– Aug.2, 2024  
Jerry was a cheerful servant who wanted nothing more than to help others achieve their



goals and aspirations. Wisdom and **intuition were Jerry's superpowers, and he put those to use** by recognizing and responding to the needs of those he encountered.

Jerry was born in the small north Texas town of Whitesboro, Texas to Jennie Grace Earnhart and Shelby Eugene Alexander. He was the fourth of five children and often talked about his childhood memories as part of a tightknit pack of kids and going to Lake Texoma in the summers. Jerry was active in athletics throughout middle and high school with a special affinity for basketball.

Jerry attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas where he **received a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Master's degree in Teaching. Later he completed a Master's degree in Counseling.** After four years in rural public-school classrooms, he made the leap to higher education when he accepted a position at the University of Texas at Tyler where he led the Career Services Center. He spent the rest of his career serving students in the university setting in New Jersey, Oklahoma, Dallas, and San Antonio. He concluded his career when he retired from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2021 after fourteen years of service. He will forever be rooting for all his former students.

Jerry was the epitome of an adoring and doting husband and father to Jana and Hannah. In addition to his unequivocal love for his girls, he cherished all of the many dog children that passed through his life over the years. Jerry loved travel, reading, talking, French fries, movies, and most of all, people. One of his greatest late life joys was singing in the choir at Memorial United Methodist Church in Austin.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Jennie Alexander; his brother, Bobby Alexander; his sister, Sharion Acker; and a slew of beloved pets. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Jana and Hannah, and two sisters, Marilyn Meals and Susie Meals.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Memorial United Methodist Church in memory of Jerry (6100 Berkman Drive; Austin, TX 78723)



**UUF** meets on the 3rd Wed. of each month

**Next: Aug.21st  
And Sept. 18th  
@ 10:30am in Pearce**

See Women's Ministries page  
[www.memorialumcaustin.com](http://www.memorialumcaustin.com).

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*



### **2 Ways to Join Others in Prayer:**

1). Every Thursday we send an email with a list of prayer requests and reminders of upcoming events for the week. If you would like to receive this weekly email, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Kc [secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com).

2). Afton Cherry will lead prayer in the Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.  
**Next: June 4th and 18th @ 10:30am**

3.) If you have a prayer request or would like to have a pastoral call, please contact Pastor Robyn, [robynbmumc@gmail.com](mailto:robynbmumc@gmail.com)

## **WELCOME OUR**

### **NEW MEMBER: Rebecca Poage**

Rebecca is a senior working post retirement who has lived in Austin since 2018. She has 2 sons and 2 grandchildren in TX. She has a daughter in CA. She's joined the church because she feels she found a church home for the first time in 20 years. She divorced 22 years ago and has worked in the mental health field for 25 years. She's grateful for the warm acceptance & welcome church members have given her.



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**Come sing with the choir or share your skills on a musical instrument!**

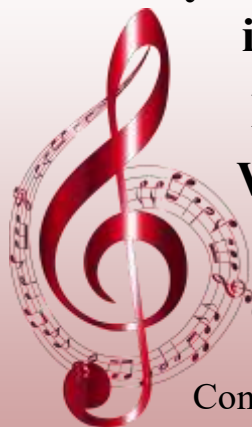
**Rehearsals**

**Wednesdays**

**7-8:30pm**

**Choir Room**

Contact Daniel Swayze for more info



# Y'all Come Sunday Sept. 8th

Barbeque Luncheon-  
September 8th After 11am service

Bring a Side to Share!

The Church will provide the meat, drinks  
and paper goods.



## Wesley Rec Begins Again!

### Free sports program for 5th graders!

In the Fall of 2024, we will be offering soccer and/or basketball on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The program will include instruction, games, and free time. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact Kendall Smith 512-844-6809 or Kathleen Beuttenmueller 920-980-7313.



**Fall dates:** 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11 & 11/18.

Our budget for this year was agreed to at our spring church council meeting in the amount of \$249,915.00. The budget for 2023 was \$206,378.00. This year we increased our budget in order to help us cover the increase in property insurance, building maintenance and utilities, however, we have not been able to attain property insurance that the finance team thought was a viable option.

## Finance Corner



A particularly important line item in our budget is something called "apportionments." As a part of the United Methodist connection, the local church, like us, is asked to pay an amount, determined by the conference office. Our apportionments support the district and conference budgets which include ministerial compensation of our conference and district offices, as well as certain ministries beyond the local church like UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Apportionments are not a "tax" like something you have to pay the U.S. government yearly; it is a means of supporting the covenant of connection within the United Methodist Church to uphold her mission and ministry. For 2024, the Rio Texas Conference has asked us to pay an apportionment of \$24,242. MUMC budgeted to pay half of the requested amount this year. As of August, the finance team has paid \$9,000 toward fulfillment of our commitment and we expect to pay our remaining budgeted amount of \$3,000 at the end of December. If you would like to know more about our finances, please attend our church council meeting on Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm, or our Finance Team Chair, Kendall Smith, Financial Coordinator, Jana Alexander or our Pastor Robyn.



## Wesley School Early Childhood Development Center

Now Enrolling

512-467-4790

[www.growingatwesley.org](http://www.growingatwesley.org)

Open 7am-6pm

### Teacher of the Month: Congratulations!



JUNE: Ms. Gloria

Gloria has been our Super Lions Pre-K teacher for 8 years. She dances, sings and brings incredible energy and love!

JULY: Ms. Davia

Ms. Davia has been our loving teacher for our toddlers and does creative things like helping to create the octopus for our VBS gym decorations!



AUGUST: Ms. Claudia

Our two year olds' teacher, the Terrific Turtles. She has been a teacher at Wesley longer than any others. She has been with us for over 14 years.



## Under Construction Harris Elementary School



Thomas G. Harris Elementary school was established in 1954 with eight classrooms. With the passage of a 2 billion dollar bond– the school has been torn down and a new one is being built over the next 1.5 years. In the meantime the kids will go to school at Sims Elementary. The school has been sitting empty for 5 years and is now being cleaned up for the temporary occupancy of the dedicated Harris School staff, teachers and students.

Harris serves approximately 380 students in Early Childhood through fifth grade and offers enrichment classes through the Andy Roddick Foundation program.

Memorial is always looking for ways to connect and share our love in our community. Ms. Wyatt, the interim principal, Ms. Nicole Adams, the counselor, Ms.



**HARRIS**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AUSTIN Independent School District

Lulu, the attendance Specialist and Ms. Lopez, the transportation specialist have asked to use MUMC to be the “Registration” Station for the students. What a joy it has been to see the families coming in and out of our church! Let’s keep them all in prayer as they are under construction!

# Your Church Staff Updates

We welcome 2 new youth interns on August 25th



## Jack Kosack!

Hello, my name is Jack Kozack! I am a second-year student at The

University of Texas at Austin, and I am majoring in Government and History and minoring in Religious Studies. I am from Arlington, Texas and grew up in the United Methodist Church. In my call to ministry, I work to share the light and love of God to every community member in each event and interaction. I am beyond excited to join the Memorial United Methodist Church family as a Youth Ministry Intern.



## Sarah Patterson!

Hi! My name is Sarah Patterson, and I am so excited to be working with your youth! I grew up in Plano Texas going

to Christ United Methodist Church where I was very involved in the youth program, serving other ministry, and children's ministry. I have a passion for helping others grow in their faith, and I'm currently discerning my call to ministry.

I am a very active person. Some of my hobbies include playing pickleball, weightlifting, and country dancing. I also enjoy watching sports - my favorite teams are the Cowboys, Stars, Mavericks, Rangers, and of course, the Longhorns! I love talking to people and can't wait to meet and get to know you all.



**Thank you to Holly Huff** for serving as our Financial Coordinator for 11+ years! Holly has recently started her own Travel Agent business and has taken on

more responsibility in her work with Travis County.

**We wish you luck and success in your business and work role!**



**Thank you to Jana Alexander** for stepping into the additional role of Financial Coordinator for the Church!

She will handle our account payables and be bringing her expertise to improve our financial systems.

**Welcome to the team!**







Thank you all for the wonderful reception celebrating the renewal of my being appointed at Memorial! Thank you all for the love, support and willingness to share this part of our journeys together! You are beautiful disciples of Jesus Christ! Let's keep seeking how to be a "Community Hub of Love" asking, "God, how can we join you in what you are doing?"

Congratulations to you, Allison Angell for being commissioned! We are so excited that you were an intern here a few years ago and now serving as a chaplain in Austin. We are also grateful that you came to preach and you continue to be connected in ministry with us!



... *With Love from* 

## Coming Up

**UWF Pancake Breakfast**  
**Next: October 13th**  
 8:30 - 9:30am before Sunday School in the FHL Room 403  
 A \$5 donation is appreciated.



**Trunk or Treat**  
**October 31st**  
**5-7pm**



# Youth



Sunday August 25 \*WELCOME SARAH AND JACK!  
9 am Breakfast with FHL class—9:30 am Sunday School  
5 pm Meet to go bowling at the UT Underground (bring \$ for  
food and bowling)

Sunday September 1 - POOL PARTY at the SMITH HOUSE! 4 PM TO 8 PM

Sunday September 8 – CHURCH-WIDE Y'ALL COME BBQ LUNCHEON

And UMYF 6 pm Snack Supper

Sunday September 15 – UMYF 6 pm Snack Supper

Sunday September 22 – UMYF 6 pm Snack Supper

Sunday September 29 – UMYF 6 pm Snack Supper

\*\*Youth Sunday School is now every week at 9:30 am\*\*

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