

June Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church
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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.

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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June 2019



Graduation Sunday
June 2nd

Pentecost
June 9th



NEW
Worship Series Begins
June 16th

(see back page)

Father's Day
June 16th





By **Billie Nixon**

Membership Coordinator



Lonan Gray, son of Gary Gray, brother, Jacy Gray, grandparents Ronny & Kathy (deceased) Gray and Aunt Linda Gray all in Austin.

Lonan is graduating from LBJ High School May 29, 2019. Hi is interested in music, especially guitar and ukulele. He helps his Dad doing Handy Hand work. He is very active with our Youth Group at Memorial and has been a member here his whole life. Future plans are to attend ACC to major in Arts. He is excited about working the youth project in the UM Army activity this summer at Port Isabel. Congratulations Lonan! May God guide your feet to the best direction always.

Daniel Joseph Swayze, son of Bruce & Barbara Swayze is graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a Doctorate of Musical Arts, Portfolio in Arts Administration. His future holds an Arts entrepreneurship in Austin for concert management, performance and teaching. We at Memorial have been privileged to have Daniel and pray God's best for his future!

Mason Brown Bill & Evelyn Capps are happy to announce that their grandson, Mason Brown graduated from Austin Police Academy on

May 10, 2019. He is the son of Mark & Janice Brown, all are of Austin, Tx. His sister Kelly Popovich, lives in Louisiana. Mason's father, Mark, is retired from APD. Congratulations to Mason we pray safety over him and his work!

Carter Raney We are happy for Jean Breazeale, as her grandson, Carter Raney graduated from Anderson High School on May 19, 2019. He will be going to Trinity University where he has received an academic and athletic scholarship. We are happy to share Jean's news and wish Carter all the best!

It is wonderful to know and keep up with this younger generation. Congrats to each of them and their families.

If you have other graduates to include, please see Billie with info.



It is our privilege to introduce to you our newest member. Larry Tiemann joined Memorial on June 2, 2019 coming to us from another denomination.

Larry was born at the Old Seton Hospital in Austin and has lived here his whole life. He was a nurse for 32 1/2 years at Brackenridge Hospital and is now retired.

He is certainly a busy man, working in his three rose beds (of every color), playing his piano, reading and taking care of his beloved pet, a Chow dog named "Tilly" who he walks at least three times a day. He also is active in Jonathan Ader's Sunday School class and Cynthia's Tuesday night Bible Study.

We are happy you have joined us here at Memorial and extend our greetings & fellowship of the church family.

May God enrich your life as we witness for Christ together.



Women's News

Submitted by Alberta Shelton

You Are Invited! UMW hosts:



June 4th 11:00am In the Parlor

Everyone Bring A
Salad To Share

Guest Speaker from JFON
(Justice For Our Neighbors)



- ◆ Sunday June 16 thru Thursday June 20 - UMARMY JR HI/SR HI SOUTH PADRE AREA based at Port Isabel UMC
- ◆ Sunday July 7 thru Thursday July 11 - REVIVE SUMMER CAMP AT MOUNT WESLEY!
- ◆ NO UMYF MEETINGS IN JUNE AND JULY



MEALS on WHEELS
CENTRAL TEXAS

*Help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors!
Summer Volunteer Drivers and substitutes needed;
delivery routes take one hour or less; additional
sites open all over Austin!*

Thanks!

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We now 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.

For more information, contact the church office at 512-452-5796. www.MemorialUMCAustin.com
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Keep Your High School Kids Busy This Summer Through Volunteering

Parents, are you looking for volunteer opportunities to keep your high school age children engaged during the summer recess? Encourage them to volunteer with Senior Access!

We're looking for high school age volunteers in the following three areas:



RIDING ON THE VAN WITH THE SENIORS -

Volunteers would: assist the seniors in and out of the van, help carrying items such as groceries, and interacting with the seniors.

OFFICE WORK – Help answer phones and assist with light office tasks.

DRIVE SENIORS - Drive seniors to and from appointments. Drivers must be 18 years old and graduated from high school.

Senior Access provides transportation and other essential services for older seniors who are no longer able to drive for themselves. [Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity for teenagers to gain some wonderful experience, form some meaningful relationships, and make a huge difference in someone's life.](#)

If you're interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Sherrie at 512-310-1060 | vr@senioracesstx.org, or visit our website at www.senioracesstx.org.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Holding Institute and Good Neighbor Settlement House Receive CWS Blankets



At the end of 2018, Church World Service provided almost 30,000 CWS Blankets to help alleviate suffering in Texas. In partnership with the Rio Texas Conference, almost 12,000 blankets were

distributed through The Holding Institute (Laredo) and Good Neighbor Settlement House (Brownsville). Blankets were also distributed in partnership with Catholic Charities. The total value of the blankets was \$183,580. This type of distribution is made possible through the generosity of thousands of congregations and women's groups such as UMW and Church Women United.

The CWS-United Methodist relationship is very strong. The December, 2018 distribution was coordinated by Susan Hellums, Border Area Mission Coordinator of the El Valle District. CWS has worked through Susan for over 25 years to meet needs in along the border. This July, she will coordinate a visit to the border by CWS fundraising staff (including me!).

Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Manager

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“And it came to pass...” (Luke 2a, NKJV)

I can't tell you when exactly it was, though I'm willing to bet the same scene played itself out many times in my life. Kids were getting chosen for some project or team or some such, and I was worried that I hadn't been good enough to merit inclusion. But just when I thought the teacher was done selecting, she/he would say the magic word: “AND...” Hope was reborn!

The Gospel of Luke is full of “AND”, both literally and figuratively. If you took a look at a Greek New Testament, you'll see the word **καί** (“kai”), which is Greek for “and”, a LOT. This has a literary effect of keeping the story

moving, as though you were speaking to someone who was particularly excited about the news that they are telling you and kept going and going and going like a run on sentence because there is just so much Good News to tell!

Luke always has more to say, and he keeps leaning in to the story, pushing you further and further and trying to make sure that you don't miss a single moment. But he pushes us further and further too to consider the other implication of “And”—the figurative one.

Because this Gospel is full of people being added to the Kin-dom of God, so much so that part of what makes the “insiders” so uncomfortable is the inclusion of so many others that they had, with what they thought were excellent reasons, been excluding all this time!

Tax collectors, women and children (whom Luke pays far more attention to than any other Gospel), Samaritans, Gentiles, criminals. They're all there. And in one parable, Jesus asks those surrounding him (some of whom might have even been outsiders themselves!) how they plan to be neighborly to them.

So if you've ever felt left out or if you know someone who has been, if you've ever felt like you haven't been enough or done enough to merit inclusions, if you've been picked on or told you don't belong, I hope you'll come (or invite!) and journey through the Gospel of Luke with us, beginning Sunday, June 16 and going through Sunday, November 3. Along the way, we'll be gathering a whole crowd of the saints as we celebrate Christ's life...and Christ's eternal life.

This is Good News! And...

Outreach Opportunity!

The Andy Roddick Foundation operates a free six-week summer learning program for Harris elementary students. Part of this program is a partnership with Brighter Bites, a nonprofit focused on increasing access to healthy food for families. Each family that attends the summer program receives 50 servings of fresh produce each week from Brighter Bites. Volunteers support the program by sorting produce and assembling it into bags for the families. Volunteers also have a special opportunity to read with a group of students and receive a brief program tour before starting the Brighter Bites project.

We are still seeking groups to support this important part of our program. We have the following dates and times available:

Thursday, June 13 from 12:30-3:30pm at Harris Elementary (20 volunteers needed)

Tuesday, July 2 from 12:30-3:30pm at Harris Elementary (20 volunteers needed)

Call Pastor Cynthia or the church office if you can help with this wonderful program!



JUNE 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 June 1

1-5pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday June 2 Graduation Sunday

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

5-9pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Monday June 3

*9:00am-1:00pm - Freestore Accepting Donations

*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Gym

Tuesday June 4

*9:00am-1:00pm - Freestore Accepting Donations

9:00am-12:00pm Citizenship Class - Parlor

11:00am UMW Annual Salad Luncheon - Parlor

6:30pm Mercy and Manna Study - Parlor

7-10pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Wednesday June 5

*11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping & Donations

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7-10pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Thursday June 6

* 9am-11am Wesley School Soccer - Gym

*9:00am-12:00pm Citizenship Class - Parlor

7-10pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Friday June 7

*6:30pm Girl Scouts #172 - Believer's/Gym

Saturday June 8

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

11-5pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday June 9

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

Monday June 10

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday June 11

*9:00am-12:00pm Citizenship Class - Parlor

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

6:30pm Mercy and Manny Study - Parlor

Wednesday June 12

Thursday June 13

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday June 14

Saturday June 15 July Newsletter Content DUE

9:00-11:00am FreeStore Shopping

Sunday June 16 Father's Day

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday June 17

Tuesday June 18

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

Wednesday June 19

Thursday June 20

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday June 21

Saturday June 22

Sunday June 23

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am WHO Widow Support - Pearce

Monday June 24

Tuesday June 25

Wednesday June 26

Thursday June 27

Friday June 28

Saturday June 29

Sunday June 30

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

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



June Birthdays


- 2nd Cliff Masters
- 7th Tina Zapalac-Nixon
- 9th Courtney May
- 10th Kathy Reinhart
- 16th Pat Marcum
Stephanie Smith
Nicole Teaney
- 17th Renee Simmons
- 19th Joseph Teaney
- 20th Joanne Macon
- 21st Patty Marcum
- 24th Tamara Teaney
- 25th Chuck Garner
Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
- 27th Chase Jennings Holland
- 30th Lauren Batts




2019 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!*

NEW ! Flower offering envelopes for your altar flower forms. Please fill out forms as soon as you sign up and drop in the secretary office to avoid forgetting or missing your sign up date. Please don't put forms in White Offering Envelopes—use our new Flower Envelopes located on the bulletin board & back of sanctuary. Thank you, Kc & Kerry

Please be in prayer for our congregation and friends.

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?



**June 20th
Bread Church
7PM Gym**

Pancake Breakfast

Join Your Church Every 2nd Sunday of the month in the Gym 8:30am
June 9th



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“AND: The Gospel of Luke”

This summer and fall in worship, we will be going through the Gospel of Luke. Full of parables, music and an expansive view of God’s love, this Gospel asks us to consider those who normally go unseen. Featuring storytelling and incorporating a weekly opportunity to delve deeper into the scriptures as well as short-term classes and outreach along the way, this is a great time to invite a friend to find out who Jesus is!

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