

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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June 2

“Do you hear what I hear?”
Celebrating Graduates
Ice Cream Sundae Reception
(After Church-Parlor)

June 9

“Eternal Hope”

June 16

Father’s Day
Preaching: Lay Speaker
Kathleen Beuttenmueller

June 23

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Patty Bergfield

June 30

Hymn Sing!

July 7

Celebrating Ordination
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Allison Angell



Church news



In 1949, congress set aside May as Mental Health Awareness month.

Although it has been 70+ years since our government was intentional about bringing this issue to the forefront in the public domain, there is still a stigma and misunderstanding surrounding mental health and mental illness.

Did you know 1 in 5 people live with a mental health condition?

Harris Elementary School Ground Breaking Ceremony Tuesday, May 14th.



Kendall Smith and Pastor Robyn were

able to visit a little with staff and some of the kids who attend our Wesley Rec program. It was exciting to watch some of these kids participated in the ceremony.

The last day of school is May 23 and moving trucks will move everything out on May 24th.

Please be in prayer for the staff and the kids during their transition! This is what the new school will look like in December 2025!



JUNE Birthdays



- 2 Cliff Masters
- 14 Mark Anthony Spencer
- 16 Pat Marcum
- 21 Patty Marcum
- 25 Chuck Garner

Merry Makers

Games & Fellowship

Next: June 13th & 20th at 10:30 AM

Room 403 (FHL) off the gym Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month. We play games and we'll teach you how to play.



We also take field trips to fun places.

For more info contact Connie Tatum at itsjustclt@outlook.com

United Women in Faith (UWF)

**June 19th
10:30am In the Parlor
Salad Luncheon**

Bring Salads, Sandwiches, Fruit to Share

**Featured Talk: Fellowship of the
Table by Alberta Shelton**



See Women's Ministries page
www.memorialumcaustin.com

Creation Care Corner

The Creation Care Team has created a recycling center in the Narthex. Anyone may use it to drop off plastic bags and plastic film, Styrofoam, and single stream recycling. The Team will take the items to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-off Center to be recycled. We will also be adding battery collection bins in the Narthex and Wesley School soon, though you can also drop your used batteries off at any Austin Public Library branch. Learn more at <http://www.memorialumcaustin.com/CreationCare>.



"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.

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

Online Giving Breeze

www.memorialumcaustin.com or

link here: [Breeze Online Giving](#)

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**To manage and set up a recurring gift, please login to your personal Breeze account. If you would like to know how to gift the church in your will or sale of an asset, please contact the office.

secretary@memorialumcaustin.com

Join Us!

Wednesdays

Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room 7-8:30pm

Contact Daniel Swayze
for more info
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**NO JULY CHOIR
REHEARSAL**



Congratulations Confirmands!!



Holly
Wright



Lucas
Benavides



Zachery
Benavides



Billie
Nixon



What a wonderful celebration we had for our four confirmands! Thank you to their families! And thank you to their mentors: Cliff Masters, Cameron Luecke, Holly Wright and Jana Alexander! We spent six weeks discussing everything from "Who is God?" To "What is salvation?" To "What does it mean to be a part of the United Methodist Church?" All four of our students wanted to remember their baptism, and so with a splash of water and the Spirit laughter and joy arose! And then each of these young people accepted the vows to be a member of Memorial with their prayers, presence, gifts, resources and witness, We also celebrate that Billie's mom, Tina Nixon, took these vows the week before to become an associate member of our church.

Please be in prayer for these dear ones! We welcome our new members of MUMC!



Congratulations Class of 2024!

Lucas Benavides is a native Austinite, born and raised. He grew up in the Windsor Park neighborhood with his brother, Zachary, and his dad, Cesar. They have been active participants in the life of Memorial UMC for about eight years.

He is graduating this year from the Liberal Arts and Science Academy and will be going to University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall. The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association will be honoring Lucas with a scholarship on June 8th. Although he is still undecided on his major, he is incredibly bright with many interests including creative writing, reading, art and problem solving.

When asked what his favorite memory of youth was he said it was when guests have come so that he can show them hospitality and share with them what being in youth group is all about. He has enjoyed all the youth activities, prayer, and camps. He doesn't have a favorite scripture, because there are so many to choose from.

Lucas-we have been grateful for your presence, your sense of humor, your dedication to the youth, your service in the Audio Visual Booth, great conversations, your care for others and your sense of humor.



Phoenix Petersen was guided into life by Dr. Love in an Austin hospital and raised in the Windsor Park neighborhood with the love of her parents, Jason and Malena, and her sister, El. She is proud of the Hawaiian and Korean heritage of her grandma, Afton Cherry. She was active in the life of Memorial as a child which included being a dedicated "Easter Bunny" for the MUMC Spring Fling for 7years starting at the age of eleven.

She graduated from Chaparral Star Academy and from Texas A&M University at Galvaston with a degree in Maritime Studies and a minor in Anthropology in December (2 years early) . She helped design a permanent exhibit for the USS Cavalla at the Galveston Naval Academy, She is waiting to hear back from three graduate schools so she will be going to Saitama, Japan or Westminster or East Anglia in England.

She identifies with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and Colossians 3:11 recognizing that... "There is no Jew or Gentile, barbarian, ... slave or free, but Christ is all and is in all."

Samantha Moles (Sammie) considers herself from New Mexico, but really grew up in various small towns throughout the south and mid-west because my dad was in the Air Force. Their family currently lives in Dallas.

She is graduating from University of Texas with a Bachelor's in Science Communication and Leadership. After graduation, she may take a mentorship job in higher education, marketing or communication.

She was active the UMC campus ministry, the Wesley Foundation in her final two years. It was in Wesley that she met Matt Ortiz, MUMC youth intern. Matt brought her to MUMC. Sammie says that she has loved getting to know the community and being involved in the wonderful events that MUMC hosts!

One of her favorite memories from MUMC is the trunk or treat! She loves Halloween and she loved seeing the kids be so excited to participate in trick or treating. She said it was so fun seeing everyone's enthusiasm in dressing up and partaking in the Halloween spirit.





Teacher of the Month: May

Congratulations Alexes Bellinger!



She has been with us for 6 years and she is our infant room teacher

Each month a teacher will be highlighted and get to park in a special parking spot!

**Wesley School Early Childhood
Development Center**

Now Enrolling

www.growingatwesley.org

512-467-4790

Open 7am-6pm

*Care Starting at 6wks up to 5 years of age



Rio Texas Annual Conference will
be held in Corpus Christi

June 5th-8th

**Mark your calendar
for VBS!**

Wednesday- Friday

August 7-9, 2024

10am- 12pm

**Stories, Crafts, Games,
Snacks & Fun!**



****Registration starts in July!****

... *With Love from your Pastor*



“Here comes the Sun doo n doo doo... Here comes the sun... and I say... It’s alright! It’s alright!” ... As I thought about May and the coming of summer, this song came to mind. It’s a song of hope by the Beatles! I’m so hopeful and grateful that my heart just wants to sing this song and it led me to think about Psalm 118 which says:

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let the house

of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.... I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation.”

Oh let us, Memorial UMC, give thanks and say, “His steadfast love endures forever!” We can give thanks for the Lord’s love that keeps us going and gives us hope! As I met with my spiritual director this week, I kept telling her stories of gratitude. I told her how I have seen hope all around me... like in the decisions made at the UMC General Conference that gives a witness of love and inclusivity...like when I was delightfully surprised in worship by this young woman, Martha, who had been like a god-daughter to me when she was a child, and I hadn’t seen in several years.... like when I saw the Astros win in Yankee Stadium as Stew and I celebrated there with my son and fiancé on his birthday... like seeing my parents surprise me by joining us for worship on Mother’s Day...like getting to honor the mothers of our church on Mother’s Day and celebrating the confirmation of Lucas, Zachary, Holly and Billie!... like the ongoing realization that I, WE, are loved by the God of the Universe!... That we, Memorial UMC, get to be in mission and ministry together... There is so much to be hopeful and grateful for!



In Psalm 105:1 is says, “Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!” Let’s choose To witness to the goodness of God, the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit!”



There is so much brokenness in the world and each of us could probably tell of a situation that brings forth heartache and so I encourage us all to seek the joy of the Lord by being hopeful and grateful. There is something that changes in us as we seek what is good and turn away from that which seeks to put a veil on our joy and gratitude. What are you grateful for? (If you come share something you are grateful for you will get a piece of chocolate:)

Pastor Lynn

Youth & Children



June & July Schedule

**Sunday School is every week in June at 9:30 AM

- ◆ **Sunday June 2 - SOCO Scavenger Hunt!**
***Meet at the MUMC at 3:30pm
- ◆ **Sunday June 9 - Blazer Tag with Oak Hill UMC!**
- ◆ **UYMF June 16th, 23rd, & 30th @ 6pm in the gym**

*****NO Youth or Children's Sunday School in July*****

******NO UYMF IN JULY******

Summer Camp: Revive Summer Camp July 14-18

See <http://memorialumcaustin.com/YouthMinistry> For More Information

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