

The Newsletter

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Memorial United Methodist Church

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

Sunday Schedule

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Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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Pentecost June 4th



Graduation Sunday June 4th

Father's Day June 18th



NEWS FROM PEWS

By **Billie Nixon** Membership Coordinator



SHIVE, Jane A.

Jane A. Shive passed away April 23, 2017. Jane was a native Austinite born October 15, 1925 to James A. and Ruby Nelson. She grew up on East Avenue east of the University of Texas with her two sisters, a half-sister and a brother; she was a child of the depression. Jane attended John B. Winn Elementary, University Junior High and graduated from Austin High in 1942. Her husband preceded her in death in 1992.

She met her future husband who threw the newspaper to her dad's garage during her time in high school. She worked in her dad's garage on East Avenue until she graduated from high school and then went to work for the U.S. Army Air Corp Field in San Marcos, Texas. She would get up early to get to Sixth & Congress Avenue to catch the bus at 6:00 am that took her to and from work during the war years until released in 1945. She then worked for the Austin American Statesman where she met again the man who would become her husband, Ikie, after his return from World War II. They married in Austin in 1947 and lived for a short time in Abilene while her husband worked for the Dallas Morning News. Upon returning to Austin they again worked for the local paper, from which he retired. Jane retired from the Austin Independent School District in 1988.

She loved the outdoors and gardening throughout her life. During retirement she was a member of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program for 17 years, volunteering at the Salvation Army, local elementary schools through Communities in School and various local food banks. She believed when you gave you would harvest the abundance of life that life has to offer and was always

ready to help a friend or neighbor out. Her greatest thing she gave was her time.

A viewing was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Cook Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78752. A private graveside will be held at a later date.

Her family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice and Spanish Oak Assisted Living, who cared for her in her final years. Contributions may be made in her name to the Salvation Army.



BRYANT, ANNIE CLYDE

Annie Clyde Lowry Bryant, age 91, was born into the farming family of Callie Ingram and Arthur Ellis (Jack) Lowry on October 17, 1925 at Lorena, Texas and passed away due to complications from a stroke

on May 8, 2017. One of mom's earliest memories was joining her father and older sister and brother in the cotton fields around Lorena at the age of 4. While this may seem harsh by today's standards, the only tears came when she didn't get to work a row adjacent to her daddy. Mom was never a stranger to hard work.

Ann graduated from Lorena High School in 1943. She moved to Waco, Texas and eventually took a job at Safeway Food Stores. There, she met the love of her life, Lester Boyd Bryant, and married him on October 3, 1948. This marriage was blessed with two children, Deborah Kay Bryant and Gary Allen Bryant, both of Austin, Texas.

Ann will be remembered for being a loving wife and mother of her children and for being a wonderful grandmother. Mom ran a tight and orderly ship around the house and had numerous part time jobs through the years. While dad was in-charge at his job away from home, mom was in-charge of everything else at home. An excellent cook, mom was especially well known for her pies. She was also very active in the women's groups at the church.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years Lester, her parents Jack and Callie Lowry, sisters Allie Brown, Murriel Dixon and Lillie Sandel and by brothers Jack, Lonnie and Arthur Lowry. Ann is survived by daughter Debbie, son Gary, daughter-in-law Joy, grandchildren Bailey and Chancellor Bryant, her sister Mildred Dooley of Waco, Texas and by many nieces and nephews.

*Though you can't see me or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear all my
love around you soft and clear.*

*Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us
every day. Unseen, unheard but always there. Still
loved, still missed, because we care.*



**BIXLER, Reynolds April 29,
1939 -May 7, 2017** It originally
wasn't my idea to write my own
obituary. But, I was inspired by
one I read about a year ago that
was written by a guy who was

also taken by the big "C". I lived a good life. Sure, there were some ups and downs and a few bumps along the way, but all in all, it was good. I had two great sons, a lovely granddaughter, two precious great granddaughters and a beautiful wife who shared my life for 58 years and was the best care giver ever for the past two years. I was involved in church, community activities, PTA, Little League coach and our neighborhood group. We had UT Men's basketball season tickets for 37 years; had to give those up because I couldn't climb the steps anymore. We also enjoyed following the PGA tournaments in Texas. I particularly remember the Bryon Nelson in Ft. Worth at the Four Seasons. After we had our fill of walking the course with the players, we went into the Four Season Lobby Bar and ordered a chocolate milk shake with 2 cherries

and 2 straws. So good on a hot day. My last tournament was the Dell Match Play at Lakeway. I belonged to two "packs". One was the Rat Pack: Dorothy and I and 3 other couples who we met at church. We had a blast together for over 38 years. We traveled the world as a group and always made it a point to celebrate each person's birthday. The second was known as the Wolf Pack: they were my golf group. I was only associated with them for 5 years; one of the best bunch of guys you could ever meet. They constantly tried to help me with my golf game; telling me to keep my head down, they would watch the flight the ball for me. They tried; I just couldn't keep my head down. After I got cancer, they especially looked after me so I could continue to play. My retail career with Gem Fabrics was both fulfilling and exciting. People frequently asked me how I got involved in the fabric business. I always answered, "I married the boss's daughter!" After 51 years, we closed the family business to retire. I remember visiting with a group of ladies and talking about how sad it was that we were closing. Everyone had tears in their eyes, and I commented that this was just like a funeral except there was no food. The next day one of the ladies brought me a loaf of banana nut bread. We had lots of great customers. We sold our home of 33 years, bought a 35' Winnebago became full RVer's for 2 1/2 years. We traveled all of the US except Hawaii and New Jersey (don't know why we didn't cross that NJ border), and both East and West coasts of Canada. Met some fun people, too. Returning to Texas, we quit Rving and built our retirement home on 4 acres heavily wooded with oaks and loblolly pine trees. We truly lived in a forest. We hung our shingle that said, "Bixburg pop.2". We had wonderful caring neighbors, always ready to lend a helping hand. I was fortunate to be

born into a loving family who are close and very supportive of one another. We all enjoyed being together, including our many "spring flings" and Thanksgivings with as many as 35 attending. A special thank you to my team at Texas Oncology; never was there anything but total professional care. I also received excellent care at Seton Medical Center. So, a thank you to the admitting personnel, as well as, the RN and CA staff on 7th floor North and to the staff of Hospice Austin. It has been quite a trip. If you may have a fond memory of something nice I did, please pay it forward. So, I think I'll quit and go look up some people I haven't seen in a long time. A celebration of life was held at the First United Methodist Church in Elgin, Texas, on Friday, May 12 at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#), the FUMC of Elgin, Hospice Austin, or a charity of your choice.



GRADUATION SUNDAY June 4th, 2017

Stephanie Lopez Lara, daughter of Norma and Jay, sister of Alex and Evan graduates from Austin High School this year.

She has earned honors such as the Trustee Award, Casis Elementary Scholarship and the AVID Effort Scholarship. She is a member of AVID, National Honor Society and Breakthrough Austin. She is Link Crew Leader, a Freshmen Mentor, Anti-defamation League Mentor and Varsity Cheer Captain.

Stephanie is off to attend Sam Houston State University in the fall to Major in Criminal Justice to psychologically study prisoners and counsel them as well as their families.

Chancellor Boyd Bryant, son of Gary and Joy Bryant, brother of Bailey Bryant graduated from U.T. on May 20th, 2017 with a Bachelors of Science in mathematics on actuarial science path.

He is working for the Department of Information Resources in Cyber Security and hopes to work with the Department of Insurance in the actuarial field.

Hannah Egbert, daughter of Barry and Minda Egbert, sister of Emily Egbert, granddaughter of Carl and Nancy Helge graduates from East View High School on May 26th.

Hannah is a 4 year member of the Sparkles Dance Team, also serves as the Head Social Officer and volunteers at a dance studio working with four year olds.

Her future plans are to attend Texas State University and major in Education. We are so proud to celebrate with Hannah. She, her family, great grandmother and aunts have been Memorial members since the 1960's.

It is our pleasure to announce the above graduates and help them to know that we at Memorial and God are proud to do so and go with each one on their journey of life.



Pew Crosses For Sale \$25

Last year, Pat Marcum fashioned crosses from the dismantled pews.

We now have these crosses for sale in either a free-standing form or a wall-hanging form. They are \$25 apiece, and all funds will go to updates to the sanctuary (like the carpeting). This is a beautiful opportunity to have a piece of Memorial in your home. Please contact the church office for more information on getting your own cross (512-452-5796).



⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

A few weeks ago, a group of FreeStore volunteers from Bethany UMC planted fruit, vegetable and herb seedlings with the hope that those seedlings might eventually bear produce for Hope Food Pantry. We planted watermelon, cantaloupe, peppers, basil, squash, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, cilantro, and zucchini, and I set them out with plenty of water and sun.

About a week later, squash started poking up through the dirt, closely followed by watermelon. A couple days later, we had a few cucumbers, a couple of zucchini, and a single tomato as well as a few carrots. My heart thrilled every time it saw a little green shoot coming up. It is so rare that I am successful with plants, and each little container with a seedling felt like a victory!

But then I started looking at the containers that I was still faithfully watering, but held nothing—the tomatoes, the peppers, the basil, the cilantro and most of the cantaloupe and about half of the zucchini. How long should I hold out hope? Was there something more I could do to make them grow?

Instead of looking at the abundance of what God was providing, I was upset that God wasn't providing some of the things I most longed for (especially the basil!). I was trying to figure out what I could do to "help" God.

Paul is speaking to a church at Corinth that is divided over who they are becoming. In this case, they are divided over who they will listen to—Paul or Apollos, both evangelists who baptized people there and introduced them to Christ. Paul reminds them that both he and Apollos wanted the same thing—that they might be the people of God, following Christ.

We have a lot of debate and discussion and even a bit of melancholy about where God is leading Memorial UMC. My first inclination is always to say that if I could just give things

a bit more energy, they will work—a bit more creativity and they'll start doing something. Some others feel like if we just go back to doing what we used to do, we'll be fine. Some others aren't sure what to do—they just want it to be like it used to be.

I don't know what God has in store, but I do know that ALL of us are responsible for listening. ALL of us are responsible for being faithful to the call that God has given to each of us. Somewhere in there, it adds up to a call to all of Memorial for our neighborhood and for the world.

So I'll watch the seedlings and get ready to plant them (with Clayton's help—he is a much better gardener than me!). And I'll watch the seeds that have been sown among us, watering them and trying to tend to them to see what God might do. What seeds of the Good News are you planting?

Cynthia's Favorite Zucchini and Summer Squash:

Ingredients: Zucchini, summer squash, olive oil, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper to taste, chopped rosemary

Cut zucchini and summer squash into thin rounds. In a baking dish, lay down a layer of mixed zucchini and squash, overlapping them. Brush with olive oil, then lightly salt and pepper. Sprinkle chopped rosemary over the layer and then sprinkle parmesan cheese over all of it. Add two more layers like the first (I find three layers works best). Cover the dish with aluminum foil and bake at 350 until the center of the dish is fork tender (start checking at 15-20 minutes).

I like rosemary, but you can use just about any herb or combination of herbs you like!

United Methodism Basics Worship Series

For six weeks starting on June 18, Pastor Cynthia will be preaching about the basics of United Methodism. This scripturally based series will cover the five areas in which United Methodists promise to be faithful.

If you would like the opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church and go deeper with the content of the sermon series, you can place an order either through the church or on your own for a copy of "A Disciple's Path" reader. The extra readings in this book will offer more perspective and insight. It is available from either Cokesbury (\$6.79 plus shipping) or Amazon (\$8.46 plus shipping or free shipping with Prime). Please let us know if you'd like for us to order a copy—we will be placing that



Women's News

Submitted by Alberta Shelton



The **Honeybees** will not meet until further notice. They only meet for special projects.

The **Reading and Library Group** will continue their work on the Anderson Chapel when they can get in there again. Recent painting at Wesley has blocked the area. Lights are also needed in the Chapel so we can see.



The **BIF group** met at the home of Alberta Shelton in May. They discussed the book "When all else fails – Plan B". We looked at ways a Christian can deal with problems and challenges. The book offered an eight point plan. BIF will hold their annual spring luncheon at La Madelaine at Mueller on Barbara Jordan at 11:00 AM. Our August meeting will be at the home of Patty Marcum. We will carpool from the church leaving around 9:00 AM. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month except July.

Thanks to Afton Cherry for the crocheted Easter Chickens. UMW made over \$100 and every child present at Easter Sunday received a chick.



We are once again grieving for lost members. Norma Jones was the heart of Reading and Library for so many years and the reason our unit led the Conference in Reading. Ann Bryant will always be remembered for her wonderful pies at our bake sales. Dorothy Johnson was our devotional leader for so many years. It is not often an Associate Pastor is that active in a unit.



Apologies to Gerry Almquist for misspelling her name in the last article. We also welcome new member Dorothy Langston.



Lost Items: The missing communion plate was found in the Gym Kitchen. How it got there no one knows. Now missing are the spatulas used to flip the pancakes at the breakfast. Both are no where to be found.



Alberta Shelton, Wanda Adams, Holly Wright and Kamika Streets plan to attend Mission U in Kerrville July 7-9. They would love to have others join them in this fun learning experience. The UMW UMCOR project for the year is bedding kids. If you can donate any of the following, please submit them by July 5th.

All items **MUST BE NEW**. Full Sized Flat Sheets, Pillow cases and Pillows.





We are pleased to be working this summer with Manos de Cristo, who has been one

of our previous partners in the ESL classes. This summer, we will be hosting citizenship classes beginning in late May and going through mid- July. The classes will be on Monday and Wednesday from 9am-noon. Please be in prayer for all those who are learning and taking this important step to becoming naturalized citizens of this country!



News from Church World Service

cwsglobal.org

Here is an excerpt of a story that testifies to the difference we can make together through CWS. For the full story go to [In West Timor, preventing and treating malnutrition](#)

The Community Health Center, or Puskesmas, in Oekam village, West Timor, Indonesia, is vital. It is the only clinic for people from 10 villages in Timor Tengah Selatan district.

Vera Kuli has been working at the Puskesmas for the past six years. One element of her job is to monitor the nutritional status of children in all 10 villages. In this role, she works closely with the nurses who work in the CWS-supported Therapeutic Feeding Center in nearby Soe. When Vera finds a child suffering from severe acute malnutrition – known as SAM – she refers them to the TFC for treatment.

“We have so many cases of malnourished children in the district,” said Vera, “and, they need very special care that only the TFC can provide.”

Vera continues to monitor the children once they have been successfully treated at the TFC and are back home in their villages. While Vera is grateful that the much-needed TFC exists and is supported so strongly by CWS, she is also happy for other aspects of her job – like nutrition education and support for families so their children do not develop SAM and other conditions that come from poor well-being.

Last year, CWS-supported nurses at the TFC treated 101 young children suffering from severe, acute malnutrition with high-energy milk and nutritious food supplements.

Kevin Murphy Community Engagement Specialist
Church World Service 512-553-1671



Fixer Upper....Our theme for June. We honor those who “fix” stuff whether its cars or yards or homes or even people. For Drive a Senior-Senior Access, people are perhaps the most important thing to us when we think about fixing something. Sometimes relationships need to be fixed. Sometimes health. Sometimes loneliness. Sometimes transportation. Drive a Senior-Senior Access is in a unique position to “fix” things. Through our volunteers, we fix all kinds of situations for our senior clients. We offer handyman services, friendly visits, telephone reassurance, and yes, transportation—all free of charge to our clients. We help our clients fix things and in the process, friendships are created, loneliness abated, groceries purchased, and health restored. If you are interested in helping us fix things for your senior neighbors.

Teens....do you need volunteer hours? Drive a Senior-Senior Access has a Summer Teen Van Program. Teen volunteers will assist the van drivers and help senior clients in and out of the van, carry groceries, and interact with van riders. Volunteer opportunities Monday-Thursday. Flexible for you but also a great way to get in lots of volunteer hours over the summer.

Contact Sherrie at 512 310 1060 or vr@driveasenior.org and volunteer today.



Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and Saturdays 9am-11am



Monday,

Wednesday, Friday

10am-1pm and

Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In Gym (not the office)



JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday June 1

Friday June 2 Last Day of AISD School

Saturday June 3

Every Saturday in June : Free Store Open

9:00am-11:am Free Store Open for Shopping

Sunday June 4 Pentecost, Communion, Graduation Sunday and Baptism

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday June 5

6:30am Morning Prayer -Chapel

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00pm Boy Scout Council - Scout Room

Tuesday June 6

11:00am BIF Annual Spring Luncheon

La Madeline at Mueller on Barbara Jordan

Wednesday June 7-10th Annual Conference

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

Thursday June 8

7:00pm - 9:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday June 9

Saturday June 10

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday June 11 Pancake Breakfast

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am- Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

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Monday June 12

6:30am Morning Prayer -Chapel

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday June 13

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday June 14

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday June 15

(July Newsletter Content Deadline)

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday June 16

Saturday June 17

Sunday June 18 Father's Day

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday June 19

6:30am Morning Prayer -Chapel

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday June 20

Wednesday June 21

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday June 22

Friday June 23

Saturday June 24

Sunday June 25

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday June 26

6:30am Morning Prayer -Chapel

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

Monday June 26 continued

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday June 27

Wednesday June 28

9:00am-12:00pm Manos de Cristo Class - Parlor

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday June 29

Friday June 30



June Birthdays

- 2nd Cliff Masters
- 7th Tina Zapalac-Nixon
- 10th Kathy Reinhart
- 12th Cleo Wilson
- 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 Kelpner-Karrer
Breieghl Mobley
- 27th Chase Jennings Holland
- 30th Lauren Batts

You Are Invited
Ice Cream Social

Date to be Determined
End of July

To Honor All Members
90+ Years Young!

Pancake Breakfast

Join Your Church
Every 2nd Sunday
of the month for
Pancake Breakfast in
the Gym
June 11th 8:30am

2017 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 signup today.

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?

Bread Church
Thursday June 15th
7pm in the Gym

The Newsletter



Holidays

Flag Day June 14th
Fathers Day June 18th
Juneteenth
Paul Bunyan Day
National Rose Month
National Dairy Month
African-American Music Month
National Ice Tea Month
National Candy Month

Fun Facts about June It is the first month of the summer season. June in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to the month of December in the Southern Hemisphere. June is known as a great month to get married. The famous English tennis tournament Wimbledon is played during the month of June. The longest day of the year occurs on either June 21st or 22nd. Several countries celebrate their flag days during this month including the United States, Sweden, Denmark, Romania, and Argentina. June 21st is Go Skateboarding Day.

