

# The Newsletter

## June 2018

**Memorial United Methodist Church**  
6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer - Pastor

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

### *Sunday Schedule*

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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## June 2018

### Graduation Sunday June 3rd



### Introducing Felicia Hefney June 3rd



### Father's Day June 17th



## From Pews

By Billie Nixon  
Membership Coordinator

### Births



2x  
the girls!

Connie Tatom's son Billy and his wife Angela had their 6<sup>th</sup> child on April 25, 2018. Zelia (pronounced Zay-Lee) Anne Tatom weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Connie's grandson & wife also had a baby girl on May 1, 2018. Olivia Riley Rosas weighed in at only 4lbs 12 oz. and is 18 inches long. Both mother and baby are fine. Benjamin and his wife Jeanette and 2 other children, Emily 6 years old and Gavin 4 years old, live in Las Vegas, NV.



### Baptism

Krystal Alexis Jean Walker was born on March 6, to Stephanie Shelton and Wesley Walker. Her sisters are Holly Wright and Kamika Streets. At her baptism on May 15th, she wore a long white baptismal dress, a gift from her godmother Wanda Adams. She is named after her grandfathers Alexis and Jean.



**Love and Concern go to the family and friends of Billie Talley and Cleo Wilson on their recent passing.**

Billie Jean Talley, age 87, of Austin passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Billie Jean is survived by her daughter Lynda Talley Rychlik and husband Terry Redd, grandson Travis Rychlik. She is also survived by two sisters; Mildred Forehand and Myrtice Macomber and numerous nieces and nephews.

Billie Jean was preceded in death by her husband Troy M. Talley and grandson Randy Kotal. Her father W.B. Denham and mother Eunice Amelia Harrison Denham. Her brothers, Theo Denham, Wilburn Denham and Weslon Denham; her sisters, Fern Mayfield, Erma Lee Stork, Lorene McLaurin and Sylvia Adophson.

Billie Jean was born in Florence, Texas on September 13, 1930. She grew up in Jarrell, Texas and went to Round Rock High School. Billie married Troy M. Talley on January 8, 1948 and they were married for 67 years at the time of his death.

She was a mother to Lynda, her daughter, and a grandmother to two grandsons, Randy Kotel and Travis Rychlik.

Billie Jean worked at several businesses as a Bookkeeper and also a Treasurer for her church. She decided that she wanted to become a Mary Kay consultant. Billie Jean worked by Mary Kay Cosmetics for over 40 years. She was also very much involved in her church with Memorial United Methodist women. Billie Jean was the President of the Montopolis Friendship Center. It is an organization that helps mothers and their children.

She enjoyed reading books and joined the church Book Friends. Her favorite thing was butterflies. She is now free to fly the heavens above.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Memorial United Methodist Church in memory of Billie Jean Talley.



Cleo Wilson passed away peacefully on May, 17, 2018 at The Pavilion at Great Hills, in Austin, Texas at the age of 99.

Cleo was born June 12, 1918 to Harvey and Bertha Whitman Hutto of Bertram, Texas. After High School graduation she attended Beauty College in Austin and worked for a time as a beautician. Later she returned

to work in a bank at Bertram. She got to know J.O. Wilson when he hit a baseball that broke her finger. She and J.O. were married November 19, 1939 while she was a cashier at Farmer's State Bank. They moved to Austin in 1945. She and J.O. had two daughters, Martha Wilson Althaus and Barbara Wilson Compton. The family joined Memorial United Methodist Church in the mid 1950's.

Cleo was an active member of Memorial Methodist Church for many years and enjoyed serving on The Kitchen Committee, helping with Vacation Bible School, working on getting the newsletter ready to be mailed (even into her 90's), attending the Women's Society, leading and playing cards with the over 55 group, and being a Sunday Morning Greeter.

She was the true "40's" housewife fixing three hot meals every day for her husband; taking care of her daughters; sewing their clothes (including a wedding dress); washing, hanging laundry on the clothesline outside, and then ironing everything. When her daughters married, she gained the sons she never had, and treated the new husbands as sons. After J.O. retired, they enjoyed travelling to Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and many states.

1995 was both a happy and a very sad year in that two of her grandchildren were married, but very sad because her husband of 55 years died in April. In 2012, she lost her younger daughter Barbara Wilson Compton to cancer. That was her most challenging time. Cleo drove until she was 93 and lived alone in her house until she moved into The Pavilion at Great Hills in 2013. Even with two broken hips, a broken back, a broken pelvis, and eleven arterial stents, she stayed as active as possible and enjoyed physical therapy, playing Skip-Bo and Bingo with her Pavilion friends, and visiting with her Memorial friends and family.

She loved and was loved by her six grandchildren. In addition she loved and was loved, amused and entertained by her great grandchildren. She loved playing Canasta and "42" with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband J.O., her daughter, Barbara, three brothers, Cecil, Euel, and her twin, Clyde, and one great grandchild Justin Matthew Althaus. She is survived by one daughter, Martha Althaus and husband Steve, son-in-law Robert Compton, six grandchildren; Greg Althaus and wife Lori, Staci DeKunder and husband Greg, Janna Dake and husband Jason, Chris Compton and wife Emily, Jennifer Compton, and Atesha Compton and Michael Dean, and

great grandchildren; Ashlynn and Avery Althaus, Ella, Audrey and Megan DeKunder, Jared and Jacob Dake, Etta Compton and Jonas Estrada, and Iris Compton Dean.

Interment was at Austin Memorial Park on Hancock Drive in Austin, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Cleo's name to Memorial United Methodist Church.



## Congratulations 2018 Graduates!!!

It is our pleasure to report to you about our latest graduates.

**Christine Garner**, daughter of Chuck and Paula Garner, sister to Courtney Garner and granddaughter of Carole Garner. Christine is a graduate of Liberal Arts & Science Academy. She earned the Texas Exes Scholarship and her special activities include volleyball, environmental club, LBJ Cares club, National Honor Society, and Austin Pets Alive! She will attend University of Texas at Austin for a degree in architecture.

**Isabella Chyna Alvear**, daughter of Holly Huff & Salvador Alvear, graduates from Anderson High School. Her future plans are to attend ACC while working at Chuy's and eventually transfer to a 4 year college. She and her mother will be touring Europe for her graduation gift.

**Charles James Giles**, son of Gary & Cara Giles, brother to Caroline Giles and another grandchild to Carole Garner. He graduates from Texas A & M University Mays Business School- with a BBA Marketing. While in school he was involved in ABBOTT, Brother of Christian Aggies. Charles plans to move forward with Keller Williams - The Woodlands - Giles Real Estate Team.

**Lauren Dixon Riley**, wife of Rustin Riley, daughter of Jerry and Deborah Dixon, sister to Evan Dixon and granddaughter to John and Billie Nixon. Lauren graduated from University of New Mexico Law School with a JD (juris doctorate) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She received many honors including an award from the Indian Law Section of the State Bar for being the Editor in Chief of the Tribal Law Journal. She also received an award from the Law School for being the Outstanding Student in the Clinical Law Program and an award from the Dean as one of 5 outstanding students in her law school class.

Congratulations to each of you and may God bless and guide you to a happy future.





*Help Deliver Meals in your Neighborhood! We have a high need for summertime substitute drivers; delivery routes take one hour or less; additional sites open all over Austin. Call us today! 512-476-6325*

Thanks!

Denise Jimenez

Director of Volunteer Services

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**DIVE INTO VOLUNTEERING....this summer! Beat the heat this summer by helping a senior stay mobile in the community. Non-driving seniors in your neighborhood need help getting to doctor appointments, grocery stores, social outings, and other locations. Volunteer drive to help relieve isolation and loneliness. Volunteering for Senior Access is flexible, convenient and REWARDING.**



**DIVE IN** and help your senior neighbor today. Contact Sherrie Rose to volunteer or for more

information at 512 310 1060 or [vr@senioracesstx.org](mailto:vr@senioracesstx.org).



We Welcome Felicia Hefney who will head up our Youth Ministry. She visits on June 3rd!

## More About Our Youth Ministry and CYMT

Much of the preliminary work has been done to prepare for our upcoming partnership with CYMT. We have been accepted as a partner church and a potential candidate has been screened and accepted for assignment to Memorial. Felicia Hefney will be visiting our church on June 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can meet her and she can meet us before returning to finish out her current job as a middle school counselor in Brooklyn, New York. We expect her to move to Austin and begin working on staff at Memorial sometime during the middle part of July. There is a lot of excitement building about what this can mean for our youth ministry to teenagers in our church and also in our surrounding neighborhood community and for the life and vitality of our church overall.

If you have been in church over the last three weeks you have heard about the opportunity for each of us to determine how we can participate in this major initiative for MUMC. Pledge cards have been created so individuals can commit to whatever level of support they feel God is calling them to during our three year commitment to the CYMT partnership. We are including a copy of the pledge card in this newsletter to make it as convenient as possible. You will see that these cards are labeled "Above and Beyond" as we do not want to take away from funding that already goes to all of the other great ministries happening today at Memorial but please do pray and consider how you can support this effort and let us know by completing a pledge card and either dropping it in the offering plate or mailing it to/taking it by the church office.

Most importantly, please join us in praying for this outreach! And don't forget to try to be in worship June 3rd to meet Felicia!

## Above and Beyond

We thank you for your generous support of the Memorial UMC partnership with the Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT).

Please complete this card and return it in the offering plate or to the church office.

If you have questions regarding this card, please speak with Kendall and Laura Smith or Pastor Cynthia. Contact info available through the Church Office (512-452-5796).

\_\_\_\_ Yes! I/We will support CYMT with this  
above and beyond pledge.

### Choose One:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one time gift  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ semi-monthly for 35 months  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for 35 months  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ yearly/bi-annually/quarterly for 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ years

This reflects a total pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name (Please Print):

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Home Phone/Cell Phone:





# JUNE CALENDAR

**There are several ongoing events and new events that may not be listed. Please check the building use calendar or with the office if you need to reserve space.**

**\* Starred \* Events Happen Each Week**

## **Friday June 1**

\*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

## **Saturday June 2**

\*9am-11am Free Store Shopping - Gym

1:30pm-3pm UMW Conference - Pearce

## **Sunday June 3 Communion & Graduation**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team—Parlor

## **Monday June 4**

\*6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

\*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

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

\*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

## **Tuesday June 5**

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

10:30am BIF Luncheon - Alberta's House

## **Wednesday June 6**

\*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

\*11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping - Gym

\*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday June 7**

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

## **Friday June 8**

## **Saturday June 9**

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

## **Sunday June 10**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

## **Monday June 11**

6:30pm Church Council - Pearce

## **Tuesday June 12**

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

## **Wednesday June 13**

## **Thursday June 14**

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## **Friday June 15 July Newsletter Content Due**

6-9pm Eagle Scout Ceremony - Sanctuary/Parlor

## **Saturday June 16**

11:00am-4:00pm Private Rental - Gym

## **Sunday June 17 Father's Day**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

## **Monday June 18**

## **Tuesday June 19**

## **Wednesday June 20**

## **Thursday June 21 First Day of Summer**

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

## **Friday June 22**

## **Saturday June 23**

## **Sunday June 24**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

## **Monday June 25**

## **Tuesday June 26**

## **Wednesday June 27**

## **Thursday June 28**

## **Friday June 29**

## **Saturday June 30**

\*Please Note that there are ongoing events in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Citizenship Class, Choir Rehearsal, FreeStore Shopping, Morning Prayer, Girl Scouts, and more.



Pastor Cynthia will be out from June 6th - June 9th for Annual Conference



## 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  
 Brieghl Mobley  
 27th Chase Jennings Holland  
 30th Lauren Batts



## NEW DIRECTORY!

PLEASE send updated information either by email or drop a clearly printed note in the offering plate or secretary office with your name, email address, cell/home number & mailing address so that we may print a new directory with updated information. Thank You!

[secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com)



## The Wesley School

Now Enrolling for Summer Program  
 Ages K- 12



## Pew Crosses For Sale \$25

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).



## Bread Church

Thursday  
 7pm

June 21st in  
 the Gym

## Online Giving

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# 90+ Ice Cream Social in July

