

# The Newsletter

## June/July 2016

### Memorial United Methodist Church

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**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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**CWU June 3rd**



**Honor Graduates June 5th**



**Father's Day June 19th**



**Independence Day July 4th**



**Bread Church July 28th**



**Ice Cream Social July 31st**



# News from the Pews

Submitted by **Billie Nixon**  
Membership Coordinator



## **AnnaBelle Burkland**

**Turner**, 91, of Austin, was called home to our Lord on Sunday morning May 15, 2016. A member of "The Greatest Generation", AnnaBelle married the love of her life Robert Lee Turner on January 15, 1949, one year after his discharge from the U.S. Navy.

AnnaBelle was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. AnnaBelle was born on January 18th, 1925 in Austin, TX, to parents Fred Herman Burkland and Selma Helgren Burkland and married to Robert Lee Turner, of Austin for 65 years.

AnnaBelle is preceded in death by her husband Robert Lee Turner, parents Fred Herman Burkland and Selma Helgren Burkland, her adopted brother Homer Burkland, sister and brother-in-law Gladys & Harold Warner, nephew David Warner, and daughter-in-law Delma Garza Turner.

She is survived by her sons Wesley Turner of Ft. Worth, TX, and Donald F. Turner of Austin, daughters-in-law Shirley Turner of Ft. Worth, and Moonyeen Ruiz Turner of Austin, granddaughters Sara Camp of Ft. Worth, TX, Lesley Zimpelman of Ft. Worth, TX, grandsons Jonathan Turner of Austin, TX, Jeffery Turner of Austin, TX, and seven great grandchildren.

On behalf of AnnaBelle, her family would like to thank the staff at Seton Hospital for the care they provided in recent weeks as well as the staffs at Buckner Villas and Brookdale for their daily love,

care and support over the last four years.

Anna Belle and Bob were both very active members of Memorial until poor health limited their activities.

**Major David Ernest Teaney**, 82, was called to duty in heaven June 9, 2016. Born July 17, 1933 to David and Mary Teaney in Indianapolis, IN. He attended [Purdue University](#), a USAF pilot, He married Patty Jolliff on Oct, 9th, 1955. A decorated officer serving overseas and in the US. He retired at Bergstrom AFB as squadron commander. Owing his own company, his skills and talent made him respected and a requested leading decorator of major events in Texas and the US. The couple donated thousands of dollars and hours to charity, the Special Olympics, Goodwill, Jerry Lewis Telethon, are just a few. He was always willing to help and teach those around him.

His life is celebrated by his wife Patty Teaney, daughter, Bambi Teaney, son and wife, David and Davi Teaney, grand children, Tamera, David, Nichole, Joseph Teaney, great grand children, Anaya, Freddie, Jamie Cash, Dasia, and Dnaya.

David's memorial service was held June, 21, 2016 at 6:30pm at Memorial United Methodist Church.

For many years the Teaneys were active in all areas of Memorial until health issues restricted their activities.

They were a blessing  
to us, will not be  
forgotten and always  
remembered with  
much love.





## Weddings

William Friedrich and Sarah Hilburn were married on Dutch Mountain near Llano on May 14, 2016. Both are graduates of Texas State University. William is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York. William is the son of Richard and Judy Friedrich of Georgetown, and the grandson of Jane Friedrich and the late Logan Friedrich. Like his brother Andrew,

**William's Eagle Scout project was at Memorial.** He is employed by the City of Austin and Sarah, a biologist, is employed by Assuragen in Austin.



## HoNors Graduates 2016

Sunday June 5, 2016 Memorial was privileged to honor 3 of our graduates with a reception at 10am and recognize them in the regular morning service.



**Clayton Tolle Karrer-** husband of our pastor, Cynthia Kepler-Karrer, son of Ray (deceased) and Carolyn Karrer, graduated from Perkins School of Theology, SMU with a degree in Masters of Divinity. Clayton plans to work 1/4 time as Clinic Director, Redemptive Work; as he seeks ordination in the United Methodist Church.



## Women's News

**Submitted by:**

The United Methodist Women hosted Church Women United on Friday, June 3 for their annual Wellspring Bible Study. Rev. Cynthia Rigby of the Austin Presbyterian Seminary spoke. She used Jeremiah 29:11-13 for her text as she spoke the words "Be Not Afraid".

Please be in vigilant prayer for all the families and friends of the victims of gun violence here at home and those of the recent bombings overseas.

**Hannah Joann Smith-**daughter of Kendall & Laura Smith, siblings of Joshua and Lexi Smith, Genny Smith Cornell, Tyler Moore and grandparents Jim Rhoades (& Shirley Rhoades-deceased).

She is a graduate from A.N. McCallum High School with Honors & Scholarships in National Honor Society, Academic All District all four years in 2 sports. Presidential Scholarship to Baylor University. She played soccer 3 years on Varsity; softball 4 years on Varsity, 1st team

# Graduates 2016

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All District, softball Jr. & Sr. years, 1st team  
All District soccer 10th-12th grades.

Hannah plans to attend Baylor University in the fall.

**Melissa Marie Minette**-daughter of Rose & Maury Minette. She graduated from McCallum High School. She has been part of our Methodist Youth group at Memorial for years. She is a life guard with Parks & Recreation this summer and plans to attend ACC.



## Graduates From Memorial's Extended Family

**David Elliot**, son of John and Kristen Shelton, and siblings Jacob and Sarah Shelton, will be graduating from McNeil H.S. in Austin. He plans to attend ACC and then pursue a Business degree. David is the grandson of Alberta Shelton.

**Carolyn Giles**, daughter of Gary and Cara Giles, her brother Charles 'Chaso' James Giles and Carole Garner is her grandmother. Carolyn is graduating from Baylor University, receiving her degree in Speech Pathology. Her future plans include a

missionary trip serving in Uganda for 8 months, leaving in September.

**Matthew Lee Rosas**, grandson of Connie Tatom is graduating from James Pace H.S. in Brownsville, Tx. His future plans are to go to U.T. Rio Grand Valley and major in Criminal Justice. The goal being to work as a state park ranger or for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

**Emily Lee Crane**, daughter of Kelly and Barbara Crane, brother of Matthew Crane and granddaughter of our church's ex-bookkeeper, Peggy Sismilich. She is receiving a double degree from U.T. @ San Antonio, Tx. the 14th of May 2016 at the Alamo Dome. Her degree's : BS in Business and her Masters Cum Laude in Accounting. She has already begun work at an accounting firm in Houston.

**Nicole Dennig Sword**, daughter of William and Laura Dennig, sister to Michelle and Caitland Dennig. Nicole is receiving her BS in Radiology from Midwestern State University. She and her husband Aaron Sword, are now living in Tyler, Texas and she is working at Christ's Trinity Mother Frances Clinic.

**We are so happy to celebrate with each of these graduates and their families. May God continue to guard, guide and direct them on their different journeys.**







# JUNE CALENDAR

## **Wednesday, June 1**

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room

## **Thursday, June 2**

## **Friday, June 3**

9:30 am- Church Women United— Parlor

## **Saturday, June 4**

9:30 am- Church Women United— Parlor

## **Sunday, June 5 Honoring Graduates**

8:30 am - Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

## **Monday, June 6**

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:30 pm - Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, June 7**

10:00 am - BIF Luncheon - Parlor

## **Wednesday, June 8**

6:00 pm - Reading & Library

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, June 9**

1:00 pm - D.A.S. - Pearce

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## **Friday, June 10**

## **Saturday, June 11**

8:00am-2:00pm—Girl Scouts—Parlor

10:00 am WPNA - Gym/FHL

12:30am– 3:00pm—Council Member Houston –Gym

## **Sunday, June 12**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

## **Monday, June 13**

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, June 14**

9:00 am - Honeybees - Pearce

6:00 pm - Wesley Board - Pearce

## **Wednesday, June 15**

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, June 16**

10:00 am - Reading and Library

7:00 pm - Bread Church - Gym

## **Friday, June 17**

## **Saturday, June 18**

## **Sunday, June 19 Father's Day**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

## **Monday, June 20**

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, June 21**

9:00 am - Honeybees - Pearce

6:00 pm - NAMI Support - Pearce

6:30 pm - David Teaney Memorial Service

## **Wednesday, June 22**

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

## **Thursday, June 23**

4:00 pm– 8:00 pm - I35 Project - Gym

## **Friday, June 24**

## **Saturday, June 25**

## **Sunday, June 26**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

## **Monday, June 27**

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

# JUNE CALENDAR

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6:00 pm - Girl Scouts - Gym area  
6:30 pm - Austin Harmony– Choir room  
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## Tuesday, June 28

9:00 am - Honeybees - Pearce

## Wednesday, June 29

## Thursday, June 30



## June Birthdays

2nd Cliff Masters  
6th Kay Allen  
7th Tina Zapalac-Nixon  
9th Courtney May  
10th Kathy Reinhart  
12th Cleo Wilson  
16th Pat Marcum  
Stephanie Smith  
Nicole Teaney  
19th Joseph Teaney  
21st Patty Marcum  
22nd Aiden Rodgers  
24th Chuck Garner  
Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer  
Brieghl Mobley  
27th Chase Jennings Holland



# JULY CALENDAR

## Friday, July 1

## Saturday, July 2

## Sunday, July 3 Communion Sunday

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am - Worship Service

## Monday, July 4 Office Closed

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel  
6:30 pm - Austin Harmony - Choir room  
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## Tuesday, July 5

9:30 am - BIF - Parlor

## Wednesday, July 6

6:00 pm - Reading & Library

## Thursday, July 7

1:00 pm - D.A.S. - Pearce  
7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## Friday, July 8

## Saturday, July 9

10:00 am - Windsor Park Neighborhood - Gym/FHL

## Sunday, July 10

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am - Worship Service  
11:30 am - Trustees - Pearce

## Monday, July 11

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel  
6:00 pm - Girl Scouts - Gym area  
6:30 pm - Austin Harmony– Choir room  
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## Tuesday, July 12

9:00 am - Honeybees - Pearce

6:00 pm - Wesley Board - Pearce

## Wednesday, July 13

# JULY CALENDAR

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## Thursday, July 14

1:00 pm - Drive A Senior - Pearce

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## Friday, July 15

## Saturday, July 16

## Sunday, July 17

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

## Monday, July 18

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm - Austin Harmony– Choir room

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## Tuesday, July 19

9:00 am - Honeybees - Pearce

6:00 pm - NAMI Support - Pearce

## Wednesday, July 20

## Thursday, July 21

10: 00 am - Reading & Library

## Friday, July 22

## Saturday, July 23

AM - Filming in sanctuary

## Sunday, July 24

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

## Monday, July 25

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm - Austin Harmony– Choir room

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym area

## Tuesday, July 26

## Wednesday, July 27

## Thursday, July 28

7:00 pm - Bread Church - Gym

## Friday, July 29

## Saturday, July 30

11:00am - Undoing Racism - Parlor

## Sunday, July 31

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

1:30pm - Punch with the Pastor - Parlor

2:30 pm - Ice Cream Social - Parlor



## July Birthdays

3rd Mark Schmidt

4th Karl Amundson

12th Dick Moore

15th Katherine Eaker

Gail Mohler

16th Betty Sampler

17th David Teaney

18th Darin Williams, Jr.

22nd Billie Florence Lois Nixon

23rd Kim Gray

24th William Friedrich

28th Gloria McPhail

31st Tyler Joshua Moore

John F. Nixon

Shirley Wehmer

**Please Remember to be in prayer for our congregation, especially our shut-ins.**

# Pastor's Corner



*“God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth  
should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the  
sea;  
3 though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.”*  
Psalm 46:1-3

Sometimes it feels like everything is changing. Oh wait—it ALWAYS feels like everything is changing...it's just that sometimes it feels quicker than usual!

I saw a tip jar in a restaurant that had the same sign as the jar in the picture above, and I laughed. I thought about what change people wanted to leave behind—and what it might mean to leave change behind. Does that mean you want to go back? Or does that mean you're willing to go forward into an unknown future (which would, of course, imply yet more change)?

Psalm 46 is one of my favorites, probably because in college, I found a musical adaptation which was easy for me to remember and sing over and over again. That was one of my favorite ways to let scripture sink down into my soul—by singing it. (You can listen to the song here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBXTPHeHkxY>)

I found myself singing it the other day and read through the whole psalm again. As I did, I realized that change isn't just something that happens to us because the world is somehow disintegrating (though it feels like that sometimes)—change

happens because that's the way God made the world. People change...creation changes. But we can trust God even in the midst of change!

What changes in your life do you fear? Can you leave the fear behind?

What changes in your life do you embrace? Can you recognize God in the midst of them?

I am grateful that it looks like I will not be experiencing a change this year. For the very first time in my life, it looks like I will get a chance to live in the same house, the same place beyond five years. This staying the same makes me HAPPY! And I also get to move through changes in the church and the neighborhood with you, which makes me happy too.

Our General Conference coming up may bring change to the church as well. That can be very small changes that may not seem to have much effect on our daily life together. Or they may be big changes that have everyone on edge as we try to figure out how to work with them. They may be changes that make us happy. They may be changes that make us angry. Or it may be that there are places where we want change—and either get it or don't. It is a time of uncertainty. But we can be certain that God is and will always be our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Kepler-Harner".





## Electric Bill Savings

**Did you know if the main account holder on the Austin Energy electric bill in your house is either 65+ or doesn't own/drive a vehicle, you can save some money? There is a "Street Service" charge on your bill that can be waived—it runs anywhere from \$6.50-\$9.78 per month. This money goes for street repairs, but if you don't use the streets as much (as they assume for people 65 and older as well as those who don't drive), they will waive it for you. Call Austin**

*Praying for our congregation and friends*

For privacy we do not publish in the newsletter the reason these individuals are on our prayer chain. You may contact the church office for information if it is available.



For groups of 10 or more: get discounted tickets to an Austin Spurs basketball game, please contact Jacob Geller at 512-236-8333 or [jgeller@attcenter.com](mailto:jgeller@attcenter.com)



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## Building Use Calendar



Any group wanting to use a room at the church for a meeting needs to make

arrangements with the church office. You can make a one-time reservation or an on-going reservation.

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# You Are Invited

## Ice Cream Social



July 31st @ 2:30pm

in the Parlor

To Honor All Members

90+ Years Young!



Punch with the Pastor

July 31st Parlor @ 1:30

**“Get to Know Us”**

gathering for all.

### 2016 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.*



## Bread Church

July 21st @ 7pm

In the gym kitchen

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?

**We will make bread together and during the rising time, we will discuss the 12 steps of bread making, using Peter Reinhart's book, "Bread Upon the Waters", which is a spiritual exploration of those steps.**

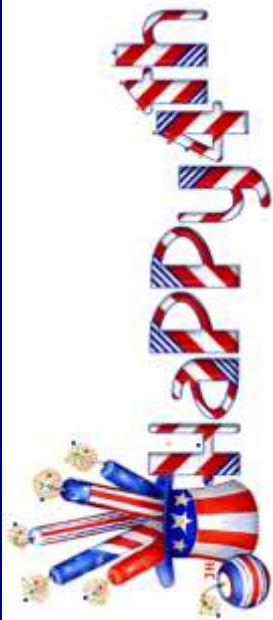
For more information, talk to Pastor Cynthia. Ingredients and tools will be provided, although if you have a favorite bowl you'd like to use or tools of your own you'd like to bring, please do! Also helpful to bring would be a baking sheet to put the bread on to take home .

## MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join your church family for a pancake breakfast on August 7th 8:30 AM in the gym.

# The Newsletter



Various known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



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