

# The Newsletter

## March 2017

### 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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## March 2017



### Blessing Service

March 1st 10am

### Open for Shopping

March 8th 11am-1pm



### March 1st

### Ash Wednesday

12pm Meditation Service

6:30pm Evening Service

of Ashes



### March 12th

Girl Scout

Sunday

# NEWS FROM PEWS

By Billie Nixon

Membership Coordinator



## Love and concern go out to members of Memorial that have had deaths recently.

To Ronny Gray, and family in the death of his wife, Kathy Gray, who died January 14, 2017. Other family members are daughter, Linda Gray, son, Gary Gray and grandchildren Lonan and Jacy Gray.

Kathy has been ill for several years but at one time she was very involved in schools and church. More details about her memorial service will be coming later.

She will be remembered for her beautiful talents and service, she will not be forgotten.

To Mickey Burnup and family in the death of his mother, Dorothy Burnup who passed on January 20, 2017.

**May the Lord bless both your families and keep you all the days of your lives.**



*In Memory of*

**Dorothy K. Burnup  
March 7, 1922 –  
January 20, 2017**

Dorothy May Kirschner Burnup, 94, of Austin, Texas passed away on January 20, 2017.

She was born in Austin, Texas on March 7, 1922 to Robert W. and Lilly Fox Kirschner. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George W. Burnup; her son, Tommy Burnup; her brothers, J.C. and Robert Paul Kirschner; along with her sister, Rosalee Kirschner Mayes.

She is survived by her son, Mickey Burnup and his wife, Karen; her daughter Debbie Burnup Wolf and husband Marty; and her daughter-in-law, Sharon F. Burnup. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was raised in Austin, and graduated from S.F. Austin High School in 1940. During her high school years, she waited tables at Kirschner's Café as her Dad got his business started in downtown Austin.

On June 27, 1942, she married George W. Burnup and after his service in WWII they settled back into Texas, and George went to work with the Texas Department of Public Safety. They moved back to Austin in 1950, and built a home at the northeast edge of Austin (right behind what is now Capital Plaza) and they lived there in the same house for the next 59 years.

In retirement, George and Dorothy were an inseparable couple, from their summers in Colorado and Canada, to trips to the grocery store, they were always together. They were long time members of Memorial United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. A graveside service followed at 2:30 p.m. at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to a favorite charity



### Successful Chili Cook Off

Sunday Feb. 12, 2017 we had many volunteers come together and work towards the cook off event.

Members and friends of MUMC made seventeen pots of chili for competition. After tasting a sample of each pot, we voted for our favorite sample.

Winners were: 1st place - John Nixon's Buffalo Chili

2nd place - Chuck Garner

3rd place - tie Alberta Shelton & Jim Rhoades

All of the chili was really great, though, and we all discovered how many different kinds there can be!

We collected \$397 for the project. This year, the church will designate the proceeds to help the Rainbow ladies defray their expenses to camp this fall.

Another big 'Thank You' goes out to everyone who helped to plan, get supplies, set up and, after all the fun, cleaned up.

This is what I call a "Successful" event. See what can be accomplished when we all work together!

God Bless You!



### 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.*

## EGG STUFFING PARTY!

**Sunday, March 19 4:00pm Parlor**

Help us get ready for Spring Fling by sorting and stuffing eggs for our giant egg hunt. We will have dinner and a movie while we stuff!

## Spring Fling

April 9



### Worship Readers Wanted

We are constantly seeking people who would like to participate in worship by reading scripture or offering the Prayers of the People. We believe that the more voices we hear, the more we understand that liturgy is the work of all the people--not just the pastor and choir. If you would like to receive more information about doing this or would like to receive some tips and tricks for how to do it more effectively, please let the office know, and Pastor Cynthia would be happy to speak with you. You can also speak directly to Connie Tatom, our scheduler, to be on the list of readers and pray-ers!



### Pew Crosses For Sale \$25

Last year, Pat Marcum decided to try an experiment with the extra pieces of the pews we had dismantled in order to make our new sound booth. He fashioned crosses from them.

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).





March 1st 10am GYM



March 8th  
11am-1pm Gym



Wednesdays  
11am-1pm Gym



Wednesdays  
10am-1pm



love for spouses, significant others, children, parents, family, friends, community, love for Drive a Senior clients and volunteers. As we move into spring, it is a great time to reflect on the love you feel inside and act on that love. Drive a Senior invites you to share that love with your senior neighbors and volunteer. There are many ways to volunteer with Drive a Senior: driving, office help and friendly visits are just a few of the things in which we need help.

Most of our volunteer driving needs are for medical appointments during the week. However, some of our clients do need to go to the grocery store on the weekends and many of them enjoy attending church. Do you have about 3 hours to give each month? That is the approximate time it takes to complete a drive for a senior client. Don't have that much time? Consider looking at one-way trips. These trips are quick and easy.



Drive a Senior clients love and appreciate our volunteers. Recently, one client, Lorraine said, "I lost my confidence to drive. I'm most grateful for Drive a Senior. Because of Drive a Senior, I have my freedom back."

So go ahead...share the LOVE. Volunteer for Drive a Senior today. Contact Sherrie at 512 310 1060 or [vr@driveasenior.org](mailto:vr@driveasenior.org)



### Boy Scout 2017

#### Camp Outs & Events

March 3-5 - Camporee

April 1 & 2 - Sausage Wrap sale

April 22-23 - Horton Ranch Campout

May 6-7 - Family Campout at Bastrop State Park

May 13 - Local Heroes

June 8-17 - Summer Camp @ Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch

Troop 88 Meets in the gym at 7-8:30pm on Mondays



## Someday Soon...

*I will stand at my watch post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.*

<sup>2</sup> *Then the LORD answered me and said:*

*Write the vision;*

*make it plain on tablets,*

*so that a runner may read it.*

<sup>3</sup> *For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.*

*If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come,  
it will not delay.* (Habakkuk 2:1-3)

For a couple of years, I have mentored ministerial candidates—folks who are discerning whether they have a call to ordained ministry. As a part of our process, each participant and each leader is asked to try out different spiritual disciplines between each group session. They can be practices that someone has had for a long time, or they can be new ideas. The point is to learn to connect with God in different ways because you never know the season in your life when you might need a specific pattern.

One of my disciplines was to spend time each week hand-writing the scriptures for the coming Sunday. I would sit down with lined paper and breathe slowly, trying to calm myself and pray through the words, some of which I had come to know very well over the past 16 years of ministry. It was a profound interaction with the Word.

In January of this year, I realized that many of the spiritual patterns I have used were less life-giving than I had originally experienced them. I wanted a long-term project. I decided that I would hand-write the scriptures—all of them, one chapter at a time. I would write on Monday through Saturday and then on Sunday, I would spend some time in reflection on both what was happening in our church and world and what I had been writing from God’s Word. With this schedule, I will finish writing the scriptures out in October of 2020.

Wanting to establish patterns before getting deeply into lists of names, I decided to start with the minor prophets. After that I will move on to Acts. I will move back and forth between sections of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

As I write this, I am in the middle of the prophet Nahum. I have completed the books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah and Micah. By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have arrived at Habakkuk, from which the focus scripture comes. Spending time in the minor prophets has given me both a fire for justice and the somewhat sinking feeling that people have pretty much been ignoring God in some similar ways for thousands of years. But spending that time has also helped me remember that God has been faithful—that Christ is still in our midst and that there is Good News.

We are coming up on Lent, a time when we fast and repent and look to renew our discipleship. Perhaps it would be a good time for you to try out one or two new disciplines that might connect you to God. I will put some suggestions in the back of the sanctuary, or you can certainly try something on your own. If you do, please let the congregation know how it worked and how it drew you closer to the love of Christ that God has given to us and to the world. Discovering the vision may take time and different perspectives, but I believe we can all get there together. See you in worship...



This Lent, Pastor Cynthia invites you to read Walter Bruggemann’s daily devotional, *A Way Other Than Our Own*. If you wish to purchase a copy of the book, we will take orders in the office. Until then, Pastor Cynthia will share the devotionals with those who indicate they would like to receive them. Please let us know if you wish to participate in the office or in the back of the sanctuary on the sign up list.



# MARCH CALENDAR

## **Wednesday, March 1**

10:00 am Free Store Dedication Service

12:00 pm Service of Meditation

6:30 pm Evening Ash Service

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

## **Thursday, March 2**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

## **Friday, March 3**

## **Saturday, March 4**

8:00am-3:00pm Walnut Creek Service Unit - Gym

12:00pm- 3:00pm Girl Scout Area Meeting

## **Sunday, March 5 Communion**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Trustees

## **Monday, March 6**

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, March 7**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

9:30 am BIF - Pearce

## **Wednesday, March 8**

11:00am-1:00pm Free Store Open for Shopping

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, March 9**

9:00 am 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

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

## **Friday, March 10**

9:30am - 11:30 Drive A Senior - Parlor

## **Saturday, March 11**

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. -FHL

## **Sunday, March 12 Girl Scout Sunday**

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

1:00pm Special Bread Church All Invited

## **Monday, March 13**

6:30 am Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

6:30 pm Finance Team - Pearce

7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, March 14**

12:00pm-6:00pm State Association Board - Parlor

6:00 pm Wesley Board - Pearce

## **Wednesday, March 15**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

## **Thursday, March 16**

10:00 am Reading and Library - Anderson Chapel

6:30 pm-8:30 pm Undoing Racism - Parlor

## **Friday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day**

**(April Newsletter Content Deadline)**

## **Saturday, March 18**

## **Sunday, March 19**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am- Worship Service

4:00 pm Egg Stuffing for Spring Fling (Parlor)

## **Monday, March 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, March 21**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

10:00 am Honeybees - Anderson Chapel

6:00 pm NAMI Support - Pearce

## **Wednesday, March 22**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 23**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

**Friday, March 24**

**Saturday, March 25**

**Sunday, March 26**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday, March 27**

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, March 28**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

**Wednesday, March 29**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 30**

9:00 am 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

**Friday, March 31**

12th Wanda Anderson

Minda Egbert

Harrison Pomerleau

15th Jacy Kuruk Gray

Danielle Webster

16th Alberta Shelton

17th Elizabeth Aeon Petersen

19th Julian Dahan

Josh Jourdan

23rd Dorothy Langston

24th Courtney Garner

25th Jonathan Mohler

26th Jack Dahan

Misty Ericson

30th Patrick Tafoya

31st Deborah Bryant

Dorothy Johnson

Steve Reinhart



March Birthdays

1st Craig Amundson

Joel Britt

2nd Travis Rychlik

3rd Elizabeth Bach-Miller

4th Eva Davila

5th Linda Eaker

James Journigan

6th Carole Garner

7th David Amundson

Chad Ericson

8th Mary Bryant

9th Laura Elizabeth Smith

Grant Walker Zapalac

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?



**Special Bread Church Event!**  
**Sunday, March 12**  
**see back cover for more information**



**Pancake Breakfast**

Join Your Church Every 2nd Sunday of the month for Pancake Breakfast in the Gym  
 March 12th 8:30am



Special Spring Break  
Bread Church Event  
March 12 @1:00pm Gym



Inviting Girl Scouts and families from all over the church and neighborhood! We wanted to put together something special for the beginning of Spring Break this year. So instead of having Bread Church on the third Thursday in the evening, we're going to have it on Sunday after lunch!

This event will be especially geared toward kids and youth, but anyone is invited to come and partake. Everyone who comes will go home with dough, rising and ready to bake later that day.

We will also need volunteers to help, so if you've got bread making experience, we need you! We will also need volunteers to help set up tables and clean up and help everyone understand the directions. If you can help, please see Pastor Cynthia or call the church office at 512-921-3473.

Invite a kid or youth to experience Bread Church! No fees, and they will learn about bread AND the Bread of Life!

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