

# The Newsletter

## March 2018

### Memorial United Methodist Church

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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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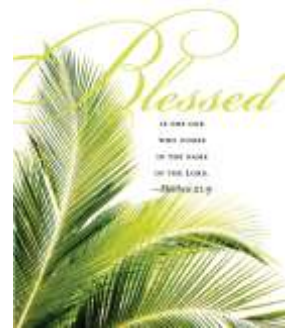
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## March 2018



March 11th

Palm Sunday  
March 25th



March 25th  
Spring Fling

March  
29th



Maundy  
Thursday  
2018



Good Friday

March  
30th



## From Pews



Love and Concern go to the family of Gordon Dickey Moore, Jr., age 90, who passed away on February 4, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Gordon was born on July 12, 1927 in Paris, Texas to parents Gordon Dickey Moore, Sr. and Jessie Lusk Moore.

He lived his childhood in Blossom, Texas and graduated from Blossom High School where

he was a member of the Blossom basketball team. He entered into the U.S. Navy on March 5, 1946, attended Initial Entry Training, Advanced Individual Training at U.S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, CA, then served on the Hospital Ward at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi, TX and attained the rank of Pharmacist Mate



3rd Class (PhM 3c). He received an honorable discharge on January 5, 1948 and used the Montgomery G.I. Bill to fund Bachelor of Music and Master of Education degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. Gordon taught in the Austin Independent school district for 34 years as an elementary school music teacher beginning in 1953, later became head teacher at John B. Winn, was promoted to principal of Palm Elementary School in 1965. He retired as principal of Zilker Elementary School in 1985.

In addition to his work he enjoyed RV camping with his family.

Gordon was a caring and loving husband and father, patient and selfless servant of the Lord. He loved life and looked forward to each new day. There were always things to do - something to keep him busy. Yet he didn't fear the mystery of death.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty, who lives in Austin, his eldest son Richard who lives in Temple. His younger son Michael and daughter-in-law Monica who live in Fort Huachuca, AZ, grandsons Tyler and Russell, and great-granddaughter Mia who live in Austin, grandson Paul who lives in Killeen, TX.

May his memory be for a blessing.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The funeral was held Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Memorial United Methodist Church.

By Billie Nixon

Membership Coordinator



## Memorial Connection to Eagles Quarterback

Do you remember Mr. & Mrs. George Haynie? They were active members at Memorial many years ago. They also adopted their two grandchildren Bradley Haynie Manos & Melissa Nick Manos and raised them here at Memorial.

I am not sure where Bradley is at today, but Melissa married Larry Edward Foles at Memorial. They have two children, Nicholas Edward and Lacey Nicole.

At a chance encounter, a long time ago at Sam's, Melissa told me her son was playing football. And if you were watching the Superbowl game last month, you'll remember that Nick Foles was the noted quarterback for the winning Philadelphia Eagles. He is the great grandson of George Haynie and son of Melissa & Larry Foles!

Larry has opened restaurants throughout the United States. He co-owns and operates three successful restaurant concepts in Arizona, California and Texas. He helped develop Z-Tejas Southwestern Grille and still resides in Austin, Texas with his wife Melissa.

After growing Z-Tejas to eight locations, in the late nineties Mr. Foles divested the ownership to create a new restaurant company, Eddie V's Edgewater Grille.

Nick Foles from Westlake High School led the Eagles to their very first Superbowl win in 2018! He has said his goal in life is to be a pastor and after this major event we pray that he is able to pursue that dream.



Love and concern go out to the family of Kathy Jean Capps, 54, of Leander, who passed away on February 8, 2018, in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family. She was born on February 9, 1963, in Burnet, Texas to Wanda Jean Teague and Stonewall Jackson Teague.

Kathy Jean attended school in Leander, TX. She was a water plant operator and worked in retail sales. Kathy Jean was an avid Texas Rangers Baseball fan, she enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren, quilting, sewing and she loved to go diving with her husband.

Kathy Jean is survived by her husband, James Ray Capps; parents, Stonewall Jackson Teague and Wanda Jean Teague; son and daughter-in-law, Cecil and Nikki James, son Mark Klaerner and his partner Beverly Maynard; three granddaughters, Destiny, Dawsann, and Meagan; two brothers, Keith and Donald; sister, Carla Jean.

The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Weed-Corley-Fish Leander Chapel, 1200 South Bagdad Road in Leander. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Weed-Corley-Fish Leander Chapel. Burial followed at Bagdad Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Cecil James, Mark Klaerner, Mark Weir, Eddie Polasek, Marshall Cargill, and Donald Teague.

The family would like to thank Texas Home Health Hospice of Austin, especially her two caregivers and her nurse.

## Spring Fling Egg Stuffing

Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> - 5pm Parlor

For questions please contact Kendall or Laura Smith or Pastor Cynthia



## Spring Fling

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 to 4:30pm

We welcome all volunteers for set up, manning booths and cleanup!



We thank Wanda Adams & Susan Froebel for heading up this year's cook-off. Sunday 2/11/18 we had a fun competition at the

annual chili cook-off. As you are aware the proceeds go to our Rainbow Girls for their annual Kingdom Kamp. They enjoy this camp, held over Labor Day weekend. We are delighted that \$385.75 was raised from this dinner to help all the girls go to "kamp".

Because of the bad weather and illness, Steve Reinhart, Pat Marcum and Chuck Garner were unable to come. Those attending with chili were William, Laura, Michelle, & Caitlyn Dennig, Kendall & Laura Smith, Wanda Adams, Jim Rhoades and John & Billie Nixon.

After all the samples were eaten up and the visitors voted... the winners are:

1st place: John Nixon

2nd place: Billie Nixon

3rd place: Jim Rhoades



It was a fun day and we hope it will be remembered as a good day for all!



I am so grateful for the partnership that Memorial UMC has created with Church World Service. Of course, the fact that you offer us (me!) office space is a great blessing.

Additionally, Indivisible 25E registered to participate in the ATX CROP Hunger Walk. This was made possible because we both are recipients of Memorial's hospitality and because Indivisible looked for a way to serve and give back. I love it when connections are made. Isn't that what United Methodists are about – connections?!

Early in February I visited ECHOS in Houston, TX. CWS reached out to ECHOS after Hurricane Harvey. Because of so many generous congregations nationwide, we supplied Cleanup Buckets, CWS Blankets, and a grant. This grant enabled ECHOS to provide \$100 Walmart cards to assist people with whatever they needed and with small grants to help people with things like rent and electric bills. I thought of Memorial UMC and all that you do to help people here in Austin with these same needs. What a privilege it is for Memorial UMC, ECHOS of Houston, Church World Service – to help meet the needs of our neighbors!

Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Specialist  
Church World Service





March in Austin means AMPLIFY AUSTIN, an event of I Live Here I Give Here. What does it mean to

amplify, though? According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, amplify means “to increase the strength or amount of.” Amplifying Senior Access, then, would be increasing the strength of Senior Access. Our strength comes from people like you who volunteer, who donate, and who advocate.



Together, our strength mobilizes the community to action to help senior neighbors who no longer drive or need help in other areas.

Amplify donations will support our van program. Our vans are on the roads 4-5 times per week taking clients to local HEBs, Wal-Marts, libraries, and recreation centers. This is a favorite day of the week for many clients who happily leave their homes for a few hours to get groceries

and other necessities and socialize with new and old friends alike. They love this time together and become friends who exchange numbers, birthday cards, jokes, and laughter. The van drivers also become some of their favorite people!



This 24 hour day of giving provides our community the chance to come together in support of many nonprofits to better neighborhoods, communities, and towns. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. Will you please consider donating?

<https://amplifyatx.ilivehereigivehere.org/SeniorAccess>.

Do you play golf? April 12 is our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Registration is now open! **Amplify** your registration by scheduling your payment at our amplify site! Click this link for more information about the tournament: <https://www.senioracesstx.org/copy-of-individuals>



For more information about volunteering, donating, or advocating, please contact Sherrie at 512 310 1060 or [vr@senioracesstx.org](mailto:vr@senioracesstx.org).

\*\*While the actual day of the event is Mar 1-2, donations are accepted any time. To donate after the event go to [www.senioracesstx.org](http://www.senioracesstx.org).



**MEALS on WHEELS**  
CENTRAL TEXAS

*Help Deliver Meals in your Neighborhood near Memorial United Methodist. Weekday Volunteer Substitute Drivers needed; delivery routes take one hour or less; additional sites open all over Austin.*

Thanks!

Denise Jimenez

Director of Volunteer Services

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**Shopping Hours**

Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and Saturdays

9am-11am



Monday,

Wednesday,

Friday 10am-1pm and

Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In the Gym (not the office)

# Pastor's Corner

*They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.*

Mark 10:32-34

Today's world holds much to be anxious about. We are anxious for our loved ones. We are anxious for our friends and their health and well-being. We are anxious for our society. We are anxious for our church, both Memorial specifically and the wider United Methodist Church or even the Church which is comprised of "all who follow Jesus, all around the world".

Last week, pastors from across the Rio Texas conference (a collection of all the United Methodist Churches in the area from San Angelo to Austin to Victoria and then south all the way to the border) met together for our annual convocation. Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, retired from 20 years of being an active bishop, addressed us about how to lead in anxious times.

We could have stayed there for several more days, soaking up the wisdom she had for us, and at the same time, what she said was not surprising to any of us. She talked about the way that complex systems work and the way that complicated systems work. She talked about resilience and how we can become leaders and churches who are able to speak to people experiencing these "fractured, volatile and brittle times".

One of her points has stayed with me. She talked about tribalism and how, when in the midst of conflict, a tribe begins to define the line between good and evil as running between their tribe and the next tribe over. This can happen not just between different groups outside the church (as we're constantly seeing played out between conservative and liberal and moderate and neo-liberal and ultra-conservative factions as well as a whole crowd of special interest groups). This also happens within an individual church, played out between those who have opinions different from another person within the church and gather enough people to create a faction. Or it can happen between two churches, each accusing the other of being unfaithful or mean or not loving Jesus.

Bishop Huie then said, "I wonder if the church could model something different. That instead of the line between good and evil running between my tribe and the other tribe (with me, of course, being on the righteous side), we could remind people that the line between good and evil runs through every single person's heart."

There it is. The acknowledgement that I am not wholly good and right and the person on the "other side" is not wholly evil and wrong. That instead of dividing, we all find ourselves at the foot of the cross, confessing that we all need the grace and Good News of Jesus.

The disciples and other followers of Jesus were both amazed and afraid. Sounds pretty anxious to me. I can imagine that following Jesus that closely and seeing the kind of trouble he was getting into with the authorities, both religious and secular, would make anyone anxious. Hearing him say over and over that he would be killed—this person that they have dedicated their lives to—is enough to create GREAT anxiety. And indeed, the disciples became our test cases for both great faithfulness and great fear/unfaithfulness.

Lent is an opportunity for us to examine our own lives, to touch on the parts where we have been anxious, which also looks like anger and sometimes even looks like the "blahs". It is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves that we are sinners, but that the gift of God is that the Good News isn't just for people who have figured everything out and have it all right, but for EACH one of us. Receive the gift. Allow it to be for yourself and for others as well.





# MARCH 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

## Thursday March 1 \* Each Thursday

\*9:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

9:30am-12:30pm Christ Church - FHL

## Friday March 2

5:00pm- 10:00pm Family Counts - Gym/FHL

## Saturday March 3 \*FreeStore Closed Today\*

8am-1pm Girl Scout World Thinking Day - Gym

## Sunday March 4 World Day of Prayer

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

## Monday March 5 \*Each Monday

\*6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

\*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

## Tuesday March 6 \*Each Tuesday

\*9:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

7am-7pm Travis County Election - Gym

## Wednesday March 7 \*Each Wednesday

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

\*6:00-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL & Kid's Rooms

\*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday March 8

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## Friday March 9

5pm- 10pm Family Counts Graduation- Gym/FHL

## Saturday March 10 \*Each Saturday

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

10am-12pm Precinct Convention - Parlor

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

1:00pm-3:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room

## Sunday March 11 Girl Scout Sunday

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

## Sunday March 11 Continued

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

5:00pm Egg Stuffing Party - Parlor



## Monday March 12

6:30pm Church Council & Finance Team - Pearce

## Tuesday March 13

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

## Wednesday March 14

Thursday March 15 April Newsletter Content Due

9:30am-12:30pm Christ Church - FHL

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

## Friday March 16

7:00pm-10:00pm Ukulele Workshop - Parlor

## Saturday March 17 St. Patrick's Day

## Sunday March 18

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

## Monday March 19

## Tuesday March 20

## Wednesday March 21

## Thursday March 22

## Friday March 23

## Saturday March 24

## Sunday March 25 Palm Sunday

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

2:30pm-4:30pm Spring Fling



## Monday March 26

## Tuesday March 27

## Wednesday March 28

## Thursday March 29 Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service - Parlor

## Friday March 30 Good Friday

3:00pm Self guided stations of the Cross - Gym

7:00pm Choral Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

## Saturday March 31

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





# 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  
Judy Johnson
- 7th David Amundson  
Chad Ericson
- 8th Mary Bryant
- 9th Laura Elizabeth Smith  
Grant Walker Zapalac
- 12th Wanda Anderson  
Minda Egbert  
Jules 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  
Jack Dahan
- 26th Misty Ericson
- 30th Patrick Tafoya
- 31st Deborah Bryant  
Steve Reinhart



## 2018 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 7pm**  
**March 15th in the Gym**



## 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).

Pancake Breakfast



Join Your Church Every 2nd Sunday of the month in the Gym

March 11th 8:30am

## March 2018



“Guide My Feet”

The preparation to have our feet washed on Maundy Thursday is both spiritual and practical. While we talk about the spiritual disciplines and where (and how!) our feet help us

along the journey in worship, we also find that getting to know our individual feet helps! Here are some fun facts about feet (credit to Mental Floss, Everyday Health, and foot.com).

Our feet contain about a quarter of all the bones in our bodies and a quarter million sweat glands.

The big toe functions in some ways like our thumbs and big toe-to-thumb transplants are surprisingly common.

Feet are one of the most ticklish places on the body—with 8000 nerves in the feet (many of them ending on the bottom), it's easy to see why!

They are really susceptible to complications from diabetes (treat your feet nice if you are diabetic!).

Women have as many as 4 times the number of foot problems as men.

The average person walks about 100,000 miles in a lifetime—more than 4 times around the earth!

There are people who work for Dr. Scholl's whose entire job is to sniff feet and armpits—be grateful for your job!

Toenails grow half as fast as fingernails.

25% of the US population has “flat” feet.

