

The Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church

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

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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May 2023

Continuing Eastertide Series:

**May 7
John 14:1-14**



**May 14
Acts
17:22-31**



**May 21 Ascension
Matthew 28:16-20
and Acts 1:1-11**



**May 28 Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 and
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**



**Reminder to wear
Red, Yellow or
Orange**



Larry Alan Lacy, 80, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2023, in the company of his family following a mercifully brief battle with cancer.

Larry was born on February 2, 1943, in San Diego, CA to Neola and Thomas Clyde Lacy. He graduated from Devine High School in 1961, and married his high school sweetheart, Stephanie Malone Lacy, on June 8, 1963. Larry earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas in 1967. Larry chose to pursue the ministry, and was elected a Deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1967. In 1970, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University and was elected an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1971.

Larry dedicated his life to the ministry and praising God through helping others, and with his loving wife Stephanie, served churches in the Central Texas Conference, Southwest Texas Conference, and Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church for almost six decades. He began preaching as a student pastor in Thrall, TX while attending Southwestern University, and later served Methodist Churches in Ennis, Oak Grove, Bertram, Leander, Oakalla, Hallettsville, Lampasas, Edinburg, Trinity San Antonio, St. John's Corpus Christi, Fredericksburg, and Memorial UMC Austin 1997-2006.

Larry had a beautiful strong singing voice, and his voice could almost always be heard over every other voice in the congregation on Sunday mornings. He and Stephanie loved to sing duets in church and performed at dinner musicals and other musical productions throughout their careers. Larry also loved to travel, whether it involved taking youth groups on numerous ski trips to Colorado, camping at Big Bend, or traveling to other countries such as Israel, Germany, France, Austria, Italy and Russia. Many of these trips were taken with friends and church members, and created lasting and loving memories.

Most of all, Larry was a wonderful husband,

father, and grandfather, and he will always be remembered for his kind, caring heart and his compassionate soul. He is survived by his wife of almost sixty years, Stephanie Malone Lacy, sons, a daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

The family would like to thank numerous caretakers from Isle at Cedar Ridge, St. David's Round Rock Medical Center and Hospice Austin for their care and compassion these last few weeks. The family also thanks the many friends and family members who so lovingly supported him.



New Breeze Giving Link

New Breeze Online Giving is Now Active. Check this out on the homepage on our website at

www.memorialumcaustin.com or link here: [Breeze Online Giving](#) (Instructions Below)

Breeze also includes a new option to 'Text to Give' at 512-882-1966.

The Ezekiel giving platform will be retired soon. If you have a recurring gift set up, you will need to go to the New Breeze Online Giving to set that up again.

Instructions: 1. Enter Amount

2. Enter Fund to Direct Your Gift/Payment

3. Choose One Time or Recurring Setting

4. Enter Payment Method & Details (ACH payment will require your bank routing and account number)

5. **Choose whether to include the cost incurred by MUMC to process your online gift based on the amount (this fee will be shown so you will know the amount).



Pancake Breakfast

May 14th 8:30am
In the Gym Kitchen/FHL
**No June Pancake
Breakfast

UWF meets the 3rd Wednesday
of each month
May 17th @ 10:30am in
Pearce



May Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Smith
- 4 Peter Vasquez
- 5 Sheryl Cheatham
Jessica Shelton Williams
- 7 Hannah Egbert
- 11 Hale Roy Bills
Hunter Eddie Bills
- 14 Greg Mikeska
- 16 Andrew Friedrich
Gary Alan Gray
- 17 James Leavelle
- 19 Mary Linda Gray
- 25 Lisa Mosley
- 28 Emily Anne Egbert
- 29 Judy Friedrich
- 31 Margaret Adams



May Youth Schedule

Sunday May 7 – UMYF 6 pm (Sunday School 9:45 am)

Sunday May 21 – UMYF 6 pm (Sunday School 9:45 am)

**Please register for UMARMY if you plan to attend. Some have paid deposits and not registered. UMARMY is at Gruene UMC, June 11-16. Total cost is \$275. Register here:

<https://www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/4252/>

Coming Soon: End of School Trip May 26th?

Revive Summer Camp July 16-20

Wesley Rec Soccer

Wesley Recreation Center is a free sports program for 4th and 5th graders. In the Spring of 2023, we will be offering soccer on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for the first few weeks. The program will include instruction, games, and free time. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact Kendall Smith 512-844-6809 or Kathleen Beuttenmueller 920-980-7313. Remaining dates are 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, & 5/15



Do You Remember



Harry A. Sandberg was born in 1892 and died in 1993 at the age of 101. He was a member of this congregation all his life. He served in the Navy Air Corp during WWI as a mechanic where he spent 10 ½ months on Biscayne Bay in France.



Rank	Name	Year	Company	Camp or Overseas
Lieutenant	Sigurd N. Eldahl	1917	Base Censor	A. E. F.
Lieutenant	Arthur Falk	1917	Q. M. C. 3 Army Corps	A. E. F.
Sergeant	William O. Quick	1917	M. T. Co. Unit 312	A. E. F.
Wagoner	Clarence L. Quick	1917	Hvy C. 133 F. A.	A. E. F.
Corporal	Robert Lundell	1917	U. S. Air Service	England
Q. M. 1st Class	Harry A. Sandberg	1917	U. S. Naval Air Station	Promentine, Vendee
Corporal	Harry Thompson	1917	Co. A. M. T. C.	A. E. F.
Private, 1st Class	Carl V. Stehl	1917	U. S. Air Service	S. M. A., Austin
Sergeant	Howard Peterson	1918	F. R. S. 325	A. E. F.
Private	Simon W. Brogren	1918	Co. M, 45 Inf.	Camp Sheridan, Ala.
Private	Hart Brady	1918		A. E. F.
Private	Hilding Hanson	1918	50 Balloon Co.	Ft. Omaha, Neb.
Private	Carl Anderson	1918	165 Depot Brigade	Camp Travis, Texas
Private	Alvin Quick	1918		Camp Travis, Texas
Private	Sharon Dahlstrom	1918	Texas National Guard	
Private	Henry Helm	1918	3 U. S. Infantry	Eagle Pass
Sergeant	John Johnson	1918	Med. Dept. U. S. Army	Washington, D. C.
Private	Simon Swenson	1917	Co. B, 594 Engrs.	A. E. F.
Private	Edgar Carlson	1917	69 Balloon Co.	A. E. F.
	V. Eli Carlson	1917	U. S. S. Tullamook	
Corporal	Wesley Johnson	1917		
	Filmore Peterson	1917	U. N. N. Gunner School	Washington, D. C.
Private	Erie Malmberg	1917	Tex. Truck Co. No. H.	A. E. F.
Private	Paul Johnson	1918		
Private	Milton Johnson	1918		
Private	Gabriel Larson	1918	360 Inf., 90 Dv.	A. E. F. (Died in battle.)
Private	Wesley Johnson			
Private	Carl Quick		Q. M. C.	A. E. F.
Private	Roy M. Quick		Q. M. C.	Camp Travis, Texas
Private	John Karling		S. A. T. C.	University of Texas, Austin
	August Falk		U. S. Navy	University of Texas, Austin
Private	Elmer Olson		Texas National Guard	
Private	Gustav Peterson			
Private	Albert Thurn		School for Auto. Mech.	Camp Mabry, Texas

Rev. F. L Hagberg, Rev. O. E. Lindstrum and Rev. Wesley O. Schulze were some of the men who filled out draft registration cards for both world wars. Each served at Central Methodist.



Rev. Will-Mathis Dunn was a Navy chaplain between 1942-1949. Lt. Commander Dunn served in the Pacific Theater and was in many battles against the Japanese Navy.

The Pastor's Corner

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we¹ have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access¹ to this grace in which we stand, and we¹ boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2

I've been thinking a lot lately about access. Recently, the Wesley School, our child care center, received a very large grant, and some of the funds were set aside to install a keyless entry system for the whole church campus. That system is being installed even as I write this.

There are a lot of keys and a lot of doors at Memorial. But the number of doors is not a bad thing! It means we don't take on the look of an impenetrable fortress, cut off to engagement with our members, our neighborhood and our mission field.

It does mean, however, that we are constantly having to monitor who has which key to which spaces, to replace keys that are lost or broken. It means that we have to limit even some of our trusted partner groups to only one key. It means that, at least in the season before COVID, we always had a 10 minute discussion in Trustee meetings about which Trustees or which members could come up to the church each Sunday to open up all of the doors (after which we had a discussion about what time those should be open). It even meant that we had some folks who didn't think they could serve on Trustees because opening up the church seemed like a huge task that each Trustee was required to do for 1-2 months of the year! Lately the task of key management has fallen mostly on Kayce, who has done a marvelous job in inventorying who has all of our keys as well as checking them in and out to various groups.

But now we will be able to give people fobs and codes. Fobs will work like electronic keys—but they can be programmed for only certain times or days. We will be able to turn them off if they are lost instead of thinking about having to rekey. And codes will work the same way—we can make them temporary or change them if we need to. And it will also mean that we can program some of the doors to automatically unlock and relock at certain times so that no one person has to go around the entire building to unlock for events and then relock afterwards. Plus we will have a record of which fob or which code was used at which time on which door!



So you can see why I have been thinking about access and accessibility! But that word, *access*, always makes me think of this verse from Romans. What does it mean to you to have access to grace through Jesus? Have you ever felt like grace or God was inaccessible or required a key you weren't issued? Have you ever felt like the church only had a certain amount of grace that it could give out—and that you for some reason didn't qualify?

My hope and prayer is that we can be reminded of how God opens doors and provides us pathways to grace and forgiveness every time we use one of these keypads; that we can be thankful to the Wesley School for sharing in this gift; and that we can wonder how Jesus can work through us in our mission field to show even more people that this grace is accessible and available to them!

Synthia Kepler-Hamer

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Join a group project: Participate in constructing a LEGO mosaic of our Jesus stained glass window (instructions and LEGOs provided) or sign up to handwrite a section of the Gospel of John (either cursive or printing is fine)

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Each summer for the past few years, our youth have chosen not just to go to camp, but to do a mission service project through UJ Army. During



this 4-5 day “camp”, they and other UJ Army teams go to a host city and do various project ranging from yard work and painting to handicap ramp construction. In addition, they have helped out other service organizations by organizing food pantries and doing the kind of work that can ease the burden on regular volunteers. Each team raises money to provide even the materials that they use in doing the projects!

They stay at local United Methodist churches and are fed by volunteers. And most of the youth really appreciate the opportunity for worship and small group discussions as well, giving everyone an opportunity to reflect on their experiences and what service in Jesus Christ looks like.

We hope that you will consider supporting youth fund-raising activities to help our youth make this summer’s UJ Army experience a good one for both youth and the area that they will serve—Greene, TX!

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