

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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Charting new and unexpected paths through life this May in worship.



Pancake Breakfast

May 8th

8:30am Gym

Mother's Day
May 8th



Memorial Day May 30th



Special online service observance of Memorial Day with prayers in worship on Sunday, May 29.



News From pews



Our beloved mother Betty Lou Sampler passed away peacefully in her sleep March 7th, 2022.

Born July 16th, 1920, 101 years ago, She was a wonderful teacher, musician, inspirational leader, and always kind to everyone.

We are holding a celebration of life for anyone who'd like to join, hear the music that she loved, and enjoy videos of her singing in quartets with our dear father and with friends. We'd love to share stories, laugh and sing, which is what she would have wanted.

We'll meet in the sanctuary Tuesday May 17th at 3:00 p.m. and then join in the Parlor for refreshments and conclude at 5:00 pm.

Billie Nixon has kindly offered to help Cindy and I host the reception.

Please email Sherry Jones at bitesizegourmet@gmail.com or you can call or text at 512-627-5212

Memorial sends love and prayers to the Sampler family and friends.



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



Bread Church

**May 19th
7pm Gym Kitchen**



**Wednesday
Choir
Rehearsals
@ 7:00 pm**

**APRIL
Youth
Schedule**



· **Saturday April 30 – AUSTIN DISTRICT MID-SPRING EVENT 1-8 pm** (more details soon!)

MAY

- **Sunday May 1 – UMYF**
- **Sunday May 15 – UMYF**
- **Friday – Sunday May 27-29 End of School Trip!**

Wesley Recreation is a free sports program for 5th grades. **Beginning Feb.1 2022, we will meet on Tuesdays in the gym for Basketball from 4pm-6pm.** There is no fee, but Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions please email the office at secretary@memorialumcaustin.com or contact Kendall or Matt for details.



VOLUNTEER DRIVING IS EASY

This is a great way to provide service

to your community. Drivers decide how much time they want to dedicate as the Volunteer Driver Transportation Program offers great flexibility.

- There is no minimum commitment.
- Volunteer Drivers may opt to drive once a month or once a week.
- Volunteer Drivers fit trips to their own schedule.
- We encourage young and old to ride along!



[VOLUNTEER APPLICATION](#) or [TEEN APPLICATION](#)

Learn how you can serve by contacting Sherrie at 512-310-1060 or visit sherrie@senioracesstx.org.



**MEALS on WHEELS
CENTRAL TEXAS**

Hey Austin! Meals on Wheels has resumed daily hot meal deliveries! If you have 1 lunch hour a week or a month, Meals on Wheels Central Texas has a volunteer opportunity for you. There are 11 distribution sites around the city for you to choose from. Memorial United Methodist Church is a meal pick-up site and currently there is a high need for volunteers in this area.

Please call 512 476-6325 or

Fill out the online application here: <https://www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org/get-involved/volunteer-application>

UMW Pancake Breakfast

May 8th
8:30am

Gym





The Pastor's Corner

But now, says the LORD—
the one who created you, Jacob,
the one who formed you, Israel:
Don't fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)

These are pictures of kākāpō. Kākāpō are extremely endangered, green, rotund, flightless parrots only found on a couple of island sanctuaries south of New Zealand. Today, there are just under 200 adults left in the world, though that's up from fewer than 70 in the 90's! And they just went through a breeding season that produced what we hope will be around 45 chicks that will survive into adulthood.



I have followed the kākāpō conservation efforts for several years now, though I was introduced to the bird in the early 90s through Douglas Adams' book *Last Chance to See*. There are so few of them that each of them is known by a name. The one looking up at the intruder in her nest as she's sitting on a clutch of eggs is Queenie, and the one at the bottom showing his full glory is Sirocco—who, having unfortunately bonded with humans as a chick, is now almost exclusively used as a spokesbird for the species.

Other than my fascination with what are affectionately termed “moss chickens”, I keep thinking about the names. Margaret-Maree, Zephyr, Solstice, Gulliver, Juanma, Komaru—there's even a Wikipedia page that is kept up-to-date with all of the deaths and the family trees of each of the birds—and all of those names!

It's not so much the mix of names (which are sometimes clustered around a type like Zephyr, whose progeny are all named after winds, or are names of significance to the keepers or the indigenous Māori people) as the fact that they *all have a name*. There are people who care so much about these birds and keeping them alive for generations to come that they take the time to call each of them by a name, which is carefully chosen for them on their first birthday (before they are known by their mother's name and hatching order).

And then I think, “God has the same care for us as the keepers do with the kākāpō!” Even though there are infinitely more of us, God knows our names. And God knows them because God cares for us and redeems us from all that might keep us from God's love.

It makes a difference to me when someone knows or remembers my name *and* that I don't generally go by Cindy or another nickname. I wonder what a difference it would make with both people we see every day and people we only meet once to know that we are speaking to a person whose name God knows. That God cares for them too. In a world where some names have been turned into expletives or codes for



horrible sayings, maybe that would be a start to remembering that God is in our midst and is looking for us to respond out of love and hope that all might come out of fear and into the light of God's redeeming love.

Synthia Kepler-Kramer

Do You REMEMBER?

Camel Rides! Hiking State Parks! Duck Tours! Skating Parties!



We are cleaning out closets and found many, many, too many pictures. Some are with a date and event titles, many without.

As the church is turning 150 years old next year, we are asking you to tell us the stories behind the pictures.

We would love to hear your personal stories about your church, about the activity, party, dinner or special blessing. Also, any stories passed down- good, bad and funny about the church history.

“Two Too Many” A Picture Give Away

While waiting for church to start, take some time to browse through the pictures in the Narthex. We have doubles of so many pictures and want to share with everyone. Please take the picture of your family and friends who have moved away. Please Share.



By Gloria McPhail

SPRING FLING



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and prayed!!





**Do you have a 2022
High School, College or
Collegiate Graduate?**

**We want to honor
them!!**

Please Email us by May 15th at secretary@memorialumcaustin.com or drop in the mail by May 13th the following info: A picture of the graduate, where they graduate from, what they majored in and what are their future next steps.

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