

# The Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Robyn Bishop - Pastor  
We love Windsor Park and Northeast Austin  
through creating safe space for healing and  
connection through Jesus Christ.

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 AM  
Children, Youth,  
Adult: Faith, Hope, Love & New Friends  
**Worship - 11:00am**

Find all our Newsletters on the  
**Newsletters** page at  
**www.memorialumcaustin.com**



Find us on Facebook at  
Memorial United Methodist  
Church-Austin

Follow us on Instagram at  
[https://www.instagram.com/  
memorialumcaustin/](https://www.instagram.com/memorialumcaustin/)



Email:  
**secretary@memorialumcaustin.com**

Phone: 512. 452. 5796

Press 1 for info, Press 2 for directory,  
Press 3 to connect to the Wesley School

## In this issue:

Church News,  
Events, Giving, Graduate Info Deadline May 5th  
Birthdays,  
Wesley School, Pancakes,  
From Pastor Robyn,  
Youth & Wesley Recreation

# May 2024

**“Learning And Embracing In Love”**



May 5th Communion  
“Let’s Choose Each Other”

May 12th Confirmation Day  
& Mother’s Day  
“Let’s Choose To Witness”



Breakfast  
9:15 AM in the Gym

May 19th Pentecost  
“Let’s Choose To Be One”

May 21st  
“Let’s Choose A New Way”

May 26th Trinity  
“Let’s Choose To Be Near”



# Church news

## Our Cute Courtyard

2024 the Year of  
Green for MUMC



Many thanks to the volunteers who worked to beautify the inner courtyard recently. We weeded, removed, stripped paint, repainted (thanks Pat!) and added many new beautiful plants. Come on by and enjoy the beauty of God's creation and Memorial's UMC courtyard. We even have a new bench for you to sit, pray and meditate.



**May 5th Deadline!** Do you have a high school, college, graduate school, or seminary graduate coming up in May or June 2024? Send us a picture (jpg) and short bio to be honored & featured in the June Newsletter. \*Please get your graduates permission as this is posted online.



Please submit to:  
[secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com)  
no later than May 5th.

## May Birthdays



- 5 Sheryl Cheatham
- 14 Greg Mikeska
- 31 Margaret Adams

## Merry Makers



The Merry Makers visited bluebonnets April 1.

Games & Fellowship  
**Next: May 9 & 23 at 10:30 AM**  
Room 403 (FHL) off the gym  
Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month. We play games and we'll teach you how to play. We also take field trips to fun places.  
For more info contact Connie Tatum at [itsjustclt@outlook.com](mailto:itsjustclt@outlook.com)



## UWF Pancake Breakfast

\*\*\*Last Breakfast Until  
October!!!

**Next: May 12**

8:30 - 9:30am before  
Sunday School in the FHL



**United Women in Faith (UWF)**  
Meets the 3rd Wednesdays

**Next: May 15 at 10:30 AM in  
Pearce Room**

See Women's Ministries page  
[www.memorialumcaustin.com](http://www.memorialumcaustin.com).



**Online Giving  
Breeze**

[www.memorialumcaustin.com](http://www.memorialumcaustin.com) or

link here: [Breeze Online Giving](#)

### Instructions:

1. Enter Amount
2. Enter Fund to Direct Your Gift/  
Payment
3. Choose One Time or Recurring  
Setting
4. Enter Payment Method & Details
5. Choose whether to gift the fee to process  
your gift (this is based on the amount)



\*\*To manage and set up a recurring gift, please  
login to your personal Breeze account. If you  
would like to know how to gift the church in your  
will or sale of an asset, please contact the office.  
[secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com)

**Wesley School Early Childhood  
Development Center  
Now Enrolling**

[www.growingatwesley.org](http://www.growingatwesley.org)

512-467-4790

Open 7am-6pm

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in  
everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known  
to God." Philippians 4:6*



## 2 Ways to Join Others in Prayer:

1.) Every Thursday we  
send an email with a  
list of prayer requests  
and reminders of  
upcoming events for the week. If you would like  
to receive this weekly email, please contact our  
Administrative Assistant, Kc  
[secretary@memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@memorialumcaustin.com).

2.) Afton Cherry will lead prayer in the Chapel on  
the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.

**Next: May 7 and 21**

3.) If you have a prayer request or would like to  
have a pastoral call, please contact Pastor Robyn,  
[robynbmumc@gmail.com](mailto:robynbmumc@gmail.com)

## Raise the Roof



Some of our flat roof has been replaced! The  
angled roof was replaced in 2022. Our flat roof  
replacement is TPO, Thermoplastic Polyolefin, a  
single-ply roofing membrane that is one of the  
fastest-growing commercial roofing systems on  
the market. It is white so it reflects sun more which  
will provide energy savings. There are less seams,  
so it's sturdier and better insulated. It's like having  
a bathtub on these flat roof portions. Not all the flat  
roof has been updated yet. We'll keep you posted  
on the rest.

## Jo-Ann Bennink And Patty Marcum



Wesley School (WS) and Memorial UMC honored these 2 women for their many years of service as they step out of their roles at the annual Talent Show/Silent Auction. In previous years, Jo-Ann and Patty made a lot of spaghetti and served it together to raise money at this special event.

In 2020, Jo-Ann (pictured right above) resigned from her position as the Chair of the Board of Directors for WS which she did for 27 years. Then for 3 years she stayed on the board to support the new Chair, Kathleen Beuttenmueller. Jo-Ann continues to believe in the priority of this school as an outreach ministry for our community and the importance of yearly education.

As of April 3rd, Patty (pictured left above) resigned from being the Financial Coordinator of the school after 14+ years. She will now serve as a volunteer on the board as she is able. She has enjoyed being in the school regularly over the years. When asked what should everyone know about the school, Patty said, "All the teachers really care about the kids." Patty said she loved watching the teachers help the children learn and seeing the wonderful transformations that have occurred through renovations over the years like the security system and the new flooring.

Please help us celebrate these two women who have endured and survived cancer all the while serving God with their sweet, thoughtful, caring spirits. Thank you both for the blessings you have been to us all! We love you and will be forever grateful to you both!



## Teacher of the Month: April

*Congratulations Marie!*



Each month a teacher will be highlighted and get to park in a special parking spot!



## A-Mazing Creation Amazing Connections



*By Kiki Corry*

April's A-Mazing Creation study was all about connections. We explored not only the connections between the plants and animals of God's creation, but connections across time, and between the land and water and people. And not only connections outside ourselves, but between us in the study and in the congregation. We connected with our inner child; playing card games, creating artwork and poetry, and even taking a field trip. Oh, the ideas we dreamt up and the plans we've made! Some may show right away, and some will take a while to come to fruition. Join the Creation Care team to make your connection.



## Wesley School Talent Show & Silent Auction



Thank you to all who  
donated items, funds, time  
and energy to make our  
fundraising event a success!



Our kids shared precious  
performances! Our Director,  
Assistant Director, and our  
teachers lead with  
pizazz and grace!





... *With Love from your Pastor*

It has been said, “April Showers brings May flowers.” It has been a lovely spring with many rain showers and oh, so many wildflowers, butterflies and cooler days!

In May, as we consider this month of transition from the coolness of spring to summer sun, let us also choose to consider what we might do to learn more about mental health and advocate for people with mental health conditions or acute mental illness.

In 1949, congress set aside May as Mental Health Awareness month. Although it has been 70+ years since our government was intentional about bringing this issue to the forefront in the public domain, there is still a stigma and misunderstanding surrounding mental health and mental illness. Did you know 1 in 4 people live with a mental health condition?

**I was a part of a leadership team for a women’s retreat in 2023 in which I prayed and pondered how my testimony has been impacted by mental health conditions. After sharing what I had learned, I sensed God nudging me to ask if anyone wanted to pray for themselves or loved ones. Women started asking for prayers for husbands with addictions, for siblings with severe bipolar disorder, children with anxiety and ADHD or for themselves as they struggled with depression. We ended up praying for almost two hours and it led me to volunteer in mental health organizations like NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and to work on a dissertation focused on how a church can embrace people impacted by mental illness.**

Some may see symptoms like over sleeping, over eating or not eating patterns, isolating or having fits of rage, self destructive habits or gloomy disposition and wonder if its serious **enough to do anything about. If one’s behavior hinders them from daily activities over a period beyond two weeks, they need to consider seeing a counselor to at least have a consultation. There is a range of mental health conditions that can be acute mental illnesses. Some require medication and some do not. It’s ok to not be ok! It’s ok to ask for help! You are not alone!**

If you get a broken arm, you need to go to the doctor and so it is with a mental health condition. Please join in the conversations and prayer for yourself or others you know. You can get a counselor through [psychologytoday.org](https://www.psychologytoday.org) . There are support groups and tools we can share to give each other support. Jesus came to heal the sick, body, mind and spirit.

**If you would like to join me in a 4 week study on “How the Bible Can Help Us Understand, Illness, Disability and Caring” by Bernadette Meaden, please let me know.**



*Pastor Lynn*

# Easter 2024



# Kids & Youth



## May

\*\*Sunday School is every week at 9:30 AM

- ◆ Confirmation Sunday with Celebration Breakfast will be May 12 at 9:15 AM in the Gym
- ◆ End of School Trip: May 29-30th

## Summer Camps

**Revive Summer Camp July 7-11!**

**UMARMY Mercedes/RGV July 14-21!**



## **Wesley Recreation Center**

Free sports program for 5th graders!  
Spring of 2024: Basketball and/or Soccer

Mondays 3:30- 5:30 PM. Program includes instruction, games, and free time.

No fee, but pre-registration is required.

Questions, please contact

Kendall Smith 512-844-6809 or

Kathleen Beuttenmueller 920-980-7313.

**Mondays May 6, 13 and 20**

Web site: [www.memorialumcaustin.com](http://www.memorialumcaustin.com)

Fax: 512-450-0323

Phone: 512-452-5796

Austin, Texas 78723

6100 Berkman Drive

Memorial United Methodist Church

