

Memorial

United Methodist Church

A great place to meet new friends, find needed encouragement and discover God's plan for you.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:15-10:00 a.m.

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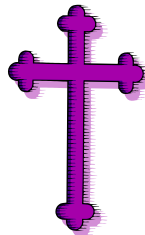


Upcoming in Worship

February 5 and 12 - Parts 2-3 of "The Healing Power of God" sermon series.

February 19 - Mountaintop Transformations (Transfiguration Sunday)

Come explore the mystery of what happens when "God shows up".



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES -11:30 - 1PM - CHAPEL
COME AND GO**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION
6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary**

February 26 through April 1 - Transformed!

This Lent, we'll be talking about the way God transforms our lives. There will be a way each week for us to give over to God areas of our life that need transformation. Come and participate as we seek God's help on our journey to Jesus' death and resurrection!



Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 19 - Gym - Noon

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 2-12. Perfect your favorite recipe and cook a pot for all to enjoy. Bring your own bowl to enjoy the delicious recipes! A sign up sheet for volunteers and cooks on the back table in the sanctuary, or call the church office to sign up. Tickets will be available soon....

Monday Morning

Prayer Time

6:15 am - Chapel

Come join us for early morning prayer at 6:15 am on Mondays in the chapel. It's a great way to start the week!

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FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 1

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, Feb. 3

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Feb. 5 Communion and Souper Bowl Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Youth/Confirmation Class - Noon

Monday, Feb. 6

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Staff Meeting - 10:30 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 9

- UMW Study - 6:30 pm
- Youth at Midwinter Camp

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Mission and Study Opportunities

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5

Join the national campaign to feed the hungry in local communities across the nation. Your special gift will help feed those in need here in our neighborhood through the Eastside Community Center Food Pantry located near the church on Berkman Drive. Let's make the Souper Bowl a Super Day of Caring in north east Austin.



Pre-Lenten Study, "The Journey" led by Pastor Cynthia

The first date is February 9. We will meet in the gym area at 6:30 p.m., when a light meal will be served (soup, etc.). The second will be February 16, 6:30 p.m. with a light meal and closing session will be on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 pm. The traditional pancake supper will be served. It would be good if you could read the "The Journey" prior to the study. Several copies are floating around. Please make every effort to attend all three segments.



Soup and Study for Lent

Tuesdays at 6:30

February 28

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3 (Holy Week)

Pastor Cynthia will be leading a Lenten study bringing together characters and stories from the Bible with a special soup for each week. Come join us for this time of deepening our faith and sharing a meal. If you are interested in helping to make the soup, please contact Pastor Cynthia!

FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 11

- WPNA Meeting - Gym - 10:00 am
- Youth at Midwinter Camp

Sunday, Feb. 12 - Boy Scout Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- Reading/Library Circle - Noon
- UMYF - Noon - St. Mark's UMC
- Youth at Midwinter Camp

Monday, Feb. 13

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Lifetime Learning Photo Album Class
- 10-1:00 pm - FHL classroom
- Wesley School Board Mtg - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 16

- UMW Study - 6:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 17

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

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UMYF Happenings

The month of January has been busy and exciting for the youth. We kicked the new year off by re-establishing our weekly meetings with St. Mark UMC, alternating churches each Sunday. We have been talking about the lives of Jacob, Esau, and Joseph this month, incorporating music, videos, drama, and small groups. We will finish the month off by going to Kendall's house on Sunday for an afternoon of fun and games.

In February, we will begin our joint confirmation class with the St. Mark youth group. We are really excited about the opportunity for all of our kids to go through the class together. The class will meet during our normal youth time, will alternate between St. Mark and Memorial, and will be led by Pastor Cindy Layton and Pastor Cynthia Kepler-Karrer. Please contact Pastor Cynthia, Kendall, or Lacy for more information regarding confirmation.



Starting February 5 after worship

8 weeks through March 25

"Credo: A Confirmation Experience"

All youth and guests are invited to attend this 8 week experience.

This isn't just another "confirmation class". This is a way of exploring what God has done, is doing and will do to love the world. Not everyone who comes to UMYF will want to be confirmed, but no matter when you come, there will be something for you to get involved in. Games and activities mixed with worship and times to discuss, and at the end, you might just find that you and Jesus have a much closer relationship than you ever thought.

KNOW your story

CONFIRM your faith

LIVE your commitment

FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 19 - Memorial For Christ and Chili Cook-Off Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Youth/Confirmation Class - Noon
- Chili Cook-Off - Gym - Noon

Monday, Feb. 20 Newsletter Deadline

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Lifetime Learning Photo Album Class - 10-1:00 pm - FHL classroom
- UMW Study/Shrove Tuesday - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Imposition of Ashes - 11:30-1pm - Chapel - Come and Go
- Ash Wednesday Service -Imposition of Ashes - 6:30 pm
- Choir Practice - following Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb. 23

- News Crew - 1:00 pm - Pearce

Sunday, Feb. 26

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Youth/Confirmation - Noon - St. Mark's UMC

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A Note From the Pastor

So how are those resolutions working out?

Did I ask the wrong question? Did you make resolutions this year? There is a certain point after we make any kind of change in our lives where we think, "This is more difficult than I thought...maybe just this once, I'll let it slide."

I resolve (usually more than once a year) to be better about housekeeping. At first it will be a New Year's Resolution...which will turn into a Lenten discipline...which will turn into a summer dream...which will turn into a back-to-school promise...which will turn into a panicked "this house has to be clean for the holidays!"

I admit that my brain and life functions better when things are clean and organized (though a little chaos leads to some creativity). But in many ways, I want it clean so that other people feel welcome. I remember my first years in ministry when I felt embarrassed to have anyone stop by the house. Cleaning wasn't just for me - it was for someone else.

The same is true of many of our resolutions and actions. In Christian community, we don't just live for ourselves. Now, God wants us to take care of ourselves and to take responsibility for our state of being. But God also knows that the whole community does better when we aren't just doing those things for ourselves.

Take worship for example. I know that a lot of people say things like, "I just don't get anything out of the worship service." My response to that is usually, "Worship isn't about what you get out of it - after all, worship is for God, not for us." Many times I've gone to worship (or Bible study or fellowship times) and felt like nothing was there for me.

But then I think about the woman who walked out of a worship service I had preached. She said, "Did that just happen? I heard God talking to me, and I'm sure glad all of these people were around because otherwise I'd think I was crazy!"

Sometimes it's not about us. Sometimes it's about showing up, getting things clean, taking care of our health - about offering God our time and our presence and our work. Sometimes God uses our gifts to help someone else: to feel welcome in our space, to hear a word of hope, to learn a new truth.

So when you think about what you will offer God for Lent, think about how your offering will make an impact on someone else as well as yourself. It may be just the motivation you need.

FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 27

- Bishop's Convocation - Mt. Wesley
- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- Bishop's Convocation - Mt. Wesley
- Staff meeting – 9:30 am
- Lifetime Learning Photo Album Class - 10-1:00 pm - FHL classroom
- Lenten Soup & Study - 6:30 pm - Pearce classroom

Wednesday, Feb. 29

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

**Newsletter Deadline
Monday, February 20**

Lost:

Blue dinner size plate - Iroquios Casual China by Russell Wright - left at Thanks-giving Lunch. If found, please return to the church office.

Thank you,
Alma Madison

Missing:

A DVD has disappeared from the children's SS room off of the gym. The title is Old Testament Bible Stories. If you find this, please return to the church office. Thanks

Furniture for Sale

The United Methodist Women have lamps that were in the parlor before the remodel that are for sale. We are asking for a generous donation for the lamps to go to the Memorial Fund of the church. If you are interested in the lamps, please contact Billie Talley.

coming! Soon!

On Palm Sunday, April 1, Memorial UMC will once again host our neighborhood children for ***Spring Fling!*** More details to come, but we will need eggs and non-chocolate goodies to fill them. We will also need volunteers! Talk to Laura and Kendall Smith or call the office for more information.

Also coming in April, ***Prayground***, a new monthly worship experience for children up to 5th grade. We will start on April 15 for a half-hour service at 9:00am and then meet every 3rd Sunday. All kinds of volunteers needed for everything from puppet dialogues to snack preparers to balloon blowers and music leaders! An organizational meeting will be held in February to start working publicity and details (TBA).

Thank You from Memorial's Staff "With Great Appreciation"

Memorial's Staff would like to express to the congregation that your generous and heartfelt "Staff Appreciation Gifts" were greatly appreciated and a thank you to Memorial's SPRC Committee for the delicious meal which was prepared for us. We wish each of you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

God Bless you all!

Memorial's Staff

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
Shirley Rhoades
Kerry McFarland
Joanne Macon

Billie Nixon
Carol Combs
Lacy Kirby

Thanks

We wish to thank the Church, Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer, personel, and congregation for the wonderful Memorial Service for Charles (Chuck) Sampler on January 14. The Lord has blessed The United Methodist Church!!

Thank all of you, Sincerely,
Betty, Sherry, Cindy Sampler

Sharing News FYI

Dick and Betty Moore wanted to share this website from their son, Michael of his arrangement of "Nearer My God to Thee" for trombone and organs. He is playing the trombone in this site. Michael is Commander of the 113th Army Band at Fort Knox, KY.

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/armybandchief>



Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:

Emogene Bengston

Norma Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Ed McLarney

Terry Ericson

Norma Jones

John Marshall

Charles Perkins

Betty Morrison

Peter & Linda Sturges

Payton Sturges

Peter & Linda Sturges

Cecil Angermann

Billie & John Nixon

Chuck Sampler

Martha McAdams Vertrees Billie & John Nixon
Anne Lee

Immediate Prayers

The Family of Cecil Angermann

Kathy Gray Laurie Dennig Cleo Wilson
Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)
Lillian Dahan (Jack Dahan's Grandmother)
Charles Lipscomb (Margi Bienemann's cousin)
Wendy Snyder (Susan Froebel's friend)

Continuing Prayers

Dick and Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's parents)
Francisco Fuentes (Isabel Shelton's grandfather)
Ozelma Goodlett (Connie Tatom's mother)
Frank Viduya (Ron Frederick's friend's father)

Kay Allen	Betty Sampler	Bambi Teaney
Judy Friedrich	Jo-Ann Bennink	Barbara Metzger
Marvle Bissett	Emma Bawden	Chase Holland
Lillian Talley	Diana Valastro	Greg Mikeska
Evelyn & Billy Capps	Pat & Dave Teaney	
Wanda Stout Adams	Bob & Anna Bell Turner	

United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

Here are a few resolutions - well promises, really - that I have made for the New Year. See if you can't think of some for yourself. I'm going to read more books on the Reading List - if you don't have the new reading list, check with Norma Jones.

I'm going to start with reading, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind", by William Kankwamba and Bryan Mealer (Leadership Development). Another good promise would be to get more involved with the Friendship Center. A good time to start will be Saturday, January 28th, when a workday is planned. We will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m., carpool to the Center and work until 1:00 pm. Bring a coffee-time snack if you wish.

Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., February 5.
\$3.00 each.

Lamplighters will not meet this month due to a scheduling conflicts.

B.I.F. will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m., in the Pearce Room. It is time for our Bible Study, so make your plans to be present.

Reading and Library will meet after church on Sunday, February 12th, when Billie Talley will present Highlights from Response or World Outlook. Each member will give a five-minute review of the book they are currently reading.

Check your bookshelves for Reading and Library books and return them to the Library. Many books are missing.

Turn in the list of books you have read in 2011. You may turn in Plan I, II, III, or IV, by February 1.

Merrymakers January Event

Come and join the Merrymakers this Sunday, January 29, for a TBA movie and Brown Bag lunch after Church in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited!

Baptism and New Member

On January 15, Memorial UMC witnessed the baptism of Grant Walker Zapalac , age 9 and baby Billie Florence Lois Nixon, age 5 ½ months. Parents John A. Nixon and Tina Zapalac-Nixon, as well as, grandparents, Joe and Lois Tiner, John and Billie Nixon and Grant's father and step-mother, Shean and Jennifer Zapalac were here to celebrate the baptism plus many other aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Then Tina Zapalac-Nixon joined Memorial the same day, coming to us from another denomination. They live in Bastrop, Texas, where Tina owns her own law firm in Bastrop. Grant is in the 4th grade and John owns Nixon Engineering. Tina loves to cook, reads, likes animals and the outdoors.

We are honored to celebrate with this family their joy, and pray God will enrich all our lives, as we witness for Christ together.

Sympathy

Charles L. Sampler, 89, of Austin, passed away on December 24, 2011. He was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. In 1946, Charles (Chuck) met Betty Minckler, a USO employee. They began singing radio jingles in Chicago and New York City. They worked for Ruthruff and Ryan Ad Agency with Dumont television Network, rival of NBC. Chuck and Betty married in 1948 and settled in Austin, Texas. Chuck was Vice President of Austin Savings, then Sr. Vice President of Citizens National Bank (Chase Bank), and was owner of C.L. Sampler Insurance Agency. He was very active in the Austin community. Chuck love to sing and was a proud member of Memorial United Methodist Church choir. He sang in a barbershop quartet and was one of the founding fathers of the Austin Chord Rangers (now A Cappella Texas). Chuck enjoyed singing with his wife, Betty, in the "Swing Singers". Betty also accompanied him on piano Monday nights from 2000 - 2011 at the Heritage at Gaines Ranch. Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Betty Sampler; his two daughters, Sherry Jones and Cindy Horstman and her husband, David Horstman; and four grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Cecil O. Angermann, 81, was born in Hamilton, Texas on December 25, 1930. He spent his early childhood in nearby Aleman, Texas, with his parents and sister. At the age of 12, they moved to Harlingen , Texas, so Cecil could recover from rheumatic fever. He graduated form Harlingen High School in 1950. While he attended Texas A&M University, he was active as the team manager, participated in Glee Club, National Honor Society, boys quartet, other service organizations and was in the Corps of Cadets. In Harlingen he began a 33 year career with Commercial Credit Corporation that moved him around. While in Corpus Christi, he met and married Carolyn Burkhardt in 1960; they had 2 daughters, Melanie and Kay. Cecil's greatest joys included family, fishing, golfing, hunting, boating, playing dominos and discussing the stock market. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church. Cecil is survived by his daughters, Melanie and Kay; his sister, brother, and many relatives and friends.

In this time of loss, may you know that we at Memorial care and pray that God will comfort your heart with the thought that love lives on.

February Birthdays

3	Christine Jane Garner	16	Kamika Elizabeth Shelton
6	Suzanne Wright	18	Cheryl Chance
7	Kayla Michelle Holland		Jodi Nichole Dennig Sword
	Davi Teaney	20	Nancy Helge
9	Elizabeth Scott	21	Michael Shelton
11	Mary Beth O'Hanlon	22	Jeff Sacco
12	Stephanie Jourdan	23	Jeanne Williamson
	Mildred McCullough	25	Carolyn Chandler Brown
13	Mike Pena	27	Marinda Mohler
	Lillian Talley		



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9:15 a.m.-Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

Wesley School - Chris Banda, Director (467-9740)

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