

# 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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### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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**News by Email** - Contact the office by phone or email and give us your email address.

## February 23, 2012

## *Mission and Study Opportunities*



### *Bread and Broth*

*Tuesdays at 6:30*

February 28

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3 (Holy Week)

6:30 in either the N.E.W. classroom or the Pearce Room (see note on the door each evening—we will move around to accommodate previously scheduled meetings).

Pastor Cynthia will be facilitating conversations on how characters in the Bible are models or anti-models for our own behavior. We will also be looking at the questions, "How does this person show me how to lead?" and "How does this person show me how to follow?"

Everyone is welcome! See Pastor Cynthia or the back table in the sanctuary for the reading material each week.

## Spring Fling

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 to help stuff eggs on Sunday, March 11! Talk to Laura and Kendall Smith or call the office for more information.



**All Church Work Day**  
**Inside and Outside**  
**Saturday, March 24 - 8:00 am**

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Plan to Lend a Hand**

**Let's Get Ready to Welcome Guests**  
**for Holy Week Events and**  
**Easter Celebrations!**

**Call the church office**  
**at 452.5796 to signup.**



## 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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### MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### Thursday, Mar. 1

- Faith In Action Meeting - 11:00am

#### Friday, Mar. 2

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

#### Saturday, Mar. 3

- CROP WALK
- Girl Scout Thinking Day - 8-3pm - Gym

#### Sunday, Mar. 4 Communion Sunday

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

#### Monday, Mar. 5

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- CROP WALK Results - FHL - All Day
- Staff Meeting - 10:30 am
- Campus Ministry Meeting - 12:30pm
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Mar. 6

- BIF Circle - 9:30am - Pearce
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- LL Photo Album Class - 10-1p - FHL
- Lenten Study - 6:30-9pm

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## What's Happening in Worship

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!



coming!  
Soon!

### *Prayground!*

We are looking for a great bunch of people who want to see more families with young children involved at Memorial.

*Prayground* is a 30 minute kid-focused service on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning at 9:00am. We will have our first service on April 15.

What we can use:

A puppeteer (to dialogue with Pastor Cynthia)

Someone to lead kid's music (singing and doing the motions)

Someone to gather Christian kid's music in mp3 format

4-6 people to greet kids and their parents when they arrive

4-6 people to be in the sanctuary as "guides" (keeping an eye on wanderers, etc.)

2-3 people to help get snacks together and serve them afterwards

People to help decorate (blowing up and tying balloons)

This is a great opportunity for this church to reach out to the children of our neighborhood and will hopefully provide a follow-up to a successful Spring Fling. For more information or to volunteer to help, call Pastor Cynthia at 921-3473 or the church office at 452-5796.



## MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Wednesday, Mar. 7

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

### Saturday, Mar. 10

- WPNA Meeting - Gym - 10:00 am

### Sunday, Mar. 11 - Girl Scout Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- Reading/Library Circle - Noon
- Spring Fling Egg Stuffing - Noon
- UMYF - Noon - St. Mark's UMC

### Monday, Mar. 12

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

### Tuesday, Mar. 13

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

### Wednesday, Mar. 14

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

### Thursday, Mar. 15

- Lamplighters - 7pm - N.E.W.

### Friday, Mar. 16

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

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## UMYF Happenings

Since the last newsletter the youth have started their joint confirmation class with St. Mark UMC co-led by our own Pastor Cynthia and Pastor Cindy Layton from St. Mark. We have had three classes so far, and all have been well attended by youth from both churches! (Wasn't it great to see Pastor Cindy at the Chili Cook-off?) The other big event was our annual trip to MidWinter 5 at Mount Wesley two weekends ago. Hannah Smith, Melissa Minette, Courtney Garner, Nicole Johnson, Meagan Garza and Jacy Gray all attended and had a great time! The worship and speakers were great, and the skits, games, and general craziness made it a weekend to remember. Everyone wants to go back to the next conference youth event. In case you missed it, Chuck Garner and friends were able to stream live video from Mount Wesley to the MUMC congregation, projected onto the screens during Sunday Morning Worship at offering time using Skype. The snow in the background outside the Clyde Bird Worship Center helped capture the great atmosphere right after our final worship and communion service...way to go Chuck! Please pray for all of these youth as they continue learning in confirmation class and the other youth events in the coming weeks. Thanks!

## Prayers for Youth Group and Confirmation Class

Especially in the early church, Lent was a time to prepare people to become fully a part of the church - to be baptized and/or confirmed. One of the Lenten disciplines that the church took on was to pray for and help those who were in the process to come closer to Christ.

Right now, the UMYF is sharing a time of confirmation learning with the UMYF of St. Mark UMC. We meet every other week at Memorial (in March, we will meet on March 4 and 18). **If you can provide a meal for 15-16 youth on either of those Sunday's (or even in the months following), it would be a great thing!** Committing to praying for the youth daily would also be much appreciated. If you are interested in providing a meal or otherwise helping to show our youth that the church loves them, please get in touch with us through the office.



**Sunday  
March 11**

## MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Sunday, Mar. 18 - Memorial For Christ Sunday**

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

### **Monday, Mar. 19 Newsletter Deadline**

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Prayer Vigil/Denial - Chapel - 1-7pm
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

### **Tuesday, Mar. 20**

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

### **Wednesday, Mar. 21**

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

### **Thursday, Mar. 22**

- News Crew - 1:00 pm - Pearce

### **Sunday, Mar. 25**

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Youth/Confirmation - 2pm - St. Mark's UMC
- Confirmation w/Bishop Dorff - Cedar Creek UMC - 4pm

### **Monday, Mar. 26**

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

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## ***Note From the Pastor***

Several years ago, I watched a documentary called "Between the Folds". It was a fascinating study of paper folding—or origami, as most of us know it. When I saw it the first time, I was struck by how much it reminded me of a life in Christ: we can live in a 2-dimensional plane, but with a few folds and creases - a change in direction or two, we can, with Christ, become a 3-dimensional wonder.

I rewatched it last week in preparation for our series on Transformation. And this time I noticed something else that was said:

"No cutting. No paste, no tape. Origami is a metamorphic art form. Sculpture and painting that...when you're adding paint to canvas, and you're adding clay and welding things together...that's an additive process. When you're chipping away at wood and stone and cutting paper, that's subtractive. Origami- you've got that piece of paper and you don't add to it, you don't take away from it, you change it."  
—Michael Fosse

Metamorphic - transformation.

I'm really thinking about Lent in these terms - not what we think God has to take away to transform us...not what we think God has to add to transform us. I'm thinking about the way God uses all of us - especially those things that we don't think God can use. And God creates a whole piece of art out of our lives. Some of it gets folded into the inside, providing structure. A lot of it is on the outside, providing beauty.

To me, most origami looks like just a random series of folds until finally, at the very end, I can see it coming together. If you're feeling creased and pulled in this season, perhaps it is because things haven't quite come together yet. I hope that we can all see God wanting to move us from a solitary flat sheet to something much more interesting - a life of discipleship.

We will be showing "Between the Folds" at the church on Monday, April 2 (during Holy Week). I hope you will come for a discussion of how this work relates to our Christian journey. And I hope you will come for our Lenten worship series on transformation - you will be given the opportunity to be a part of the art project that will take shape leading up to Easter.

**Newsletter Deadline - Monday, March 19**



## **FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS**

### **Tuesday, Mar. 27**

- Staff meeting – 9:30 am
- Lenten Soup & Study - 6:30 pm  
- Pearce classroom

### **Wednesday, Mar. 28**

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

### **Southwest Texas Conference United Methodist Church**

#### **RETHINK GREEN**

#### **CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION**

Saturday, March 3, 2012

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gruene UMC

2629 E. Common St., New Braunfels, Texas

Part of being good stewards is taking care of God's creation, the earth. This fun, Informative event will not only inspire, but will give participants real, practical things they can do at their local church and in their daily life. The event starts with a morning worship and plenary session for everyone, followed by six breakout sessions. Have kids, bring them! Child care will be provided for the young ones, and a special program for elementary age kids will be offered that ties into the main event. Youth are invited to participate as adults.

Cost: \$20 at the door. Childcare will be provided.

For more information and to register, visit:  
<http://www.umcswtx.org/rethink-green-event>

## **United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich**

**Reading and Library** will meet on Sunday, March 11, 2012. Norma Hauser will give highlights from Response and/or World Outlook. Norma Jones will review THE BITE OF THE MANGO by Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClellan. This is Kamara's unforgettable story of immense courage, resilience and hope while living during various tragedies.

**Lamplighters** will meet Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m., in the N.E.W. Classroom to finish some ongoing projects with hopes to have new banners for the sanctuary soon. Our prayer project seems to be liked by many people. The shawls are made by one of our own church members and most of them have been delivered by Pastor Cynthia. Both these factors are very important to the recipients.

**BIF** will meet in the Pearce Room on March 6, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. Try to be there and enjoy what Carolyn has in store for us this time.

Remember - **First Sunday Pancake Breakfast**, March 4, 2012, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND!**

**PRAYER VIGIL AND SELF DENIAL** will be observed on March 19, in the chapel in time increments of 30 minutes from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please advise Joanne of the time you prefer. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. and should be over around 7:00 p.m.

### **With Appreciation**

Dear Memorial Family,

We appreciate so much the support we received from so many of you before and after Mom's final journey on February 4. The many visits over the years, the flowers and cards sent to her at Parson's House & Pflugerville Care Center, many prayers, Pastor Cynthia's guidance in the funeral and memorial services, the awesome reception on Feb. 11 and all the kind words meant so much to all of us. We can't thank you enough!

Love in Christ,  
The Bissett Family

## March Communion Offering

Our Communion offering in March will go to Crop Walk. Crop Walk is a ministry of Church World Service, which has had a partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for many years. They have developed partnerships in countries that don't allow denominational groups, so we can work through them many times to provide humanitarian aid all around the world.

Crop Walk helps not only by providing direct aid to those who are hungry. It also provides materials and program to help educate people about hunger issues, and it can teach and provide sustainable ways of food production and gathering in areas where that is sorely needed.

## CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS

**Action, Adventure, Fitness and fun are all part of Boy Scouts. Go camping and rafting. Cooking, first aid, riflery, rock climbing, archery, sports and photography are just a few of the great things to learn and do.**

Who: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

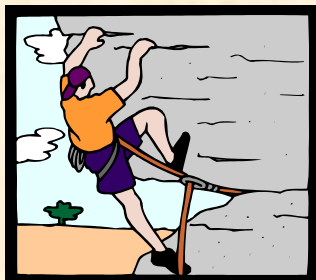
Where: Memorial United Methodist Church,  
6100 Berkman Drive

When: Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact Scoutmaster:

Brian Kent at 577-5523 or

email: b0k3nt@yahoo.com



## Memorial for Christ

Each month, on the third Sunday, Memorial UMC receives offerings from people who want to contribute to our missional helping ministries. Pastor Cynthia has discretion over the Memorial for Christ fund (with accountability to our Financial staff), and she has been using the money primarily to help people get food and medicine. This is "beyond budget" giving - though the primary budget of the church takes care of our everyday needs, some have a little more to give than what they have originally pledged. If you are interested in participating in the ministry of showing Christ's love to people when they need a break, you can either contact Pastor Cynthia or simply write "Memorial for Christ" on your check or envelope.



## Chili Cook-Off Results

On February 19, 2012, Memorial had another fun and successful Chili Cook-Off. We are always grateful for all volunteers that help make these benefits seem easy by planning, setting up, buying supplies, cooking and cleaning up. The rest of the success happens because you bought tickets, came, and ate.

There were 22 cooks - all were excellent !

1st prize - Billie Nixon

2nd prize - Jo-Ann Bennink &  
son-in-law, Gary Eddleman

3rd prize - James Rhoades

Thank you for helping us raise money for Wesley School's new fire alarm system. It would not happen if it were not for you! Congratulations to all!



**Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:**

**Chuck Sampler**

Johnie & Alma Madison Jr.

**Cecil Angermann**

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Johnie & Alma Madison Jr. | Kim Marie      |
| Dorothy Johnson           | Fran Green     |
| Doris & Bill Breed        | Lela Barker    |
| Sandy & Greg Welch        | Dottie Wofford |
| Jack Nelson               |                |

**Marvle Bissett**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jo-Ann Bennink               | Wesley School   |
| Ken & Stephanie Jourdan      | Norma Jones     |
| Faith ,Hope, & Love SSClass  | Jane Friedrich  |
| Billie & John Nixon          | Alice Stern     |
| Dorothy & Gene Stanford      | Carolyn Rogas   |
| Dorothy Johnson              | Audrey Lehman   |
| Frances Beerwinkle           | Katherine Eaker |
| Truman & Ethelene Schoenberg | Linda Eaker     |
| Doris and Everett Owens      |                 |

**Hanna Tobin**

Charles & Carole Garner    Chuck & Paula Garner

**Immediate Prayers**

Norma Jones      Bill Head

Lester and Ann Bryant

Eddie Smith

Matthew Shelton

Weldon Friedrich (Jane Friedrich's brother-in-law)

**Continuing Prayers**

Dick and Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's parents)  
 Ozelma Goodlett (Connie Tatom's mother)  
 Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)  
 Lillian Dahan (Jack Dahan's Grandmother )  
 Charles Lipscomb (Margi Bienemann's cousin)  
 Wendy Snyder (Susan Froebel's friend) Frank Viduya  
 (Ron Frederick's friend's father)

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|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Laurie Dennig          | Emma Bawden   | Wanda Adams     |
| Jo-Ann Bennink         | Betty Sampler | Barbara Metzger |
| Greg Mikeska           | Kathy Gray    | Diana Valastro  |
| Bob & Anna Bell Turner |               |                 |
| Pat & Dave Teaney      |               |                 |

## March Birthdays

|     |                       |      |                    |
|-----|-----------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1st | Craig Amundson        | 12th | Minda Egbert       |
| 2nd | Travis Rychlik        |      | Harrison Pomerleau |
| 3rd | Elizabeth Bach-Miller | 15th | Jacy Kuruk Gray    |
| 5th | Linda Eaker           | 16th | Alberta Shelton    |
| 6th | Carole Garner         | 17th | Chad Ericson       |
|     | Judy Johnson          | 19th | Josh Jourdan       |
| 7th | David Amundson        | 24th | Courtney Garner    |
|     | Emma Bawden           | 25th | Jonathan Mohler    |
|     | Dorothy Burnup        | 26th | Misty Ericson      |
|     | Chad Ericson          | 31st | Deborah Bryant     |
| 9th | Laura Elizabeth Smith |      | Dorothy Johnson    |



### ***Sympathy***

Love and concern go to Tom and Priscilla Bissett in the death of Tom's mother, Marvle Bissett, 89, who passed away on February 4, 2012.

She was born on July 26, 1918, in Lampasas County, Texas. Her childhood was spent near Odem, Texas. She resided with husband Earl for 43 years in Corpus Christi before moving to Austin in 1988. More recently she lived at Parsons House in Austin and Pflugerville Care Center.

Marvle was preceded in death by husband Earl and 17 brothers and sisters. She is survived by sons Earl W. Bissett, Jr., and special friend Sandra Felps of Round Rock and Thomas E. Bissett and wife Priscilla of Austin; sister, Bee Hudspeth of Aurora, Colorado; brother, TJ Duncan of Sandia, Texas; five granddaughters; four grand sons-in-law; six great-granddaughters; one great-grandson; one great-great-granddaughter and a host of other relatives and friends.

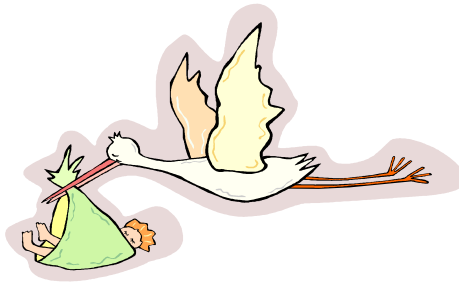
The funeral was celebrated in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 7, 2012, and a memorial service was held at Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 11:a.m.

Marvle and Earl were very active at Memorial and will be remembered for their love and contributions. Marvle loved to work in her yard and her specialty was flowers, hand work and craft projects. We will remember and miss this lovely lady.

### ***New Baby***

Congratulations to our friend, Carolyn Rogas in the celebration of the birth of her 7<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild. Victor Alexander Sydow was born January 17, 2012, in Houston, Texas, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

His parents are David and Denise Sydow and he has a 1½ year old sister, Luciana Marie Sydow. Carolyn has 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, so how much happier can one be? We celebrate with you.



If you have some news you would like to share, please call Billie Nixon, 923-4400 or the church office, 452-5796 and tell our secretary, Joanne Macon.



## "Easter Lily Order Form"

The Easter Season is upon us again and it is time to place your orders for the Easter Lilies. The cost is \$10.00 a plant. Please fill in the information below to ensure that your message will be included in the Lily Insert on Easter Sunday. Return the form along with your payment to Joanne no later than Monday, March 26, 2012.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Messages to be placed in the Insert: \_\_\_\_\_

How many plants? (\$10.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Donate \_\_\_\_\_ or Keep \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Memorial United Methodist Church

Attn: Joanne Macon

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**TO:**

**Sunday Services - Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer**

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

10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

### **Church Office Hours**

**Church Secretary - Joanne Macon**

8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1- 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Fridays - 8:30 - 12:30 pm

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