

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.

March 22, 2012 Newsletter

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

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

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March 22, 2012

Holy Week 2012

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 1



10:30 Worship We begin with waving palms and joyful celebration...but quickly realize there's more to the story.

2:30-4:30pm Spring Fling! Come join our neighborhood children and families as we celebrate with fun and games (call 452-5796 to volunteer)

Monday, April 2

6:30pm Viewing of the award-winning origami story "Between the Folds" and a conversation about transformation

Thursday, April 5

7:00pm
Maundy Thursday
service of Holy
Communion (parlor).



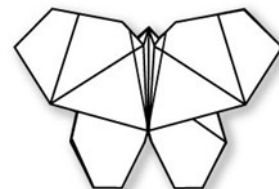
Good Friday, April 6

7:00pm Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)
- Chancel Choir presentation of Joe
Martin's "Song of the Shadows"

Easter Sunday, April 8

7:00am Sunrise service (front lawn - in case of weather, sanctuary)

10:30am Worship: Christ is Alive! We are transformed!



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!

APRIL'S SCHEDULED EVENTS Sunday, Apr. 1 Palm Sunday Communion Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Spring Fling - 2:30-4:40 pm

Monday, Apr. 2

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 p.m.
- Between the Folds - 6:30pm

Tuesday, Apr. 3

- BIF Circle - 9:30am - Pearce
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Lenten Study - 6:30-9pm

Wednesday, Apr. 4

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

Thursday, Apr. 5,

- **Maundy Thursday** - 7:00 pm

Friday, Apr. 6

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- **Good Friday** - Tenebrae - 7:00 pm

Sunday, Apr. 8 - Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service - 7:00 am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Easter Service -10:30 am

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What's Happening in Worship

Holy Week Cantata

We invite you to come to MUMC at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 6, for "Song of the Shadows" by Joseph Martin, an Austin composer. This year the Holy Week cantata is a tenebrae. A tenebrae service is one that ends in darkness. It usually tells the story of the last week of Christ's life, ending with the Crucifixion. Hearing this music will greatly enhance your Easter experience. Please join us.

Prayground!

Goal: Reaching out to children in our neighborhood
Following up on an awesome Spring Fling!

When: Sunday, April 15 at 9:00-9:30am

Where: Sanctuary

What: Fun music, Puppet "Sermon", Praying Together, Balloons, Snacks and More!

Who: YOU!

You can help make this monthly ministry a success by volunteering to help blow up balloons, put together snacks, welcome children and their families, sing and pray. Talk to Pastor Cynthia TODAY if you are interested in making a space for children in our congregation!



a special worship emphasis on April 22

Join us for worship on April 22 as we learn about what we can do to care for God's creation. From the "greenest" people out there to those who just aren't sure where to start go beyond curbside recycling through the city of Austin, we'll have information and tips and possibilities.

The best part is that we don't just do it because we're good people. We do it because we're God's people! We honor that God created our earth...and we honor that what we do has an effect on the earth itself and on the people of earth.

After our worship service, we will dedicate a tree in memory of Bill Bennink.

APRIL'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Apr. 9 - Office Closed

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

Tuesday, Apr. 10

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Wesley School Board Mtg - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr. 11

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Saturday, Apr. 14

- WPNA - 10:00 am - FHL

Sunday, Apr. 15

Memorial For Christ Sunday

- Playground - Young Children - 9:00 am - Sanctuary
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- Youth - Memorial - Noon

Monday, Apr. 16

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

Tuesday, Apr. 17

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- FIA Appreciation Lunch - Pearce - 11a

Wednesday, Apr. 18

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

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Easter Offering

Each year, Memorial receives three very special offerings: Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These go "beyond" our normal giving because these seasons are special to us. They remind us that God has given us new life and new hope in Jesus Christ, and we respond with thankfulness.

Our continuing faithfulness in mission and ministry counts on these offerings—you can mark your checks or envelopes "Easter Offering", and additional envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your continuing faithfulness and spirit of generosity!

Financial Update

Finance Committee decided to send giving statements at the end of June. Should you need a copy of your current statement before then, please contact the church office.

Wesley School's Talent Show Fundraiser

(formerly known as the Spaghetti Dinner)

Friday April 16, 2012

6 p.m. - gym

\$7 - Adults

\$4 - Children (10 and under)

You are invited to come and enjoy the great talent by the children of Wesley School. The proceeds raised we will help us to make updates to the school. (New windows, new classroom carpets, etc.)

We hope to see you there.



MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, Apr. 19

- Lamplighters Circle - 7pm

Friday, Apr. 20

- Bible Study - 10 am

Sunday, Apr. 22

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

Monday, Apr. 23

Newsletter Deadline

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

Tuesday, Apr. 24

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Apr. 25

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Thursday, Apr. 26

- News Crew - 1 pm

Friday, Apr. 27

- Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, Apr. 28

- Wedding

Sunday, Apr. 29

Apportionment Sunday

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

Monday, Apr. 30

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

UMYF Happenings

Next week is the last week of confirmation, and we will be travelling to Cedar Creek for a confirmation rally with several other churches and Bishop Dorff.

On Saturday, March 17, the youth went out to McKinney Roughs for a picnic and a hike. Several youth discovered animal tracks on our hike at McKinney Roughs like these raccoon tracks near the Colorado river bank, on our Mystery Trip! Then we went to Pastor Cindy's for a campfire.

On April 1st we are looking forward to helping with the Spring Fling.



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.

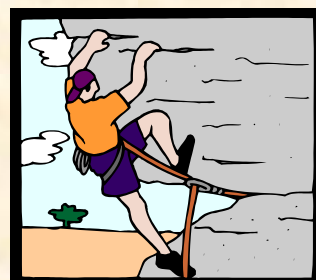
Who: 5th – 8th Grade Boys

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





Note From the Pastor

Once every four years, United Methodists from around the world gather for a 10 day meeting. During this time, an equal number of clergy and lay people discuss and try to discern where God is leading the UMC, doing everything from lifting up leadership to discussing policy and budgets for the next four years.

This year, in Tampa, FL, they will be discussing more major structural changes than in previous years. The issues are more complex and wide-ranging, as are the proposals. The team of delegates going from our Annual Conference needs your prayers. We have postcards and slips of paper giving a brief bio in the back of the sanctuary - please consider choosing one or more of our delegates, committing to pray for them and writing them a note of encouragement.

General Conference 2012 dates:
April 24-May 4
Tampa, FL

Our delegation:

Clergy - Rev. Laura Merrill (head),
Rev. Eradio Valverde, Rev. Carl Rohlf, Rev. Virgilio Vasquez-Garza
Laity - Mr. Jay Brim, Mrs. Teresa Keese, Mr. Ralph Thompson, Mr. Byrd Bonner

Alternates:

Clergy - Rev. Terrence Hayes, Rev. Russell Miller, Dr. Austin Frederick, Rev. Tom Diviney

Laity - Ms. Sarah Cloninger Howell, Ms. Terry Schoenert, Mr. Bill Ault, Mr. Mark Nierio

The year that C.S. Lewis' book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" came to our local movie theaters, I used a character illustration from the movie in a sermon. A women in my congregation who had an 8-year-old son came up to me and said, "I was thinking about taking him to see it, but do you think it would be okay?"

I had seen the movie, and I found that for all of the action sequences and battle scenes, it wasn't gory. I had been about 8 when I read the book and saw the cartoon. Knowing the story and knowing that they could have made things much more intense, I said, "Sure, I think he could handle it - there's some action stuff, but it isn't bad or bloody."

I forgot. I knew the story. I knew how it ended.

SPOILER ALERT!! If you don't know the story and want to read it for yourself, don't read any farther.

The next week, they came back to church and the mother came up to me and said, "You forgot to tell us that Aslan dies. He got so upset we had to leave the theater for a bit."

Aslan - the not-tame lion of the book. If the book is read as allegory (which C.S. Lewis clearly meant it to be), Aslan is a Christ-figure. And toward the end of the book, Aslan is killed by the forces of evil, while two of the young girls in the book were nearby listening.

I was horrified, and I quickly asked if they had gone back in to see the rest of it. She said that she had been able to coax him back into the theater in time to see that Aslan had come back to life because of the "deeper magic" that meant that even the forces of evil could not hold him back. The mother assured me that her son was okay, and I talked a little bit with him to make sure.

But afterward, I got to thinking about it. I wished I had been that boy at Easter. That boy knew how the disciples and followers of Jesus felt as they watched him arrested, beaten and crucified. They knew the shock and horror... but they also knew the outlandish, impossible joy of finding out that he was, against all logic, alive.

As we go into Easter, I pray that you catch ahold of not only the joy, but also "the rest of the story". We rest on all of it - not just some of it. Jesus' life...and death...and resurrection. We'll see you in worship!

News from the Pew by Billie Nixon

This month I would like to give you an update on some of our known ailing and or homebound members.

Kay Allen: recently had been in the hospital, but home now. Got a update on her two grandchildren and her great-grandson.

Emma Bawden: is back at her apartment and is doing better.

Lela Barker: has missed many Sundays due to her back problems; she is still having problems.

Dorothy Burnup: has moved and is getting settled in to her new home, which is closer to her family.

Bill Head: is still in rehab due to a broken arm.

Norma Jones: is home after breaking her hip and is mending well, but is having back problems now.

Gaines Leavelle: is in North Austin Medical Hospital off of N. MoPac and is being evaluated.

Alma Madison: has been down with her back and will be seeing a doctor this week. We miss Johnie and Alma at church.

Juliet Milk: recently ill, but is better now.

Don Morrison: had back surgery and is feeling better and we're glad to see him back at church.

Eddie and Virginia Smith: both Eddie and Virginia have been ill and not been able to attend church several weeks.

Bob and Anna Belle Turner: have recently moved and is getting settled in now.

Cleo Wilson: has been suffering with back pain and had surgery on Monday, March 19, and is feeling much better.

We are praying for each of these friends. If you are in need of an address, please call the church office.

One Great Hour of Sharing April's Communion Offering

Our Communion Offering for the month of April will be for the One Great Hour of Sharing, benefitting the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Whenever a disaster strikes, either in the US or around the world, UMCOR immediately swings into action. It is consistently rated A or A+ by philanthropy organizations, and the money United Methodists give worldwide for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the only money it receives for administrative costs. Every time we receive communion in April (on the first Sunday, at our Maundy Thursday services and on Easter Sunday), any communion offering will go to our One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

Our Prayer Vigil and Self Denial observation was observed on Monday, March 19. The day was ended in the chapel with a closing program presented by Billie Talley.

Lamplighters will meet April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the N.E.W. Class room. We plan to complete our current projects at that time.

Reading and Library members will not meet on their scheduled date (coincides with Easter Sunday). Members will be advised of the time and place of the April meeting.

BIF will celebrate a special event on April 3: Someone we all know and love will be honored at our April meeting. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. (If you can't figure it out, call Carolyn Rogas!)

Remember: First Sunday Pancake breakfast time! See you on April 1 in the gym (8:30 - 9:15 a.m.). Enjoy a tasty breakfast for \$5.00!

Thank You

Thank you for all the visits, phone calls, and cards from the member and the pastor.

Don Morrison

Newsletter Deadline - Monday, April 23



Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:

Chuck Sampler

Barbara Metzger

Bill Bennink

Barbara Metzger

Cecil Angermann

Janet and Greg Bustin

Marvie Bissett

Esther Bender
Barbara Metzger
Donald Morrison
Pansy Meyer
Lela Barker

Geraldine Boydston
Johnie & Alma Madison
Charles & Carole Garner
Kerry & Mark McFarland
Jim & Shirley Rhoades

Richard Dennig

Tom & Priscilla Bissett
Ken & Stephanie Jourdan
Billie & John Nixon

Jo-Ann Bennink
Carolyn Rogas
Jim & Shirley Rhoades

Immediate Prayers

The Family of Valerie Tribon (Greg Mikeska's cousin)
Alma Madison Gaines Leavelle Juliet Milk
Norma Jones Eddie & Virginia Smith Bill Head
Don Morrison Kathy Gray Wanda Stout Adams
Weldon Friedrich (Jane Friedrich's brother-in-law)

Continuing Prayers

Baylea Wagener (Jo-Ann Bennink's great niece)
Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's mother)
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)

Laurie Dennig Emma Bawden Jo-Ann Bennink
Betty Sampler Barbara Metzger Greg Mikeska
Diana Valastro Tammy Gregory Susan Froebel
Pat & Dave Teaney Bob & Anna Bell Turner
Lester and Ann Bryant

April Birthdays

2nd Stephanie Shelton

3rd Zora Mae Hise

5th Virginia Smith

7th Charles Spangler

David Paul Teaney

Christina Williams

9th John Shelton

13th Michael Shelton

16th Mable Raup

17th Jessica McFarland

18th Jennifer Eddleman

Debbie Schmidt Parsley

Victoria Purtle

19th William Dennig

21st Russell Moore

22nd Betty Moore

23rd Laura Rhoades Smith

24th Lauren Michele Dennig

Glenda Houston

27th Lela Barker

Jacob Shelton

Sarah Shelton

30th Jane Friedrich



"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 Sunday, April 1, 2012.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Messages to be placed in the Insert: _____

How many plants? (\$10.00 each) _____

Donate _____ or Keep _____

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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

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

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8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1- 4:00 p.m.

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