

# 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.

10:30 a.m.- Playground - Third Sundays

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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.

## April 18, 2013



### Memorial's Heritage Sunday

### Ninety + Celebration

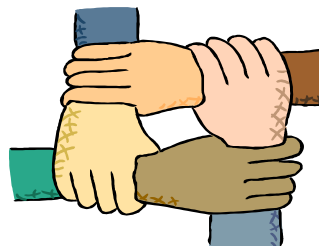
April 28, 2013

### Pot Luck Luncheon following Worship Gym

This church traces its roots to December 11, 1873, when the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church South was formally constituted. We have had six different names during these years and we have worshipped at three different locations. There will be special recognitions of our 90+ members, those who have been a member of this location since 1957 of 50 years, 40 years, 30 years, and 20 years or belong to this church their whole lives. After church we will continue with a pot luck luncheon in the gym with more fun surprises. Please bring two dishes to share and meat, drinks and bread are provided. Come join us and celebrate!

### ***We are United!***

The Southwest Texas Annual Conference and the Rio Grande Annual Conference will have a new name when we unite. We will become the Rio Texas Annual Conference. If you would like more information on the unification process or what this will mean practically for how United Methodists in this part of Texas work together, PLEASE come to the District briefing on 3:00 on May 19 at St. John's UMC (2140 Allendale). This is a great opportunity to see how the wider church has been working together to offer Christ to all!



## MAY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Wednesday, May 1

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

### Thursday, May 2

- Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library - 4:30pm

### Friday, May 3

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- FIA Choral Concert - Memorial's Sanctuary - 7:00 pm

### Saturday, May 4

- Yard of the Month- 9:30 am - FHL

### Sunday, May 5 - Communion

- 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast-8:30am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am

### Monday, May 6

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

### Tuesday, May 7

- UMW BIF Circle - Pearce - 9:30 am
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, May 8

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

### Thursday, May 9

- Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library - 4:30pm
- Austin Ukulele Society - FHL - 7pm

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## Thank you to Our Community Partners!

These are organizations who meet here at the church and move out into the community to impact lives. You too can become a part of them--just call the church office to get some contact info and see how you can help. And, as always, they need our prayers too!

Austin Children's Theater

Austin Ukelele Society

Boy Scout Troop #88

Faith in Action Caregivers NE Austin

Meals on Wheels and More

Windsor Park Neighborhood Association

Also, a huge congratulations to our own Wesley School for the wonderful Talent Show earlier in April! Our Wesley School continues to be a wonderful place for children to learn and grow, and we're grateful that they are making plans to help refurbish our gym kitchen. Joann Bennink leads the church board in charge of the Wesley, and she loves talking about all of the wonderful things that are going on--ask her sometime what she loves about the Wesley!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Many of you experienced the Free Store when it had a trial run here at Memorial a couple of years ago. It's always tough to be the first up, but after several other trials, the model has been refined and given new life.

The Free Store now has a permanent site at 1717 E. 12th St. here in Austin (right next to Simpson UMC). Along with many of our other volunteer opportunities (Montopolis Friendship Center, Meals on Wheels, etc.), this is a place where they can even use occasional help. If you can't commit to a regular schedule but would like to volunteer somewhere, please take a look at their website ([www.freestoreaustin.org](http://www.freestoreaustin.org)) or go directly to their volunteer signup page to see what you might be able to help with:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4BA5A729A13-april>

Whether you work like so many of our UMW members do at the Montopolis Friendship Center (<http://www.gbmg-umc.org/mfcc/index.html>) or volunteer at your local elementary school or pick up food for Meals on Wheels, we encourage you to get involved. And if you can't get involved, I want you to consider that God never considers people too old or too young to pray. Your focused and intentional prayers for these ministries are needed. Praise be to God, who gives us always good work to do! Praise be to God who gives us neighbors to be in relationship with!



## MAY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Saturday, May 11

- Election Day - Gym - 7-7:00 pm
- WPNA - 10-Noon - FHL

### Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- UMW Reading/Library Circle - Noon
- Youth - Noon

### Monday, May 13

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

### Tuesday, May 14

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Wesley Board - 6:30pm - Pearce

### Wednesday, May 15

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

### Thursday, May 16

- Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library - 4:30pm
- Lamplighter Circle - 7:00 pm

### Friday, May 17

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

### Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday/ Memorial for Christ

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

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## May Communion Offering Supports

### Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Over the last several years, our annual conference has seen a rise in the number of younger clergy who are coming out of our colleges and universities. Historically, United Methodists have supported campus ministry, and many people have come to know Jesus through these groups. Our communion offering this month in which many students will be graduating, goes to support vital campus ministries all over our conference and the world.

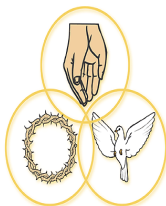
### Worship in May

**May 5** - Come and celebrate Holy Communion



**May 12** - Mother's Day we will honor all women in worship - bring or remember you mom or any woman who is special and important to you.

**May 19** - Pentecost Sunday - As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in wind and fire, we invite you to wear flame colors (red, orange, yellow) to help us remember the Spirit is alive at Memorial.



**May 26** - Trinity Sunday - Come and remember the love that God has shown us. Let us give thanksgiving and praise for the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.

## Graduates

We are already making a list of Memorial's graduates of high school and otherwise members and member's families which we will honor in May. If you have a graduate or know of one, please notify the church office or Billie Nixon, so we can plan for this special event.



## MAY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Monday, May 20

#### Newsletter Deadline

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

### Tuesday, May 21

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, May 22

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

### Thursday, May 23

- Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library - 4:30pm

### Sunday, May 26 - Trinity Sunday

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

### Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

#### Office Closed

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

### Tuesday, May 28

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, May 29

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

*Newsletter Deadline*  
*Monday, May 20*

## CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS TROOP 88 EXPERIENCE THE FUN!



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

## United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

POVERTY STUDY scheduled for April 27th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; guest presenter Ann McGinley. We'll be "brown bagging" it. We need some volunteers to bring some breakfast "snacks" and dessert items for lunch. We are expecting guests from other UMW groups.

BIF will meet in the Pearce Room on May 7th. Stephanie Lacy will present the last of the Women of Faith series. Join us at 9:00 a.m.

Lamplighters will meet at 7:00 p.m., in the N.E.W. classroom on May 16th. We'd love to have visitors - come and share your ideas with us!

Reading and Library will meet in the Library at 7:00 p.m., April 25th. We will be getting ready for the book sale scheduled for Sunday, afternoon, April 28th. The sale will be in the parlor immediately after Heritage luncheon celebration. (They really could use some help getting ready for the date. Join them and give them a hand.)





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

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2*

Somewhere along the way this last year, I became a runner. Or, more accurately, a jogger. Some of our friends in Dallas told us about a phone app that could help us to move from the couch to actually doing a 5k race, and we decided to give it a try.

Clayton and I ran our first 5k in February, and I immediately looked at the calendar to see when a 10k might be coming up. Conveniently, the Capitol10k was right in my backyard!

And so, on April 7, I ran. When you run a race like that, many people have earbuds that allow them to listen to a musical playlist on their phones or other music devices. But instead of a playlist that morning, I had a Praylist. I prayed for Memorial and our neighborhood. I prayed for those who were mourning and hurting. I prayed for our new united Annual Conference. I prayed for our Spring Fling that afternoon and our community partners.

And I prayed for three of those members of the great cloud of witnesses: Junell Treece, Cindy Burris and Mercy Elizabeth Whitfield.

Junell Treece was an aunt and former parishioner. She was a ball of energy, and most of that energy was directed toward discipleship in the church...discipleship that led to mission. She was unsatisfied if, after a Bible study she taught, a person's life didn't change and move it into mission. Junell ran a pretty full race, dying of cancer just about 2 years ago.

Cindy Burris was a friend of mine from seminary. Cindy was a brilliant theologian whose life alternated between flare ups of MS and Crohn's Disease. She was beautiful and loving, even with all of the pain. Her race was much shorter than Junell's, but no less full with the lives she touched when she died at age 38 in February 2011.

Mercy Elizabeth Whitfield was our friends, Rodney and Allison's daughter. She was born with an extra chromosome (Trisomy 13), which was not compatible with life. She lived 13 days in the fall of 2011. She had the shortest race, but like Cindy's and Junell's, no less full for all of the lives she has touched and the difference people have made in the world in her name.

And now we see the bombings in Boston. So many lives, some whose races were shortened unnaturally. Some whose races were changed forever. What does your race look like? Whose life will you affect? Will you help someone else run more faithfully? We're all running together, and we need to continue to encourage each other.

### New Babies

It is so exciting to hear the news from our members about their new extended families.



Lela Barker is proud to announce her first great-grandchild, Caleb Jameson Moore, who was born on January 28, 2013 in Bryan, Texas. Caleb is the son of Justin and Robin Moore of College Station, the grandson of Brad and Debbie Phair of Bryan, Texas, and the great-grandson of Lela Barker of Red Rock, Texas and Floyd and Jennie Barker of Dale, Texas.

Virginia and Eddie Smith want to announce the arrival of their new great-granddaughter, Makenna Ruth Stephenson, born April 4, 2013, weighing 5 lbs., 9 oz. at Seton Hospital. She is the daughter of Meaghan and Kenneth Stephenson. They have a 5 year old son, Jaxon Stephenson. Meaghan is the daughter of Deborah and Robert Stalbaum. Deborah is the daughter of Eddie and Virginia Smith, Robert is the son of Werner and Margie Stalbaum. Eddie and Virginia have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Congratulations to each of you. We at Memorial are so proud for you.



### Wedding Announcement

John and Billie Nixon are so happy to share the news about their grandson, Jeremy and Kerri Mohler, who were married March 23, 2013. Jeremy is the son of Gail and Don Mohler, all of Austin. The blessing was that the couple chose to marry in the Nixon's Chapel on their land in Bastrop with approximately 80 guests, who came which also included all of the immediate family members, even those out of state. Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer presided over the wedding. A reception followed the service at the Bastrop Brew House on the river.

John and Billie now have 6 grandchildren and 1 step-grandchild, one great-granddaughter, and 2 step-great-grandchildren. God has really blessed us to be able to live and share joys of a growing family.

If you have news to share about your family, please let the church know.

### Sympathy

Love and concern go to the following members on a death in their families:

To Hildegard Kothmann in the death of her son, Don William Kothmann, who died March 22, 2013 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Gregg Kothmann, his son, and wife, his daughter, his brother, Rodney Kothmann and wife, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jesse and Louise Gregg. He was preceded in death by his father, William Dale Kothmann. Don was raised in Austin, earned the rank of Eagle Scout at Memorial, graduated from Reagan High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1978. Don was a partner at the law firm of Knolle, Holcomb, Kothmann and Callahan. A memorial service was held on March 26, 2013, at First United Methodist Church in Round Rock, Texas. Don's strong character lives on and he will be held in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

To Robert and Jennifer Ludwig in the death of his mother, and Jennifer's grandmother, Mary Alice Ludwig who passed away at age 96 on April 3, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Raymond E. Ludwig, Sr. She is survived by 4 children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and 1 brother. Mary Alice will be remembered for her loving heart, devotion to her family and kindness. A visitation was held April 5, 2013 at Cook-Walden in Pflugerville and funeral services were held April 6, 2013 in the Memorial Chapel and interment followed at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill.

To Bob and Anna Belle Turner in the death of Bob's sister, Flaro Mae Wilsey of San Antonio. Memorial services were held April 15, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. There were 8 children in Bob's family and 3 children still survive.

We at Memorial do care and we pray that you will be comforted in the knowledge that God's peace is with you and your loved ones.

## May Birthdays

1 Jennifer Smith

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

18 Norma Jones

19 Mary Linda Gray

25 Lisa Schmidt Mosley

Vicky Schmidt Mosley

26 Don Morrison

28 Emily Anne Egbert

Verne Ferguson

29 Judy Friedrich

31 Margaret Adams



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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

Prayground - Every Third Sunday - 10:30 am

### **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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