

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.

9:00 a.m.- Prayground - Third Sundays

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Church Office Hours

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

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May 24, 2012

Come Join Us!

June 17 from 9:00-9:30am
in the Sanctuary

It's all ready! Invite the kids in your house and in your neighborhood to come and bring friends! Last month we celebrated with our new friend Rocky the Raccoon, and you never know who will show up next month.

In worship on June 3 and June 10 we will have postcards for you to invite the kids in your life - bring the addresses to worship, fill out the cards and we'll even mail them for you.

Prayground!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VBS ADVENTURE TO BABYLON

JUNE 18-22, - 5:30-8:00 PM

This year we will travel back to Babylon and meet Daniel, who has been forced from his home and into the king's service. Each evening will begin with a light supper. Tribe leaders will then guide their group to meet with Daniel and on to visit the Babylon Marketplace. If you are interested in being part of the week, please email Laura at ken_laura@earthlink.net. Volunteers can work one evening or stay for the whole week. Types of volunteers needed are decoration designers, meal prep, tribe leaders, song leader, marketplace vendor, set-up and clean up. Please also invite your friends and neighbors with children to call the office to register at 452-5796 or fill out and mail in the registration form on page 9 of this newsletter.

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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JUNE'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Friday, June 1

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, June 3- Communion Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Service -10:30 am

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

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

Wednesday, June 6

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

Thursday, June 7

- Annual Conference - Corpus Christi

Friday, June 8

- Annual Conference - Corpus Christi

Saturday, June 9

- Annual Conference - Corpus Christi
- WPNA - 9:30 am - FHL

Sunday, June 10

- Annual Conference - Corpus Christi
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Service -10:30 am
- Trustee - 11:30am

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Worship

May 27 - Pentecost! - 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 alive at Memorial.



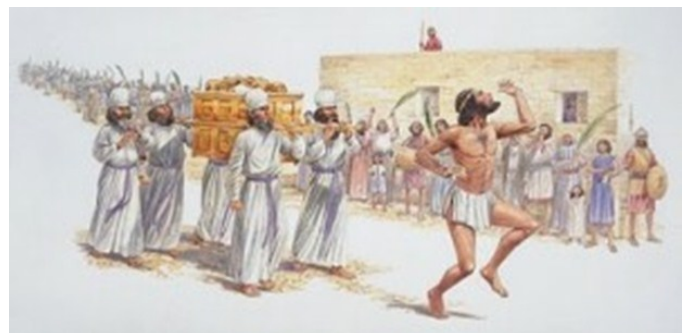
June 3 - Join us as we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The storms of life shall not overcome!

June 10 - We're having a Hymn Sing this Sunday! We'll be taking requests on the Sunday's leading up to this one, and featuring some of the congregation's favorites along with testimony and witness to the power of music in getting to know, love and follow Jesus.



June 17 - Heading to Babylon...we keep hearing about Babylon in the scriptures, but what do we really know about the place and the time that it made a difference in the lives of the people of God? We will be previewing and providing background today for the theme of our Vacation Bible School. Come and hear "the rest of the story!"

June 24 - Like sheep through the gates of the field...these are the **Days of David's Life**. We're so excited to start our Summer Worship Series on the life of David - shepherd, leader, saint and sinner. Make sure you pick up a postcard in the back of the sanctuary as a reminder to yourself or to invite a friend!



JUNE'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, June 10 - continued

- Reading/Library Circle - Noon - Pearce
- Youth - Noon

Monday, June 11

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

Tuesday, June 12

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

Wednesday, June 13

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

Thursday, June 14

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7pm

Friday, June 15

- Bible Study - 10 am

Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day/ Memorial for Christ Sunday

- Playground - 9 am - Sanctuary
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- **VBS** Setup

Monday, June 18

- **Newsletter Deadline**
- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- **VBS** - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 19

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- **VBS** - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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Data Points—numbers and statistics and stories

Average Worship attendance for April: 127

and...PRAYGROUND attendance in April: 14

PRAYGROUND attendance in May: 24

The April numbers were helped by a marvelous Easter Sunday service, and balanced out by slightly lower than normal attendance the Sunday's following Easter. We are so excited though that our PRAYGROUND numbers went up - and it was because someone got on the phone and invited someone to come!

Financial giving January-April: \$69,622

Expenses January-April: \$73,986

Ministry and Missions in the UMC: 14% of yearly goal

We bounced back a little bit in the month of April, for which we are really grateful! As you can see, we are still behind in our giving to the wider UMC, but that is about where we normally are this time of year. Your Finance Committee is looking at lots of options for how we can go about raising awareness of our finances while still helping people understand their own. Be on the lookout for a finance planning workshop soon!

Our expenses are down this year...but we're still doing a lot in ministry!

Received by profession of faith three youth through Confirmation

Wesley school enrollment is over 80; they are working on completing their window project.

PRAYGROUND ministry growing

Helped women and children through SafePlace and Montopolis Friendship Center

Worship Working Group made great plans for the summer!

Hosted Ryan Fleming's "Gardening for Wildlife" seminar

Helped honor volunteers at Harris Elementary...and two of our members volunteer at other AISD schools!

Distributed food through the Eastside Community Connection

Pastor Cynthia and Alberta Shelton have been invited to be conference leaders in the Immigration in the Bible mission study through UMW



JUNE'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, June 20

- **VBS** - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Thursday, June 21

- News Crew - 1:00 pm
- **VBS** - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, June 22

- **VBS** - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, June 24

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

Monday, June 25

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

Tuesday, June 26

- No Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 27

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

Special Offering

June 3 - Our Communion offering in June will go to the Peace and Justice. The Peace with Justice Sunday offering celebrates justice ministries in South Central Texas and beyond. Last year, the Peace with Justice offerings helped support a garden at Chapel Hill UMC in San Antonio where young women who are in prison come to learn skills and support a local food bank. For more information on our communion offering and the ministries it supports, please visit www.umcswtx.org/peace-with-justice.html.

Ministry Opportunity

Do you have an old iPod or other mP3 player (working) stuck in a drawer somewhere? Dust it off and donate it to the church—we are working on a project to help some of our members by providing music for them. We have recently become aware of an experiment where music was played for people whose memory was failing them (dementia and Alzheimer's), and the music seemed to help them come out of their shell. We're interested in seeing if this might be a help to some of our members as well!

If you would be interested in searching out music in digital formats to put onto the devices, we'd also be happy to know that. As always, people who make donations "in kind" (like an iPod) will receive a letter at the end of the year for tax purposes.

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

In planning the two weddings we've recently had here at Memorial, I remembered Clayton's and my wedding almost 5 years ago. Usually, every person getting married has at least one "stress point" - a place where they are really concerned that it be "exactly right." It can be the dress, the flowers, the music. Mine was the invitations.

I looked at hundreds of invitations, wanting something that would be "us" but would also tell people a little bit about what we wanted our wedding and marriage to be about. It also needed to be affordable because we would be sending out around 600 of them! I finally found one with a shell because we had decided that getting married was the living out of our baptism - a calling from God.

None of the people at our wedding would have come if they hadn't been invited. Today, the same is generally true about our church. There are so many people out there who don't know that anyone wants them in church. We've got to get really good about our invitations - learning different ways of inviting people and then being prepared to welcome them when they come.

This is going to be my challenge to the congregation from here on out - who have you invited lately? How did you invite them? I want to share ideas about how we can be talking about Jesus and Memorial UMC, making it a place that is open to everyone who is curious about God's love for them. And so, expect to see a lot of ideas...and I expect that we will *all* begin to use them! Here's a few for a start...

1. Send a church event postcard (see the back table in the sanctuary).
2. Have them "like" our facebook page. (Memorial United Methodist Church Austin)
3. Send them a link to our newsletter online.
4. Send them a link to our website.
5. Send them an "evite".
6. Give them a copy of the next quarter's Sunday School material.
7. Give them a copy of the Upper Room.
8. Tell them about our David series coming up in worship (starting June 24).
9. Put a sign in your yard (if everyone else is advertising for their candidates, why can't we promote our faith?).
10. Come to the WPNA meeting on June 9 and talk to someone.
11. Come to the Preschool graduation on June 1 and thank the parents for having their children come to the Wesley School.
12. Keep extra copies of bulletins out where people can see them.
13. Send an email.
14. Make a gift and hang it on someone's door with an invitation.
15. At your next garage sale, have fliers or postcards out.
16. Print up do-it-yourself business cards with your Sunday School info and service times on them to hand to people.
17. Be kind to those in your neighborhood.
18. Ask your neighbors if there's anything you can pray about for them.
19. Take over some of the extras from your garden to them.
20. Talk to people in the line at the grocery store (even your checker!).

United Methodist Women
by Jane Friedrich

Lamplighters members will meet June 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the N.E.W. Classroom. We are making school kits for UMCOR, and we are hoping that we will be joined by others in this worthwhile project.

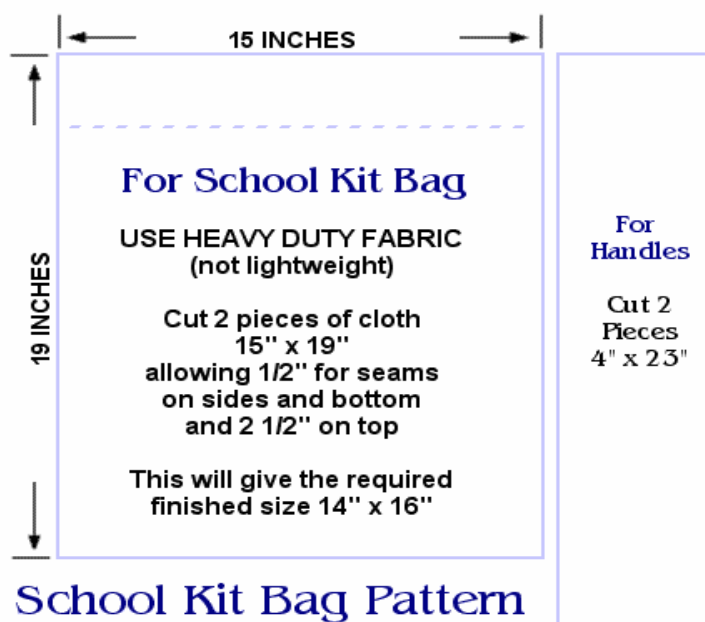
Reading and Library - Next meeting date will be announced later.

BIF will meet June 5, at 10:00 a.m., for our annual salad luncheon in the parlor. We always welcome visitors. In addition to our luncheon, Cindy Brandt from Oak Hill UMW will be with us to show us the beautiful cards that she and her husband make and sell. Vernell Moncure, District President, will also be with us. Cindy is an artist and beautiful flowers are her specialty. After she paints the pictures, her husband prepares beautiful photographs of the paintings. They then use the photographs on the covers of the greeting cards. She will be selling the cards at the luncheon (I understand that she will sign the, if requested) with the proceeds going to Friendship Center (Miles Scholarship Fund). Come have lunch and buy some cards from Cindy!

In addition to these meetings we are going to be called on to prepare some simple fabric tote bags or kits to be used by UMCOR. We will also be asked to help supply some items to put in the bags. You'll be hearing more about this so please prepare to do your part - if you can't make bags, you can buy some supplies to put in them. In the meantime, oil your sewing machine and get started on the school bag kits. Instructions for making the kits are below as well as a listing of supplies needed to fill the kits.

Very Important Information: for handles; Cut 2 pieces of fabric 4"x23" and sew right sides together. Stitch with a 1/2-inch seam allowance and turn the seam to the inside. Repeat with the other piece of cloth. Place one handle at the top of the bag, turning under 1/2" raw edge of the material and secure by stitching. Repeat with the other piece of cloth making the handle on the opposite side of the bag. Handles must be attached to the sides not over the top - No Velcro or buttons! This information is available on the UMCOR website.

School Kit Bag



School Kit Items Value: \$11 per kit

- ✦ **1 pair blunt scissors** rounded tip only no plastic scissors please
 - ✦ **3 units of paper** 8½ x 11 spiral notebooks or top-bound pads 150 sheets of loose-leaf can be as 1 unit combinations of spiral, top-bound or loose-leaf is acceptable no composition books
 - ✦ **1 hand held pencil sharpener** must be at least one inch long remove from packaging
 - ✦ **1 - 30 centimeter ruler** hard or flexible cartoon characters are acceptable no advertisements please
 - ✦ **6 unsharpened pencils** no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please cartoon characters are acceptable
 - ✦ **1 - 2 ½ inch eraser** no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please cartoon characters are acceptable
 - ✦ **1 - 24 count box of crayons** only 24 count boxes please
- 1 – 14"x16" cloth bag** home made or purchased bags are both acceptable heavy duty fabric only-denim, corduroy, drapery fabric etc. no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening if used

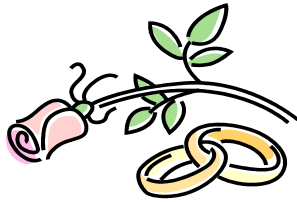
News from the Pew

by Billie Nixon

At Memorial, the month of May was filled with fun, laughter, celebrations and sorrow. Therefore the articles about our confirmation and graduation celebrations will be reported in the July Newsletter. This will also give us more room for this special events.

Weddings

Saturday, April 28, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., Michelle Lynn Reinhart, daughter of Steve and Kathy Reinhart, sister of Eric Reinhart, was married to Patrick Lawrence Rehm at Memorial United Methodist Church, and a reception followed at Saengerrundle Hall.



Sunday, April 29, 2012, Ashley Dwyer, daughter, of Jim and Judy Dwyer, granddaughter of Katherine Eaker, and niece of Linda Eaker, was married to Travis Ernest in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., Russell Moore, son of Susan Moore (deceased) and Richard Moore, and grandson of Betty and Dick Moore, was married to Sarah Perez at Memorial United Methodist Church, and a reception followed in the gym.



Sympathy

We regret the death of Verna Carlson Cole, age 89, of Austin, died Saturday, May 12, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Earl Cole, 3 sons, Vernon and Linda of Liberty Hills, David and Sandy of Dallas, and Brig and Lisa of San Antonio, 10 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held May 15, 2012, at Weed Corley-Fish, followed by interment at Austin Memorial Park.

Sympathy goes out to other families who have lost loved ones.

Brady Arbuckle, age 81, passed away May 14, 2012, in Hamilton, Texas. Funeral services were held May 17, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., in Hamilton, and burial was on May 18, 2012, in the Sweet Family Cemetery, Sabine County, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Carlyn Arbuckle and son, Gene and wife, Linda Arbuckle of Austin. His first wife, Martha Arbuckle preceded him in death many years ago.

Barton Nell, age 86, died Thursday, April 26, 2012, uncle of Pat Marcum. His funeral services were held in San Antonio, Texas on May 3, 2012.

During this sad time you are never forgotten from God's thoughts or His care and you remain in Memorial's heat felt prayers.

Newsletter Deadline

Monday, June 18

CONGRATULATIONS!

SOUTH CANYON CARE AND REHABILITATION

Bob Johnson, a member of Memorial who lives at South Canyon announced that the nursing home took 1st Place in the Games for Life Senior Olympics in Balloon Volleyball! They played against 9 other teams! We are so proud of them and want to say **"CONGRATULATIONS to ALL !!!!!**

Thank you! Bob Johnson for sharing this great news!



Memorials in Honor were given for:

Cleo Wilson

Barbara and Robert Compton

Immediate Prayers

Wesley School (Rising Star Assessment)
Randy Smith (Kendall Smith's brother)

Barbara Metzger Laurie Dennig

Family of Verna Cole

Continuing Prayers

Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)

Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's mother)

Merrienne Philips and the Mathis family
(Charlyne Schmidt's niece)

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

Ozelma Goodlett (Connie Tatom's mother)

Troy Wayne Tiner (Tina Zapalac-Nixon's brother)

Don Morrison Everette Owens Norma Jones

Jo-Ann Bennink Diana Valastro Kathy Gray

Eddie & Virginia Smith Don Kothmann

Wanda Stout Adams Robert & Annabelle Turner

June Birthdays

- 2 Cliff Masters
- 6 Kay Allen
- 7 Tina Zapalac-Nixon
- 8 Marie Porterfield
- 9 Kevin Michael McFarland
- Courtney May
- 10 Kathy Reinhart
- 12 Cleo Wilson
- 16 Pat Marcum
- Stephanie Smith
- Nicole Teaney
- 19 Joseph Teaney
- 21 Patty Marcum
- 22 Aiden Rodgers
- 24 Tamara Teaney
- 25 Chuck Garner
- Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
- Breighl Mobley
- 27 Chase Jennings Holland

Thank You

A heart felt thank you for all cards, calls, and most of all for the prayers. I am so blessed to belong to such a loving and caring congregation.

Blessings to all.

Alma Madison



Pick up your ACTS envelopes in the narthex and put a smile on our shut-ins faces when they receive their card!



Memorial's Registration Form



Name(s) and age(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____ Cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Number of family members participating in Hometown Nazareth: _____

Will parents be helping in other areas of Hometown Nazareth? _____ Where? _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____
Name and phone number

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Tribe name (for church use only): _____



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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)

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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