

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.

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

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January 17, 2013

February Worship Highlights!

February 3 - Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

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.



February 10 - Boy Scout Sunday along with Transfiguration

Jesus' friends wanted to set up tents to stay with Jesus on the mountaintop. We'll be having our Boy Scouts help us prepare for the Lenten season by building our Base Camp and showing us the tools we will need to journey together toward the Cross.

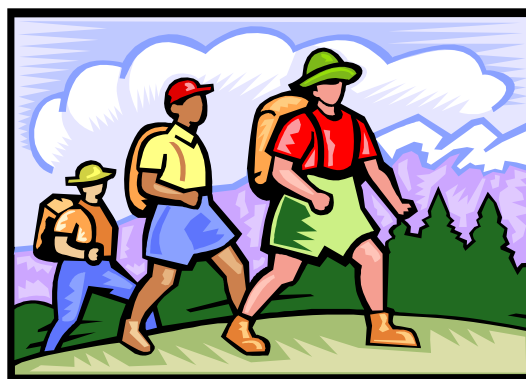
FEBRUARY 13 - Ash Wednesday

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

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

Worship during Lent (February 17 - March 24) "The Long Wilderness"

Many of us face what feels like an uphill battle - with illness, with family, with our jobs, with our life! Come find practical spiritual tools to help us through these times. Remember-we don't leave anyone behind!



Friday, Feb. 1

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Feb. 3-Souper Bowl Sunday

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

Monday, Feb. 4

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

Tuesday, Feb. 5

- BIF - 9:30am
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Immigration Study/Supper - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 6

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

Saturday, Feb. 9

- ReThink Leadership Training - Bethany UMC - 9-12:30pm
- WPNA - 10:00 am - FHL
- Outside Meeting - 4-10pm - gym

Sunday, Feb. 10 - Boy Scout Sunday

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

Monday, Feb. 11

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

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Come Join Us!

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

We are still reaching out to the kids of our neighborhood with our worship service just for them once a month. We meet the 3rd Sunday at 9:00am for a half hour of puppets, prayers, singing and fun! This is the perfect opportunity to invite a neighbor who has children to explore Memorial UMC.

Our next Prayground date is February 17, so help us get the word out! Take a postcard and send it to a friend or let us know, and we'll send you an email invite that you can forward on. Help us to help this ministry grow and watch how adding children to our congregation brings new life!

Prayground!

CROPWALK
BIG NEWS!

New Venue - Camp Mabry - 2200 W. 35th St.

Sunday, March 3, 2013 - One Day Only

Fun, fun, and more fun!!

- 1:45 Registration - 2:30 Walk begins

Austin's largest Interreligious community fund raising event! Everyone is invited to participate. In Austin, 25% of CROP Hunger Walk funds help right here at home. Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating as one of Memorial's walkers or if you would like to sponsor one of our walkers. Drivers will be required to show a form of ID.

FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 12

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- Wesley Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 6:30 pm - Gym
- Immigration Study - following Pancake Supper - 7:00 pm - FHL

Wednesday, Feb. 13-Ash Wednesday

- Imposition of Ashes -11:30 - 1 pm - Chapel- Come and Go
- Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30 pm - Sanctuary
- No Bell Practice
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Thursday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

- Austin Ukulele Society - FHL - 7pm

Friday, Feb. 15

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Feb. 17 -Memorial for Christ

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

Monday, Feb. 18

Newsletter Deadline

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

Tuesday, Feb. 19

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Feb. 20

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

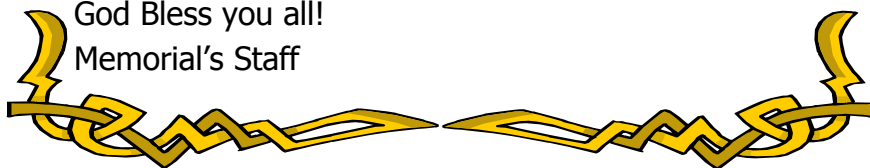
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"With Great Appreciation"

Memorial's Staff wants to say from our hearts we greatly appreciate our "Staff Appreciation Gift" we received from the congregation. We wish each of you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

God Bless you all!
Memorial's Staff



Newsletter Deadline
Monday, February 18



**CONSIDER
JOINING
BOY
SCOUTS
TROOP 88**

**EXPERIENCE
THE FUN!**

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



**ReThink Green
Reminder !**

When using the dishwasher be sure to select the air dry option to save energy.

FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 21

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7-8:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 24

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

Monday, Feb. 25

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

Tuesday, Feb. 26

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Feb. 27

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

News from the Pews by Billie Nixon

Love and concern go to many church families in the death of family and friends.

To the family of Mable Davis Raup, who passed away on Monday, November 26, 2012. She married Calvin Raup on December 25, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Mable retired from Austin National Bank after a successful career as secretary and administrative assistant.

She is survived by her children, James R. Raup of Austin and Calvin Raup and wife of Phoenix, AZ., one brother and wife, and many grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2pm on Friday, November 30, 2012, at Weed Corley. Burial followed in Capital Memorial Park.

News from the Pews continued

To the family of Sophie Bostick, who passed away January 8, 2013. She and her husband, Ivan Bostick, were married in 1943. They have two children, George Bostick, and Jan Harrison. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and two brothers. She is survived by her two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 10:00 am, at Austin Memorial Park in Austin by Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer.

To Connie Tatom and family of the death of their brother, Willis Dexter Goodlett, age 70, of Austin, who passed away on December 23, 2012. He was a retired librarian who was an enthusiastic traveler. Willis is survived by his mother, Ozelma Goodlett, and three sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on December 28, 2012, at 3:00 pm, and burial followed at 4:00 pm, at Cook-Walden Capital Park Cemetery.

Baptisms and New Member

Sunday, January 13, 2013 was another memorial day when Pastor Cynthia baptized two children and 1 adult who also joined. The two children were: Sebastian Favela - Clayton, son of Jessica and Sergio Clayton, age 14 months and attends Wesley School. Grandparents are: Sharon Smith and Michael Harrel of Cedar Park.

Darren Avery Williams Jr., son of Lestie Adams, age 9, a 4th grader at Harris School is also in after school care at Wesley School.

The third baptism was for Kimberley Lynn Gray, she came to us by profession of faith. Kimberly is the mother of Jacy and Lonan Gray. She is employed at Whole Foods store. She enjoys art and her family.

There were three more who had been baptized before, who reaffirmed their baptisms.

They were: Lonan Gray, age 11 - who is an intentional seeker, Ron Frederick and Greg Mikeska, who reaffirmed their baptism, as professing members.

Last but certainly not least, was Cynthia's husband, Clayton Karrer, who became an associate member at Memorial with his full membership remaining at Calvary U.M.C. in Paris, Texas.

What a wonderful day of celebrations! We are so privileged to be here to be a part of this special service.



Note From the Pastor

We just had an absolutely fabulous Baptism of the Lord Sunday! With so much going on up in the front, you may have missed everything that happened. I know that Billie Nixon will be supplying you with plenty of information on those who have recently joined us through their baptisms, but I wanted to describe all of what we were doing up there.

We received Kim Gray through baptism and a profession of faith. When an adult comes to us, having never been baptized, and wants to profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we do both at the same time.

We received Sebastian Favela-Clayton and Darren Williams by baptism. Sometimes we call this "infant baptism", even though Sebastian and Darren aren't infants any more. This is not just a dedication - this is really baptism and it claims God's promises that even pre-date our knowledge of what Christ has done for us. This baptism looks forward to a time when Sebastian and Darren will accept faith for themselves through a profession of faith (usually during confirmation).

We renewed the baptisms and professions of faith of both Greg Mikeska and Ron Frederick. Greg and Ron both wanted to make a public reaffirmation of their faith in Christ and the promises they had made in their baptism.

We received Lonan Gray as an "intentional seeker". Though Lonan will still be going through confirmation and continued learning before he makes a profession of faith, Lonan wanted some way to acknowledge that he is actively looking to God and wanting to be discipled.

We received Clayton Karrer as an associate member. Clayton still retains a relationship with his home church in Paris, TX, but he is saying to both us and them that he is choosing to primarily relate with his prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to the church where he is currently located. Associate members are related to two United Methodist Churches, but there is a category called "affiliate members" where people can choose to be related to Memorial UMC and a church of another denomination.

How do you relate to God? What is your profession of faith? What is your connection? All are welcome, all are brothers and sisters, and whether or not you are formally related to this congregation, we look forward to seeing you grow in faith alongside us!

United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

Here we are in 2013 after a very busy year under the able leadership of Norma Hauser. We all appreciate the work Norma has done and the things we have accomplished during her tenure. She is taking on a different role - that of leader of Spiritual Growth.

Our new president, Alberta Shelton, as summarized our activities during the past year and you'll be impressed with all we've accomplished:

"UMW Outreach in 2012: Small as our group is we were able to send \$2,343.00 to the mission field. We also spent over \$300 for the Library, packed 24 bags for Christmas for our shut-ins and seven bags for the Rainbow Class. We sent a large bag of socks and underwear to Harris School for their clothing room.

We bought supplies for the kitchen and sent a collection of toys to Brown Santa. We prepared sewing kits for UMCOR and sent money to pay for their shipping.

Four of our members serve on the Montopolis Friendship Center Board where our members donated clothing. Two of our members are active in Church Women United working with Church World Service's blanket project. We delivered flowers from the altar to the ill in our church. We cooked and prepared food for bereaved families."

At recent BIF meeting Alberta showed an interesting film on Haiti. The next BIF meeting is scheduled for February 5 at 9:30 am. READING AND LIBRARY met after church on January 13 and discussed reorganizing the library this year to make it more user-friendly. A light lunch was enjoyed while plans were made. Kay Dunbar is the new leader.

United Methodist Women continued

LAMPLIGHTERS will meet on January 17 at 7:00 pm. Virginia Smith is issuing an invitation to all women of the church to join LAMPLIGHTERS. Your help is needed, as well as your ideas, in an on-going effort to repair banners, purchase new ones, etc. Contact Virginia if you can help them with their projects.

January 21 marks the day of Prayers and Self Denial. Sign-up sheets are available at the church. The chapel will be open all day. The day will be concluded with a joint session in the chapel. Call Norma Hauser for information.

Pastor Cynthia will install new officers at church service on January 27. The new slate of officers for 2013 are: President - Alberta Shelton; Vice-President - Stephanie Lacy; Treasurer-Billie Talley; Secretary-Jane Friedrich; Education and Interpretation, Jane Friedrich; Membership and Nurture, All Members; Spiritual Growth - Norma Hauser; Program Resources - Billie Talley; Church Women United, Alberta Shelton; Yearbook-Norma Hauser; and Friendship Center-Billie Talley.

The Immigration Study concerning an important national issue will be held in three sessions. Team teachers will be Pastor Cynthia and Alberta Shelton. A light supper will be served at 6:30pm each evening followed by the study at 7:00 pm. The first session will be Tuesday, January 29. The session will be Tuesday, February 5, and the third session, Tuesday, February 12 (Shrove Tuesday and traditional pancakes will be served). Members of the congregation are urged to join us for this informative study. Mark your calendars now.



Do Acts of Caring To Shut-ins (ACTS) by picking up an ACTS envelopes in the foyer and put a smile on our shut-ins faces by sending them a card!

February Birthdays

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| 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 |



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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 - 9-9:30 am

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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