

# 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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# October 25, 2012

## Worship in November and December



October 21

Through

November 25

"And the Winner Is..."

Jesus didn't give his disciples the seven secrets to success in the world. He didn't give them winning lottery numbers or have a reality competition to see who God loves the most. Join us in worship as we see what Jesus did tell his disciples about what it means to really "win" in the kingdom of God.

Special Services:

November 4 - we will celebrate All Saints Day

November 18 - we will consecrate our Estimate of Giving cards

November 25 - we will celebrate Christ the King



### Giving Thanks for the Saints of Our Lives

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

All Saints Sunday - November 4

Our congregation is compiling a Book of Saints to list those faithful ones we wish to remember from our own individual lives. Sheets for the book, on which you may record the names of persons of significance to you, will be available at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday through November 4. *Listings received by November 1, will be recorded on a bulletin insert for the November 4, service.*

As an expression of thanksgiving, you also are invited to give a gift in memory of the saints of your life. Special envelopes will be available at each entry for this purpose. Though this is not a requirement for listing the saints of your life, your gift will support the mission ministry of the United Methodist Church around the world and right here in Austin.

## 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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### NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### Friday, Nov. 2

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

#### Sunday, Nov. 4

- 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast-8:15am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Church Charge Conference - 4pm - Crestview UMC

#### Monday, Nov. 5

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

#### Tuesday, Nov. 6

- Voting - 7 am - 7 pm - gym
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

#### Wednesday, Nov. 7

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

#### Thursday, Nov. 8

- Post Election Prayer Service - 6:30 pm
- Austin Ukulele Society - 7-8:30pm

#### Saturday, Nov. 10

- WPNA - 10:00 am - FHL

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### ***A Note on our Consecration Season***

We have received feedback over the past couple of years that told us people in the congregation supported having a less-involved Budget campaign. While we don't want to give up the obligation to teach and preach and educate followers of Jesus Christ about Biblical standards on giving and tithing, we are once again not going to inundate you with letters.

Beginning October 28 in worship (with mailings going out that week for those who can't pick theirs up on that Sunday), we will be distributing "Estimate of Giving Cards" along with a giving guide that answers many commonly asked questions about giving in the church. We ask you to pray about what you will give to the church in 2013 and return the cards either in worship or to the office directly (they can be addressed to the Finance Administrator) by November 15. On November 18, we will celebrate that which we have received, both over this past year as well as what we hope to receive next year and follow the service with a meal together.

At the same time, we are asking committees and ministry leaders to submit budget proposals for next year. As always, money is very tight at Memorial. We have cut spending this year by about \$15,000 so far, yet we still anticipate a \$20,000-\$25,000 shortfall from our obligations. We encourage your prayers—both for those who are discerning how much God is asking them to give and for those who are discerning the most faithful ways we can be spending it in ministry.

### ***For Your Health***

John 10:10 *"I came that they might have life and have it abundantly."*

1 Corinthians 6:19 *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?"*

If you have been meaning to quit smoking, November is calling your name! Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of November, the American Cancer Society sponsors the Great American Smokeout (that's Smoke*out*, not Smoke*off*...). This year, November 15 will be a day that people trying to quit can make a pledge, make their intentions known to others and join on the path to being smoke-free with others.

To get more information or to help a loved one, visit [www.cancer.org/smokeout](http://www.cancer.org/smokeout).

## NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Sunday, Nov. 11

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

### Monday, Nov. 12

#### Newsletter Deadline

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - Pearce - 6:30 pm
- No Church Council
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, Nov. 13

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, Nov. 14

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

### Thursday, Nov. 15

- Lamplighter's Circle - 7:00 pm

### Friday, Nov. 16

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

### Sunday, Nov. 18-Memorial for Christ

#### Consecration Sunday

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

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## Charge Conference 2012

November 4 at 4:00pm

Crestview UMC - (1300 Morrow St.)

Charge Conference season is upon us. For those of you who are not native to the United Methodist system, Charge Conference is an annual state-of-the-church meeting. At it, we set the pastor's salary, approve budgets and lay leadership as well as certify candidates for ministry and ponder our coming year of ministry.

Many times, Memorial UMC has had a "Church Conference" which means that all professing members of the church have both voice and vote and the conference has taken place at Memorial. This year, our District Superintendent has asked for us to "cluster" together with other churches to learn from each other about our hopes and plans. He has asked that if our business is routine, we have a "Charge Conference".

In a Charge Conference, all members of the church are welcomed and encouraged to attend, but only those who are on the Church Council have voice and vote. We do not anticipate having any controversial decisions to make at our Charge Conference this year. We hope, however, that all members of Memorial might feel free to attend the conference. We will begin with a time of fellowship and then move to individual church sessions. After 45 minutes to ponder several questions and do our business (along with a visit from the District Superintendent), we will worship with all the other churches, exchanging hopes and dreams and ideas.

### November Communion Offering

"Our November Communion offering will go toward the Conference Harvest Sunday offering. Some of this money stays in our local area to help food banks. Some of it this year will go to Haiti to help them re-establish crops in order to become more self-sufficient. Finally, some of the funds will go to the Rio Grande Valley, especially to places where the need for food is on average the greatest in the state of Texas."



### Veterans' Recognition Sunday, November 11

We will recognize all veterans of military service on Sunday, November 11, 2012, during our worship at 10:30 am.

## NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Monday, Nov. 19

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 20

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, Nov. 21

- No Bell Practice or Choir Practice

### Thursday, Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day

- Office and Wesley Closed

### Friday, Nov. 23

- Office and Wesley Closed

### Sunday, Nov. 25

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

### Monday, Nov. 26

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 27

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, Nov. 28

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

## ReThink Green Reminder !

When you are done with the holiday pumpkins & gourds don't forget to add them to your compost pile instead of the trash!



## Post-Election Prayer Service

Thursday, November 8

6:30pm in the sanctuary

On Thursday, November 8 at 6:30pm, Pastor Cynthia will lead a post-election service of prayer. Together, we will pray for candidates who were successful in their bids for office and for candidates who were not successful. We will also include in our prayers all those whose lives and or careers may change through the election results. You are invited on this night and on the Sunday following (November 11) to bring yard signs, bumper stickers and other election paraphernalia in order to let go of the contention.

John Wesley, in his journals, advised some of the members of the Methodist societies: "I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side." (October 6, 1774)



## Consecration Sunday and Celebration Thanksgiving Dinner

November 18, 2012

Memorial's Gym

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, come to the Celebration Thanksgiving Dinner.

Turkey, dressing and drinks will be provided.  
Please bring 2 side dishes to share.

(If you would like to donate a turkey, please talk with Billie Nixon.)

***Come, Share, Rejoice!***



## Exciting News for Wesley School

Through Wesley School's hands on learning methods, children can explore and learn about the world around them in a safe, loving, and nourishing environment.

Over the past few months, we improved the quality of care and education we provide the our community. In June 2012, we earned a 4-star rating from the Star Texas Rising Star organization. And recently, we installed new windows and carpets in all seven of our classrooms.

We are excited to see how God will continue to bless us in our journey, and invite you all to stop by and see our growth.



**TAILGATE  
WORSHIP**

**with the MUMC  
Youth Group!**

**Sunday,  
November 11**

**starting at 9:00am**

in the north parking lot next to the sanctuary

Wait? What?

Yes - our UMYF will be tailgating our worship service! Tailgating is a celebration in order to get people ready and excited for a game, and we think people could learn from tailgaters how to get excited for worship! We will have food and a tent where you can learn more about our church, plus we hope to be able to simulcast the worship service outside. It's a great way to become more visible to our community. As you're coming to worship, say hi to our youth and the people who are joining them!



**CONSIDER  
JOINING  
BOY  
SCOUTS**

## Troop 88 in Action

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

# Come Join Us!

**November 18 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 November 18, 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!



## **Note From the Pastor**

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*"Let us be thankful boys and girls for eyes and ears and toes, and puppies with wet noses. Let us be thankful boys and girls for lessons we have learned, love we have not earned, as we follow the beat of amazing grace; oh let us be thankful boys and girls.*

I am thankful for the children we have baptized this last year, for the children who have been coming to Prayground, for the kids in our Wesley school and for the kids we pray for at Harris Elementary. And for Clayton's and my four-legged children!

*"Let us be thankful boys and girls for kisses on the mouth, and teenage heartbeats pounding. Let us be thankful boys and girls for lightning in the sky and laughter in the eye as we follow the beat of amazing grace..."*

I am thankful for the weddings I have had the opportunity to officiate at, for the anniversaries we have celebrated between people in the church, for the rain that has fallen this year after being absent.

*"Let us be thankful boys and girls for a little common sense and painted picket fences. Let us be thankful boys and girls for packing all the plans in rented moving vans as we follow the beat of amazing grace..."*

I am thankful for people who have moved into our neighborhood and for neighbors who are only one picket fence away from us. I remember those who have followed the beat of God's grace in their lives and have moved, though they still remain with us in spirit.

*"Let us be thankful boys and girls, for Mendelssohn and Brahms and shadows growing longer. Let us be thankful boys and girls for years that slowly grow, grandkids we can hold, memories to keep, sorrow running deep, O let us be thankful boys and girls!"*

I am thankful for the music that fills our days and our worship, for older people among us who keep memories and stories and tell them and for people to sit with in sorrow.

*"For all that brought us here and all that will bring us through—the passages of life that lead to You. Lead us to You. And let us be thankful boys and girls that when hope is not enough, that death won't bury Love. Let us be thankful boys and girls for wine and bread and hymns, remembering again that we follow the beat of amazing grace. O let us be thankful boys and girls!"*

I am thankful for the pathways that have brought me to this congregation and the people of this congregation to me. I am thankful for the lives of those we have lost this last year, but have been Found through Love. And I'm thankful that we gather at the table for communion that is rich and deep...communion with each other...and with Jesus Christ.

Billy Crockett, the author of the song text above, tells the story of a man who, when he was asked the question, "How are you?" always replied, "Thankful." My prayer for you this month is that you will "Live thankful." Amen.

**United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich**

Lamplighters and Honeybees will meet Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 pm in the N.E.W. classroom. We need to finish our new communion banners and check our Christmas banners for needed repairs. So - bring your needles and thread to do minor repairs.

Reading and Library met on October 14, and members present worked on library shelves. The 2013 book list was distributed. On November 11, we will order books, complete our pledge cards and bring our World Thank Offering Banks. Bring your lunch and join us in the library. All are welcome. If you want to order books and can't come, see Alberta.

Stephanie Lacy and Alberta Shelton attended the Annual UMW Conference in Kerrville on October 12 and 13. We heard wonderful reports from Ilda Vasquez and Inelda (Nellie) Gonzales on their four year service - Ilda as President of the South central Jurisdiction and Nellie as President of the Women's Division. How lucky we are to have two such wonderful women in our leadership. Ilda spoke lovingly of her mother and her influence on her remarkable daughters. (Their mother had died about five weeks prior to the meeting). We also attended workshops on the new organization and had a great time renewing old friendships.

Prayer calendars were picked up. If you want one, see Alberta. They are \$7 each.

The service project assigned to the Austin District for next summer's Mission is sewing for an agency we support in Mexico. - Manos Juntas Mexico. We will need three continuous yards of fabric (cotton or cotton blend), one pair of good scissors, one package needles, one medium or large spool of thread, a package of 5 to 8 buttons, one package of straight pins, one small package of safety pins and one thimble (size 9 to 10).

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United Methodist Women's continued

BIF will meet on November 6, at 9:30 a.m., in the library. All are welcome and urged to meet with us. You can even choose what project you would like to work on. There are two options: You may continue to work on library projects under Alberta's direction or you may work on repairing some banners that are in need of attention. We hope Virginia will be there to guide us on the sewing project. Bring some thread and needle(s). We are straying from our BIF guidelines (Bible, Information and Fellowship) but, we need to help where help is needed. We will get on our program format as soon as we can. Again, we would really welcome help from other ladies in the church!

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**News from the Pew**

**by Billie Nixon**

**New Members**

We welcome Wallace and Marsha Fowler, who transferred their membership to Memorial on Sunday, October 14, 2012.

They have a daughter, Dr. Tracy and husband, Dr. Bret Barretts and their three children live in Mississippi. Tracy attended Wesley School as a child. Their son, Michael Fowler, lives in Austin, which is wonderful for them to share.

Wallace is an Areospace Engineer teacher at U.T. in Austin since 1965. Marsha likes to work in her yard and both are avid readers. He also enjoys bicycling.

We look forward to getting to know them better and share fellowship and enriching our lives as we witness for Christ together.

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## Honors

Recently Jessica McFarland, 16, daughter of Mark and Kerry McFarland, sister of Kevin McFarland, and granddaughter of Charlene Schmidt was elected to represent the Jr. class for the 2012 McCallum High School Homecoming Court as the princess. If you recall she was one of the our confirmand students who joined in the Spring.

We are so happy to share in rewards of our youth and of course other honors of our church family. Please let us know of other honors you are aware.

Congratulations Jessica!

## Third Grade Bibles

On October 14, we were privileged to give two students a bible. They are McKenna Marie Marcum, daughter of Patrick Scott and Mary Ann Marcum and her cousin, Hope Elise Marcum, daughter of Mark and Tanya Marcum. Both of these young ladies are the grandchildren of Patty and Pat Marcum.

McKenna is a student at Berkman Elementary School in Round Rock and Hope attends the Murchison Elementary School in Pflugerville, Texas.

Congratulations to each family and we at Memorial are honored to be a part of your Christian training.

## Sympathy

Love and concern go to our church family in the death of their loved ones.

To Cleo Wilson in the death of her daughter, Barbara Jean Wilson Compton, on September 19, 2012, in Pflugerville, Texas. Barbara is survived by her husband, Bob Compton, daughters, Jennifer and Alesha and her son, Chris; sister, Martha and husband Steve Athaus and mother, Cleo Wilson and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, J.O. Wilson, Jr.

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Barbara attended Harris Elementary School and Pearce Junior High, and graduated from Reagan High School. She also attended the University of Texas in Austin and worked at the Department of Health and Human Services. She married Bob in 1978. The joy of her life was her family and being able to be with them.

Funeral services were held on Friday, September 21, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pflugerville, Texas and interment followed at Austin Memorial Park.

To Bob and Anna Belle Turner in the death of her sister, Gladys Warner, 89, of Austin, Texas, who passed away on Friday, September 20, 2012.

Gladys was a lifelong Austinite and married Harold Warner in 1943. She worked at Scarbroughs and later Bealls Department Store at Capital Plaza.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and one son and is survived by one son and wife, and sister, Anna Belle and husband, Bob Turner and grandchildren.

Funeral was held on October 5, 2012, at Cook Walden Funeral Home and interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.

Whatsoever soothes your spirit, comforts your soul, and brings you peace. That is what is wished for each of you during this difficult time. We at Memorial do care!

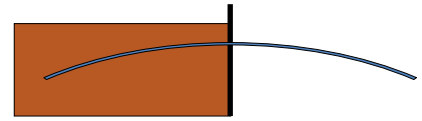


**Do Acts of Caring To Shut-ins (ACTS) by picking up an ACTS envelopes in the foyer and put a smile on our shut-ins faces by sending them a card!**

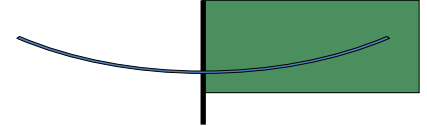


# November Birthdays

4th	Karl Amundson	18th	Stefani Stephens
5th	Sophie Bostick	24th	Bob Hauser
7th	Holly Wright Shelton	25th	Pat Gibson
10th	Wanda Stout Adams		Barbara Metzger
	Eddie Smith	27th	David Elliott
11th	Mary Beth O'Hanlon		Alma Madison
15th	Afton Pomerleau Cherry		Billie Nixon
16th	Jonathan Ader	28th	Ronald Dee Gray
17th	Lester Bryant	29th	Ross Hise
	Jessica Christine McFarland		



**Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, November 12**



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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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