

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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February 21, 2013

Worship during Lent

"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.

Holy Week 2013



Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24

10:30 Worship

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

Thursday, March 28

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion (parlor).



Good Friday, March 29

7:00pm Cantata - Chancel Choir presentation of "No Stone Could Hold Him" by Lloyd Larson.



Easter Sunday, March 31

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



10:30am Worship: The stone is rolled away!

MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Friday, Mar. 1

- World Day of Prayer - 9:30 am
- Sanctuary and Parlor
- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Mar. 3-Communion Sunday

- 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast-8:15am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Youth - Noon
- CROP WALK - Camp Mabry
- 1:45 pm - Registration
- 2:30 pm - Step off

Monday, Mar. 4

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

Tuesday, Mar. 5

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

Wednesday, Mar. 6

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

Saturday, Mar. 9

- WPNA - 10:00 am - FHL

Sunday, Mar. 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 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

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PRAYGROUND! COME JOIN US!

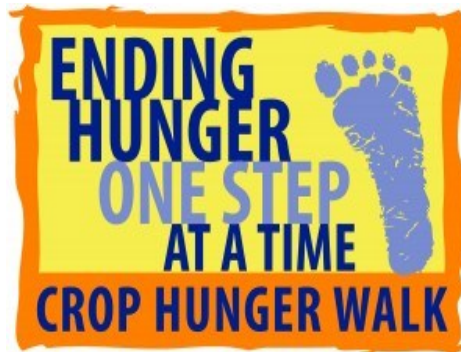
**March 17 from 9:00-9:30am
in the Sanctuary**

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 March 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!



**Camp Mabry 2200
W. 35th St.**

**Sunday, March 3,
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.

MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Mar. 11

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

Tuesday, Mar. 12

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

Wednesday, Mar. 13

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

Thursday, Mar. 14

- Austin Ukulele Society - FHL - 7pm

Friday, Mar. 15

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Mar. 17 - Memorial for Christ

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

Monday, Mar. 18

Newsletter Deadline

- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Church Council - 7:00 pm
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Mar. 19

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Mar. 20

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

Thursday, Mar. 21

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7-8:30 pm

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One Great Hour of Sharing March's Communion Offering

Our Communion Offering for the month of March 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.

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!

Wesley School's Talent Show Fundraiser

(formerly known as the Spaghetti Dinner)

Friday April 12, 2013

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. (maintenance of the physical building, etc.) We hope to see you there!



MARCH'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday

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

Monday, Mar. 25

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

Tuesday, Mar. 26

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Mar. 27

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

Thursday, Mar. 28

- Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm

Friday, Mar. 29

- Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm

Sunday, Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday

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

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, March 18



ReThink Green Reminder !

Before throwing something away be sure that it is something that doesn't need special disposal to prevent soil contamination (batteries, ink cartridges, oil, light bulbs, etc.)

News from the Pews by Billie Nixon

Graduate

We still keep us with our ex-finance secretary, Peggy Sismilich. Matthew Crane, one of her grandsons graduated with a degree in Construction Management Science with Cum-laude from Texas A&M on December 14, 2012. Matthew is the son of Kelly and Barbara crane and brother to Emily Crane, of Sugarland, Texas. He has accepted a job with FLINT - Co. in Austin, Texas. Peggy and Matt spend most Sundays together dining and going to church. What a wonderful blessing.

Sympathy

Love and concern go to Norma Jones in the death of her sister, Nelda Germann Kubala age 88, of Seguin, who passed away on January 28, 2013. There were eight siblings in the family and now Norma and one brother, Reno Germann, are the only survivors. Visitation was on Thursday, January 31, 2013, and funeral services were held Friday, February 1, at Tres Hewell Mortuary. Interment followed in San Geronimo Cemetery, all in Seguin, Texas.

We at Memorial are wishing you God's peace, knowing your loved one is now experiencing all the joy of heaven.



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!



**Sunday
March 10**

**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

Cross and Flame Award



On Sunday, February 10, Kenneth Jourdan received the Cross and Flame award for service to the Boy Scouts as an adult volunteer. This is one of the highest national honors the United Methodist Men bestows on those who support scouting. Two troop members from Troop 88 were with us in worship to present the award to Ken, who was really surprised! Thank you, Ken, for all your hard work in keeping scouting going through MUMC.

The scouts also helped Pastor Cynthia with her sermon that day. In addition, they helped with greeting and ushering duties. We appreciate their hard work and their parents for also being with us in worship.

Youth Happenings

I'm truly excited to share the all the great news about what our church's youth has in store for the beginning of this year. We have had some huge events, and positive changes happen within the youth already, so I'm extra excited to see what the Lord has in store for them these coming months.

Over MLKJ holiday weekend some of the youth, five high school girls to be exact, travelled the three hour plus drive to beautiful Leakey, Texas for Midwinter Retreat. The theme of the retreat was Revolution, and it focused on how working with the Lord to change our own hearts can overflow into beautiful blessings to the world around us. I saw so much emotional and spiritual nourishment amongst the girls. Whether it was singing the worship songs loud and proud, praying individually and in groups, or having deep spiritual discussions amongst the campers, these young ladies really got to spend time growing closer to the Lord. They also got to meet campers from other churches, play lots of games, and have lots of good exercise. It was truly a joyous weekend. By the end of it all of the girls were begging to stay, and said that they couldn't wait for next year's Midwinter.

We've already have had some great outings with the youth that I feel have sparked growth in their personal relationship with Christ and in the church itself. This past Sunday six youth and five adults visited the Christ Church of Austin's Anglican ordination ceremony for Peter Coelho. This was a great chance for the youth to experience the culture of another church and to witness and celebrate Peter's accomplishments.

For the rest of the semester the youth plans to help and partake in the Chili Cookoff and the Crop Walk. We also plan to do some other fun events outside of the church, such as a camping trip.

One of the most exciting aspects of this semester with the youth is that we are discussing Cynthia's sermons over our lunch break at UMYF on Sundays. So far the kids have asked questions about the Bible, the history of the church, and other spiritual questions. It's such a joy to hear them share, and I really feel that they are getting so much more out of the sermon's because of it.

Shannon



Note From the Pastor

How is it with your soul?

That was the question that John Wesley asked all of his class meetings and bands to open with. His primary focus in gathering people together was not for social discourse or for political change. John Wesley, above almost everything else, was concerned with his fellow Christians' souls.

We tend to say things like, "Hi, how are you?" or "Glad to see you!" when we come into church. We might comment on the weather or what the other person is wearing or whether or not they are staying for the dinner afterwards.

"How is it with your soul" is not a question easily answered, nor should it be. It is a question with deep significance, and John Wesley knew that unless people really took time to deal with how their soul was with God, the little things would start creeping in and taking over.

And so, I will ask you, through the venue of this newsletter article: "How is it with your soul?"

When did you last listen to God?

When did you last pray?

When did you last speak to someone about your faith?

Are you doing anything that you are uneasy about in your conscience?

What trials and temptations have you faced?

What have you trusted God with lately?

In this Lenten season, I pray that you take time to wrestle with the not-so-easy answers to these questions. That you dig deep, knowing that there is no place in our heart, no sin in your heart or mind or body or spirit that cannot be dealt with by the love of Jesus Christ.

And the good news is that when you're not carrying all of the worry and the baggage and the sin, the journey is a lot more joyful.

We'll see you in worship. Make it your plan to be there every Sunday...because I guarantee God is going to show up!

United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

January was a busy month for United Methodist Women - - we participated in the three-part study, Immigration and the Bible, ably led by Alberta Shelton and Pastor Cynthia. We met January 29, February 5, and February 12 with each evening focusing on a different aspect of this subject. Each evening a light supper was served to members and guests. On the 12th (Shrove Tuesday) we served the traditional pancakes. (We're getting pretty good at making pancakes!)

On January 29, Norma Hauser led the Call to Prayer and Self Denial observation which consisted of a Prayer Vigil in the chapel from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The day was culminated at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel for all participants.

March will be another busy month. On Friday, March 1, Church Women United will meet at Memorial. As hosts we are to provide snacks to accompany coffee. Be ready to prepare a tasty treat for this large city-wide meeting of women representing most of the church denominations in Austin.

On March 16, the District Lenten Retreat will be held at First United Methodist's Family Center. A fee of \$25, will cover lunch and related expenses. Let Alberta know if you can participate. Barbara Dorff (the Bishop's wife) will be leading the retreat. Car pool suggested.

BIF will meet March 5, in the Pearce Room. Come and enjoy Stephanie Lacy's program. She will be showing "Women in Faith - Infinite Grace" based on passages from II Corinthians. Stephanie always presents the most interesting programs. At our last meeting her program was based on various kinds of love (13th chapter of First Corinthians).

United Methodist Women continued

She even gave us cards to send to acquaintances we haven't been in contact with for awhile. She always goes "all out" when she is in charge. She served a very unique and delicious cake (the oldest among us remembered this recipe). It was an eggless, milkless, sugarless cake, which was popular during World War II when we were under a "rationing" program. We hope to see you on March 5th.

Reading and Library met in the library for a work day on February 19th.

BE ADVISED: Norma Hauser has completed our 2013 yearbook. See her to get a copy.

Kay Dunbar, Social action Chair, attended a Social Action Forum on February 9th, at St. John's UMC. It was led by Reverend Caldwell (an Austin native, but now a pastor in New Jersey). The forum dealt with racial practices and inclusion.

Lamplighters will meet at 7 p.m., N.E.W. Room, March 21, to discuss projects for 2013 and make plans accordingly.

March Birthdays

1st	Craig Amundson	12th	Minda Egbert
2nd	Travis Rychlik		Harrison Pomerleau
3rd	Elizabeth Bach-Miller	15th	Jacy Kuruk Gray
5th	Linda Eaker	16th	Alberta Shelton
6th	Carole Garner	17th	Chad Ericson
	Judy Johnson	19th	Josh Jourdan
7th	David Amundson	24th	Courtney Garner
	Dorothy Burnup	25th	Jonathan Mohler
	Chad Ericson	26th	Misty Ericson
9th	Laura Elizabeth Smith	31st	Deborah Bryant
	Grant Zapalac		Dorothy Johnson
			Steve Reinhart

"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, March 24, 2013.

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

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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

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