

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

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

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March 21, 2013

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).

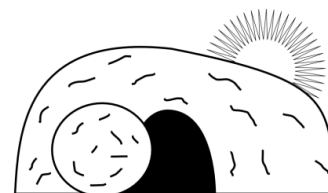


Good Friday, March 29

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!



**Spring Fling
Sunday, April 7**

FREE!

2:30 - 4:30 pm - Front Lawn

**Games, fun , Easter Egg Hunt,
Pictures with the Easter Bunny!**

On Sunday, April 7, we will once again host our neighborhood children for **Spring Fling!** We need non-chocolate candies to fill the eggs. We will also need volunteers! Talk to Laura Smith or call the office for more information.

APRIL'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Apr. 1

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, Apr. 2

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

Wednesday, Apr. 3

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm
- Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library - 4:30pm

Friday, Apr. 5

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Saturday, Apr. 6

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

Sunday, Apr. 7

- 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast-8:15am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Spring Fling - 2:30-4:30pm

Monday, Apr. 8

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

Tuesday, Apr. 9

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

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Prayground Update!

We have been having our Prayground service for almost a year at this point, and we

have been blessed to have many committed adults and kids participate throughout the year. As we begin to think about new directions for our children, youth and young adult discipleship, we have decided to put the Prayground service as a stand-alone concept on hold. We will still be presenting a Prayground skit in worship once a month (to keep it on our minds!), but we hope to give you more news about what's going to happen this fall very soon. PLEASE continue to pray for our children/youth/young adult ministries!



Memorial's Heritage Sunday April 28, 2013

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. Normally we celebrate Heritage Sunday in December, but this year we have designated April 28, for our Heritage celebration of 140 years. You will not want to miss this event. 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, 300 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 mark your calendar for April 28, 2013 NOW! Look for more information.

APRIL'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, Apr. 3

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

Thursday, Apr. 11

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

Friday, Apr. 12

- Wesley School Fund Raiser - 5:30 pm

Saturday, Apr. 13

- WPNA - 10-Noon - FHL

Sunday, Apr. 14

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- Youth - Mark Swayze Concert

Monday, Apr. 15

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

Tuesday, Apr. 16

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Apr. 17

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

Thursday, Apr. 18

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

Friday, Apr. 19

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

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Upcoming Special Offerings

March "5th Sunday" (March 31)

Every 5th Sunday, we take up a special offering to go to our apportionments—the money we share with our district and conference to provide for mission across our area and worldwide. This 5th Sunday, our apportionment offering will go toward the World Missions line item, which provides for all sorts of ministries, including programs for seniors, camping ministries, and special trainings and workshops.

Easter Offering (March 31-April 28)

Celebrate new life with Memorial UMC! We are encouraging everyone to find a place where God has brought them joy or new life and then offer a gift in honor of that new life. For example, Pastor Cynthia is going to be giving money for every mile she runs before the Capitol 10K. Some are giving per grandchild or great-grandchild. Call the office (452-5796) to receive a letter with more ideas!

April Communion Offering

New church starts have it rough in many parts of our conference, but we have found some ways of being successful. Now, most new church starts, after an initial period of receiving funding from the conference, have not only started to pay into the system, they are contributing more than their share. The money we put into new church starts comes back to us as the Gospel is heard in more places and people's lives are transformed!



Many people have wondered what the "big box" is on the platform at the back of the sanctuary. Pat Marcum has done a wonderful job in using old pews to create an AV center for us! We are in the process of integrating all of our sound systems and visuals systems so that they can all be run from the back of the sanctuary. Hopefully this will mean fewer problems, since everything will be "hardwired" in. Thanks for your patience!

APRIL'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, Apr. 21 - Memorial for Christ

- Prayground - 9:00 am - Sanctuary
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Youth - Noon

Monday, Apr. 22

Newsletter Deadline

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

Tuesday, Apr. 23

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Apr. 24

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

Thursday, Apr. 25

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

Sunday, Apr. 28 Heritage Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- youth - Noon
- Heritage Dinner - Noon - Gym

Monday, Apr. 29

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

Tuesday, Apr. 30

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

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!



New Community Partner!

We are ecstatic to announce that Memorial will be the host for Austin Children's

Theater's summer camps this year! The Austin Children's Theater is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, inspire, and empower children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities through the arts. Their director, Talena Martinez, has been in conversation with Pastor Cynthia about how their summer programs can dovetail and work well with our already existing ministries and community partners.

In addition, we will also be the site of their Spring Musicals: Grease and Honk, Jr. (the Story of the Ugly Duckling). This means you'll see some different things going on in the gym (like stages and lights!). We hope that you'll take some time to check them out—come to a performance and support the arts in Austin and in this neighborhood. A schedule of their performances will be available on the back table in the sanctuary soon.

**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

***Newsletter Deadline
Monday, April 22***



**ReThink Green
Reminder !**

Check your area for local farms that will deliver fresh milk, eggs & produce. Not only is it cheaper, but the milk should be in reusable glass bottles!

Youth Happenings

Sunday 3/24/13 EGG STUFFING AND TEN COMMANDMENTS 4 PM – Come one come all! Brings the kids and the family! The youth will be joining the whole church family as we stuff 3000 eggs with candy in preparation for our annual SPRING FLING!

Thursday 3/28/13

Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm

Friday 3/29/13 Good Friday service – 7pm
Musical Presentation "No Stone Could Hold Him"

Sunday 3/31/13 EASTER SUNDAY

No youth – enjoy time with your family!

Sunday 4/7/13

5TH Annual MUMC SPRING FLING! 2:30-4:30pm

Sunday 4/14/13 Lago Vista, Rolling Hills Community Church MARK SWAYZE DINNER CONCERT on Sunday, April 14, 6-8:30pm. This will be a "BY DONATION" event, and we want your kids to bring a friend who doesn't normally attend church events. Spaghetti dinner, door prizes, and the Swayze Band.

See you Sunday for this eggstra special event!

Kendall and Shannon

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.





Note From the Pastor

I just got my electric bill for this past month, which included the rates we will be paying for July through September meter readings. All I can say is that I'm really glad it's not summer yet!

But it got me to thinking about power. How it is that I receive it, how it is that I use it. And I'm not just talking about electricity.

Several of my conversations this week have reflected on power. The power of the clergy for both good and not-so-good. The power dynamics between the middle class and those who live in generational poverty. And, with Easter on all our minds, what exactly is the power of resurrection that we talk about this time of year.

Is the power of the resurrection for you something that hits you like a jolt of lightning and then fades away, quicker than you can say "Easter lunch"?

Is the power of the resurrection what keeps you going day in and day out, a constant source of encouragement and hope?

Is the power of the resurrection for you something that is just for you? Or is it something that is shared, meant to keep us humble next to our brothers and sisters?

And is the power of resurrection something that changes you—that shows you that you have the power, as a gracious gift from Jesus Christ, to repent and in doing so, change the world?

Almost all of the disciples felt powerless at Jesus' crucifixion—and some of them felt pretty powerless even after his resurrection! Peter, having denied Jesus, goes back to fishing. But Jesus comes back to him and tells him to continue the mission. He empowers him.

Even today, I think many of us feel powerless—we feel like there are other places where decisions are made that affect our lives. Whether it's an insurance company or in the public chambers (and backrooms) of government or our employers office or in the midst of our economic centers, we are too small to be noticed as an individual.

But the power of the resurrection says that these places, in the end, are not the source of true power. That the source of true power comes from Jesus Christ, who talked about the power of loving our enemies and the power of offering and receiving forgiveness and the power of healing and offering Good News to all of the wrong people (and a few of the "right" ones!).

So, in the end this Easter, which power source are you going to place your ultimate trust in? See you in worship...and in mission.

United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

We started the month of March with a bang! We hosted Church Women United on March 1 in the observation of World Day of Prayer. It was a lot of work but we enjoyed hosting a very large group of women from churches throughout Austin. We had many compliments from the visitors concerning our hospitality and our facilities here at Memorial.

Lamplighters will meet at 7:00 pm, April 18, NEW Room. Please join us in our efforts to enhance the sanctuary for our worship service if you are good with needle and thread, or even to share your ideas with us.

BIF will meet April 2 in the Pearce Room at 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Lacy is presenting a series of films from the Women of Faith series. They are interesting and enjoyable. Join us!

Reading and Library members have been "culling" books from the library – making room for more. We are planning to have a sale on Sunday afternoon, April 28. We invite all you readers to come and see what we have available. We'll be advertising this sale but hold a few minutes open on April 28 to pick some favorite books.

Mark your calendars for the Poverty Study scheduled for April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our guest presenter will be Ann McGinley . Please make every effort to attend. We have invited members from other churches so we certainly want to be well represented. This is a Brown Bag event which means the guests will bring a sack lunch but we are to provide desserts and drinks.

News from the Pews by Billie Nixon

Joyful news about new life of the church has been received on Sunday, March 17, 2013, a baby girl, Elizabeth Aeon Petersen, was born. She weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Jason and Malena Petersen and big sister, Afton Phoenix, age 10, are anxious for everyone to know about her.

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News from the Pews continued

Grandparents are Afton and Don Cherry, many aunts and uncles and cousins stand in line also shouting for joy.

We at Memorial are also excited and can't wait for pictures or the chance to see the new miracle of God!

Love and concern go to members and friends in the death of loved ones:

To the family of Marie Anne Osborne, who died on March 4, 2013. She and her deceased husband, Hoyle Osborne, married in 1947 and Hoyle, Jr. was born in 1948. Marie was very active and instrumental in founding the Austin Natural Science Association and Science Center. The Pioneer Village which evolved into Pioneer Farms was her special project. She was a teacher at many Austin schools and a juvenile probation officers in Travis County. She and her husband helped with the founding of radio station KMFA. She loved reading, traveling, movies and theaters. A private memorial will held. Her many wonderful works will certainly be a legacy to teach children, contribute to community such as Pioneer Farms, KFMA, and Planned Parenthood. She will be missed by many.

To Jane Friedrich and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Weldon (Stoney) Friedrich, age 86, of Austin, who passed away February 27, 2013. Weldon worked with Austin Fire Department. Where he retired after 31 years. He served in WWII, was a member of St. Martin Luther Church and a Mason. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and Longhorn football and baseball games. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and her husband and his brother, Logan Friedrich. He is survived by his wife, son and his wife, a daughter and her husband, and grandchildren and sister-in-law, Jane Friedrich. Funeral services were held at March 2, 2013, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home and interment followed at Cook-Walden Oaks Memorial Parks.

To Norma and Bob Hauser in the death of Norma's aunt, Barbara Ragsdale, age 83, of Del City, Oklahoma, who died March 8, 2013. Barbara was Thelma Byrd's sister. Funeral services were held March 11, 2013, at National Cemetery in Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, where her husband was buried.

May the Lord's precious promises bring you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

April Birthdays



2nd Stephanie Shelton

3rd Zora Mae Hise

5th Virginia Smith

7th Charles Spangler
David Paul Teaney
Christina Williams

9th John Shelton

13th Michael Shelton

17th Jessica McFarland

18th Jennifer Eddleman
Debbie Parsley

Victoria Purtle

19th William Dennig

21st Russell Moore

22nd Betty Moore

23rd Laura Rhoades Smith

24th Michele Dennig
Glenda Houston

27th Lela Barker

Jacob Shelton
Sarah Shelton

30th Jane Friedrich



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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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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