

# Memos From Memorial

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## Pastoral Changes Announced for Memorial

### Pastor Harris Accepts New Appointment

This letter was e-mailed to members on April 7.  
Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Thursday, Sheree and I were asked by Bishop Jim Dorff and the Cabinet (the District Superintendents) of the Southwest Texas Conference to move in June to new appointments in the Conference. After two days of prayer and deliberation, we agreed to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and move to these new appointments. On Tuesday evening, I was introduced as the pastor of St. Luke UMC in San Angelo, and Sheree was introduced as the associate pastor at First UMC in San Angelo.

These are not moves that we necessarily anticipated this year, but United Methodist clergy are appointed to serve in their churches for only one year at a time. So a move is possible any year during our active ministry. We move at the direction of our Bishop and Cabinet, and we are committed to this process.

I want you to know that I count it an honor and privilege to have served with you in ministry as your pastor these last five years. We have shared much and been richly blessed by God's love and grace. I look forward to these next weeks as we celebrate Easter and continue to reach out with God's love to all in northeast Austin.

In the coming days, the Bishop and Cabinet will consult with Memorial's Staff Parish Relations Committee and appoint a new pastor. I am sure that your new pastor will be a great blessing to your lives and lead you into God's future for Memorial.

I ask that you begin to pray today for everyone involved in this transition for Memorial Church. May all that we do strengthen the church and give glory to God

Grace and peace to you, Pastor Bill

### New Pastor to be Appointed in June

The Staff/Parish Relations (SPR) Committee met Thursday night, April 14, with Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer, who has been appointed by Bishop Jim Dorff and the cabinet to serve Memorial United Methodist church during this coming year.

Cynthia currently is pastor at St. Mark UMC in McAllen. Prior to that she was the pastor at Berkeley UMC in South Austin. Her first Sunday in Memorial's pulpit will be June 19, 2011.

Cynthia and husband Clayton Karrer plan to reside in Memorial's parsonage with three cats and a dog. They will celebrate their fourth anniversary next September.

If you are thinking that "Kepler" name sounds familiar, that's because Cynthia's father is Rev. Kent Kepler, now retired from active ministry but longtime pastor within the Southwest Texas Conference.

In Christ,

Wanda Stout Adams  
Chair, SPR Committee

### Pastors' Farewell Sunday May 22 - Noon

It is time to celebrate and say thank you for all we have shared in Christ with Rev. Bill Harris and Rev. Leo Carrasco. A farewell has been planned for May 22, following worship service. Join our Pastors for a potluck lunch in the gym. If you would like to contribute to a congregational love gift to the pastors, you may mark it "Love Gift" and place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office. Watch for more information the church bulletin.

## **Immediate Prayers**

Don Metzger     John Marshall  
Katherine Eaker     Chuck Sampler  
Marvle Bissett     Terry Ericson  
Jo Beth Worden  
Wanda Anderson  
Logan & Jane Friedrich  
Bob & Anna Bell Turner  
Francisco Fuentes  
(Isabel Shelton's grandfather)

## **Continuing Prayers**

Susie Bryant and Family  
(Luvy Carrasco's mother)

Charles Corry  
(Mark Corry's father)

Dick and Dorothy Dennig  
(William Dennig's parents)

Gaines Leavelle     Sophie Bostick  
Kathy Gray     Emma Bawden  
Lillian Talley     Mickey Peters  
Diana Valastro     Liz Sanford  
Mable Raup     Carolyn Rogas

Mildred McCullough  
Dave & Pat Teaney  
Cecil Angermann  
CW2 Michael Moore



## **Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:**

### **George Burnup**

Carl & Nancy Helge  
Barry & Minda Egbert

### **Troy Talley**

Carl & Nancy Helge

### **Delmond Owens**

Billie & John Nixon  
Johnie & Alma Madison

## **Howard Rogas**

Peggy Sismilich  
Logan & Jane Friedrich  
Lela Barker  
Billie & John Nixon  
Johnie & Alma Madison  
Ken & Stephanie Jourdan  
Don Morrison  
Charles & Carole Garner  
Irene & Jerry Redkey  
Neil & Linda Hoskins  
Katherine & Linda Eaker  
N.E.W. Class  
Carl & Nancy Helge  
Lewis & Kristina Wood  
Barry & Minda Egbert

## **Jan Dodge**

Logan & Jane Friedrich  
Johnie & Alma Madison  
Billie & John Nixon  
Ken & Stephanie Jourdan  
Katherine & Linda Eaker  
Carl & Nancy Helge  
Jerry & Debbie Dixon  
Peggy Sismilich

## **Sam Fritsche**

Johnie & Alma Madison  
Ken & Stephanie Jourdan  
Charles & Carole Garner  
Billie & John Nixon  
Peggy Sismilich  
Don Morrison  
Law Office of  
William M. McKamie, PC.  
Daniel & Susan Vasquez  
Kenneth & Brenda Broussard  
Peggy & John Griffith  
Mary & Cary Frieden  
San Antonio Apartment Assoc.  
Martin & Julie Schubert  
Dr. Ray & Sherry Pomykal

## **Tom Bunnell**

Billie & John Nixon

## **Praise and Worship Service**

Greetings Memorial faithful! We are excited to announce that a new midweek Praise and Worship Service will be offered beginning Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.! This worship service will be offered for four weeks until Annual Conference and the beginning of summer. After that, plans will be made as to what this service might look like in the fall. To kickoff this new ministry for our church, we are collaborating with the Emmaus Community at Memorial on a worship event Friday night, May 6<sup>th</sup>, which will also be our Emmaus Community Gathering, also at 6:30 p.m. The gathering will be followed by a fellowship meal.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please make plans to join us for this great night of worship and fellowship. RSVP to secretary @memorialumcaustin.com or call 512-452-5796 so we can make sure we have plenty of food!

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

Faith In Action  
CareGivers-NorthEast  
16th Annual Choral Concert

***"A Night of Notes"***  
***May 13, 2011***  
***7 p.m.***

Hosted by  
St. James Episcopal Church  
1941 Webberville Road  
Austin, TX 78721

**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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**United Methodist Women  
By Norma Hauser**

The Easter Bonnet Tea Party was held on April 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. We had a very nice group of ladies all dressed up in their Easter Bonnets. The parlor was festive with our silver service gleaming and all pink flowers and candles as the table decorations. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and "table talk." Prizes were awarded to everyone for their decorative hats they were wearing. Some even had matching gloves! It was a very good time.

On June 12, at 12:00 p.m. following worship, the Unit will meet at Tres Amigos for a lunch meeting. Alberta Shelton will give her report to us on her experience at the State Legislature function. She has much to report to us, so plan to come. You may bring a guest; as everyone can learn something from this information. We are planning a Bake Sale in the Parlor on June 19, which is Father's Day. More information will be given closer to the event.

We will not have another Executive Committee meeting until announced.

**Reading and Library**

Will meet in the Library on May 8, at 12:00 p.m., following worship.

**BIF** will be meeting on May 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in the N.E.W. classroom. The program will be a "surprise", so come join us.

**Lamplighters**

By Virginia Smith  
Chair of Lamplighters

Lamplighters will be meeting Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the N.E.W. Classroom. We will discuss different projects and completion dates will be determined. Still need people to help make or donate money to make baby items for layettes. Many thanks for those that have said they would like to help!

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**Newsletter Deadline**

**Monday,  
May 23**

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**Vacation Bible School  
Coming this Summer!**

More Information in the June Newsletter!



**Honor All Our Mothers  
in the Faith  
Sunday, May 8**

May 8, is Mother's Day, and we will honor all the women of our congregation who collectively are our mothers in the faith. The women of the congregation will be invited to come forward for the "Mothers' Sermon" with the children during worship, and will receive a special gift of appreciation from the congregation.



## **MAY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS**

### **Sunday, May 1 - Communion**

- Every Sunday  
Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am  
Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Every Sunday - Noon - or as stated

### **Monday, May 2**

- Prayer Meeting - Every Monday - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Every Monday - 7:30 pm

### **Tuesday, May 3**

- UMW BIF Circle - 9:30 am
- Staff Meeting - every Tuesday - 10:30 am

### **Wednesday, May 4**

- Handbell Practice – Every Wednesday  
- 6:00 pm
- Chancel Choir Practice - Every Wednesday  
- 7:00 pm

### **Friday, May 6**

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Emmaus Gathering - 6:30pm

### **Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day**

- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- UMW Reading/Library Circle - Noon

### **Monday, May 9**

- Prayer Meeting - Every Monday - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday, May 10**

- Wesley Board - 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, May 12**

- Praise and Worship Service - 6:30 pm

### **Friday, May 13**

- FIA CareGivers NorthEast Concert  
at St. James Episcopal - 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, May 14**

- Voting - Gym - 7am - 7pm
- WPNA - FHL- 9:30 – am

### **Thursday, May 19**

- Praise & Worship Service - 6:30 pm
- UMW Lamplighters Circle - 7:00 pm

### **Friday, May 20**

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

### **Sunday, May 22**

- Pastors' Farewell Potluck Lunch - Noon

### **Monday, May 23**

- Newsletter Deadline

### **Wednesday, May 25**

- No Bells or Choir Practice

### **Thursday, May 26**

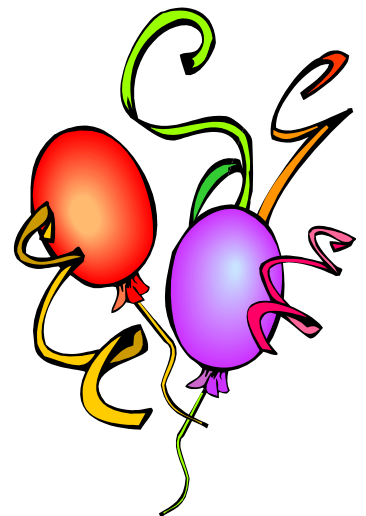
- News Crew - 1:00 pm
- Praise and Worship Service - 6:30 pm

### **Sunday, May 29**

- Pastor Bill's Last Sunday

### **May Birthdays**

- 1 Jennifer Smith
- 5 Sheryl Cheatham  
Jessica Shelton Williams
- 7 Hannah Egbert
- 10 Anna McCoy
- 11 Hale Roy Bills  
Hunter Eddie Bills
- 16 Andrew Friedrich  
Gary Alan Gray
- 17 James Leavelle
- 18 Norma Jones
- 19 Mary Linda Gray
- 21 JoBeth Worden
- 25 Vicky Schmidt Moseley
- 26 Don Morrison  
Kerry O'Hanlon
- 28 Emily Anne Egbert  
Verne Ferguson
- 29 Judy Friedrich
- 31 Margaret Adams



## News From the Pews

by Billie Nixon

### SYMPATHY

Love and concern go to the following members who have family and friends who have died recently:

To Gaines Leavelle and son, Jimmy, in the death of Gaines' daughter, Jan Marie Dodge, age 55, who died March 31, 2011.

Jan and her family have been members at Memorial since November 1960. She attended Austin schools and graduated from Reagan High School and attended college to become a licensed vocational nurse and lived in San Antonio.

She and her husband, Don Dodge, are members at Bracken UMC. They have volunteered for years at Mt. Wesley as counselors for the Kingdom Kamp Retreat.

Jan was preceded in death by her mother, Doris Leavelle. A memorial service was held for Jan at Memorial on April 3, 2011.

To David Fritsche and wife, Rachelle Landry in the death of his father, "Sam" Clarence Q. Fritsche, who passed away peacefully Sunday, April 3, 2011.

Sam served in the U.S. Army, and served with the 42nd Rainbow Division in Germany and Austria in W.W. II.

Sam was married to his wife, Naomi Ruth Schiller until her death in 2006, after a lengthy illness.

He dedicated 22 years to Henna Chevrolet, retiring in 1988.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, brothers, Robert, Frank, Norris, Leroy, and Gilbert Fritsche and sister, Mary Ann.

He is survived by brothers, Marvin, "Mickey", and Gerald Fritsche, sister, Faye Baum, son and daughter-in-law, David Fritsche and Rachelle Landry, grandchildren, Alaynah and Nathaniel and many friends at Memorial.

A private graveside service at Cook Walden Cemetery in Pflugerville preceded the memorial service that was held at Memorial United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 6.

To Carolyn Rogas in the death of Howard Rogas, age 83, who passed away on March 25, 2011, in Houston, Texas after a lengthy illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gus and Olga Rogas, and a son, Howard E. Rogas, Jr. He is survived by Carolyn Rogas, two daughters, Sandra Smith and Patricia Laws, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Howard had lived in and around Austin most of his life, was a milkman in the 50's, became a salesman for Nash Phillip Corpus, and worked at IBM until his retirement.

He enjoyed his horses, animals and especially his cat. He liked to cook and came to Memorial's 55+ Club and played bridge or dominoes on Wednesdays as long as they met.

To Everett and Doris Owens in the death of Everett's brother, Delmond Owens of Louisiana. Delmond died March 20, 2011 in New York City and was buried in Simpson, Louisiana on April 9, 2011.

He retired from the FBI Agency as a Russian linguist in New York City.

Delmond is survived by Everett, one sister, and one brother.

To Jodie and Byron Friedrich in the death of her father, Tom Bunnell, who died Monday, April 4, 2011 at the age of 96.

Tom was married to Josephine Bunnell, also deceased and they and their family were members at Memorial for years. They were living in Lockhart, Texas. Jodie and her brother, Tom Bunnell, Jr., also lived in Lockhart, Texas.

Tom was also survived by grandchildren, Bryon Thomas Friedrich of Austin, Joni Friedrich Elder and husband Danny, living in Oxford, England and Chris Berry of San Antonio.

Funeral Services were held at 1st Baptist Church Lockhart on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 10 am. Interment followed at Memory Lawn Memorial Park in Lockhart, Texas.

In this season of sorrow, we at Memorial are praying God will make His presence known to you in a special way.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**TO:**

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**Sunday Services - Rev. Bill Harris, Pastor**  
**- Rev. Leo Carrasco, Local Pastor**  
**of Hispanic Ministries**

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

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

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