

The Newsletter

June 2013

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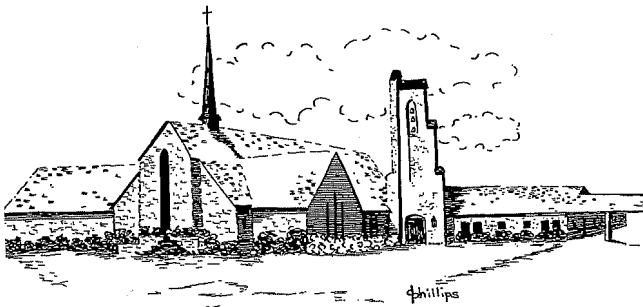
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Sunday Services

Traditional - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15-10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.- Playground - Third Sundays



Memorial
United Methodist

A great place to meet new friends, find needed encouragement and discover God's plan for you.

VBS 2013

June 24-28

5:30-8:00 PM

**Volunteers
Needed!**

Get Your Togas Ready!

**See Laura Smith or call the church office
at 452-5796, for more information!**



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June Communion Offering Supports



United Methodist Committee on Relief

Our June communion rail offering will be going to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) efforts in places that have been torn apart by recent tornadoes and other spring storms. 100% of your gifts will go directly to the areas affected by the storms. In addition, unlike many aid organizations who cannot linger, UMCOR makes a commitment to stay in places beyond the original need and help rebuild people's lives.

FreeStore

An Outreach of The United Methodist Church

1717 E. 12th Street, 78702

freestoreaustin.org

The Free Store Austin's mission: We believe that in God's world there is enough for all people, and extend that abundance by freely giving clothing and household goods to all who come through the FreeStore doors.

Through this tangible grace, we affirm the self-worth of every person by creating opportunities for all people to live in community with one another.

Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging each other to love and help out.

--Hebrews 10:24



Remember the Eastside Community Connection Food Pantry when you shop. The ongoing needs to supply the food pantry shelves are: non-perishable food supplies, soups, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly; pancake mix & syrup, Ramen noodles, cereals, and cake mixes. We can make a significant difference in the lives of our neighbors. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex or make a financial contribution by designating on the envelope or check "Food Pantry".

For more information: www.austinecc.org



Meals on Wheels and More

Meals on Wheels and More delivers lunch time meals to those in need, but that's not all. They offer many other programs designed to keep people healthy and living in their own homes. Their programs are funded by the generosity of every day people like you. Do you have a lunch hour to spare? They are recruiting for volunteer meal delivery drivers. There is a particular need at Memorial United Methodist Church, a pick up site. Will you help?

512.476.MEAL(6325)

www.mealsonwheelsandmore.org

Summer Worship Series

"Prophet Sharing"

Prophets were never the guys that sit on top of a mountain and dole out advice or the ones that dwell in smoky back rooms, telling the future. The Bible prophets were the voice of God to the people, and many of their stories would rival an Indiana Jones adventure any day! We will be presenting their stories in a dramatic format you won't want to miss, starting June 2 and going through most of the summer.

Super Summer Disciples

Table Talk

an intergenerational summer learning series

9:15am in the gym

All are welcome!

We'll be studying some of the most well-known stories in the Bible...but with a twist you may or may not have thought of! Hear it from a kid's perspective and just have some fun as we learn these stories again...or for the very first time!

Coming This Fall...

We have been working on a new opportunity for kids, youth and adults to learn about how they connect to God and how God works through them, code name "Sunday BRUNCH". More information will be coming soon, but mark your calendars for our kickoff date on September 15 after worship!



GAMES FOR LIFE

**31st Annual
Games for Life
Championship**

Congratulations to all of the 29 teams - 500 plus residents and over 1000 total spectators and volunteers, who competed and helped make this year's Games for Life such a success! One of our members, Lester Bryant, competed and took 1st place in the 50 Yard Dash, 2nd place in the Softball Throw and Frisbee Throw and received a Gold Medal for his participation. Lester was very proud, and Buckner Villas' where he resides took 3rd place over all.

Congratulations to all!



Reverend Larry and Stephanie Lacy
request your presence at a reception
celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, June 15, 2013

between two thirty and four thirty o'clock
in the afternoon

Memorial United Methodist Church Parlor

6100 Berkman Drive

Austin, Texas 78723

Casual attire No gifts please

Pastor's Corner

I love Spurs basketball.

There, I've said it. Ever since I moved back to Texas after college (where I discovered basketball to begin with!), I've been a Spurs fan. I love the ethic they have and that they maintain a good reputation - it is so very rare in this era to see whole groups of stars maintaining contact with a single team for their entire careers. Plus, they do so much good in the community and have an impact far beyond a winning or losing season.

But I also love the Spurs because they pay attention to their coach, so much so that recently, a player from a rival team said they should really be called the Popovich's! After a game, whether they've won or lost, they always talk about what they need to work on and how they need to improve.

I have been thinking about this lately in relationship to discipleship.

The Biblical Greek word for "disciple" is strongly related to the Biblical Greek word for "learning"—and has some root relationship to the concept of an apprenticeship. So what happens when we stop learning, when we stop thinking that we have anything to learn?

Could it be that we stop being disciples?

What would it look like if Tim Duncan thought he had nothing more to learn and never sought to learn anything from his coaches? What if the coaches never went out and sought the advice of anyone else?

What if I never opened a Bible except to prepare for Sunday sermons? What if I thought that I had already learned everything about helping to guide a church and so never talked to colleagues about what might work better than what I'm doing? What if I never encouraged my staff to learn how to do something new or learn how to do it better or to teach others how to use their gifts better? What if I never told the lay leadership in the church that I wanted them to learn better practices that could help us to move forward? What if I didn't pray and encourage people to become a part of a group whose purpose is discipleship, whether it's a prayer group or a Sunday School class or a Bible study or a musical ensemble or a UMW circle? And what if no one ever did those things?

Public school is about to be out, and at times I've been jealous of that pattern—9 months of intensive learning, followed by 3 months of rest. In this place, it seems like I'm constantly learning and constantly being asked to evaluate how I'm doing, how we're doing, how we can change to improve our outreach and our discipleship. But lately I've come to think that's a good thing.

Because I never want to think I already know it all. I never want to think that there isn't something I can learn from another pastor or from an expert or from Jesus. One of the things I want to do is to create a culture at Memorial that seeks to constantly be learning. I want to learn how to better be kingdom-builders. I want to learn how to do things in a healthier way. I want to learn how to do small things better and big things better. And I want to create

What can you learn today? How will the kingdom of God shine a little brighter because we have humbled ourselves and become learners again?



BOY SCOUTS TROOP 88

CONGRATULATES!

**EAGLE SCOUT
IAN RAFFERTY**



Ian Rafferty, the son of Michael & Diana Rafferty, joined the Boy Scouts of America as a 6 year old Tiger in the Cub Scout program. He earned all of his ranks on his way through the Cub Scout program, completing his Arrow of Light award at the age of eleven. He crossed over into the Boy Scout program at the age of 11, becoming part of Troop 88 at Memorial United Methodist Church. As a Boy Scout, Ian has gone on numerous camping and high adventure trips, including a rigorous 60-mile wilderness backpacking trek at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He completed his Eagle Rank on November 3, 2012 at the age of 18. The Eagle Scout Community Service Project he chose was replanting the four trees in the planters on Ballet Austin's 3rd Street sidewalk, downtown Austin.

When he was considering what type of community service he wanted to do for his Eagle Scout Project, it was natural to consider something at Ballet Austin. He had been a student at Ballet Austin's Academy for 9 years. He has spent summers training, on scholarship, from Ballet Austin, Boston Ballet School, Cincinnati Ballet, & Miami City Ballet. In addition, he had the privilege of training with Suzanne Farrell at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. For the summer of 2013, he has been awarded a scholarship to train at San Francisco Ballet School summer course, as well as the Gelsey Kirkland Summer Intensive in New York City. His many experiences and the leadership skills he learned in Boy Scouts will be a valuable asset as he now becomes a role model to the younger students in Ms. Kirkland's Ballet Academy. Ian and his family are very appreciative of all of the support that Memorial United Methodist Church has provided to Troop 88, and wish to thank his Scoutmasters, past and present, for the guidance they have provided.

United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

We are looking forward to our June meeting. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH are invited! We will meet at 10 a.m. in the parlor. We always look forward to the June luncheon. Plan now to bring a dish of your choice to share - - finger food type menu. We always like to add a little fun to the June meeting and this year we thought it would be fun to go a little retro and wear hats (and gloves, if you have any left). Look in the back of your closet and you're bound to have something tucked away for occasions such as this. This should provide some nostalgic conversation!

Along with the fun we have a meaningful project facing us. The local UMW units have been asked to provide sewing kits for a mission in Mexico. The kits need to be completed by the time of School of Missions. You can help by either bringing enough materials for one kit, or if you can't do that, bring some of the listed items and hopefully we can make some kits from the items you bring. Start looking for good deals on these items now! (I found some fairly good scissors at Hobby Lobby for \$1.99). Join us on June 4, for a good time, good food, and a feeling of satisfaction in assembling these kits.

Sewing Kits Needs:

3 continuous yds. of fabric
(cotton or cotton blend only)

1 pair of scissors 1 package of Needles

1 Medium or large spool of thread

5-8 buttons
(not loose - packaged or fastened together)

1 package of straight pens

1 package of small safety pins

1 Thimble (size 9 or 10)

You don't have to get the most expensive scissors, but make sure they will cut fabric. Also requested: \$1.00 per kit to cover cost of transportation.

Lamplighters will meet at 7p.m., June 20, in the NEW classroom. Please join us as we strive to meet our goals for 2013. We'd love to have visitors.

JUNE CALENDAR

Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2 - Communion

8:30 am - 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

Monday, June 3

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, June 4

9:30 am - UMW BIF Circle - Pearce

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 5

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, June 6

Annual Conference – Corpus Christi

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

Friday, June 7

Annual Conference – Corpus Christi

Saturday, June 8

Annual Conference – Corpus Christi

10:00 am - WPNA - FHL

Sunday, June 9

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:30 am - Trustee Meeting

Noon - UMW Reading/Library Circle

Monday, June 10

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, June 11

9:30 am - UMW BIF Circle - Pearce

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm - Wesley Board

Wednesday, June 12

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, June 13

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

7 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - FHL

Saturday, June 15

2:30-4:30pm - Lacy's Reception - Parlor

Sunday, June 16

Memorial for Christ Sunday

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship/Prayground Services

Monday, June 17

Newsletter Deadline

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, June 18

9:30 am - UMW BIF Circle - Pearce

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm - SPRC Meeting - Pearce

Wednesday, June 19

No Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, June 20

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

6:30 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - Parlor

7 pm - Lamplighters

Sunday, June 23

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

Monday, June 24

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

5:30-8:00 pm - VBS

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, June 25

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

5:30-8:00 pm - VBS

Wednesday, June 26

5:30-8:00 pm - VBS

No Bell Practice/Choir Practice

Thursday, June 27

5:30-8:00 pm - VBS

Friday, June 28

5:30-8:00 pm - VBS

Sunday, June 30

Apportionment Sunday

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

News from the Pews by Billie Nixon

New Members

It is our pleasure to announce that on April 14, 2013, Kim Pena joined Memorial. She transferred to us from another United Methodist church. Kim has her own business, and she and her mother live together. She has two children and two grandchildren. Her grandchildren are the light of her life and joy.

We are so happy to welcome her, and we pray that God will enrich our lives as we witness for Christ together.

New Baby

Celebrations to our church secretary, Joanne and her husband, Richard Macon on the birth of their fifth grandchild. Harper Rose Macon was born at Seton Hospital in Austin on April 24, 2013, weighing 7 Lbs. 14 oz. and was 19" long. Harper is the daughter of Matthew and Camille Macon and already has two siblings, Jack Daniel (5) and Scarlett Valentine (34 mos). We are so happy and excited about God's new gift of life to this wonderful family.



Graduates

This year our graduate list consists of the following:

Mary Beth Bryant, daughter of Alan and Sherry Bryant of Cedar Creek, TX., graduating from Bastrop.

Joshua Smith, son of Kendall and Laura Smith, and Penny Smith and grandson of Jo Smith, graduated with honors from the MBA program of Georgetown University in Washington DC. Joshua attended the evening program while working full time at SRA International. During this time he and his wife also welcomed their baby girl to their family.

Joe Bass, son of Jon and Shelly Bass, grandson of Afton and Don Cherry of Austin, Lewis and Doris Bass of Oklahoma, graduated from University of Texas, majored in Mechanical Engineering. His future plans include a Masters and PHD from University of Texas.

Each year our graduate classes keep getting smarter - we are happy to celebrate with you.

News from the Pews continued

Honors

It is our pleasure to highlight Hannah Smith, daughter of Kendall and Laura Smith, granddaughter of Jim and Shirley Rhoades and great-granddaughter of Jo Smith. At McCallum High School's recent softball banquet Hannah Smith was recognized for making second team All-District in 26 4-A. She also received an award for Academic All-District. Students must maintain an average of 90 or above for the softball season for this award. Hannah is a freshman, the starting catcher for McCallum varsity softball and also was on the JV soccer team during part of the softball season.

McCallum's Awards Night was held Thursday, May 16th, and Hannah again was recognized. She received an AISD Trustees' Scholar Award for Special Recognition of Continued Outstanding Academic Achievement. This award is given to students in the top 10% of their class.

Multi-tasking must be a family trait, and we are so grateful to be their friends and they all belong to Memorial.

Sympathy

Love and concern go to the following members who had death in their families.

To Carole Garner, in the death of her husband, Charles W. Garner, who passed from this life on April 28, 2013.

Charles was born and raised in Jacksonville, TX. After graduating high school and Lon Morris College, he came to Austin in 1950 to attend the University of Texas. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1954. He married Carole Jean Litzman on December 23, 1955. They raised two children in Austin, Charles Jr. (Chuck) and Cara Jane. They now have 4 grandchildren, Courtney and Christine Garner and Caroline and Chase Giles of the Woodlands. Charles joined his father and brother in the insurance business from 1955 until his death. In 1982 Chuck joined Garner and Associates. In 2002 their firm combined with his friend, Jim Whorton, to form the Garner-Whorton Agency.

News from the Pews continued

Charles and Carole and family have been active members of Memorial since 1957, where they both served in various positions over the years.

Charles is survived by his wife, Carole of 57 years of marriage, son, Chuck and wife Paula, and granddaughters, Courtney and Christine Garner; daughter, Cara Jane Giles and husband, Gary and grand children, Caroline and Chase Giles, sister, Betty Sue Marinis of Midland, Texas, and Mary Louise Muirhead of Memphis Tennessee.

Visitation was on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Cook-Walden Funeral Home and funeral services were conducted at Memorial United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

To the family and friends of Nancy Suzanne Wright, age 70, who passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in San Antonio, TX.

Suzanne was diagnosed with polio at six months and spent many years working toward a goal of being able to walk, which sadly never happened. However, in spite of her circumstances she never lost her will to succeed.

She graduated in 1965, from University of Texas in Austin and went to work. She was featured in newspaper articles many times as she tirelessly fought to break down barriers for people with disabilities. She was a woman before her time. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which would ultimately make life easier for her and other citizens with disabilities, was not enacted until 1990. Suzanne is preceded in death by her tireless companion, friend, advocate and loving mother, Hazel Elizabeth Wright, father, brother, and sister. After Hazel's death, Wanda Stout Adams has been her constant friend of companion.

A memorial service in celebration of her life was held on May 19, 2013, at Memorial United Methodist Church, where many relatives and friends gathered for a reception following the service in the church parlor.

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News from the Pews continued

To Verne Ferguson in the death of her son, Keith Ferguson, who died on April 28, 2013, after a four - years battle of illness. Keith was born in Crockett, TX on November 7, 1952, to Paul and Verne Ferguson. The family moved to Austin, where he spent the majority of his life. He graduated from Reagan High School in 1971. During his first semester at Concordia University, he enlisted in the Army National Guard. After his service, he developed a passion for masonry, which led him to start his own business, Ferguson Masonry. Keith became a highly respected businessman. Keith was a man of strong faith. Spending time with his grandkids was by far the highlight of his life.

Keith was preceded in death by his brothers, Mark and Jack, as well as his father, Paul E. Ferguson, Sr. He is also reuniting in Heaven with his twin daughters, who were born prematurely.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Ferguson, two daughters, D'Ann Gerbine and Kelly Gamble; stepsons, Sean and Kelsey Alvarado; mother, Verne Ferguson, four grandchildren, brother, Paul E. Ferguson and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Visitation was on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. His funeral services were held on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Cook-Walden/Memorial Hill Cemetery.

We at Memorial are praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace and surround you with His love and encourage you with His presence.

Prayer

Concerns

The church prayer list cannot be included on our website due to privacy issues.

You can find the list in the narthex on the prayer table.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cliff Masters
- 6 Kay Allen
- 7 Tina Zapalac-Nixon
- 9 Courtney May
- 10 Kathy Reinhart
- 12 Cleo Wilson
- 16 Pat Marcum
- 16 Stephanie Smith
- 16 Nicole Teaney
- 19 Joseph Teaney
- 21 Patty Marcum
- 22 Aiden Rodgers
- 24 Tamara Teaney
- 25 Chuck Garner
- 25 Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
- 25 Breighl Mobley
- 27 Chase Jennings Holland



Austin Children's Theater

ACT has plenty of opportunities to volunteer in the up coming months. If you are interested in volunteering with them please let them know.

They are currently seeking student aids and interns for their summer camp series. If you are interested please send them an email with a brief description of what you are looking for.

Email: info@austinchildrenstheater.org

There are also spaces available
in most of their camps!

***Newsletter Deadline
Monday, June 17***



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Austin, Texas 78723
Phone: 512-452-5796
Fax: 512-450-0323

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Services - Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

Prayground - Every Third Sunday - 10:30 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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