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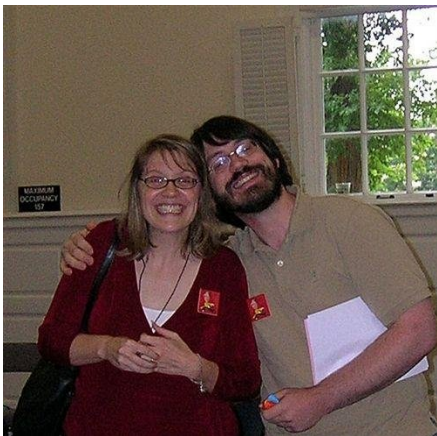
A Word of Thanks and Appreciation from Your Pastors

Thanks to all involved in our Pastors Farewell on May 22. It was a wonderful time for us and our families. The fellowship with you was a true blessing and the meal was delicious! It has been a privilege to be in ministry with you. We appreciate your love and support as we prepare to move to new appointments.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Bill & Pastor Leo

Introducing Memorial's New Pastoral Family Welcoming Them in Worship June 19

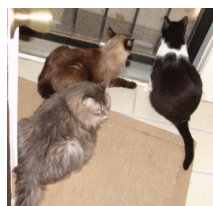


Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer grew up in the Southwest Texas Annual Conference (SWTC) as the daughter of Rev. Kent Kepler (ret.) and Virginia Kepler. She and her sister, Catherine, were both born in Austin, TX, though

they began being preacher's kids when Cynthia was four and Catherine was two. Cynthia graduated from Sonora High School and studied music and psychology at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Hearing a call to ministry, she returned to South Texas to work on staff at Hondo United Methodist Church (UMC) for three years in order to further discern her calling from God. She received her Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Duke Divinity School in North Carolina, and again returned to the SWTC in order to pastor the Yorktown/Runge circuit. From there she was appointed to Berkeley

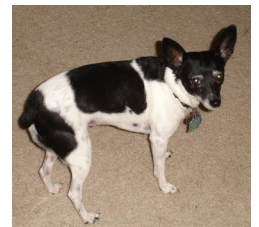
UMC in Austin. It was through Berkeley UMC connections that she met her husband, Clayton Karrer, at Minister's Week at Perkins School of Theology. They married in 2007, and shortly after, she was appointed to St. Mark UMC in McAllen, where she is currently the senior pastor.

Clayton, like Cynthia, is a life-long United Methodist. He comes from Paris, Texas, where his parents, Ray and Carolyn Karrer taught in the local junior college. After becoming an Eagle Scout, Clayton graduated from Paris High School and studied music and religion at Hendrix College, a UM-related school in Conway, Arkansas. He taught band for two years and substitute-taught for one year in order to further discern how to balance his calling to both music and ministry. Clayton enrolled at Perkins School of Theology in 2001, where he completed all the classroom hours for both the M.Div. and Master of Sacred Music (M.S.M.) degrees. He hopes to finish up the field requirements of those degrees in the next couple of years. In the meantime, since marrying Cynthia, Clayton has been a substitute teacher, church secretary, and middle school choir director. Most recently, he has been the music director at First UMC, Mission. He has also been living out his calling to be a "preacher's wife."



Clayton and Cynthia have three cats (Preston, Amigo, and Smokey) and a rat terrier (Elly). They both love music, food and movies/pop culture. Cynthia especially loves reading fiction and theology, artisan bread

baking and travel—in addition to about 2/3 of the United States, she has also traveled in Great Britain and Scotland, France and the Holy Land. She is certified in music through the United Methodist Church.



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New Pastor's Bio continued

Clayton also enjoys foreign and domestic travel, but he prefers to read *Better Homes and Gardens*. In addition, Clayton enjoys watching science fiction, gardening, and helping churches worship creatively. In fact, Cynthia and Clayton have collaborated on several creative liturgical projects.

In addition to her local church work, Cynthia has been involved in community relationships in all of her appointments, largely connected to the schools. She serves as the current chair of the Conference Board of Church and Society and is just finishing a four-year term on the Conference Futures Committee. She also serves on the Order of Elders Advisory board and was elected in 2008 as a clergy alternate delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. Through these positions, she seeks to connect the local church to the community and to the global mission of the United Methodist Church as well as promote connectionalism among the clergy.

Come and Welcome the New Pastoral Family Potluck Lunch Sunday, June 19 - Noon

Come and welcome our new pastoral family at the potluck luncheon in the gym on Sunday, June 19, following worship. Please bring two dishes consisting of a main dish, salad or vegetable. No desserts, please a cake will be provided by the church.

Immediate Prayers

Don Metzger John Marshall
Marvle Bissett Terry Ericson
Ozelma Goodlett
(mother of Connie Tatom)
Marta Garcia
(friend of Rev. Leo Carrasco)
Celia Albiderez
(Isabel Shelton's mother)
Bob & Anna Bell Turner

Continuing Prayers

Susie Bryant and Family
(Luvy Carrasco's mother)
Dick and Dorothy Dennig
(William Dennig's parents)
Francisco Fuentes
(Isabel Shelton's grandfather)
Jane Friedrich Mickey Peters
Lillian Talley Diana Valastro
Russell Moore Paul Moore
Cecil Angermann
Dave & Pat Teaney
CW2 Michael Moore



Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:

Troy Talley

Book Friends Reading Club

George Burnup

Evelyn Gray

Howard Rogas

Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Peters
Book Friends Reading Club
Lester and Ann Bryant

Jan Dodge

Norma Jones

Frances Bienemann

Margi Bienemann

Logan Friedrich

CWO Percy and Dorothy Casey
Lester and Ann Bryant
Billie and John Nixon
Peggy Sismilich
Bobby and June Alexander
Tom and Priscilla Bissett
Jane and Walter Skinner
Philip and Nancy Evans
Frances and Raymond Henry
Book Friends Reading Club
Marcia Garrett
Kenneth and Stephanie Jourdan
Lela Barker
Carolyn Rogas
Eldon Lange and Janie Barron
John and Estelle Coker
Hurbert ad Pauline Wolbrueck
Schwertner Ladies Club
Frances Beerwinkle
William and Susan Friedrich
Bernard Vasek, Inc.

In Honor of Cleo Wilson

Barbara and Robert Compton

Words of Appreciation From the Family of Howard Rogas

There are no words to adequately express how much the love and concern of this congregation have meant to our family. Howard loved his church and its people. All the cards, concern, and especially the beautiful prayer shawl made for him by the ladies of the church touched him greatly. My special thanks to Pastor Bill for making the trip to Houston to see him just before he passed away, and to all my sisters and brothers in Christ in this congregation, may I say that you truly reflect the spirit and love of our Lord.

Carolyn

Thank You

It is with love and gratitude to all our Church friends as we face life without Logan. We were truly blessed to have had Logan as long as we did. Many of you knew him for many years and you showed your love by the kindnesses you have shown . We appreciated the visits, your concern and love as evidenced by you during his illness. You showed your love in so many ways such as the UMW prayer shawl and the lovely reception hosted by our "kitchen buddies." Pastor Bill Harris was always with us beginning with Logan's stroke two years ago, and continuing through the end with the wonderful funeral. It had long been Logan's stated wish that Norma sing at his funeral - and that she did - beautifully. In summary, thanks for everything.

Jane, Richard, Judy, Andrew and William Friedrich

**United Methodist Women
By Norma Hauser**

BIF will have their annual Salad Luncheon on June 7, at 10:00 am in the parlor. All women are invited to bring a salad or dessert to be shared. We will also have a baby shower for Emily Miller and little Hope Lillian who was born May 1, 2011. Suggested baby items that are needed: diapers, bath towels, burp cloths, hats, socks, receiving blankets, 3-6 months size onesies, bottles,

toys, or gift cards. They will be moving to Michigan shortly. Plan now to enjoy a morning of fun, food, and fellowship.

On June 12, following the Worship service, we will have the Unit meeting at Tres Amigos. Please call Billie Talley for reservations for Tres Amigos.

Alberta Shelton will present her report to us on the Texas Legislature session. It will be an interesting program you won't want to miss. Everyone is invited to attend.

June 19, the UMW will hold a Father's Day Bake Sale in the Memorial Room beginning at 10:00 am. There will be lots of "goodies" to buy for your father's Day dessert. Be sure you check it out.

Reading and Library will not be having their meeting due to the Unit meeting.

Lamplighters
By Virginia Smith
Chair of Lamplighters

Lamplighters will be meeting Thursday, June 16, at 7:00 pm, in the N.E.W. classroom. We will make plans to finish our projects.

**Newsletter Deadline
Monday,
May 23**

**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!"

Misplaced Linens

Has anyone taken the colored card table cloths home to wash? Some of them have been misplaced and are needed. If you know anything about the table cloths, please call Billie Nixon or the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Happy Father's Day
June 19*



JUNE'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, June 1

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

Friday, June 3

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, June 5

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

Monday, June 6

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

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8 - Annual Conference

Thursday, June 9 - Annual Conference

Friday, June 10 - Annual Conference

Saturday, June 11 - Annual Conference

- WPNA - FHL - 9:30 am

Sunday, June 12

- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- UMW Unit Meeting - Tres Amigos - Noon
- No UMW Reading/Library Circle

Monday, June 13

- **Finance Mtg Postponed until July 11**

Tuesday, June 14

- Wesley Board - 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 16

- UMW Lamplighters Circle - 7:00 pm

Friday, June 17

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Saturday, June 18

- Voting - Gym - 7am - 7pm

Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer's 1st Sunday

- UMW Father's Day Bake Sale - 10 am - Noon
- New Pastoral Family Potluck Lunch - Noon

Monday, June 20

- Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, June 23

- News Crew - 1:00 pm

June Birthdays

- 2 Cliff Masters
Kendall Paige Rodriguez
- 6 Kay Allen
- 8 Marie Porterfield
- 9 Kevin Michael McFarland
Courtney May
- 10 Kathy Reinhart
- 12 Kay Dunbar
Cleo Wilson
- 16 Pat Marcum
Stephanie Smith
Nicole Teaney
- 19 Joseph Teaney
- 20 Joanne Macon
- 21 Patty Marcum
- 22 Verna Cole
Aiden Rodgers
- 24 Tamara Teaney
- 25 Chuck Garner
- 27 Chase Jennings Holland
- 30 Tamara Bissett Batts
Lauren Elizabeth Batts



News From the Pews

by Billie Nixon

New Birth

We are so pleased to announce the birth of Emily and David Miller's daughter, Hope Lillian Miller, who was born on May 1, 2011, at 1:51 pm, at Scott and White in Round Rock, Texas. Hope weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Everyone is home and doing well. Congratulations to Emily and David!



New Members and Baptism

On Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011 we were honored that Melinda Fuentes joined Memorial. Melinda and her children have been active attendees since last October 2010.



Then Sunday, May 22, 2011, was a special day for Memorial to witness the baptism of Melinda's youngest child, Eric

Jonathan Fuentes. We are so happy to welcome this family into membership. May God bless each of us on our journey of worship and fellowship.

Sympathy

We regret to report the death of our long time friend Logan Friedrich, age 87, who passes away on Friday, May 13, 2011.

Logan was born on a farm near Bartlett where many of us have visited and enjoyed his old homestead for studies and worship courses. He graduated from Bartlett and then spent three and a half years in the U.S. Army serving in the European Theater of Operations in the 648th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Logan was well known in Austin as an outside salesman for the Constant Service Company, later Wayne Bull Company, and finally, with Cross-Allen Company which qualified him as an expert for his own parts stores in Bastrop and Smithville.

After retirement he and his wife, Jane traveled, enjoyed friends, and many clubs, family, church activities and flying.

He is preceded by his parents, grandson, James Logan Friedrich, and sister, Mildred Friedrich Tomecek. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine (Jane) Friedrich; his son and wife, Richard Logan and Judy, two grandsons: Andrew Michael Friedrich and William Paschal Friedrich, a brother, brother-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial will miss Logan's pleasant smile, constant help in fixing things in need, and serving on all committees. Visitation was held from five o'clock until seven o'clock in the evening, Tuesday, the 17th of May at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held at 11 am, Wednesday, the 18th of May at this church. Interment followed a reception at the church at 1:30 pm, at Cook-Walden Capital Parks, Pflugerville.

Love and concern go to Eric Worden and family in the death of his mother, Jo Beth Cannon Worden, who passed away from this life on May 16, 2011. Jo Beth was born on May 21, 1931, in Amarillo, Texas. She lived an exciting life of honors and accomplishments from "Little Miss Amarillo" at the age of 3, to many stages of service in radiological technology, to president of the society of Texas Society of Radiological Technologists and given the lifetime achievement award. After moving to Austin with her husband, Alfred Worden and son Eric, she became a fulltime mother, and later grandchildren which she loved dearly. She also, was active in P.T.A., Cub Scouts, issues pertaining to schools, along with University Hills Neighborhood Association and Dottie Jordan Advisory Board. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband. Jo Beth is survived by her sons, Eric and wife, Sonja, and her grandchildren, Brandon, Eric, and Alex and many others. Visitation was held May 19, 2011, at Cook-Walden. Funeral services were at 10 am, Friday, May 20, 2011.

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Sympathy continued

May you all rest in peace with the knowledge that "God is the refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Deuteronomy 33:27

Graduates

It is with much pride that we congratulate our members grandchildren who have graduated this year:

To Barbara and Do Metzger, who are celebrating the high school graduation of their grand-daughter, Taylor Elaine Stewart, daughter of Michael and Brenda Browning of Round Rock, Texas.

Taylor's service was held at 2 pm, May 21, 2011, at Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

She is graduating from Homeschooling Academy.

Future plans are to attend the Art Institute of Austin Animation and digital media art program. Taylor plans on a career in the television and film industry.

To Chuck and Betty Sampler in the graduation of their grand-daughter, Natalie Horstman, daughter of Cindy and David Horstman of Plano, Texas, who graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Science and Disorders with a concentration in Speech-Language Pathology this May.

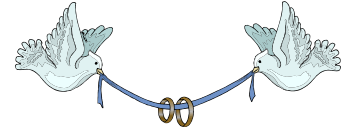
Future plans are to continue her education toward her M.S., at the University of Texas in Dallas.

To Eddie and Virginia Smith and Werner and Margie Stalbaum on the graduation of their granddaughter, Jennifer Michelle Stalbaum, daughter of Debbie Smith and Robert L. Stalbaum of Lockhart. She received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree on May 21, 2011 from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. In June she will be taking the bar exam.

Also, to Eddie and Virginia Smith on the graduation of their grandson, Clint J. Smith, son of Maurice and Theresa Smith, who will be graduating from Pflugerville High School, on Saturday, May 28, at University of Texas Erwin Center. His plans are to go to A&M at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Congratulations to each and all. May God bless you richly in the future.

Are there other graduates? Give me a call - Billie Nixon.



Wedding

Congratulations go to the family of William and Laurie Dennig and daughters, Michele and Caitlyn in the marriage of their oldest daughter and sister, Jodie Nicole Dennig, to Aaron Michael Sword.

Wedding services were held on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm at Mercury Hall, Austin, Texas.

It was a beautiful wedding with family and friends from all over the United States who came to witness and celebrate this beautiful event.

Future plans are that Nicole will continue her education in Diagnostic Imaging at Austin Community College and Aaron plans to work.

We hope to see pictures and stories soon.



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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

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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