

# The Newsletter

July/August 2013

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*July - August 9*

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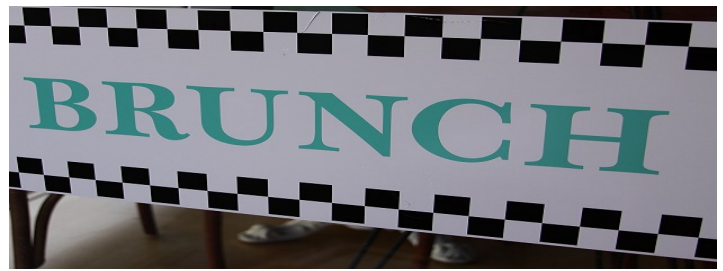
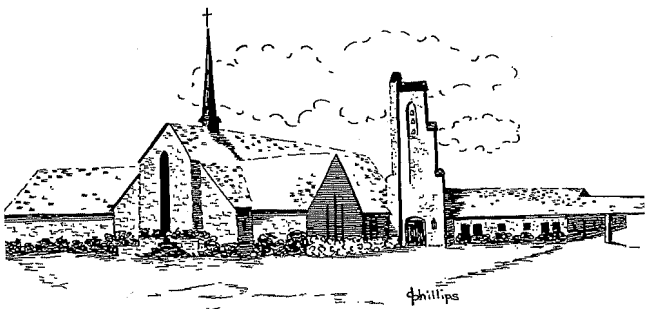
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### *Sunday Services*

Traditional - 10:30 a.m.

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

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



**COMING THIS FALL!**

**B.R.U.N.C.H at Memorial  
Sundays after 10:30 Worship**

**Brief preview during the  
Y'all Come Sunday luncheon Orientation  
and Kick-Off on Sunday, September 15**

Who doesn't love brunch? But this won't just be about eating...this will be about being fed through fellowship and opportunities to learn more about God and ourselves.

This Fall, we'll be planning activities and missions projects and learning times and just plain hanging out times--all around the idea that we each have a different Spiritual Type, a different way of connecting to God. Rev. Val Sansing, senior pastor of Covenant UMC here in Austin, has done extensive study of the spiritual types and will be with us on our Orientation and Kick-Off Sunday in order to help us understand what these types are and how they can help us to pay attention to how we grow spiritually.

EVERYONE is welcome! We are moving our children's and youth Sunday School times to after worship so that parents can be a part of this ministry opportunity without trying to figure out what they're going to do with the kids. We'll eat together and laugh together and work together and sometimes just hang out and get to know each other better.

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## July Communion Offering Supports

### "Peace with Justice"

Barring urgent missional needs (it is, after all, hurricane season), our communion offering for July will go to the annual Peace with Justice offering, which provides grants to ministries that are working for justice in their communities and creating bridges for people to come together in faith. Communion in August is planned to go to help support Africa University to help train pastors and offer education on the African continent .

### CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS TROOP 88 EXPERIENCE THE FUN!



Who: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## United Methodist Women by Jane Friedrich

Lamplighters will meet August 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m., in the N.E.W. classroom, Virginia Smith advises that the goal is to complete the new communion banners for the sanctuary (and she has high hopes that she'll have lots of help.)

BIF will not meet in July. Stephanie Lacy has plan in the making for the August 6, meeting. Our June meeting was lots of fun. We enjoyed a salad luncheon together and dressed for the occasion - that is we wore hats and a few of us dug out gloves from the past. Check the bulletin board (just outside the parlor entrance) to see members strutting their stuff with their vintage garb.

Norma Hauser was taken by surprise at the June Luncheon. She was awarded the past president's pen which she so rightfully deserved - Norma completed her tenure as president earlier this year. Norma did such a good job and worked tirelessly to make all our activities successful. We appreciate her efforts so very much.

We prepared sewing kits for Manos Junta Mission in Mexico at our June meeting. We have fabric for seven more kits but we need more items to outfit them to meet the requirements. If any of you readers could help us by getting some of these needed items, it would certainly be appreciated. Here's what we need: 7 pairs of scissors, 7 packages of sewing needles, 7 packages of buttons, 7 packages of straight pins, 7 packages of safety pins, and 7 thimbles. We also will be needing money for mailing.

Put these dates on your calendar and plan on attending some or all of these sessions:

Mission U, Mt. Wesley, Kerrville, July 11-14.

SWTC UMW, District Annual meeting, September 21, First UMC Industry UMC.

UMW Conference, October 11-12, Harlingen.

September Newsletter Deadline - August 12

## Pastor's Corner

When I was in school, I used to hate "busy-work". Ideally, "busy work" in school was the kind of work that you could use to practice skills independently, but much of the time, I experienced it as the kind of work they give students just to occupy them. Sometimes it's because students have finished their other tasks and need something to do. Sometimes it's because teachers have no other plan for that day or their plans fell through. Sometimes it's because some students are *very* task oriented and constantly need a task to complete.

During the last part of May, I encouraged you several weeks in a row from the pulpit to read Matthew 5-7. A few of you have come up to me, reminding me that you have been faithfully doing just that, and I am grateful! I wanted to let everyone know that I didn't just say that I wanted you to read that scripture as "busy work". Or, if I did, it was really in the ideal sense - as a way to practice independent skills of listening to God and discerning what God was doing through Jesus in those scriptures.

This fall, those scriptures will come back into play. During the months of July and August, we will be publishing some questions and guides to a more intensive reading of those scriptures. I encourage you to read them alone. I encourage you to read them in groups and talk about them. I encourage you to use them to pray about what God is calling YOU to do...and what God is calling MUMC to do.

In the fall, it is my hope to gather in small groups and talk through our ideas together. We have seen God at work at MUMC, and I believe that reading the scriptures and praying together will help us to keep on discerning God's direction.

I am glad to be appointed to Memorial UMC as well as the surrounding mission field for another year!



**New Members**

Memorial is delighted to report that Rebecca Lowe and her father, Philip Lowe, united in membership with us Sunday, June 16, 2013, transferring from another denomination. Rebecca’s husband, Sam Bertrom, will also participate here with them. We are so happy to welcome them, and we pray that God will enrich our lives as we witness for Christ together.

**Birth**

More news from “Great” grandmother Norma Jones, is about her new grandson, Henry James Thomas, born May 3, 2013, to Amy and Jake Thomas of Pflugerville. Henry also has a big brother, Benjamin, who will soon be 3 years old. Now this gives Norma 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. What a wonderful gift of love and happiness for her. Congratulations!



**Graduates**

Our continuing graduate list will now include Norma Jones’ granddaughter, Dana Krizan, who graduated from Pflugerville High School on June 1, 2013. She is the daughter of Lori and David Krizan. Dana will be attending the University of North Texas in Denton in the fall and pursuing a degree in Education.



On Saturday, June 1, 2013, Robin Jalufka, daughter of Norma and Bob Hauser, launched her first published children’s book, “Wishing Away the Whines”. A book signing and reception was held at Life Center of 1st UMC Pflugerville. Robin grew up at Memorial, beginning with Wesley School and became a teacher here before moving to Pflugerville. She has been the Director of Pecan Street Christian School for 12 years. We are so proud to know of her accomplishments and look forward to more books to come, which are already in the works. Congratulations to Robin and her family.

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**Sympathy**

Love and concern go to the following who had a death in their family:

To Paul Ferguson, Jr. in the death of his mother, Verne Ferguson, age 91, who died June 4, 2013. Verne and her deceased husband, Paul Ferguson, returned to Austin following his return from the Army in 1949, where they raised their family for over 50 years. Verne retired from IRS, loved her family, reading, flowers, and holidays. She and Paul were very faithful and active at Memorial and raised their four sons here. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, sons, Mark, Keith, and Jack, parents and 1 brother. She is survived by her son, Paul E. Ferguson, Jr. and family, 8 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Services were held June 8, 2013, at Cook/Walden/ Capital Parks Funeral Home and a graveside service followed.

To the family of Noble Campbell, age 85, who died May 24, 2013. Noble was an associate member here for years. A service was held on Sunday, May 26, 2013, at Cook/Walden in Austin, Texas and a funeral service was held at Glendale Methodist Church, Glendale, Texas on May 28, 2013, with interment following at Glendale Cemetery.

To JoAnn Bennink in the death of her favorite uncle, Mert Bishop, age 79, who died June 6, 2013 after a long battle with cancer, in McAllen, Texas. Mert was a retired Colonel in the Marine Reserves and was a Lay Minister in his church. He wore many important hats and will be sorely missed.

Funeral services were held on June 11, 2013, at St. Mark UMC in McAllen , Texas.

We at Memorial do care for each and every member. We pray you will find comfort and peace through Jesus Christ,



# JULY CALENDAR

## **Monday, July 1**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, July 2**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Thursday, July 4**

**Fourth of July - Office Closed**

## **Friday, July 5**

**Office Closed**

## **Saturday, July 6**

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

## **Sunday, July 7 - Communion**

8:30 am - 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:30 am - Trustee Meeting

## **Monday, July 8**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, July 9**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm - Wesley Board

## **Thursday, July 11**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library

7 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - FHL

**Friday, July 12 - Office Closed**

## **Saturday, July 13**

10:00 am - WPNA - FHL

## **Sunday, July 14**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

## **Monday, July 15**

**No Newsletter**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, July 16**

No - Staff Meeting

## **Thursday, July 18**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library

6:30 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - Parlor

**Friday, July 19 - Office Closed**

## **Sunday, July 21**

**Memorial for Christ Sunday**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship/Prayground Service

## **Monday, July 22**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, July 23**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Thursday, July 25**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men's Mtg - Library

**Friday, July 26 - Office Closed**

## **Sunday, July 28**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

## **Monday, July 29**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, July 30**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Wednesday, July 31**

6:30 pm - Choir BarBQ

## **Summer Office Hours**

Our office will be closed on Fridays beginning July 1, through August 9, during the hottest time of the summer.



# AUGUST CALENDAR

## **Saturday, Aug. 3**

9:30 am - Yard of the Month - FHL

## **Sunday, Aug. 4 - Communion**

8:30 am - 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

## **Monday, Aug. 5**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Aug. 6**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

9:30 am - UMW BIF Circle - Pearce

## **Wednesday, Aug. 7**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Aug. 8**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - FHL

## **Friday, Aug. 9 - Office Closed**

Mickey Peters Funeral

## **Saturday, Aug. 10**

10 am - WPNA - FHL

## **Sunday, Aug. 11**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:00 am - Trustee Meeting

## **Monday, Aug. 12**

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6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:30 pm - Church Council

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Aug. 13**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting

## **Wednesday, Aug. 14**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Aug. 15**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

7:00 pm - UMW Lamplighters Circle - N.E.W.

## **Friday, Aug. 16**

10:00 am - Bible Study

## **Sunday, Aug. 18**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship/Prayground Services

## **Monday, Aug. 19**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Aug. 20**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Wednesday, Aug. 21**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Aug. 22**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

## **Sunday, Aug. 25**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

## **Monday, Aug. 26**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Aug. 27**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Wednesday, Aug. 28**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Aug. 29**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Karl Amundson  
12 Dick Moore  
15 Katherine Eaker  
15 Gail Mohler  
16 Betty Sampler  
17 David Teaney  
22 Billie Francis Lois Nixon  
23 Kim Gray  
24 William Friedrich  
28 Gloria McPhail  
31 Tyler Moore  
31 John F. Nixon  
31 Shirley Wehmer

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 Doris Owens  
6 Marcia Garrett  
Christian Ramos  
8 Geraldine Boydston  
10 Elizabeth Sanford  
12 Richard Selig  
14 Taryn Stewart  
15 Lonan Zia Gray  
17 Bob L. Turner  
21 Janet Clark  
22 Don Cherry  
Lynda Rychlik  
25 Karin Crumbling  
26 Felicity Rodriguez  
27 David Chandler  
Patricia Ericson  
Wallace Fowler  
28 Kerry Schmidt McFarland  
Everette Owens  
Michelle Reinhart Rehm  
Keith Schmidt  
29 Vidette (Kiki) Corry  
Michele Reinhart  
30 Scooter Cheatham  
31 Richard Friedrich  
Julie Gonzales



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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)**

**July - August 9**

**Summer Office Hours**

**Church Secretary - Joanne Macon**

8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1– 4:00 p.m.

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