

# Memorial

July 21, 2011

## 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.

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## August's Communion Offering for Others Supports Harris Elementary School

Give a special gift during the month of August to support students in need at Harris Elementary School. Mark your gift "Harris School" or place it on the chancel rail during Communion, August 7.

You may also purchase school supplies for the students. Purchase items from the list below and bring them to church anytime during the month of August.

Paper for binder - 5/16" ruled	Dividers for binder
Ringbinder	Wirebound notebooks
Erasers	Glue, white liquid, 8 oz.
Primary pencils No. 2	Pencils, red lead
Ballpoint pen, blue or black ink	
Crayons, large, 8 colors and/or regular size	
Scissors - Round point and/or regular scissors	
First Grade paper- 1 " with 1/2" broken lines	
Supply box (cigar type)	
Second Grade paper, 1 " with 1/4" broken lines	
Ruler, 12" dual scale metric & conventional	

Your gift will make a difference in a child's life as the new school year begins.

## **New Mission Opportunity!**

Many of you know that the flowers for Sunday morning worship are often given in memory or honor of various people by friends and family. When the family does not want to take the flowers home or use them, we often rearrange the flowers into vases that can be taken to our shut-ins. Instant mission and outreach opportunity!

But there may be others who have thought to themselves, "I would really like to put something nice in the sanctuary for Sunday, but flowers just aren't my thing." If that's you, we'd like for you to consider one of our new mission giving opportunities:

Eastside Community Food Bank

Health Kits for UMCOR

Harris Elementary Supplies

If you would like to direct your giving to one of these, a basket containing symbolic items (canned goods for the Food Bank, health items for UMCOR, or classroom supplies for Harris) will be placed in the sanctuary and your name and honoree listed just as with flowers. In addition, because your gift will be going directly to missions without an actual purchase, the gift becomes tax deductible!

So whether it's flowers or a mission gift, just sign up on the flower chart in the hallway. Joann will call you when it's your week, and you can tell her then what your preference is. And watch this space, as new ways of giving to mission second-mile may come available!

## **A Note From Our Pastor**

I recently attended a meeting with the leadership of our Annual Conference (the regional body of the United Methodist Church to which we belong) to talk about some needed changes in how we function. We talked about how we can do a better job at reaching out to people, serving our neighborhoods, and being a witness to the love of Jesus.

We talked an awful lot about numbers.

Now, you should know that I'm a numbers kind of person. I like numbers. I was all-state in calculator applications from my sophomore year on in high school. I'm good with numbers.

But there's a limit to numbers.

You see, what I find with numbers is when they enter into the conversation, I can feel every competitive bone in my body begin to rise up. I want to handle the numbers so that they tell a good story about Memorial. I want to get a good score. I want to win.

Jesus doesn't keep score.

I keep thinking about the language in Ephesians about being a part of a body - and when the body doesn't work together in the right way, nothing goes right. I keep thinking that I need to be less competitive with other parts of the Body of Christ and more cooperative. I keep thinking - what if I do "win"? Does that mean I've caused someone else to lose?

So what could I do to help us be more cooperative - with each other, with other churches, with our neighbors? What kind of language can we start using that will help us be more cooperative? There are a lot of people looking at the numbers, including me. But in the end, we don't win just because other parts of the Body of Christ lose. In fact, if other parts of the Body of Christ lose, we all do. We're all in this together.

But Jesus is in it with us!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Cynthia



# Registration Form



Name(s) and age(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members participating in Hometown Nazareth: \_\_\_\_\_

Will parents be helping in other areas of Hometown Nazareth? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Bring the whole flock to Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid! You'll travel back into Bible times—without setting foot outside our community.

Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Jesus' hometown! You'll explore authentic marketplace shops, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about Jesus' childhood. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

**July 25-29**

**5:30-8:00 pm** ( a light supper will be offered)

This is a great way to invite a neighbor family to church! If your family is grown, come anyway... we always need extra parents and grandparents. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and outreach!

**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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**AUGUST'S SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Monday, Aug. 1**

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am - Weekly
- ESL Classes - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm - Weekly

**Tuesday, Aug. 2**

- UMW Bible Information Fellowship - 9:30 am
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am - Weekly

**Wednesday, Aug. 3**

- Bell/Choir Dinner - 6:30 pm

**Thursday, Aug. 4**

- ESL Classes - 6:30 pm

**Friday, Aug. 5**

- No Bible Study

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**Passionate Worship Conference  
Friday, September 16 (evening)  
Saturday, September 17 (9am-3pm)  
Alamo Heights UMC, San Antonio**

Last year, the Austin District took a crash course in worship ideas, led by Marcia McFee –the designer for worship services at General Conference 2008 and worship leader/designer for General Conference 2012.

This year, the Southwest Texas Conference is bringing Dr. McFee back along with Bishop Will Willimon and the Texas GMEA Organist of the Year, Chester D.T. Baldwin, along with the San Antonio Area Gospel Mass Choir for an all-conference worship event!

Areas to be covered:

- building experiential worship with cohesiveness
- using familiar elements of worship in fresh, new ways
- worship vitality in different contexts
- discovering our authentic range of worship/music
- different styles and techniques for our size and context
- creative use of music and silence along with movement in worship

Registration for both days is \$30 (if we get it in by September 1). Talk to Pastor Cynthia if you want to be a part of this exciting event! Scholarships available.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**RETHINK: COMMUNITY**  
Saturday, October 8 at FUMC, Austin

Come learn how we can better know the ins and outs, current issues and ways that we can address the needs of our public schools!

Pastor Cynthia is energized about getting Memorial more involved at Harris. We know that in order to address the needs of our neighborhood, we have to get to know our neighbors, and Harris is a great place to start. We will be taking a team of at least 2-3 lay people to this Rethink event, but Pastor Cynthia would love to take a whole lot more. The design team for this event has included educators, administrators, nurses, parents and school board members, so there's a lot of experience and perspective going into the planning for this!

## AUGUST'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Sunday, Aug. 7

#### Communion Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- UMYF- Noon

### Monday, Aug. 8

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, Aug. 9

- Wesley Board - 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, Aug. 10

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm - Weekly
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm - Weekly

### Thursday, Aug. 11

- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Saturday, Aug. 13

- Windsor Park Neighborhood Assn. - 10:00 am
- UMW - Women's History Meeting - 2:00 pm

### Sunday, Aug. 14

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMW's Reading /Library Circle - Noon
- UMYF - Noon

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## Join the Choir!



It is that time of year again. The choir will be resuming rehearsals on Wed, Aug 3. We want to invite you. If you like to sing, or if you like the anthems the choir is doing, come and give the choir a try.

Steve Reinhart's testimonial says that they put off joining for years. And when they did come, ostensibly just for the cantata, they loved singing in the choir and have been singing ever since. Come sing with us. We rehearse Wed. evenings from 7-8:30 in the choir room on the south side of the sanctuary chancel.

On Aug 3, our first night back, we will have our annual choir barbecue at the church in the parlor at 6:30. All choir members, prospective choir members, handbell ringers, and Significant Others are invited to come eat with us. After dinner we will have a brief rehearsal in the choir room to let new people get an idea of what we do.

Any questions? Call Carol Combs - 928-0525

#### Steve's Testimony

Over the years Kathy and I had been asked to sing in the choir by Carol and other members, but Kathy's work schedule as a nurse and my desire not to leave the ushers short-handed always seemed to make it hard to commit to rehearsals and being in the loft every Sunday. Finally, last Fall Kathy said she wanted to participate in the cantata, so we decided to see if we could make it work. We have had a wonderful time since we arrived unannounced one Wednesday last October. Everyone has been wonderfully supportive to two ex-band members who had never read music off of a score before, and it hasn't been as hard as we imagined to sing our different parts. If you have any inkling to let your voice be heard, we would encourage you to join us for good times, good music, and good fellowship.

#### Many Thanks To Memorial Church Family

Words can't express enough, our sincere expression of thoughtfulness to us with your prayers, cards, flowers and many phone calls, during the time of Eddie's surgery and mine. My surgery was delayed due to previous surgeries scheduled that day, and Pastor Cynthia stayed with me until my turn. It's great to be connected to a church that cares about others!

May the Peace of God be with you!

Eddie & Virginia Smith

## AUGUST'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Monday, Aug. 15

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

### Thursday, Aug. 18

- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Friday, Aug. 19

- No Bible Study

### Sunday, Aug. 21

#### Memorial for Christ Sunday

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

### Monday, Aug. 22

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

### Thursday, Aug. 25

- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Sunday, Aug. 28

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

## United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**August 13** - "Women's History Celebration" will take place in the parlor at 2:00 p.m. (Saturday). Pick a woman from out of the past that you would like to depict by the costume you wear. Be prepared to tell why you selected this person and give a brief biographical sketch of her importance in history. It will be fun to see how many can guess who you are! Reading and Library will host the event. Bring a guest, and of course all the women of the church are invited.

**September 17 and 18** - Annual District Meeting, Buda United Methodist Church. Details will follow.

**October 7** - Annual Conference Meeting, Corpus Christi. Details later.

**October 15** - Study— we will "Brown Bag" it. Executive Committee will host. Come at 9:00 a.m. to hear Sue Sidney present the study "Joy to the World." Sue is a wonderful presenter so you don't want to miss this.

**December 11** - Parsons House Christmas Program - Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Remember we are all hostesses.

**FYI** - Thanks to all the cooks and all the customers we made \$146.05 at the bake sale.

**Bible Information Fellowship (BIF)** - in keeping with the Women's History program, we will get a little more personal. Here's what we are going to do: Go through your photos and pick a picture of yourself taken in years gone by. Prepare to tell us approximately when the picture was taken or something that was going on in your life then or about that time. This should be fun. Remember, that will be August 2, in the N.E.W. Classroom at 9:30 a.m.

**Reading and Library** will meet on August 14, (second Sunday of the month) immediately after the service. Alberta Shelton will review, "Walking the Choctaw Road."

**Lamplighters and Honeybees** will meet August 18, (third Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. in the N.E.W. Classroom. We will try to complete the projects that we have underway.

**News from the Pew** by Billie Nixon

**New Member**

It is our pleasure to introduce you to our newest member. Greg Mikeska joined Memorial Sunday, July 17, 2011, transferring from a church in College Station, Texas.

He lived in College Station all his life and graduated from A&M University with a political science degree. His greatest enjoyment is with computers, video games, and likes deep sea fishing. His parents are both veterinarians and he has one older sister.

Greg loves to sing, help in VBS and we hope will join our choir. Welcome Greg, may we grow in the faith together in worship and fellowship.

**New Baby**

Our church secretary, Joanne and husband, Richard Macon have a new grandson, Cameron Macon. He was born in Mobile, Alabama on June 24, 2011, weighing in 9 pounds, 13 ounces. Parents are Christopher Lee and Stephanie Macon, and big brother, Tyler Austin, age 2½. Congratulations!

**Sympathy**

Love and concern go to James Brown in the death of his sister, Vada Patterson, of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Vada was 94, and died July 13, 2011. Funeral services were held at 10 am., on Monday, July 18, 2011, at Elmore City, Oklahoma.

This is the second sister who has died this year. There were a total of 10 siblings in James' family, and now there are 5 of the 10 left.

**With Appreciation**

Once again I want to express my appreciation to my Memorial family for your prayers and expressions of concern for me during my recent hospitalization. I especially appreciate Pastor Cynthia's visit and prayer. Her presence meant a lot to me.

Kathy Gray

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls, visits, cards & warm wishes before, during and after my recent surgery. It was great to be back in church on Sunday!

Sincerely,

Tom Bissett

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**Immediate Prayers**

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|---|---------------|---------------------|
| Marvle Bissett                              | Billie Talley | Don Metzger         |
| Pat Teaney                                  | Mike Pena     | Margi Bienenmann    |
| Terry Ericson                               |               | Hildegarde Kothmann |
| Carrie DeLeon (Mary Beth O'Hanlon's sister) |               |                     |
| Sally Leckrone (Margaret Adams' mother)     |               |                     |
| Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)    |               |                     |

**Continuing Prayers**

- Dick and Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's parents)  
 Francisco Fuentes (Isabel Shelton's grandfather)  
 Ozelma Goodlett (Connie Tatom's mother)

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|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Suzanne Wright    | Virginia Smith         | Tom Bissett    |
| Cecil Angermann   | Mickey Peters          | Jane Friedrich |
| Lillian Talley    | Diana Valastro         | Sophie Bostick |
| John Marshall     | Russell Moore          | Paul Moore     |
| Warren Crumbling  | Dave Teaney            | Kathy Gray     |
| CW2 Michael Moore | Bob & Anna Bell Turner |                |



**Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:  
Logan Friedrich**

Eddie & Virginia Smith    Lula Taylor    Jeanne Williamson

**Howard Rogas**

Jeanne Williamson

**Vada Patterson**

Billie & John Nixon

# **August Birthdays**

- 1 Billy Tatom
- 5 Doris Owens
- 6 Marcia Garrett
- 8 Geraldine Boydston
- 10 Elizabeth Sanford
- 12 Richard Selig
- 14 Taryn Stewart
- 15 Lonan Zia Gray
- 17 Bob L. Turner
- 18 Angela Stalbaum
- 19 Wesley Reagan Barrett Hauser
- 21 Janet Clark
- 22 Lynda Rychlik
- 23 Sharon Burnup

- 26 Karin Crumbling
- 27 Felicity Rodriguez
- 27 David Chandler  
Patricia Ericson
- 28 Richard Kelly, Sr.  
Kerry Schmidt McFarland  
Everette Owens  
Michelle Reinhart  
Keith Schmidt
- 29 Vidette (Kiki) Corry
- 30 Ken Baker  
Scooter Cheatham  
Ann Thomas
- 31 Richard Friedrich  
Julie Gonzales



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**TO:**

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**Sunday Services - Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer**

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

**Wesley School - Chris Banda, Director (467-9740)**

**Church Office Summer Hours**

**Church Secretary - Joanne Macon**

8:00 a.m.– 12 noon and 1- 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday

Closed- Fridays

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