

The Newsletter

September 2013

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Sunday Schedule

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

B.R.U.N.C.H. - 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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After Worship Family Discipleship
Starting September 15 - 11:45 am - gym

Bible

Relationships

Understanding

Nourishment

Christian community

Holiness

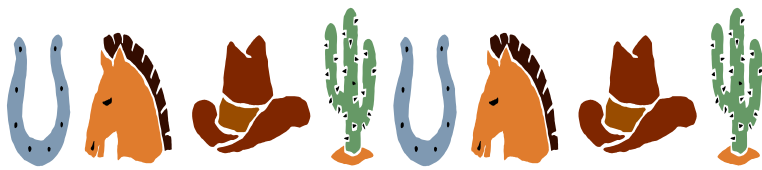
This fall, we're taking a new approach to discipleship! In addition to our already going adult Sunday School classes at 9:15, we are going to be offering an opportunity to experience all of the above things in a new way. We'll come together for a shared meal (either brown bag or prepared at the church for a small donation) and then break out into groups.

For Kids: Going on a journey through the Bible is fun with our *Grow Proclaim Serve* curriculum, combining Bible stories with opportunities for learning service to others.

For Youth: UMYF is back! And with some great programs coming up, we'll get a chance to not only have fun, but really grow in Christ!

For Adults: After a shared meal, we'll be centering this fall around our spiritual types—how we connect best to God. But we won't stop there! We're going to learn what that means, how it can help us in our spiritual journey and in our relationships to others.

See page 2 for our Fall Schedule!



Invite your friends & neighbors to

Ya'll Come Sunday September 9

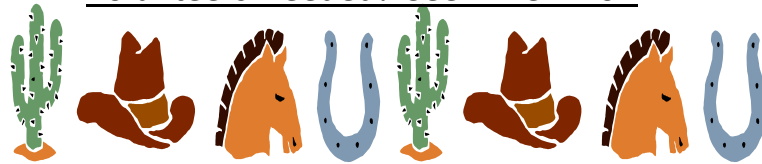
Lunch - gym - Noon

Bring two dishes to share. The Bar-B-Que, bread and drinks will be provided.

Help the ARCH of Texas by donating a pair of jeans!

Ya'll Come" is a great way to live out our commitment to "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors." during the month of September Month.

Volunteers Needed! See Billie Nixon



***B.R.U.N.C.H.
Fall Schedule for Adults:***

- September 15 - Kickoff with Special Guest
- September 22 - Bible Study: How Can Your Spiritual Type Help?
- September 29 - Who Else Am I? (Explore other personality inventories)
- October 6 - And What Does That Mean? (How do your personality types affect your relationships)
- October 13 - Off-Campus Fun and Fellowship Day!
- October 20 - Service Projects
- October 27 - Back into the Bible
- November 3 - How Can I See God in All Kinds of Art?
- November 10 - Mini-Prayer Retreat: Is there a better way for *me* to pray?
- November 17 - Seeing God in Worship through My Types

Shirley Rhoades' Retirement Reception

Sunday, August 25 - 10:00 - 10:30 am - in the Narthex

Shirley Rhoades will be retiring as Memorial's financial coordinator effective August 31, 2013. Shirley has served as financial coordinator since January 2008 and had assisted as a volunteer with the development of financial reports 2007. She has been instrumental in computerizing Memorial's accounting processes.

She deferred her 2011 plans to retire in the interest of administrative continuity when Pastor Cynthia Kepler-Karrer was assigned to follow Pastor Bill Harris. Beginning this September, Shirley plans to indulge in long-deferred travel with husband Jim, various quilting projects, and spending more time with her grandchildren. Thank you, Shirley for your dedication and professionalism!

You will have an opportunity to say thank you to Shirley during a reception between Sunday School and worship on August 25 in the parlor. A retirement gift will be presented to Shirley. If you wish to participate, please mark contributions "Shirley retirement" and make sure the church has them by Sunday, August 25. She will receive the gift on her last day, Tuesday, August 27. If you have any questions, please contact Wanda.

Holly Hunt will be taking over the duties of the financial coordinator, effective September 1. Holly is the granddaughter of Hazel Wright and the niece of Suzanne Wright. Though Holly will not have weekday office hours, we hope that the congregation will welcome her to our staff in spirit!

September 8th, Communion Offering Supports

Africa University and Our Ecumenical Partnerships

Our Communion Sunday (on September 8) offering will go to Africa University and to our Ecumenical Partnerships. Africa University is a United Methodist-run higher learning center in Zimbabwe, which serves as a major leadership center for the continent of Africa. Students from over 29 countries in Africa come to get training in education, governance, agriculture, theology and other subjects. Many of the leaders and future leaders on the continent have been educated at Africa University.

Our Ecumenical partnerships include groups that do mission work all over the world as well as groups who seek understanding between Christian denominations right here in Texas.



October Newsletter
Deadline
September 16

A New Kitchen!

Our gym kitchen is getting a refit, courtesy of the Wesley School. They have been raising money and putting away savings for the past several years in order to help get the kitchen up to commercial standards.



From Mid-September to Mid-November, we will be tearing out flooring, cabinets, countertops and most of the appliances in order to replace them. Stay tuned for opportunities to help with workdays (we're doing some of the work ourselves to save money) and later opportunities to help us stock our new kitchen.

We are so happy because we feel this will open up some other opportunities for us not only to do things like dinner theater, but also to have a nice space for church and community functions. Plus, we'll be able to have an actual Spaghetti dinner for the Wesley School in the Spring!

Contact Pat or Patty Marcum for more info or to volunteer.

Use Earth Friendly Products!



Pastor's Corner

"Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

"Hebrews 10:23-25 (The Message)

One of the encouraging subjects our Church Council has been speaking about is the desire to see more small groups forming within the church. We know that this happens both when a group of people decide that they want to be in each others' lives and when the church provides space and opportunities for coming together.

What struck me about this passage from The Message (a paraphrase of the Bible) is that word "inventive". For me, it has elements of creativity, but it also has elements of being able to see what's there and make something out of it that's different or unconventional. How could we be inventive about encouraging one another?

I want us to have high expectations of each other going into this fall. The church is in the middle of change, and that always produces anxiety. We've had several deaths lately, and we begin to wonder about our own mortality, both as individuals and as a congregation. The heat has soared and that saps us of our desire to do a whole lot. We are in the midst of some major staff turnover, and with those changes, we don't know how things will function.

But the good news is that we also have some Holy Spirit energy. The group that has been working on B.R.U.N.C.H. has really experienced hope and possibility as we've put together the program. We have our upcoming FaithLabors Sunday and a new kitchen coming in to the gym. We are speaking more and more of having expectations of each other and of results we hope to have—getting more people from our community partners involved in the church, reaching out to the neighborhood, having our leadership and members participating in groups that help them to grow spiritually, inviting others to worship.

So look upon this passage from Hebrews as God's high expectation of you - are you being encouraging and helping of your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ? Are you worshiping with one another? Are you spurring each other on? Are you helping one another to live fully with faith that God's promises are true?

FaithWorks returns for a second year!

Once again on Labor Day weekend, we remember those who labor in our own neighborhood community as well as those whom society sometimes overlooks. After worship (which will be shorter than normal) on September 1, we will gather once again to pull together appreciation bags for Harris Elementary teachers and staff, write letters to people in our community, fill hygiene kits for homeless individuals and package/deliver baked goods to those in our community who don't get "a day off". Please make plans to join us for worship--and to stay for the fun!

United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

AUSTIN DISTRICT MEETING, September 21, Industry UMC. Plan on this one - it's at First UMC, 1914 Main Street, Industry, Texas. Luncheon tickets available when you register (\$8.00). Childcare available. Call Alberta for specifics and let her know you are planning on making the trip. (A plus will be getting to see Leo and Luvy again!)

Mission u project: "Working alone is one thing but working together is everything!" We prepared 10 very nice sewing kits in our local unit, and our district as a whole presented 1, 015 sewing kits, hygiene kits, and school supplies with a dollar amount of \$5,707 for presentation to the Manos Juntus mission in Mexico.

Please put these dates on your calendar:

BIF - September 3 - 9:30 a.m.

Reading Library - September 12 - 7:00 p.m.

Lamplighters -- September 19 - 7:00 p.m.

CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS TROOP 88 EXPERIENCE THE FUN!



Who: 5th – 8th 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

News from the Pews by Billie Nixon

Baptism

A celebration day for Joanne and Richard Macon was August 11, 2013. Their fifth grandchild, Harper Rose Macon (3 ½ month old) was baptized at St. Luke UMC. Camille and Matthew Macon are the proud parents and big brother, Jack and big sister, Scarlett, and her great-grandmother, Grandmommie, and Auntie Barbara attended.

Sympathy

Love and concern go to the families of Memorial members who have died since our last Newsletter.

To the family of Mable "Mickey" Peters, who passed away June 19, 2013. A celebration of her life was held at Memorial on July 12, 2013.

Mickey was born on October 16, 1918 in Pottstown PA., to Erwin and Nora Wade at her family's farm. After High School graduation in 1940, Mickey left the family farm for the big city of Philadelphia, where she worked for two doctors as a physical therapist. When World War II broke out, she decided to take up flying so she could join the "Ferry Command" but she married a "flyer" instead.

Mickey married William M. Peters in October of 1943. They were blessed with three sons: James Joseph, Ted Ellis and Billy Peters. The family moved to Austin in 1954. In 1955 the family purchased a house on Corona Drive, where Mickey lived until August 2011.

Mickey worked at Bradford's Paint Company, in downtown Austin for 30 years. She maintained a beautiful backyard and vegetable garden for many years. Mickey also loved art and sculpted busts of family and friends. She also enjoyed reading and archeology.

Mickey is survived by: Ted & Peggy Peters of Alpine, Texas; Billy & Pam Peters of Spicewood, Texas; and five and eight great-grandchildren, one sister, Nora Kulas of Virginia, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Peters.

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News from the Pews continued

To the family of Marcia Neuberger Garrett, who died July 18, 2013. Marcia was born on August 6, 1932 to John M. and Pearl Ax Neuberger in Mason City, IA. She attended school in a one room school house near Ventura, Iowa. In 1943 she and her family moved to Brownsville, Texas, where she attended El Jardin High School. She graduated as valedictorian in 1950. Marcia continued her life-long love of learning at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX and graduated in 1954 with a degree in Elementary Education. Marcia earned her Master's Degree in 1984. She began teaching in Corpus Christi, retiring from AISD after 33 years of inspiring young minds.

Marcia was a faithful and active member of Memorial United Methodist Church and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a passionate reader and avid collector of literature. Marcia was a member of book groups, Bible studies and bridge clubs. She loved to travel, loved spending time with her friends, and her work with her church. But her proudest accomplishment was being a mom. She is survived by her brother, Dr. John W. Neuberger and wife Barbara of Denton, TX; daughters Debbie and Dean Stromer of Klemme, IA, Beth and Mike Brymer of Cedar Park, TX, and Laura and Mark Webb of Bastrop, TX. She is also survived by her 8 grandchildren and 11 precious great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, John M. and Pearl Ax Neuberger.

To the family of Juliet C. Milk, who died July 31, 2013. On January 28, 1918, Juliet Ruth Chick was born in Rossville, Tennessee. She was the mother to 5 children, grandmother to 11 grandchildren, and great grandmother to 9 great grandchildren.

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During her life, Juliet lived in six states and four foreign countries where she was teacher, counselor, and friend. She and her husband, Richard, as lay missionaries with the Methodist Church, developed ESAINEVA, the first rural, vocational, coeducational school in Cuba, 1946-1961. After leaving Cuba, Juliet and Richard served two terms for refugee relief in Jamaica and Vietnam, and six years in Mexico focusing on rural development and family health.

In 1970, after having served with the United Methodist Board of Missions for over a quarter of a century, Juliet and Richard lived in Monroe, LA. and later in Petersburg, VA. During this period Juliet worked as a public health nutritionist, including five years as Supervisor of Public Health Nutrition for the state of Virginia. Following Richard's death in 1980, Juliet moved to Austin, TX, and began supporting better public health and improved nutrition. She was an active member of Memorial United Methodist Church where she strongly advocated for missions and for the often-forgotten members of the Austin community. She was always an important supporter of a strong Spanish-language ministry in the Church.

Juliet was preceded in death by her husband, Richard George Milk, her brothers, Charles Henry Chick and Jack Robert Chick; and her grandson Charles "Carl" Klotz. She is survived by her children, Richard and his wife, Olga of Austin, TX; Robert and his wife, Rosa of San Antonio, TX; Carol Reyes and husband, Pedro of Lima, Perú; Martha Milk of Hollister, CA; Ann Klotz and husband Joe of Roanoke, VA; 10 Grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. A memorial service and reception celebrated her life on August 10, 2013 at Memorial.

Each of these lovely ladies left a beautiful legacy and example of Christian living to follow. We can't help but remember one who has left a lasting imprint on our lives. Thank you God for all these gifts and beautiful memories.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 1 - FaithWorks

8:30 am - 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast
9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Services

Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 3

9:30 am - Staff Meeting
9:30 am - UMW BIF Circle - Pearce

Wednesday, Sept. 4

6 pm - Bell Practice
7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 5

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

Friday, Sept. 6

10 am Bible Study

Saturday, Sept. 7

9:30 am - Yard of the Month - FHL

Sunday, Sept. 8 - Communion

Ya'll Come Sunday

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Services
11:30 am - Trustee Meeting
Noon - Ya'll Come Luncheon - gym

Monday, Sept. 9

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 10

9:30 am - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 11

6 pm - Bell Practice
7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 12

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting
7 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - FHL
7 pm - UMW Reading & Library Circle

Saturday, Sept. 14

10:00 am - WPNA - FHL

Sunday, Sept. 15 - Memorial for Christ

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Services
11:45 am - B.R.U.N.C.H. Kickoff - Gym

Monday, Sept. 16 - Newsletter Deadline

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel
6:30 pm - Church Council
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 17

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 18

6 pm - Bell Practice
7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 19

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting
7:00 pm - UMW Lamplighters Circle - N.E.W.

Friday, Sept. 20

10 am - Bible Study

Sunday, Sept. 22 - Teacher Appreciation

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Services
11:45 am - B.R.U.N.C.H. classes - Gym

Monday, Sept. 23

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 24

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 25

6 pm - Bell Practice
7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 26

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 29 - Apportionment Sunday

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Services
11:45 am - B.R.U.N.C.H. classes - Gym

Monday, Sept. 30

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

September Birthdays

1st Geoffery Adams

Bob Johnson

John Alan Nixon

3rd Sandra Amundson

Nathaniel Rodriguez

Hannah Smith

4th Hildegarde Cook

7th Charles Waits

9th Billy Ray Capps

10th Bea Bailey

Kenneth Jourdan

David Rychlik

11th Kevin McFarland



12th Priscilla Bissett

Kristin Shelton

Taylor Elaine Stewart

13th Billie Talley

19th Pat Teaney

21st Afton Phoenix Petersen

22nd Diana Valastro

23rd Isabel Shelton

Irene Wright

24th Jason Petersen

25th Cameron Rodgers

Irene Shelton

26th Kathy Weimer Gray

27th Marsha Fowler



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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9:15 a.m.- Sunday School (kids and adults)

10:30 a.m.- Worship Service

11:45 am - B.R.U.N.C.H.

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

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