

Memorial

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 25, 2011

September 11 Interfaith Memorial Service

Sunday, September 11 - 4:00pm

First Baptist Church of Austin

Join Memorial UMC members as we travel together to an Austin interfaith gathering for the 10th anniversary of September 11. The service will especially remember the sacrifice of those who lost their lives trying to save others. Join us and the Merrymakers as we'll leave the church at 3:20pm in order to carpool to First Baptist and find seats together.

Come join the team!

Rethink: Community—Engaging Our Schools

Saturday, October 8, 2011

FUMC Austin - 9:30-noon

Memorial UMC is planning to be at the Rethink: Community event which will help us imagine what it means to "go deeper" in relationship with our schools, especially Harris Elementary. We have a couple of members on the team plus Pastor Cynthia, but we'd love to have many more who are willing to join the discussion and plan action!

September's Communion Offering for Others Supports United Methodist Committee on Relief

Years of drought in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Djibouti have escalated in recent weeks, causing widespread hunger and, in two regions of southern Somalia, famine.

According to the United Nations, today's drought is the worst the region has seen in half a century and has left an estimated 11 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. It has provoked acute malnutrition and death, especially among children and other vulnerable populations.

The aid given through the United Methodist Committee on Relief goes 100% to the specific ministry area. As we gather at Christ's table in September, our rail offering will remember those who are desperately without food.

A Note From the Pastor

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15

In commenting on this scripture, Dr. Tom Long says this:

"Now, one would expect Paul to say, 'How beautiful are the *words* of those who bring good news' or 'How beautiful are the *faces* of those who speak the gospel' or 'How beautiful are the *mouths*' or 'How beautiful are the *churches*' or even 'How beautiful are the *stained-glass windows*.' But no—how beautiful are the *feet*. The reason for this is that before we can open our mouths to speak some good news from God, we usually have to burn a little shoe leather to journey to the people who need to hear these words of comfort. Whether it is traveling to a hospital ward, entering the family room at a funeral home, going across the street to a neighbor's house, or picking up the phone and sending our caring thoughts across the wires to a person in need, speaking faithful words to other people often means going to be with them...." (*Testimony* by Thomas G. Long, pg. 15)

I have been walking our neighborhood just a bit. Yes, it's very warm outside, but I generally don't go far. It's been better than driving because I slow down and see things. I see people waiting for the bus. I see kids playing. I see which apartment complexes look just a little more worn than others. I see those who I might not otherwise see.

I believe that churches can make all kinds of plans—plans for leadership, plans for outreach, plans for structures, plans for programming. Those plans are good—I like having a plan. The problem is when our plans never involve us *going to*...when they always involve others *coming to*, we don't get those beautiful feet that Isaiah and Paul speak about.

The "going" is one aspect we're trying to get at as we seek to engage our neighborhood. The gospel message of Jesus' love, of his death and rising again for our sakes, is still beautiful and will be beautiful forever. May our feet become beautiful because we've literally taken it somewhere: across the street... across the highway...across the city...across the state...across the world.

I know where I'm going—not just into the next world. I'm going in this world. Now. To the person who will say, "You have brought me good news!"

Round-Up Sunday, September 11th

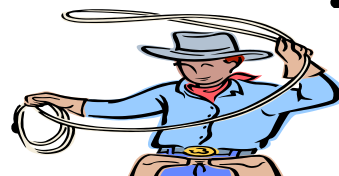
Invite your friends and neighbors to come to church and join in the fun!

Lunch served in the gym immediately after the 10:30 worship service. Bring two dishes to share and the Bar-B-Que, bread and drinks will be provided.

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

"Roundup" is a great way to live out our commitment to "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors." during September Open House Month. Invite friends, neighbors, and family for Sunday school and worship this month. Let's wear our name tags on campus, so we will be known to our guests.

Come, Share, Rejoice!



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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SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 1

- District Professional Mtg - 9:00 am
St. Peter's UMC

Friday, Sept. 2

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Saturday, Sept. 3

- Kingdom Kamp - Mt. Wesley

Sunday, Sept. 4

Communion Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF- Noon
- Kingdom Kamp - Mt. Wesley

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Passionate Worship Conference

**Friday, September 16 (evening)
Saturday, September 17 (9am-3pm)**

Alamo Heights UMC, San Antonio

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.

Lifetime Learning Photo Albums Classes Offered at Memorial

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Course #19 Photo Albums

A. Young

Tuesday, 10:00AM-1:00PM

(Max 16) 6 Classes

Where are your photos? In boxes? Lost in your computer? This is the class for you. We will cover organization, layout techniques and journaling for making scrapbooks and slip-in pocket-page albums. Call 587-9009 with questions. Supplies will be available for purchase.

For complete course and registration information, please go to the website www.lliaustin.org. Catalogs are available at all Austin Public Libraries or can be obtained by calling the LLI volunteers at 206-4232. The LLI office opens on Monday, August 15 to provide information and to process registrations. The fee for each course continues to be \$20.00, the "best bargain in town!"

SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, Sept. 6

- Bible Information Fellowship Circle - 9:30 am
- LL Photo Albums Class - 10a-1pm

Wednesday, Sept. 7

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

Thursday, Sept. 8

- ESL - 6:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 10

- Windsor Park Neighborhood Assn. - 10:00 am

Sunday, Sept. 11

Round Up Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMW's Reading /Library Circle - Noon
- UMYF - Noon
- iACT 9/11 Memorial Service - 4-6pm - First Baptist Church Austin

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Memorial's BSA Troop 88

New Eagle Scout

Justin Lee Rightmer



Justin Lee Rightmer, 18, son of Jerry and Merry Rightmer of Austin, planned and supervised the addition of 5 benches and a paving stone walkway to the Book Garden at Bluebonnet Trail Elementary School as his Eagle Scout project. The Eagle Scout ranking is the highest level of recognition in the Boy Scouts. Rightmer is a member of Troop 88, chartered by Memorial United Methodist Church, and will attend the University of Texas in the fall.

Congratulations to Justin!

Consider joining Boy Scout Troop 88

How would you like to learn to camp, backpack, climb, mountain bike, raft, cook over a fire, and many other fun outdoor activities?

For: 5th – 8th Grade Boys

Where: Memorial United Methodist Church,

6100 Berkman Drive

When: Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact Scoutmaster:

Brian Day at 927-1886 or

email: skippie5867@aol.com



September-October Upper Room's are Available in narthex of the church

Looking for a way to grow spiritually? Begin a daily devotional habit using *The Upper Room* published by the United Methodist Church. Each day's devotion includes a scripture reading, personal reflection by an individual writer, and a prayer. This 10 - 20 minutes each day can strengthen your faith and draw you closer to God.

SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 12

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

Tuesday, Sept. 13

- LL Photo Album Class - 10a-1pm
- Wesley School Meeting - 6:30pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Passionate Worship Conference - San Antonio

Wednesday, Sept. 14

- Passionate Worship Conference - San Antonio - 9am-3pm
- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Sept. 15

- ESL - 6:30 pm
- UMW Lamplighters Circle - 7pm

Friday, Sept. 16

- Bible Study - 10am

Saturday, Sept. 17

- UMW Annual Meeting - 9a-1:30pm - Buda UMC
- Girl Scout Program - 2-10 pm - gym

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United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

If you didn't attend the August 13th UMW meeting you missed meeting of a lot of interesting women. We learned a lot about these women from out of the past and we really enjoyed seeing their "costumes" — lots of imagination went into the program! You could have seen Pastor Lee Joiner from Louisiana (Pastor Cynthia), Minnie Pearl (Norma Hauser), Clara Barton (Jane Friedrich), Betty Ford (Billie Talley), the Phoenician woman (Alberta Shelton), Rosa Parks (Stephanie Lacy), Queen Esther (Connie Tatom), or Eleanor Roosevelt (Alberta Shelton).

Remember the next event is the Annual Conference in Corpus on October 7th and 8th followed by the study on October 15th. Come and hear Sue Sidney present the study, "Joy to the World" and don't forget it's a brown bag event from 9a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lamplighters will meet on September 15th, in the N.E.W. Classroom at 7 p.m. Goals for 2012 will be discussed and formulated.

BIF will meet in the Pearce room at 10 a.m., on September 6th, at 9:30 a.m. Look forward to an interesting program by Carolyn Rogas. She will share some stories of her life in the mission field.

Reading and Library will meeting September with Billie Talley giving the book review. The date will be announced later (possible conflict with the regular meeting date).

Thank You

Dear Memorial Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, expressions of loving concern and care for me and my family as I faced surgery on the 8th. You bolstered my strength and I am glad to report I am recovery nicely at home now. A special thank you to Pastor Cynthia and Billie Nixon for their visits and prayers that meant so much. You will all be remembered in my prayers of gratitude.

Peace be with you.

Barbara Compton and family

SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 18

Memorial for Christ Sunday

Teacher Appreciation/3 Grade

Bible Sunday

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

Monday, Sept. 19

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

Tuesday, Sept. 20

- LL Photo Album Class - 10a-1pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 21

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

Thursday, Sept. 22

- Emmaus Walk - Laura Rhoades Smith - Wimberley

Friday, Sept. 23

- Emmaus Walk - Laura Rhoades Smith - Wimberley

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News from the Pew

by Billie Nixon

Births

This is a wonderful season for our church members to brag about our extended births' families.

Bob and Anna Belle Turner now have a new great-grandchild that was born about 4 months ago. This "little girl" was born to Sara and Stephen Camp, who are living in California while interning in medicine. At the end of this year they will be moving to Ft. Worth, Texas. Bob and Ann Belle are now proud to say they have 4 great-grand children and 3 great-great-grand children.

Kay Allen reports news of her first great-grand child, born August 1, 2011. His name is Lucas Allen Huddleston, weighing 7 lbs. 7oz., and was 21" long. Proud parents are Erin and Dave Huddleston and grandmother is Mary Crook. All are doing fine.

John and Billie Nixon are proud to tell of their 6th grandchild, Billie Florence Lois Nixon, born July 22, 2011, at 8:04 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20¼" long. Proud parents are John Alan and Tina Nixon and her brother is Grant. This gives Billie and John 3 grand girls and 3 grand boys and 1 great-grand daughter.

Last, but certainly not least, Connie Tatom's new granddaughter is Allison Marie Tatom, born July 25, 2011, at 9:53 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz., and was 19½" long. Allison's parents are Billy and Angela Tatom and her siblings are Charlton, Clare, and Vivian.

Each of these precious babies are our reminder of God's wonderful miracles of life and this we are so thankful for.

Sympathy

Love and concern go to the following church members for the recent deaths within their families.

To Cleo Wilson on the death of her twin brother, Clyde O. Hutto was born on June 12, 1918 in Burnet County, Texas and died Monday, July 18, 2011 in Borger, Texas where he had been a resident since 1948. He was a shift foreman for J.M. Huber Corp. He married Mary Elizabeth Armatage, and she preceded him in death in 1987. He was also preceded in death by his son, Lyle, in 2009. Clyde served in the US Army during WW II and played for the Borger Gassers Baseball Team. He is survived by his son, Larry Hutto of Borger and his twin sister, Cleo Wilson of Austin.

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SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 24

- District Lay Speakers Class - 8:30a-4:30pm - St. John's UMC Austin
- Emmaus Walk - Laura Rhoades Smith - Wimberley

Sunday, Sept. 25

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Noon
- Emmaus Walk - Laura Rhoades Smith - Wimberley

Monday, Sept. 26

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm **Tuesday, Sept. 27**

- LL Photo Album Class - 10a-1pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 28

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



Do Acts of Caring To Shut-ins (ACTS) by picking up an ACTS envelopes in the foyer and put a smile on our shut-ins faces by sending them a card!

Sympathy continued

To Ann and Lester Bryant on the death of Ann's brother, Jack Lowry, who died Saturday, July 23, 2011. The services were held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Robinson, Texas.

To JoAnn and Bill Bennink on the death of JoAnn's aunt, Ruby McBride, age 94, of Shiner, Texas, who died on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Funeral services were held on Sunday, August 14, 2011 in Shiner, Texas and the burial was in Yoakum, Texas. This aunt was on JoAnn's mother side and now there is only one sibling left.

To Evelyn and Billy Capps on the death of Evelyn's mother, Wilma Lewis, age 95, who died on August 12, 2011. She was living in Austin at the time of her death. This has been a rough year for Evelyn as her father and one brother died in 2010 and her mother this month and she has one brother left. Both parents donated their remains to U.T. Research. Therefore, Wilma's memorial service will be at a later date in November, in Brackettville, Texas, where she and her husband previously lived.

To Eddie and Virginia Smith on the death of Eddie's sister, Ollie "Sis" Cotten, age 88, who died Sunday, August 14, 2011, in Milano, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., August 17, 2011, in Rockdale, Texas and burial was in the Milano Cemetery. "Sis" was the only girl of nine siblings. Her life must have been exciting with eight brothers.

To Margaret and John Adams on the death of Margaret's mother, Sally (Sarah Susan Busick) Leckrone, who died July 24, 2011. She was 95. Born June 23, 1916 to J.L. and Clara Busick, Sally married Dorsey Leckrone, May 21, 1938. She is survived by two sisters, eight children, 11 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. Sally's filled her life with children, farming, teaching, the Fremont Methodist Church, painting, flowers, quilting and travel. A memorial service is planned for October 22, 2011, at the Fremont Methodist Church, Fremont, MI.

May God bless each of you in your hour of sorrow and know that we at Memorial care.

September Birthdays

- 1st Geoffery Adams
Bob Johnson
John A. Nixon (son)
- 3rd Sandra Amundson
Nathaniel Rodriguez
Hannah Smith
- 4th Hildegarde Cook
- 7th Cauree McReynolds
Charles Waits
- 9th Billy Ray Capps
- 10th Kenneth Jourdan
David Rychlik
- 11th Kevin McFarland
- 12th Priscilla Bissett
Kristin Shelton
Taylor Elaine Stewart
- 13th Billie Talley
- 15th Katherine Ann Cox
- 16th Kristina Helge Wood
- 19th Pat Teaney
- 21st Afton Phoenix Petersen
- 22nd Diana Valastro
- 23rd Charles Sampler
Isabel Shelton
Irene Wright
- 24th Jason Petersen
- 25th Cameron Rodgers
Irene Shelton
- 26th Kathy Weimer Gray
- 30th Brenda Metzger Browning



Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:

Logan Friedrich

Elizabeth Wilder
Don & Barbara Metzger

Ollie 'Sis' Cotton

Billie and John Nixon

Howard Rogas

Don & Barbara Metzger

Troy Talley

Don & Barbara Metzger

George Burnup

Don & Barbara Metzger

Clyde Hutto

Alma and Johnie Madison
Billie and John Nixon

Carey Jourdan

Don & Barbara Metzger

Jack Lowry

Billie and John Nixon

Sally Leckrone

Billie and John Nixon

Sam Fritsche

Don & Barbara Metzger

Immediate Prayers

Carrie DeLeon (Mary Beth O'Hanlon's sister)

Marvle Bissett	Don Metzger	Terry Ericson
Jan Purtle	Evelyn Capps	Rev. Bill Simmons

Continuing Prayers

Dick and Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's parents)

Francisco Fuentes (Isabel Shelton's grandfather)

Ozelma Goodlett (Connie Tatom's mother)

Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)

Suzanne Wright	Greg Mikeska	Mickey Peters
Cecil Angermann	Lillian Talley	John Marshall
Margi Bienenmann	Diana Valastro	Mike Pena
Warren Crumbling	Kathy Gray	Russell Moore
Dave & Pat Teaney	Paul Moore	CW2 Michael Moore
Bob & Anna Bell Turner		

Prayer Chain

Would you like to receive the word who needs prayers either by phone or E-mail? If so, please contact the church office at 452-5796, during office hours.

