

# The Newsletter

## October 2013

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### *Sunday Schedule*

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

BRUNCH - 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## ***"Trunk or Treat"***

***"A Safe Halloween  
Alternative"***

Thursday, October 31

Setup - 5 pm

Start - 5:30 - 7 pm

## ***Volunteers and Candy are Needed!***

Volunteers and candy are needed for Memorial UMC's "Trunk or Treat" on Thursday, October 31, at 5:30 pm. Join us by decorating your car trunk for Halloween and passing out candy. If you can help as a volunteer or by donating some candy, please talk to Kendall or Laura Smith for more information. Please place your candy donations in the basket in the back of the church or leave it at the church office.

**NOW SERVING  
BRUNCH**

## ***BRUNCH***

### ***Fall Schedule for Adults:***

- 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

**October 6th  
Communion Offering  
Supports  
World Communion**



Our October Communion Sunday offering will go to World Communion Offering, which provides scholarships for ethnic-minority Methodist students in the United States. It will also go to relief efforts in Colorado following the floods. UMCOR will be working there.

## Kids Quest

Kid's Quest is our new programs for kids age 4 and up on Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:15. Each season, we will be looking at a different topic or story and working on an art project which will be displayed in the Parlor/Memorial Room area after the end of the season. This fall, we're looking at the story of Joseph - it's fun for everyone!

### Staff Update

Joanne Macon, our church secretary for the past 12 years, has announced that she will be retiring on January 15, 2014. Please pray for the SPRC as we begin the search for a new administrative assistant for MUMC! More details and information about celebrating Joanne's ministry will come next month.

Daniel Swayze has been serving as our interim pianist since August. We are actively searching for an organist/conductor. Daniel is a graduate student studying piano at UT Austin. Daniel hails from Oregon.

Correction: In last month's newsletter, the name of our new Financial Coordinator was listed as Holly Hunt. It is Holly Huff.



### *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.

**Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, October 14**

Oct.  
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## Pastor's Corner

My husband, Clayton, and I have been remodeling the South Austin house that I have owned since the first time I pastored in Austin. After our renters moved out this spring, we decided that we really didn't like being landlords. And when we started talking to a realtor about what we would need to do in order to sell it, they told us we had two options.

We could leave it as is and probably sell it to a "flipper" - someone who would come in and redo it and turn it around to sell again.

Or we could redo it ourselves - refurbish, change a few things, add some touches, take down walls, repaint...and on and on and on.

We chose the latter because we thought it would be fun to take all of the things we had always wanted to do to update the house and make it new again.

Six months later...we're still working, though we're getting into the home stretch. Lots of things have intervened, including Clayton's father's cancer diagnosis and a car wreck (complete with broken rib). Clayton has done the vast majority of the work, but we've tried to make decisions about the place together - everything from paint color to cabinets and trim and whether or not to take down this wall.

One of the things I've discovered along the way has been that it's hard to make decisions because in the end, it won't be us living there. I would prefer a different carpet, but we're not sure everyone has our taste. I would have put in a different faucet, but it's not necessarily what someone else will want. We spend a lot of time asking our realtor and friends of about the age range that might want to buy our house their opinions.

Some items can be relatively easily changed - paint color in a room, for example. But some things we had to think ahead 20-30 years down the road - as with the new kitchen cabinets we installed.

Visioning for the church is a lot like that. Some decisions can be made only for this moment because we can easily go back and change them later. But many decisions need to be made with someone else in mind...someone who may be coming along in a year...in 5 years...in 10 years...maybe even after we're gone.

We're doing some new things and trying on some different styles at Memorial. This is not done with the express purpose of making anyone angry or to make individuals look good (or bad!). It's just that we're attempting to bridge the difference between the way different generations and cultures and socio-economic groups hear Jesus. We're trying to make this a place for the people who live in it right now...and for the people who we hope will live in it as the Body of Christ for the next 50 years.

## **United Methodist Women** **by Jane Friedrich**

Alberta Shelton and Billie Talley will be attending the Austin District Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Industry United Methodist Church. IF you get this reminder in time, and would like to attend, contact Alberta Shelton.

Please make your plans to attend the Islam Study on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. You will be reminded of the meeting during the Sunday service so, plan on joining us for this important, timely and informative meeting. Call Alberta, if you have any questions.

Reading and Library will meet on October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. Come and help us re-organize books and do a little cleaning while we're at it!

Lamplighters will be working on new banners at the meeting in October 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us at 7:00 pm. We plan on having the banners up for World Communion Day.

BIF will meet on October 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Pearce Room. You can count it - Stephanie Lacy will have a good program!

Church Women United will meet on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alberta Shelton for details.

### ***"Thank You"***

Thank you is somehow inadequate to convey my feelings for all of your kindness. Your well wishes and kind words at my retirement reception are a special memory.

Thank you for your generous donations to my retirement gift. When the right opportunity comes to use it, I will have very special thoughts of each of you.

Your greatest gift to me is your friendship.  
Shirley Rhoades



**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!**

## **News from the Pews by Billie Nixon**

### ***Recent Graduates Update***

We are so happy to report that Drianna Christine Gonzales is currently attending Embry-Riddle Aero-Nautical University in Prescott, Arizona where she is studying mechanical Engineering and Aeronautic Sciences. She graduated from Reagan and Austin Community College this past Spring. Drianna is the daughter of Julie Gonzales.

Mary Beth Bryant is attending North Texas University at Denton, Texas. She is studying Music, Education and Marching Band. Mary Beth is the daughter of Alan and Sherry Bryant of Cedar Creek, Texas.

Mary Beth's older brother, David is attending the University of Houston, studying English and is currently the Editor of the school's newspaper.

It is wonderful to hear news about everyone. If you have something to share with us, PLEASE contact Billie Nixon, either by mail or call (512) 923-4400 or give the church a call at (512) 452-5796.

### ***New Birth***

News from Drianna Gonzales, is that she has become an aunt this pass Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Her older sister, Tiffany Kerr of Williamson County had her second girl. Her oldest daughter is 3 years old. The baby and momma and grandmother, Julie Gonzales are all doing fine.

God's greatest gift on earth is the birth of a new life. Congratulations!

### ***Y'all Come Appreciation***

To each person who attended, brought food, helped in anyway setting up, serving, or cleaning up at our yearly dinner on September 15, it was greatly appreciated. As anyone knows things do not just happen. It takes all of us to make our functions a success, and I feel the dinner was a success. Thank you for your participation.

Love in Christ,

Billie Nixon

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## **Tuesday, Oct. 1**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

9:30 am - UMW BIF Circle - Pearce

6:30 pm - Discipleship Task Force

## **Wednesday, Oct. 2**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Oct. 3**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

## **Friday, Oct. 4**

10 am Bible Study

## **Saturday, Oct. 5**

9:30 am - Yard of the Month - FHL

## **Sunday, Oct. 6 - World Communion Sunday**

8:30 am - 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:45 am - BRUNCH classes - Gym

Noon - Youth

## **Monday, Oct. 7**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Oct. 8**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting

## **Wednesday, Oct. 9**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Oct. 10**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

7 pm - Austin Ukulele Society - FHL

7 pm - UMW Reading & Library Circle

## **Saturday, Oct. 12**

10:00 am - WPNA - FHL

## **Sunday, Oct. 13**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:45 am - BRUNCH classes - Gym

Noon - Youth

## **Monday, Oct. 14 - Newsletter Deadline**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:30 pm - Church Council

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Oct. 15**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Wednesday, Oct. 16**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Oct. 17**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

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

## **Friday, Oct. 18**

10 am - Bible Study

## **Sunday, Oct. 20 - Memorial for Christ**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:45 am - BRUNCH Fellowship Day

Noon - Youth

4 pm - District Conference at First UMC

## **Monday, Oct. 21**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Wednesday, Oct. 23**

No Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Oct. 24**

5:30 pm - Emmaus Men Meeting

## **Sunday, Oct. 27**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:45 am - BRUNCH Service Day

Noon - Youth

## **Monday, Oct. 28**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer - Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts - Gym

## **Tuesday, Oct. 29**

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

## **Wednesday, Oct. 30**

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

## **Thursday, Oct. 31 - Halloween**

5pm - Set up time for Trunk or Treat

5:30 -7pm Trunk or Treat - Church Parking Lot

## October Birthdays

1st Clayton Karrer  
2nd Rachele Webb  
4th Syble Berglund  
5th Frances Beerwinkle  
6th Shirley Rhoades  
Eleanor Jo Smith  
7th Clifford Brown  
11th Sue Branch  
15th Jane Shive  
17th Ann Bryant  
20th Malena Pomerleau Peterson  
22nd John Adams  
Sandra Davis  
29th Jo-Ann Bennink  
30th David Teaney

## Facilities Update

In our last newsletter, we reported that we would be redoing the gym kitchen this fall with new cabinetry, appliances, flooring and wall color. Because of the permit process, we will be pushing back renovations to begin in January. Thank you to Wesley School for heavily financing this project! If you wish to find out more, contact Pat or Patti Marcum through the church office (452-5796).

We have a new roof! Thanks to Church Mutual Insurance and Jim Filipowicz & Associates Construction for their diligent work. As we speak, the last bits of cleanup and repairs are happening, and we'll enjoy a leak-free roof with all of the rain that we are praying for this fall! The roof was damaged in the heavy winds this spring.



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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 - BRUNCH

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

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