

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.

9:00 a.m.- Prayground - Third Sundays

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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September 20, 2012



**Worship
in
October
and
November!**

October 7-14 Pastor Cynthia wraps up our series on the letter of James: *Larger than Life!*

In addition on October 7, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with a special worship service celebrating the Christian community all around the world.



October 21-November 25

"And the Winner Is..."

Jesus didn't give his disciples the seven secrets to success in the world. He didn't give them winning lottery numbers or have a reality competition to see who God loves the most. Join us in worship as we see what Jesus did tell his disciples about what it means to really "win" in the kingdom of God.

Special Services:

November 4 we will celebrate All Saints Day

November 18 we will consecrate our Estimate of Giving cards

November 25 we will celebrate Christ the King

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!

OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 1

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

Tuesday, Oct. 2

- BIF - 9:30 am
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 5

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Oct. 7 - World Communion

- 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast-8:15am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Blessing of the Animals - 4:00 pm

Monday, Oct. 8

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

Tuesday, Oct. 9

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

Wednesday, Oct.

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

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World Communion Sunday Offering to Support UM Missions



As we join with Christians around the world at the Lord's table October 7, you are invited to give a gift in support of ministry around the world. Your gift will support the United Methodist World Service Fund which underwrites ministry programs and mission personnel to offer Christ to all around the globe. Mark your gift "World Service" and join in the world wide celebration of faith.

Come Join Us!

October 21 from 9:00-9:30am
in the Sanctuary

We are still reaching out to the kids of our neighborhood with our worship service just for them once a month. We meet the 3rd Sunday at 9:00am for a half hour of puppets, prayers, singing and fun! This is the perfect opportunity to invite a neighbor who has children to explore Memorial UMC.

Our next Prayground date is October 21, so help us get the word out! Take a postcard and send it to a friend or let us know, and we'll send you an email invite that you can forward on. Help us to help this ministry grow and watch how adding children to our congregation brings new life!

Prayground!



Volunteers and Candy are Needed!

"Trunk or Treat"

"A Safe Halloween Alternative"

Wednesday, October 31 - 5:30 pm

Volunteers and candy are needed for Memorial UMC's "Trunk or Treat" on Wednesday, October 31, 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.

OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 11

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7-8:30pm

Saturday, Oct. 13

- WPNA - 10:00 am - FHL

Sunday, Oct. 14

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee meeting - 11:30 am - Pearce
- Reading/Library Circle - Noon
- Youth - Noon

Monday, Oct. 15

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

Tuesday, Oct. 16

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Oct. 17

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Thursday, Oct. 18

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7-8:30pm
- Lamplighter's Circle - 7:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 19

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday, Oct. 21-Memorial for Christ

- Playground - Sanctuary - 9-9:30am
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Youth - Noon

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Youth Corner

Greetings!

I am Shannon Burrows, and I am so excited to be the new youth intern here at Memorial UMC! As a student at UT Austin, I have learned that having a strong faith life is of the utmost importance, and that for many young adults having one starts in a previous youth group experiences. I am pleased to say that not only have a good number of youth been coming consistently each Sunday, but also there has been a noticeable desire to learn more about Jesus Christ. How exciting is that?

There are three main objectives in our youth group: get them here, keep them and engage them in activities that will further their relationship with the Lord, and encourage them to invite their friends to join in on the fun. In order to do this I believe that there are certain aspects of youth that should and are already being promoted. Service to others is key, and I am so pleased to say that our youth have already been actively engaged not only in helping others around the church, but in our community as well. Whether it was helping to clean up on Y'all Come Sunday, making cookie dough for other helpful organizations, or delivering those cookies in person, our youth has exemplified a remarkable amount of respect, gratitude, and joy in their service work. Also I believe that Fellowship is essential to growing in a relationship with Christ. So far this has been happening by getting to know each other through fun games, conversations, and an exhilarating church lock-in! We also plan to have a once a month field trip to fun places around Austin! Fellowship and service will continue to be promoted and are embedded in the program so that current youth and newcomers can experience the importance of both of these aspects in Christianity.

It is amazing to see the Lord changing and growing in such powerful ways within the hearts of our youth. The Lord is so good! I can only pray that these youth experiences will just be a small, but essential, stepping stone for things much greater to come in our youths' walks with the Lord.

God Bless,
Shannon Burrows



OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 22

Newsletter Deadline

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

Tuesday, Oct. 23

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Oct. 24

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

Thursday, Oct. 25

- News Crew - 1:00 pm

Sunday, Oct. 28

Apportionment Sunday

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

Monday, Oct. 29

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

Tuesday, Oct. 30

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- Trunk or Treat - 5:30 pm
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

ReThink Green Reminder !

Recycle your plastic newspaper bags and grocery bags by donating them to Wesley School. Just drop them off at the school or bring them to the church office.



CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS



Troop 88 in Action

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

Ya'll Come Appreciation

To each person who attended, brought food, helped in anyway setting up, serving, or cleaning up at our yearly dinner on September 9. 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

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, October 22



Note From the Pastor

The worst part of the political season for me Christians going after other Christians. Christians not stopping to think, "Is what I'm saying/posting just mean or is it the truth?" By truth, I don't mean the spin that a political group wants us to believe, but is it true to what is actually happening.

I came across these rules for holy conversation. I think many of them might be applicable in this season...and even after the elections. Of course we will have disagreements, ranging from public policy all the way to the arrangement of the furniture. But I hope that whether we're on Facebook or sitting in a council meeting or attending a UMW function, these rules might apply.

1. *Understand that every person is a child of God.* "If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Jesus Christ is blunt. Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both." (1 John 4:20-21, *The Message*)
2. *Listen before speaking.* "Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with." (Romans 14:1, *The Message*)
3. *Strive to understand the situation from another's point of view.* "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...who emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness." (Philippians 2:5, 7, NRSV)
4. *Strive to reflect accurately the views of others.* "I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter..." (Matthew 12:36-37, NRSV)
5. *Disagree without being disagreeable.* "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1-2a, NRSV)
6. *Speak about issues; do not defame people.* "...if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire." (Matthew 5:22b, NRSV)
7. *Pray, in silence or aloud, before decisions or before posting.* "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:28, NIV)
8. *Let prayer interrupt your whole day, everything you do.* "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NASB)

Rules adapted from *Interpreter Magazine*, September/October 2012, pg. 9 in the article "Holy Conferencing: Bringing grace to tough conversations" by John Michael de Marco.

Congratulations

Service Award

In 1977 , a young lady graduated from the University of Texas Nursing School and began her nursing career at Brackenridge. On Monday, September 10, Kathy Reinhart was honored by the Seton family of hospitals for her 35 years of caring and service to the medical needs of her neighbors. This is a well deserved recognition of her dedication and long hours as a faithful servant and we offer our congratulations and thanks.

We at Memorial are honored to know Kathy, Steve and their children all these wonderful years and appreciate their service both in the medical field and at Memorial. Congratulations!

New Babies

If Tom Bissett had a brighter smile Sunday, there was a good reason. He and Priscilla have another new grandchild. Olivia Grace Batts was born September 12, 2012, at St. David’s Hospital at 2:20 p.m., and she weighed 7 lbs. 8oz., and is 19¼” long. Olivia’s parents are Chuck and Tamara Batts and Olivia’s big brother is Charlie and big sister is Lauren, grandparents are Charles and Joan Batts, and Tom and Priscilla Bissett.

Exciting news came from Costa Rica for Dorothy Johnson about the birth of her new great-granddaughter, Bianca, who was born August 29, 2012. She joins her cousins, Nicole, age 7, and Mattias, age 3. All are well and happy!



One of God’s greatest miracles and joys are the births of human and nature. We at Memorial rejoice with you in the wonderful way God has blessed you!

Sympathy

Love and concern go to many Memorial friends in the death of loved ones. To Charles and Carol Garner in the death of Charles’ nephew, Dr. Eric Muirhead, age 62, of Houston, Texas. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and many other relatives. One of Charles’ two twin sister, Mary Louise Muirhead of Memphis was Eric’s mother. Services were held for Dr. Muirhead on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

To the family of Donald Dearing, age 82, of Austin, who passed away on July 22, 2012 in Pflugerville, Texas. He was married to Lula Mae Dearing, had one daughter, and one son, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at Cook-Walden’s Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery.

To the family of Charles Sprangler, Sr. age 89, passed away on September 7, 2012. Charles had many accomplishments, hobbies, and was a pharmacist at Ace’s Drug Mart until retirement. He is survived by his children and their spouses, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives. Funeral services were held Monday, September 9, 2012 and interment followed at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery.

We at Memorial pray that God will watch over you and comfort you with his love through this time of sorrow.

Special Thanks

Thank you to all our friends for your cards of love, calls of encouragement for the death of Blayne’s sister, Laurie Bankston on August 13, 2012. It is wonderful to know that our church family remembered and cares about us.

Love,

Blayne and Debbie Parsley

Special Thanks continued

Dear Memorial UMC Friends,
Thank you for including me in the Church prayers and thank you to each of you that committed to include me in your prayers. What a wonderful feeling it is to know so many are concerned and praying. You are such a blessing to me and my family.

Thank you for your support.

Barbara Compton.

We received this note before Barbara passed away on September 19, 2012. Our prayers are with her family, especially Cleo Wilson, her mother.

To a loving Congregation,

We want to thank the congregation for the prayer letter lifting us up in prayer. It is so wonderful to belong to such a caring and loving congregation.

We feel very blessed.

Robert and Anna Belle Turner

Immediate Prayers

The Family of Barbara Compton

The Family of Charles Spangler, Sr.

The Family of Bob Babers (Gloria McPhail's uncle)

Pat & Dave Teaney Thelma Latz Lynda Rychlik

Kimberley Bennink Suzanne Wright

Ann Broaders (Neighbor of Nancy Hawkins)

Carole Murphy (Susan Froebel's friend's mother)

Continuing Prayers

Mary Mohler (Don Mohler's mother)

Mary McCrary Jackson (Bob Hauser's niece)

Jay Jarrett (Gloria McPhail's niece's grandfather)

Wanda Stout Adams Jo-Ann Bennink

Carol Combs Dorothy Dennig

Laurie Dennig Weldon Friedrich

Ron Frederick Ozelma Goodlett

Norma Jones Don Kothmann

Barbara Metzger Randy Smith

Bambi Teaney Mike Pena

United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

The United Methodist Women's yearly General Conference meeting is in Kerrville, October 12-13. Make sure to get your reservations in and if you have any questions, please call Norma Hauser.

BIF will meet in the Pearce Room on October 2, at 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Members are urged to come and to help us make plans for future programs.

Reading and Library will meet on October 14, after church.

Lamplighters will meet on October 18, to continue ongoing projects. They could always use some help. Contact Virginia Smith, if you have any questions.

UMW general meeting was held on September 16. The budget for 2013 was approved. Officers for 2013 were elected. Norma Hauser has completed her term as president. She has done a great job these last three years. Our new president will be Alberta Shelton, who already knows the ropes! She has served in all capacities in UMW both in the local unit and high up on the totem pole. We look forward to her tenure! Other officers for 2013 are: Vice President, Stephanie Lacy; Treasurer, Billie Talley; Secretary and Education and Interpretation, Jane Friedrich; Membership and Nurture, All members; Spiritual Growth, Norma Hauser; Program Resources, Billie Talley; Friendship Center, Billie Talley; Church Women United, Alberta Shelton; History, TBA; Yearbook, Norma Hauser; and Social Action, Kay Dunbar. The Nominating Committee: Class of 2013-Jane Friedrich, Linda Eaker, Stephanie Lacy, and 2014-Billie Talley, Patty Marcum, Norma Hauser, and Virginia Smith.

In case you get this in time-remember the District UMW meeting will be at Crestview UMC on Saturday, September 22. Lunch will be available and you can pay when you register. Transportation problems? Call Norma Hauser.

October Birthdays

- 1st Clayton Karrer
- 2nd Rachelle Webb
- 4th Syble Berglund
- 5th Frances Beerwinkle
- 6th Shirley Rhoades
Eleanor Jo Smith
- 7th Clifford Brown
- 11th Sue Branch
- 15th Jane Shive
Curt Swenson
- 16th Mickey Peters
- 17th Ann Bryant
- 20th Malena Pomerleau Peterson
- 22nd John Adams
Sandra Davis
- 29th Jo-Ann Bennink
- 30th David Teaney



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7

4:00pm, front lawn of Memorial UMC

All of God's creatures are welcomed. All pets should be under control: on a leash, in a carrier or otherwise contained. If your pet doesn't travel well or doesn't play well with others (is dangerous or aggressive), you may bring one of your pet's toys to be blessed as well.



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9:15 a.m.-Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

Prayground - Every Third Sunday - 9-9:30 am

Church Office Hours

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8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1– 4:00 p.m.

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