

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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Church Office Hours

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

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News by Email - Contact the office by phone or email and give us your email address.

October 27, 2011



"Trunk or Treat"

"A Safe Halloween Alternative"
Monday, October 31 - 5:30 pm

Our parking lot will be turned into a family friendly zone with congregation members participating by decorating the trunk of their car 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 call 712-4247.

Giving Thanks for the Saints of Our Lives
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - November 6

"Give a Gift to Honor the Saints of Your Life"

This year, All Saints Sunday is November 6, and we will give thanks for members of our congregation who have died since November 2010. In addition, our congregation is compiling a Book of Saints to list those faithful ones we wish to remember from our own individual lives. Sheets for the book, on which you may record the names of persons of significance to you, will be available in the sanctuary next two Sundays, (October 31, and November 6). Listings received by Thursday, November 3, will be recorded on a bulletin insert for the November 6, service.

As an expression of thanksgiving, you also are invited to give a gift in memory of the saints of your life. Special envelopes will be available for this purpose. Though this is not a requirement for listing the saints of your life, your gift will support the mission ministry of the United Methodist Church. In this way, we will offer Christ to others as we remember those who have offered Christ to us.



**Consecration Sunday
and
Celebration Thanksgiving Dinner
November 20, 2011
Memorial's Gym**

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, come to the Celebration Thanksgiving Dinner.

Turkey, dressing and drinks will be provided.
Please bring 2 side dishes to share.

(If you would like to donate a turkey, please talk with Billie Nixon.)

Come, Share, Rejoice!

**Christmas Cantata
"Go Tell It!"
by Jack Schrader
Dec 11, 2011
Worship - 10:30 AM**

This year's Christmas cantata is "Go Tell It!" by Jack Schrader. Jack feels that the Christmas story is really the essence of the gospel, the good news, the best news imaginable. It is the story of the Son of God becoming the Son of Man, the second person of the triune God humbling himself to become like us, one of us, so he could be our eternal Savior. Therefore, the focus of this cantata is rightfully Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

The cantata contains a mix of mostly familiar carols with some new ones. It includes one of my favorite new carols, "Mary, Did You Know?" It also includes opportunities for the congregation to join in on the singing of several very familiar carols. The narrations provide dramatic emphasis that give energy and passion to the story.

We hope that when we finish singing this cantata, you will overflow with the thought of telling others about our Savior.

Carol Combs

GO TELL IT!

SAVE THE DATE!

***November 8 at 7:00pm
Annual Church Conference***

Our annual meeting where we will review our year and talk about upcoming plans for next year with our District Superintendent. All members of the church are welcome and will have voice and vote.



Advent Event Calendar

Hanging of the Greens

Nov. 27 - 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata

Dec. 11 - 10:30 a.m. Worship

UMW Parson House's Christmas Party

Dec. 11 - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Dec. 25 - 10:30 pm



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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NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 1

- Bible Information Fellowship Circle - 9:30 am
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 2

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

Thursday, Nov. 3

- ESL - 6:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 4

Church Conference Forms Due

- Bible Study - 10am

Sunday, Nov. 6 - All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Times Ends

- UMW Breakfast Fundraiser - 8:30-9:15am - gym
- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Youth Dodge Ball Tournament - 2-6pm - Austin Sport Center

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Medicare Enrollment Comes Earlier This Year

If you're a senior on Medicare -- or an adult child responsible for a senior on Medicare -- here's something you should know: The annual "open enrollment" period for joining or changing prescription drug or private health plans is already under way.

It started on Oct. 15, and it's going to stop on Dec. 7." Metcalf says the dates were moved up in part so plans could get all their paperwork done -- and put new membership cards in patients' hands -- by Jan. 1, when plan changes take effect.

But the new dates are only one of several changes Metcalf says Medicare enrollees need to be aware of for next year. Consumer Reports has a free guide to some of them.

A key change she says consumers should be aware of during the open season is a new "star-based" quality rating, particularly for health plans.

"You want 4 to 5 stars," Metcalf says. And the reason that matters is that "those plans are getting more money from Medicare. They're basically getting bonuses for being good."

But no matter how many stars a plan has, last year's health law is guaranteeing certain new benefits to everyone enrolled in the private Medicare plans known as Medicare Advantage.

In 2011, everyone in traditional Medicare was guaranteed a series of free preventive benefits, including an annual wellness exam and screenings for things like cancer and heart disease. Starting in 2012, those benefits will have to be offered by Medicare Advantage plans, as well.

Next year will also see a further constriction of the notorious "doughnut hole" gap in Medicare prescription drug coverage, where people continue to pay premiums but essentially get no benefits. In 2012, people who reach the gap will automatically get a 50 percent discount on their brand-name prescription drugs, and a 14 percent discount on generic medications.

For more information, please talk with Wanda Adams.

NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Nov. 7

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

Tuesday, Nov. 8

- Voting - Gym - 7am-7pm
- Staff meeting - 9:30am
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Memorial's Church Conference - 7pm - N.E.W.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

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

Thursday, Nov. 10

- ESL - 6:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 12

- WPNA - FHL - 9:30 am

Sunday, Nov. 13

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

Monday, Nov. 14

Newsletter Deadline

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - Pearce - 6:30 pm
- Church Council - N.E.W. - 7:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

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November Communion Offering

Helps support "Feeding Ministries" locally and in the United States. Mark your gift "Feeding Ministries" and place it on the chancel rail during communion, or place it in the Sunday offering.



Veterans' Recognition

Sunday, November 13

We will recognize all veterans of military service on Sunday, November 13, 2011, during our worship at 10:30 am.

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



NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 15

- Staff meeting - 9:30 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 16

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

Thursday, Nov. 17

- News Crew - 1 pm - Pearce
- UMW Lamplighter's Circle - 7pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 18

- Bible Study - 10am

Saturday, Nov. 19

- Private Party - Gym - 10-5pm

Sunday, Nov. 20

Consecration Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Thanksgiving Consecration Lunch - Gym

Monday, Nov. 21

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

Tuesday, Nov. 22

- Staff meeting - 9:30 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 23

- No Bell or Choir Practice
- Wesley School Thanksgiving - Noon - Gym

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United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

Messages From President Norma Hauser for All UMW Members - Active and At-Large:

On Sunday, October 23, an important called meeting was held to elect officers and to approve the 2012 budget and elected the nomination committee for 2013.

Norma Hauser, Stephanie Lacy, Alberta Shelton and Billie recently attended the annual conference in Corpus Christi and came back with some items of general interest to all church members as well as UMW members. The recent drive for layette sets for UMCOR resulted in a total of 702 complete layettes plus \$2,000 in cash for use with associated expenses. This was an awesome achievement. They also learned that a district warehouse has been set up at Mt. Wesley. This will be a great help when drives for various donations are conducted. UMW's from throughout the conference will take collected items to the warehouse at Mt. Wesley where they will be combined and distributed accordingly, resulting in a smoother operation.

On November 6, UMW will host a combined breakfast and bake sale for all church members and guests. Pancakes, bacon, coffee and juice will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., for a very nominal fee of \$3.00 - cheap as local purveyors and a whole lot better! Come see UMW ladies at work and plan on purchasing bake goods while you are there. Put this on your calendar. Right now!

Norma urges all members, active and at-large, to participate in BIF's meeting on December 6, for preparation of gifts for the shut-ins. Our numbers of shut-ins is increasing so, we need more little gifts than ever for our Christmas bags. These bags are distributed to all shut-ins of the congregation, men and women. The bags are personally delivered by either a UMW member or the pastor. The visits alone are well received by our shut-in members and the little gift bags are a bonus. Please plan to come to the parlor on December 6. We will make a little party out of the event so, bring Christmas goodies of your choosing that we will combine to have a nice little Christmas luncheon while we are working on the bags. You'll be glad you did. It's a good time to get in the Christmas spirit of giving.

December 11 marks the time of the annual Christmas party at Parsons House. Make your plans to participate in this event and don't forget to take some of your special Christmas goodies for the party.

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NOVEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Day

Office/Wesley School Closed

Friday, Nov. 25

Office/Wesley School Closed

Sunday, Nov. 27

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Noon
- Hanging of the Greens - 6:30pm

Monday, Nov. 28

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

Tuesday, Nov. 29

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm

United Methodist Women News continued

Now back to our regularly scheduled meetings:

BIF will meet on November 1, in the Pearce room for the regularly scheduled World Thank Offering and Pledge Service as presented by Billie Talley. (Don't forget to bring your World Thank Offering.) BIF members and guests want to thank Clayton Karrer for his really great presentation of our Bible lesson at our October meeting.

Lamplighters will meet November 17, for World Thank Offering and Pledge Service by Linda Eaker. (Bring your World Thank Offering.)

Reading and Library will meet November 13, immediately after church service. Billie Talley will present the World Thank Offering Pledge Service. (Bring your World Thank Offering.)

UMW READING PLAN: The following ladies have completed their reading plan and will receive certificates: Norma Hauser, Jane Friedrich, Carolyn Rogas, Cleo Wilson, Julie Gonzales, Norma Jones, Connie Tatom, Alberta Shelton, Virginia Smith, Joanne Macon and Billie Talley. You are reminded that Norma will be taking orders for books for 2012 at the next meeting.



Memorials in Loving Memory were given for:

Don Metzger

Frances Beerwinkle
Ed & Betty Joyce Stephens
Billie & John Nixon
Tom & Priscilla Bissett
Jim & Shirley Rhoades
Jane Friedrich
Ken & Stephanie Jourdan
Carolyn Rogas
Mason High School Classmates of 1957
Bill Hodon Family
Hildegard Kothmann

Bill Bennink

Tom & Priscilla Bissett
Jane Friedrich
Ken & Stephanie Jourdan
Jim & Shirley Rhoades
Billie & John Nixon

Kenneth Brymer

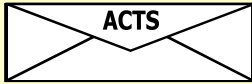
Billie & John Nixon

John Marshall

Ken & Stephanie Jourdan
Billie & John Nixon
Friendship Sunday School Class
J. F. & Mary Clawson, Jr.
Bernille Pittard

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.



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!

**Newsletter Deadline
Monday, November 14**

Immediate Prayers

The Family of Don Metzger
The Family of Bill Bennink
The Family of John Marshall

Marvle Bissett Chase Holland
Liliane (Jack Dahan's Grandmother)

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)

Terry Ericson	Evelyn Capps	Pat & Dave Teaney
Suzanne Wright	Bambi Teaney	Cecil Angermann
Lillian Talley	Diana Valastro	Greg Mikeska
Margi Bienemann	Russell Moore	Paul Moore
CW2 Michael Moore	Bob & Anna Bell Turner	

← News from the Pew →

by Billie Nixon

New Members

It is my pleasure to introduce to our newest member, Breighl Mobley, who joined on September 25, 2011. She is very bright energetic lady, who works at Texas Association of Regional Councils, while attending the University of Texas in Austin, and is Senior Smiles Director, (a volunteer organization that works with the Austin Elderly.) Breighl like reading, watching old movies, hiking, and hanging out with family and friends.

We are so happy to have her in this family of God and look forward to working and fellowshiping together.

Sympathy

Love and concerns go to the following:

Barbara Metzger and family in the death of her husband, Don Metzger. Don Metzger, 73, died on October 16, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's. He attended Mason High School where he was a member of the Mason Puncher Football Team and was on the 1954 Semi-State Championship team.

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He married the love of his life, Barbara Elaine Rush, on January 7, 1961. He was an active member of Memorial United Methodist Church since 1962. Upon retiring from the Department of Public Safety after 32 ½ years of service, Don enjoyed spending time at the family farm where he hunted, raised cattle and worked the land well into his retirement. He was a devoted family man and a true friend who would do anything he could to help.

He is survived by this wife, Barbara, son, Randy Metzger, daughter, Brenda Browning and her husband, Michael, 2 granddaughters, and numerous relatives and friends.

To Jo-Ann Bennink and her girls in the death of William (Bill) Bennink, age 64, who was called home on October 17, 2011. Bill began a lifelong habit of "Always Being Prepared" with early involvement in Boy Scouts. Retired from careers in law enforcement and as a locksmith, Bill was dedicated to being prepared to help, protect, and care for others. He enjoyed visits with friends and family and riding his beloved motorcycle.

Bill and Jo-Ann, whom he always referred to as "Muffin" married in September 1968, raised two daughters, Jennifer and Kim, and doted on four grandchildren. It was a blessing that they were able to move into and share their home with Bill's father. Last month, Bill and Jo-Ann celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. They have been active members of Memorial United Methodist Church for over 35 years, where Bill volunteered. The family was able to coordinate living donations through the Blood and Tissue Center, so that Bill's legacy of dedication to helping others will allow those who never even knew him personally to have their lives enriched by his.

To Alice and husband, John Davis, and John Marshall, Jr., and wife, Cindy in the death of their father, John Alton Marshall, 97, who passed away on October 20, 2011.

John received his Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M in 1937 and his Master's degree in 1945. Growing up on the farm and his years at Texas A&M gave him a work ethic and moral compass that sustained him throughout his life. As a young man, he was a Vocational Agriculture teacher and joined the Texas Education Agency and during W.W. II, was the Supervisor of the War Production Training Program. He later became an Area Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture Education and then the State Director of Vocational Agriculture for the Texas Education Agency. After retirement, he and his wife, Alice, enjoyed 10 wonderful years of camping and fishing with their truck, travel trailer and boat. John published a book about his own life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were active and faithful members of Memorial United Methodist Church in Austin, where he was active in the United Methodist Men and the Friendship Sunday School.

John was devoted to his late wife, Alice Marshall, to whom he was married for almost 60 years until her death in 1966. He is also survived by four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

John set an example of Christian behavior and ethics, a real gentleman and true friend, who we will really miss.

Don, Bill, and John - we at Memorial will miss each of you and pray that God will watch over you and comfort you with His love through this time of sorrow.

November Birthdays



3rd Bruce Barrett Jr.
4th Karl Amundson
5th Sophie Bostick
7th Holly Wright Shelton
10th Wanda Stout Adams
Eddie Smith
11th Mary Beth O'Hanlon
Ray Rodriguez
12th Thelma Latz
14th Trey Barrett III
15th Afton Pomerleau Cherry
16th Jonathan Ader
17th Linda Arbuckle
Lester Bryant
Jessica Christine McFarland
18th David Knowles
Stefani Stephens
19th Ventura Rodriguez
22nd Erica Moore
24th Bob Hauser
25th Pat Gibson
Barbara Metzger
27th David Elliott
Alma Madison
Billie Nixon
28th Ronald Dee Gray
29th Ross Hise
30th Stephanie Lacy

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TO:

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

8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1- 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Fridays - 8:30 - 12:30 pm

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