

# Memorial

July 26, 2012

## 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 Summer Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to **3:00 p.m.**

Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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## Great Upcoming Worship in August and September

As people in our community begin to arrive home from summer vacation, they begin thinking about church - many people find their church home in the months of August and September. Will they be invited to Memorial? Only you can make sure they are!



August 5 - Our final Sunday in the Days of David series, we find out what happens to David's legacy - how will Israel go on when David is gone?

*"Breaking Bread"*

*A Sermon Series about Food and How God Feeds Us*

August 12 - September 9

Starting on August 12, we will be exploring scriptures that have to do with bread and with feeding and serving others.

We have lots of bread-baking expertise in the congregation, and you won't want to miss any of the surprises!



August 12 - Celebrating Holy Communion and hearing about one of Jesus' amazing feeding ministries. The recipe? 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish...

August 19 - When Jesus says, "I am the bread of life," he means it in abundance!

August 26 - In the midst of praying for those who are going back to school, Jesus helps us to understand all of the ways we feed ourselves—body, mind, soul—are important.

September 2 - We put our learnings into practice with *FaithWorks* Sunday (see pastor's article).

September 9 - "Y'all Come!" Like the disciples, we will return from putting our faith into action and tell stories about what we saw God doing! Plus, we'll eat together in a fabulous, overflowing potluck after worship.

## 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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### AUGUST'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### Wednesday, Aug. 1

- Choir BBQ - 6:30 pm
- Choir Practice - Following

#### Sunday, Aug. 5 - Communion Sunday

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

#### Monday, Aug. 6

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

#### Tuesday, Aug. 7

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

#### Wednesday, Aug. 8

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

#### Thursday, Aug. 9

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7pm

#### Saturday, Aug. 11

- WPNA - 9:30 am - FHL

#### Sunday, Aug. 12

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- R/L - Pearce - Noon

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# Come Join Us!

**August 19 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 AUGUST 19, 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!

## Youth



**Thanks for helping us get to camp!**

*Details coming soon!*

## AUGUST'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Monday, Aug. 13

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 14

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

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

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

### Friday, Aug. 17

- Bible Study - 10 am

### Sunday, Aug 19 - Memorial for Christ

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

### Monday, Aug. 20

- **Newsletter Deadline**
- Morning Prayer - Chapel - 6:15 am
- Boy Scouts - Gym - 7:30

### Tuesday, Aug. 21

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, Aug. 22

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

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## August Mission

### Supplies for Harris Elementary

Last year, we had a great response to our call for supplies for Harris Elementary. In fact, even after the first of the year, we were able to have a fund to meet needs the rest of the year, supporting teachers and students. We will be collecting all kinds of supplies and any cash donations every Sunday in August, so when you're shopping, if you see a great deal, think about picking up a few extras for the kids. Last year, many kids at Harris had a better chance to succeed because of this ministry. This is also a great way to ask friends, family or neighbors to get involved - anyone can donate school supplies through Memorial. Just drop them off on Sunday morning or when the office is open!

### COME SING/RING! JOIN IN JOYFUL MUSIC!



The Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir are gearing up for music in worship again. We ALWAYS need new people. If you enjoy singing, please prayerfully consider joining the Chancel Choir. No experience or training is required. Just come sing.

We also need 1 or 2 more ringers in the Handbell Choir. You say you have never rung a handbell? Well, some in the Handbell Choir were in that boat as recently as a few months ago. We will help you learn.

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45. The Chancel Choir rehearses from 7:00 to 8:30, also on Wednesday evenings. Both choirs meet in the choir room on the south side of the sanctuary.

On Wednesday, August 1, at 6:30 pm, we will have our annual catered barbecue dinner to "kick off" the fall season. We will eat in the choir room. All singers and all ringers are invited, AND we invite any of you who would like to learn more about what is involved in being in either choir. After we eat, we will have a brief choir rehearsal in the choir room so prospective singers can see what we do in rehearsal, and anyone interested in handbells can try one out too.

## AUGUST'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Thursday, Aug. 23

- News Crew - 1:00 pm

### Sunday, Aug. 26

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

### Monday, Aug. 27

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 28

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, Aug. 29

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

## *New Prayer Ministry*

Part of being the church at prayer is staying connected to those we pray with outside the walls of the church. Starting July 29, Memorial will be sending its prayers out in a tangible way.

Instead of having a list in the bulletin each week, we will be publishing the list in a "take home" format. It will be available in the north entryway to the building (right around where the Sunday morning refreshments are).

Along with the "take home" prayer list (convenient for using as a bookmark in your Bible or other devotional material), we will have letters to 3-6 of the people that we are praying for. We STRONGLY encourage you to sign your name to those letters to let people know that we care about them and as a commitment that you will pray for them that week. You don't need to know the person to commit to pray for them. Help us make the prayer ministry at Memorial strong!



### Memorials in memory were given for:

#### Emma Bawden

Carolyn Rogas      Dorothy Johnson

#### Verna Cole

Earl Cole      Marjorie Heaton      Bernice Cole

#### Randy Sanders

Betty Sanders

**Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, Aug. 20**

### **Immediate Prayers**

Family of Donald Dearing

Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)

Suzanne Wright      Mike Pena      Don Kothmann

Barbara Metzger      Norma Jones      Kimberley Bennink

### **Continuing Prayers**

Don Morrison

Laurie Dennig

Carolyn Rogas

Jo-Ann Bennink

Eddie & Virginia Smith

Dorothy Dennig

Wanda Stout Adams

Diana Valastro

Weldon Friedrich

Randy Smith

Ozelma Goodlett

Emma Stout

Robert & Annabelle Turner

Gloria McPhail's cousin's grandson

Merrienne Philips and the Mathis family



## **Note From the Pastor**

In the Gospel of John, right after Jesus feeds thousands with two fish and five loaves of bread, the people realize that he and his disciples have taken off in a boat. They go around to the other side of the sea to find him and then (seemingly nonchalantly to my ears) say, "Oh, Rabbi, when did you come here?" As if they didn't go all the way around or get in their own boats to follow him.

Jesus sees through this. He says, essentially, "You didn't come here to see me. You came here to see if I could do another miracle with food."

But I think in his next words, he recognizes their situation. They are hungry, and he knows they will always be hungry. But he knows that he can give them so much more than bread day after day. He can really feed them.

What does it mean to feed people? When you have someone who comes to you and gets one meal a day, food is something we are compelled by the Gospel to provide. When children are doing poorly in school because they aren't getting the nutrition they need, that's an issue that we have to address.

But for those of us with access to 3 or more meals a day, what bread can Jesus give us? What bread can we offer those who seemingly have all the bread they need?

In conversation with both the worship committee and the church council, on Labor Day weekend, our congregation will show up to worship ready to feed people. We will hear scripture and pray and share communion together, but the rest of our morning will be spent in service. Part of that will be actually feeding - getting bags of cookies to various people who serve us but can't be in worship on Sunday morning like the fire department down the street, the EMS station, volunteers and staff at Ronald McDonald House and nurses on duty at Dell Children's.

But we'll also be doing several other things - "feeding" people in other ways. Below, you'll see a list of projects we'll have set up. Some will help us get out of the building. Some will allow you to simply move to the parlor to be in mission. If you are interested in helping to coordinate one of these areas, please contact the office (452-5796).

As a congregation, we can use the gift of faith to serve - to offer all sorts of food to those who are hungry. And in doing so, we might just find that Jesus is feeding us too. See you in worship. Bring friends!

**Cookies for Those Who Serve:** We minister by baking, packaging or delivering cookies to our fire department, EMS and more!

**Prayer Walk:** We minister through prayer as we walk around Harris to offer prayer for the school year.

**Appreciation Bags for Harris Teachers:** We minister by preparing tokens of thanks for the hard work our teachers do. These will be taken to the school on Tuesday, September 4.

**Letters to our Wesley School:** One of our goals is to invite parents and families from our Wesley School to get involved at Memorial. We minister by writing a note or postcard to a family to thank them for being a part of the Wesley and inviting them to come and be a part of our congregation too.

**Bags for Homeless:** We minister by putting together bags of useful items for those who are in need. We provide the supplies - you help put them together and consider taking some to distribute.

**United Methodist Women  
by Jane Friedrich**

Lamplighters Circle: No meeting in August.

Reading and Library Circle: Plans underway.

BIF Circle: Billie Talley will give a program on the Church World Service Blanket Project on August 7th.

President Norma Hauser has called an Executive Committee meeting for 10:30 am, on Monday, August 6th. She is urging officers to come to this important meeting.

Thank to everyone for their participation in preparing school kits for UMCOR. At the School of Christian Missions in Kerrville, units brought 1,324 kits and donated nearly \$3800 for shipping and donation to UMCOR. Memorial sent 5 completed bags, supplies for more bags and a number of empty bags which were filled with supplies on site.

Alberta and the girls enjoyed their four days at the SCOM. Alberta taught the course on the book "Immigration and the Bible". Pastor Cynthia is teaching it in the North Texas Conference. The two of them will work together to bring this course to the church in the Spring. We had originally planned to do this in October, but it is too complicated to limit to one Saturday morning. Plans are underway to do the Haiti study in October. Alberta said it was sort of sad to attend the last West Gulf Regional School as that format will change under the new organization and to attend the last School of Christian Missions.

There will be information on the UMW Board about all the changes coming up. We are no longer to be called a local unit. We are the Organization of UMW in the Church. There will be no School of Christian Missions, but it will be called Mission u. The Women's Division no longer exists as part of the general Board of Global Ministries and will exist separately and on its own.

**United Methodist Women continued**

Put the Austin District Meeting at Crestview UMC on your calendar. It is the third weekend in September. The SWTX UMW Conference will meet in Kerrville, the second weekend in October. The Texas Legislative Event will meet at the end of January. It has moved to the Holiday Inn by Highland Mall, so it will be easy to access. Buses will transport us to the Capitol.

**News from the Pew**

**by Billie Nixon**

**New Baby**

One of God's most obvious miracles is the birth of life. Recently we celebrate the life to Toby Caleb Cornell, born July 13, 2012, weighing 5 Lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 18½" long. Toby is the son of Smith and Genny Cornell, brother of Sophia and Chyenne, grandson of Kendall and Laura Smith, nephew of Hannah Smith and Tyler Moore. Proud great-grandparents are Jo Smith and Shirley and Jim Rhoades.

We at Memorial are rejoicing with you in the wonderful way God had blessed you.

**Sympathy**

Love and concern go the following family members:

To James Brown on the death of his sister, Mildred Wenona Dewberry, "Norie", age 89, died June 24, 2012, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. "Norie" was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother and 4 sisters. Now there are 3 brothers and 1 sister surviving, including brother James. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 10:30 am, at Stufflebean Chapel of Remembrance. Interment was held at Elmore City Cemetery.

To Bob and Norma Hauser on the death of Bob's oldest sister, Ellenor Fulton, age 90, died July 7, 2012. Memorial Services are being planned for the fall. In Bob's family there were 4 sister and Bob, now there are 2 sisters and Bob.

We at Memorial do care and pray that each of you will feel God's comforting arms of love.

# Happy Birthday

- Aug. 5: Doris Owens
- Aug. 6: Marcia Garrett , Christian Ramos
- Aug. 8: Geraldine Boydston
- Aug. 10: Elizabeth Sanford
- Aug. 12: Richard Selig
- Aug. 14: Taryn Stewart
- Aug. 15: Lonan Zia Gray
- Aug. 17: Bob L. Turner
- Aug. 21: Janet Clark
- Aug. 22: Don Cherry, Lynda Rychlik
- Aug. 25: Karin Crumbling
- Aug. 26: Felicity Rodriquez
- Aug 27: David Chandler, Patricia Ericson
- Aug. 28: Kerry Schmidt McFarland,  
Everette Owens, Keith Schmidt
- Aug. 29: Vidette (Kiki) Corry,  
Michele Reinhart Rehm
- Aug. 30: Scooter Cheatham
- Aug. 31: Richard Friedrich, Julie Gonzales

## CONSIDER JOINING BOY SCOUTS



**Action, Adventure, Fitness and fun are all part of Boy Scouts. Go camping and rafting. Cooking, first aid, riflery, rock climbing, archery, sports and photography are just a few of the great things to learn and do.**

Who: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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



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6100 Berkman Drive  
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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  
Prayground - Every Third Sunday - 9-9:30 am

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

### Church Office Summer Hours

#### Church Secretary - Joanne Macon

8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1– 3:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
Fridays - 8:30 - 12:30 pm

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