

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.

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

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August 23, 2012

FaithWorks!

On Sunday, September 2, we're going to have a great time giving our faith a workout! After a brief worship service where we'll share communion, we'll spread out to work on some projects that will connect us to God, to each other and to our neighbors. You can choose just one project or you can jump around from one project to the next!

Fill appreciation bags for the teachers at Harris (supplies provided)

Write thank you notes to the families at our Wesley School (supplies provided)

Put together kits to give to homeless people

Prayer Walk around Harris (this involves getting out and around, so wear walking shoes!)

Joining our youth to package and give out cookies to people who serve (Fire Dept, EMS, Ronald McDonald House)

"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James 2:17 (NRSV) or...

"Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?" (The Message)



Invite your friends & neighbors to

Ya'll Come Sunday - September 9

Lunch - gym - Noon

Bring two dishes to share. The Bar-B-Que, bread and drinks will be provided.

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

Ya'll Come" is a great way to live out our commitment to "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors." during the month of September Month.

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!

SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 1

- Kingdom Kamp - Mt. Wesley

Sunday, Sept. 2 - Communion Sunday

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

Monday, Sept. 3 - Labor Day

Office and Wesley School Closed

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

Tuesday, Sept. 4

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

Wednesday, Sept. 5

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

Friday, Sept. 7

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Saturday, Sept. 8

- WPNA - 9:30 am - FHL

Sunday, Sept. 9 - Ya'll Come Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- Trustee Meeting - 11:30 am
- Ya'll Come Lunch - gym

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Come Join Us!

**September 16 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 September 16, 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!



**LOOKING
AHEAD
TO
UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

***Early October—Blessing of the
Animals (on the church grounds)***

October 31—Trunk or Treat

***November 4—Charge Conference (at
Crestview UMC)***

***November 18—Thanksgiving Dinner
after worship***

December 2—Hanging of the Greens

**Make sure you look at your calendar
and think about being a part of these
events! More info to come.**

SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 10

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

Tuesday, Sept. 11

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

Wednesday, Sept. 12

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

Thursday, Sept. 13

- Austin Ukulele Society - 7-8:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 16

Memorial for Christ

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

Monday, Sept. 17

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

Tuesday, Sept. 18

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- LL Photo Albums - FHL - 10-1pm
- Worship Planning - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 19

- Bell Practice - 6 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7 pm
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Working on Our Faith in September Worship

The Worship Working Group is planning some wonderful worship services during September. These services will help us look at the relationship between having faith and doing good works in the name of Jesus.

As you saw on the front page of the newsletter, the first Sunday of September is "FaithWorks", where we will take time as part of our worship to participate in acts of service. Then, as part of "Y'all Come" Sunday the next week, we will celebrate our experiences of performing that service.

On the third Sunday, September 16, we will begin a sermon series called "Larger Than Life". Pastor Cynthia will help us explore the Letter of James, which has lots to say about the relationship between faith and action. In addition, we hope to use caricatures (pictures in which something about a person is exaggerated) to help us understand the image of Christians that James is drawing with his words. This sermon series will last until mid-October.

Don't miss out on these opportunities for life-giving worship.

New Prayer Ministry

Part of being the church at prayer is staying connected to those we pray with outside the walls of the church. Memorial has started 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!

SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 20

- News Crew - 1:00 pm
- Lamplighters Circle - N.E.W. - 7:00pm

Friday, Sept. 21

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Saturday, Sept. 22

- Private Party - Gym - 11-5pm

Sunday, Sept. 23

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

Monday, Sept. 24

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

Tuesday, Sept. 25

- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am

Wednesday, Sept. 26

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

Sunday, Sept. 30

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

ReThink Green !

Get ready for back to school and reduce excess packaging and create your own snack packs using reusable containers and a bulk package of food to go in lunch boxes!



Special Offering

September 2 - Our Communion offering in September will go to the Campus Ministry.

Campus Ministry is one of the ways the United Methodist Church is trying to reach out to young people. The Wesley Foundation at UT has been successful in keeping young UM's connected to the church during a time that many of them leave the church altogether. Your communion offering will go to support programs and staff who are dedicated to helping students deepen their faith and discipleship.

Newsletter Deadline

Monday, September 17



This year Meals on Wheels and More celebrates 40 years of serving Austin's elderly, homebound population.

Memorial welcomes the opportunity to work with Meals on Wheels starting August 27, 2012.

Memorial will be their new site for volunteers to pickup and deliver their meals from. This is just another way we can reach out on help feed those in need. Welcome to all their staff and volunteers.



Note From the Pastor

I always loved the start of a new school year. New school supplies remain among some of my favorite things to buy - crayons that come to a point, pencils and fresh notebooks. There was something wonderful about getting fresh assignments and remembering that I wasn't behind yet in my reading. I had high expectations of how the school year was going to go.

And then I would break a crayon or mess up the pattern I wanted for my notebooks. I would get behind in my reading, and I wouldn't set aside the time to work on projects well ahead of time, staying up late to finish them the night before they were due (yes, I am a natural procrastinator).

But isn't it great to get a new start? Isn't that what we so many times need?

As you watch the kids going to school this year, think about when God has let you start over. A fresh supply of hope. New perspective. Grace washing over you.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

Sometimes God's new thing isn't as obvious as the start of a new school year. Sometimes it's in the midst of a conversation where you realize that you've let go of some of the hurt and anger you've felt toward someone (including God!). Sometimes it's the ability to say, "I'm sorry". Sometimes it's when we let go of what has come before and take risks for the sake of God.

When we distributed bread this past week, Clayton and I went to several houses on our block - houses that back up to the church parking lot. At a couple of the houses, the residents said they had never met the pastor in their 5...10...25 years of living in that house. I have never been so grateful for the opportunity to knock on a door...a new thing for me.

What new thing is God doing in you? What new thing is God doing in this church? Will it connect us to God, to each other and to our neighbors?

United Methodist Women
by Jane Friedrich

Mark your calendars for September 2, so you will be reminded of the pancake breakfast. We've been having some good participation - if you haven't tried it, join us! It's a good way to start the day! Come and bring a friend.

Don't forget that on August 26, UMW is sponsoring a movie and a light lunch in the FHL classroom. This movie will be of interest to the entire congregation. Bring a sandwich and we will have dessert and a beverage. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Remember, all are invited. Questions? Call the church office.

It's getting closer to the end of the year, ladies, so if you haven't completed your pledge, you might want to do so.

At a recent Executive Committee meeting, we voted to participate in the UMW candle burning event by honoring and remembering Marvle Bissett and Emma Bawden.

BIF will meet on September 4, at 9:30 am. At our last meeting Billie Talley presented an interesting program on Church Women United's Blanket Program. She demonstrated some of the ways these blankets can be used by homeless people, and persons who are victims of various kinds of disasters. The blankets and other necessities are distributed by Church Women United on a worldwide basis. BIF members donated \$25 to this worthy cause.

UMW District meeting will be on September 22, at Crestview UMC. Details are on the UMW board.

Lamplighters will meet at 7:00 pm in the N.E.W. classroom on September 20. Virginia advises work will be done on the new communion banners. She says they are always needing help on this and other projects. Take your needle and thread and join them.

Reading and Library will meet after church service on September 16, in the N.E.W. classroom.

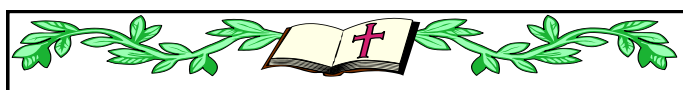
News from the Pew

by Billie Nixon

Sympathy

Love and concern go Blayne and Debbie Parsley in the death of Blayne's sister, Lori Bankston, 49, of San Marcos who died Monday, August 13, 2012. She is survived by her husband, three children and 1 grandchild and three brothers and numerous other family and friends. Funeral services are pending.

May God grant your family peace and love in the knowledge of his promises.



Memorials in memory were given for:

Mildred Dewberry

Billie and John Nixon

Ellenor Fulton

Billie and John Nixon

Donald Dearing

Billie and John Nixon

Immediate Prayers

Family of Lori Bankston (Debbie Parsley's sister-in-law)
Bob Babers (Gloria McPhail's uncle)
B.C. Peters (Carolyn Rogas' brother)
Stephanie Schar (Jennifer Ludwig's sister)

Mildred McCullough	Carol Combs	Norma Jones
Kimberley Bennink	Ron Frederick	Mike Pena
Barbara Compton	Don Kothmann	Robert Pena
Landon Herbert	Bambi Teaney	Cindy Hayes

Continuing Prayers

Wanda Adams	Carolyn Rogas	Dorothy Dennig
Jo-Ann Bennink	Laurie Dennig	Weldon Friedrich
Ozelma Goodlett	Randy Smith	Don Morrison
Barbara Metzger	Emma Stout	Brennan Sayler
Diana Valastro	Joyce Embs	Eddie & Virginia Smith
Suzanne Wright	Robert & Annabelle Turner	

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: 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



Lifetime Learning

CREATING PHOTO ALBUMS: YOUR STORY, YOUR WAY

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. The first class provides most of the instruction, then there will be short demonstrations and time to work on your albums. Beginners, please bring a pack of photos to the first class. Call 587-9009 with questions. Supplies will be available for purchase. Limit 16. 6 Classes.

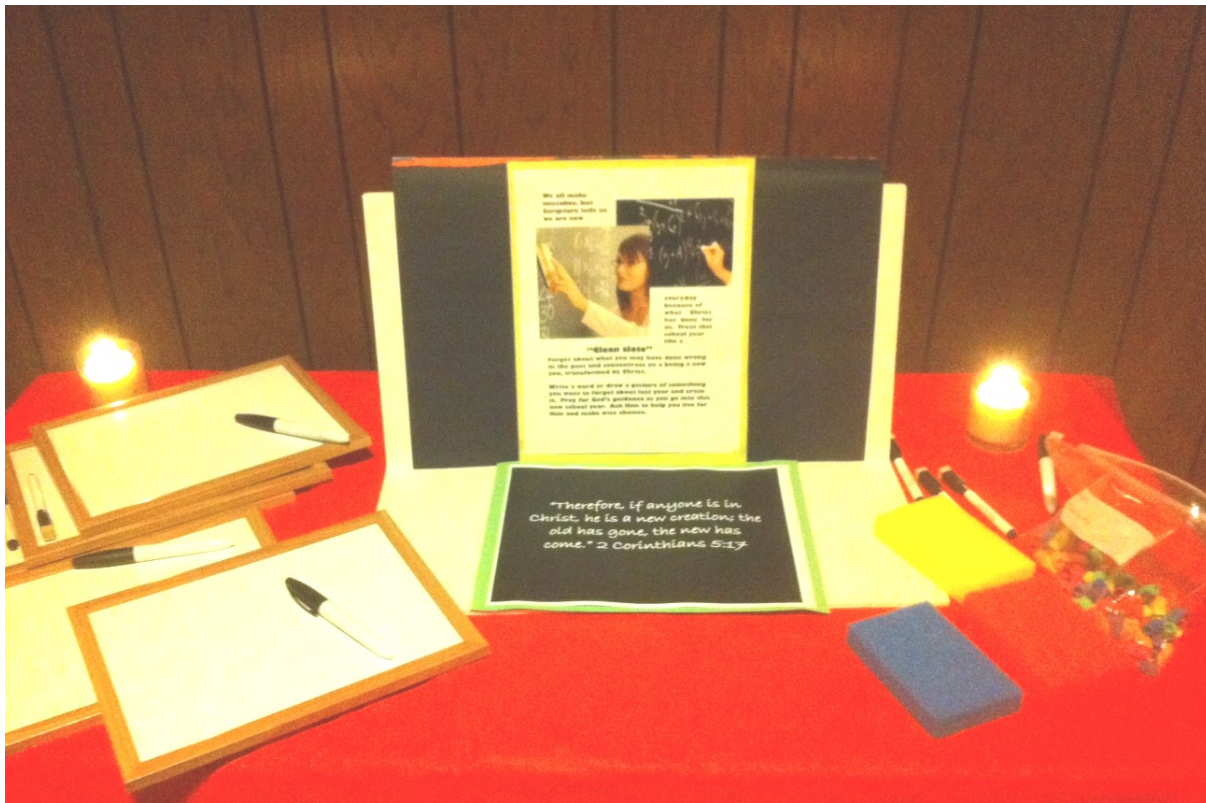
Andee Young

10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Tuesday,
Starts Sept. 18

For more information on other classes offered please call the Lifetime Learning office at 206-4232 or go to www.lliaustin.org.

September Birthdays

1st	Geoffery Adams	12th	Priscilla Bissett
	Bob Johnson		Kristin Shelton
	John Alan Nixon		Taylor Elaine Stewart
3rd	Sandra Amundson	13th	Billie Talley
	Nathaniel Rodriguez	19th	Pat Teaney
	Hannah Smith	21st	Afton Phoenix Petersen
4th	Hildegarde Cook	22nd	Diana Valastro
7th	Charles Waits	23rd	Isabel Shelton
9th	Billy Ray Capps		Irene Wright
10th	Bea Bailey	24th	Jason Petersen
	Kenneth Jourdan	25th	Cameron Rodgers
	David Rychlik		Irene Shelton
11th	Kevin McFarland	26th	Kathy Weimer Gray



A photo from our
youth lock-in.
Curious?

Want to know
what this is?

Ask a youth (or
Kendall or
Shannon)!



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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 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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