

# The Newsletter

## November 2018

### Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer - Pastor

Feeding Northeast Austin, body, mind, and spirit in the name of Jesus.

#### *Sunday Schedule*

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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# November 2018

## Free Veteran's Day Concert



November 11th

4pm-6pm

Sanctuary

**All Are Welcome!**

We will take up a love offering for



Mobile Loaves & Fishes  
Serving Goodness.

## Advent Series Begins November 11th



### NOVEMBER



FALL  
BACK



Fall Back Nov. 4th

All Saints Sunday

November 4th

Vote Nov. 6th

Veteran's Day

November 12th

Thanksgiving

November 22nd

# News From Pews



**By Billie Nixon  
Membership  
Coordinator**

## November 4th



2/4/2018 Gordon Dick Moore Jr.

3/18/2018 Grace Morris

5/6/2018 Billie Jean Talley

5/17/2018 Cleo Wilson

8/13/2018 George T. Berglund

10/6/18 Jim Rhoades

## NEW ARRIVALS



Connie Tatom has been blessed again. Her granddaughter, Sarah Louise Martinez, had her third baby on September 27, 2018 named Jaxon Ray Martinez. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 inches long.

His parents are Jonathan and Sarah Martinez. He has a brother Carter age 4 and sister Isabella age 18 months and all are so proud!

Grandparents are Ray and Patsy Rosas (Connie's daughter) and of course, great grandmother is Connie. This makes 12 grand children for her and 8 great grandchildren., all of whom live in Brownsville.

Congratulations to you all and may God guide & protect each precious one in the years to come.



## *Celebrating a Life*

### *Well Lived*



James Benly Rhoades III was born on December 22, 1939 in Leesville, Texas to Madelyn Moravits and James Benly Rhoades Jr. He peacefully passed from this life on October 6, 2018. His early years were spent in Stockdale where his parents managed a dairy farm. Jim graduated from Nixon High School in 1958 where he played football. He met the love of his life, Shirley Froehner, at a church softball game and later followed her to Austin where she was attending Nursing School. Jim graduated from Nixon-Clay Business School in Austin in 1960.

He was united in marriage to Shirley on July 16, 1960. They purchased their home in northeast Austin in 1962 where they lived for the rest of their lives. Jim had a variety of occupations including working as a Orderly at the State Hospital, Route Driver for Rainbow Bakery, Manager for Moormans Feed Supply, Service Technician for Sawyer Vending, Disaster Specialist with FEMA, and Pilot Driver for Nixon Engineering. Whatever his occupation, Jim's greatest strength was interacting with all those he came in contact with.

Jim was an active member of Memorial United Methodist Church for over 50 years, where he served in many ways. He enjoyed his work with the Trustees of the church in the upkeep of the church property and early Saturday morning breakfasts with the Methodist Men.

Shirley and Jim shared a great passion for the University of Texas sports and attended home football games for many years. Jim could provide you with up-to-the-minute standings of the soccer and softball teams if you just asked. He also had a great love for the outdoors. He was always excited to share his passion for hunting with his family and especially enjoyed taking his grandson, Tyler, hunting with the guys in Zapata.

Jim was ever-present at any extracurricular activity in which his grandchildren participated. Whether it was a football, baseball, softball, soccer game, or band concert, Jim was there cheering his grandkids on. He took great delight in traveling with Hannah and the McCallum softball team to Orlando for spring training.

Jim is survived by his daughter Laura and son-in-law Kendall Smith; grandchildren Joshua and Alexandria Smith, Genesis and Smith Cornell, Tyler Moore and Hannah Smith; great grandchildren Eleanor and Wilson Smith and Chyenne, Sophia, Toby, Zane and Taylor Cornell and numerous colleagues and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Shirley and daughter Lisa. A reunion in heaven - what a day of rejoicing!

The family especially wishes to thank Dr. Jerry Vandell and Kindred Hospice for their excellent and compassionate care of our dad and "Poppy".

**In lieu of flower, donations can be made to Memorial UMC in Austin, 6100 Berkman Drive, Austin, TX 78723**

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**Girl Scout Troop 172** has started its fifth year meeting at MUMC, and we are so grateful to have the support of the church! The troop has grown to include 19 girls including 17 4th, 5th and 6th graders

plus two younger family members in 1st and 3rd grade.

On September 29th, our troop hosted the 13th Annual Pink Beads of Love event at Guerrero-Thompson Elementary School, during which Girl Scouts assembled beaded bracelets to be handed out at the September 30th Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.



Girl Scout Troops from all around Austin participate in this event every year. Juliette Gordon Low, who founded the Girl Scout movement in the United States, died of breast cancer in 1927 at a time when cancer and breasts were not talked about in polite society. Her illness was kept a secret, and even Girl Scouts did not learn about it until 1996. To honor her memory and to pay tribute to today's breast cancer patients and survivors, every fall the Walnut Creek Service Unit holds this event.

While everyone has fun making bracelets, we also use the time to educate girls and parents about the signs of breast cancer and how to catch it early through self-exams and mammograms. Early detection is the key! We also encourage girls to feel more comfortable talking about an uncomfortable issue. This is the third year that Troop 172 has planned and coordinated Pink Beads of Love.



Past Events: A September campout at Camp Champions in Marble Falls and fire station visits, providing dinner to firefighters to commemorate 9/11.



Upcoming Events: An October campout at Colorado Bend State Park and a November campout at Pedernales Falls State Park.

Thank you, Carolyn Beck Troop Leader

**Monday November 5th**  
**7pm at St. Mark's**  
 Charge Conference  
 2018





*Help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors!  
Weekday Volunteer Drivers and substitutes needed;  
delivery routes take one hour or less; additional  
sites open all over Austin.*

Thank you,

Emma Roberts

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Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and Saturdays

9am-11am

Closed Week of Thanksgiving



Monday,

Wednesday,

Friday

10am-1pm &

Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In Gym (not the office)



## Volunteering, What Stops You?



Thank you. Merci. Gracias. Grazie. Danke. Arigato. November is a month of Thankfulness. Senior Access is so grateful for you volunteers and donors

who selflessly give time and time again.

This November, have An Attitude of Gratitude! Imagine our world if we all made this attitude a daily habit. It is sometimes easy to lose sight of the many things in which we can and should be grateful. Our lists may be different but we can still have a list. As you make a daily choice to be grateful, you can change lives.

How can you develop an Attitude of Gratitude? There are many ways, but one way is to give service to someone, to volunteer. As you give that service, you are more aware of **another person's needs rather than your own. Perspectives** can change and the more that perspective changes, the more gratitude can grow. John F. Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

Our clients come to us with varying needs. Some clients have poor health, some have never learned to drive, some lack funds for a vehicle, some have just aged out of driving, yet one thing they have in common is being grateful for you. You are the ones who drive them to needed doctor appointments. You are the ones who talk to them on the phone or visit them in their home. You are the ones who offer a hug or a hand to hold. You are the ones who help with those handy-man jobs. You make a difference in their lives and help them to feel gratitude in return. They are so appreciative of all you do for them.

As you approach this very busy, hectic time of year, take a moment each day to show and grow your gratitude. Do you need to find a place where you can volunteer? Senior Access needs you. With a growing population of people who no longer drive, we need people like you who are willing to give what they need. To learn more about volunteering or donating to Senior Access, contact Sherrie at 512 310 1060 or [vr@senioraccessstx.org](mailto:vr@senioraccessstx.org) or visit [www.senioraccessstx.org](http://www.senioraccessstx.org).

# Pastor's Corner



## Change is coming!

For more than a year now, the traffic on Berkman Drive (in front of the church) has been steadily increasing. Because of the way our entrance drive misaligns with Wheless Drive across Berkman, we've had to play an odd dance of left turns, trying to go around each other. This has led to backups and the occasional accident not to mention flared tempers and impatience as people behind the turning cars have driven in front of bicyclists and even come out to find that cars were stopped, not to turn, but because of kids crossing the street.

It's a mess, and when the city approached us wanting to solve the problem, we entertained many ideas, including reversing the flow of traffic around the church. What we finally settled on is that the city would pay to have a new drive put in so that you can enter the church directly opposite Wheless (see drawing below). While the construction is going on, we will still be able to use the old drive and then when it's done, they will fill in the old drive with grass.

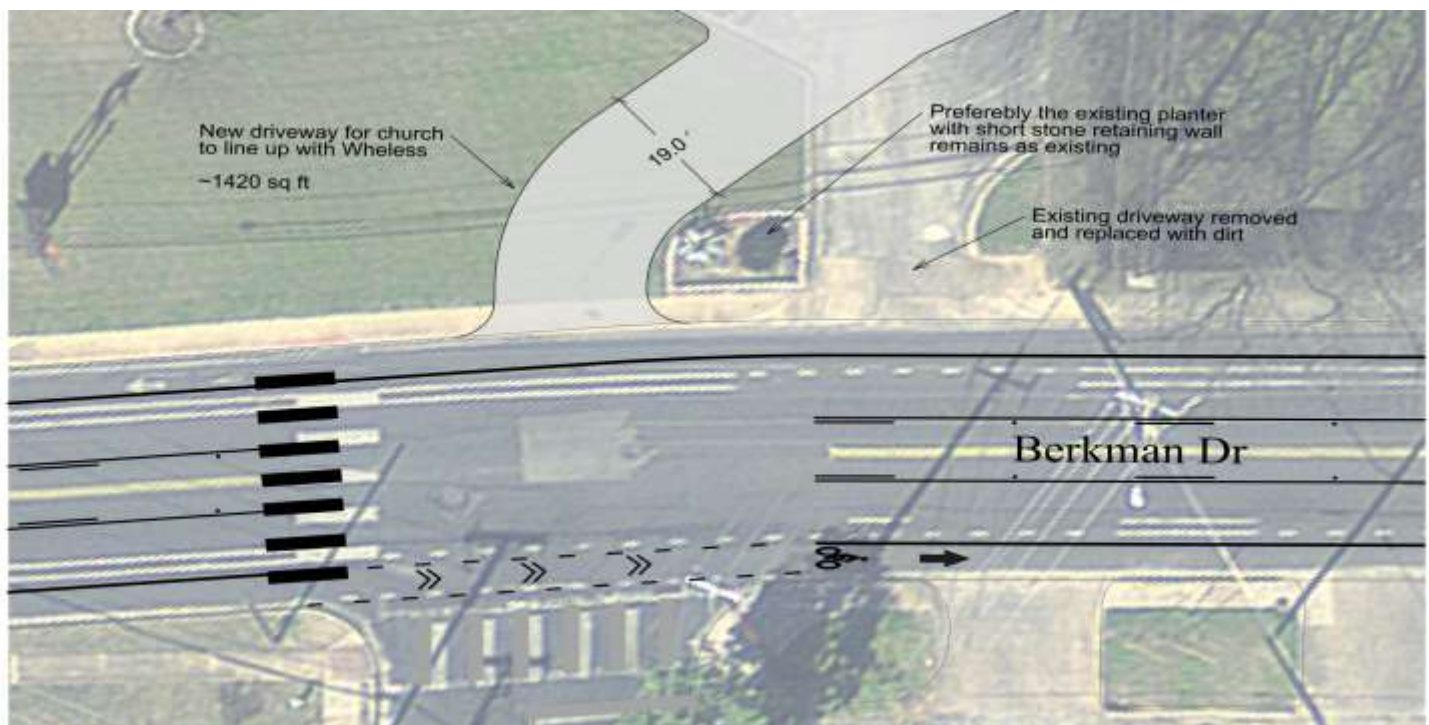
This change seems small and likely to solve far

more problems than it creates, but I know that for some folks, it will seem difficult or unnecessary.

Sometimes change happens when we are simply trying to figure out what we need to do next (change "on the fly"). Sometimes change is the result of a lot of work and looking at possibilities and outcomes (planned change). We experience both here at Memorial UMC. Some changes are painful, as we can look at the pews and see where our friends used to sit—friends who have moved away or are now homebound or who have died. Some changes are joyful, as with the Undersized Usher Crew that we have had for the past couple of months during the offering time!

God works change in us as well. When we allow God to do this, our spirits are more malleable—they turn more easily toward God...and they turn more easily toward others. While many of the changes in our country have hardened people into their ideological/ political/ theological positions, what change might God work in us that will allow us to keep our eyes on Jesus, turning and following him wherever he leads? That requires some flexibility. And it requires us to see God, even in the small change of a new driveway. May you enter our space and know that the Lord is here.

*Synthia Kepler-Harner*





# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**There are several ongoing events and new events that may not be listed. Please check the building use calendar or with the office if you need to reserve space.**

**\* Starred \* Events Happen Each Week**

\*10:30-1:30 Mon-Fri. Meals On Wheels-Gym Kitchen

**Thursday November 1**

\*9:30am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

**Friday November 2**

\*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

\*6:30pm Girl Scouts #172 Believer's/Gym

7:00pm-10:30pm Austin Ukulele Workshop - Parlor

**Saturday November 3**

\*9am-11am Free Store Shopping& Donations - Gym

**Sunday November 4 All Saint's Sunday**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

**Monday November 5**

\*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

\*7:00pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

**Tuesday November 6 ELECTION DAY!**

7:00am-7:00pm Election / Vote - Gym

\*9:30am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

10.00am Bible In Fellowship - Pearce

**Wednesday November 7**

\*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

\*11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping - Gym

\*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday November 8**

4:00pm-6:15pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers/Gym

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

**Friday November 9**

**Saturday November 10**

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

**Sunday November 11**

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

4:00pm-6:00pm Free Veteran's Day Concert

**Monday November 12**

**Tuesday November 13**

10:00am Reading & Library - Children's Library

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

**Wednesday November 14**

**Thursday November 15 Dec. Newsletter Content Due**

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

**Friday November 16**

**Saturday November 17**

**Sunday November 18**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Thanksgiving Luncheon - Gym

**Monday November 19**

**Free Store Closed-- November 25th**

**Tuesday November 20**

**Wednesday November 21**

**Thursday November 22 Office Closed**

**Friday November 23 Office Closed**

**Saturday November 24**

**Sunday November 25**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Widows Helping Others - Pearce

**Monday November 26**

**Tuesday November 27**

**Wednesday November 28**

**Thursday November 29**

**Friday November 30**

**Saturday November 31**

\*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Choir Rehearsal, FreeStore Shopping, Girl Scouts, AH Choral and more.





November

- 4th Karl Amundson
- 7th Holly (Shelton) Wright  
Harry Harrison Pomerleau
- 10th Wanda Stout Adams
- 11th Mary Beth O'Hanlon
- 15th Afton Pomerleau Cherry  
Richard Macon  
Gerry Almquist
- 16th Jonathan Ader
- 17th Jessica Christine McFarland
- 18th Stefani Stephens
- 21st Peter Osgood
- 24th Bob Hauser
- 25th Pat Gibson  
Barbara Metzger  
Michael Stratton  
Cesar Benavides
- 27th David Elliott  
Billie Nixon
- 28th Ronald Dee Gray



***Come, Share, Rejoice!***  
**Thanksgiving Lunch**  
**and Stewardship Celebration**  
**November 18th**

Immediately following the Worship Service, come to the Celebration Thanksgiving Lunch.

Turkey, dressing and drinks will be provided.

Please bring 2 side dishes to share.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you would like to donate or cook a turkey, dressing and gravy

please contact Billie Nixon 512-923-4400



\$10 per Christmas Poinsettias. Deadline to order is Friday December 14th. Forms will be available on December 1st.



Austin Area Justice For Our Neighbors

Gala

A Family Event Shining Light on the Importance of Keeping Families Together

Research shows immigrants not represented by a lawyer in a removal hearing are over two and a half times more likely to be deported. Please help us continue providing quality free and low-cost services to immigrants.

Saturday, November 10, 2018 5:30 p.m.  
Crown Plaza Hotel, 6121 North IH-35, Austin, Texas 78752

Purchase Tickets Securely Online at [www.jfonaustin.org/gala](http://www.jfonaustin.org/gala)

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