

The Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church

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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 2019

All Saints Sunday
Sunday November 3rd
in worship



Election Day Nov. 5th



Thanksgiving Luncheon and
Stewardship Celebration

November 24th Gym

See Inside for details & to volunteer!

News From Pews



**From Billie Nixon,
Membership
Coordinator**



Ola Charlyne
Stanley Schmidt

passed away on September 23, 2019. She was born in Granger, Texas on December 2, 1930. The youngest of four girls, Charlyne had many happy memories of her childhood in Granger and the surrounding area. She met her husband, Howard Schmidt, in Taylor, TX. Although married for only 20 years, those were very busy years for her. She had 6 children in 8 years, supported Howard from his days as a milkman to an extremely successful career as a realtor. They designed and built a beautiful house which was her lifelong home and the site for many family gatherings and celebrations, and always the hub of the family. We were blessed that Mom was able to remain in her home through her final days. Throughout her life, she was known as Charlyne, Charlie, China, Mom, Mama and Mimi.

She worked at the Internal Revenue Service for 27 years, during which time she received several awards for outstanding service and retired in December 2000. She volunteered at Seton Hospital as a Candy Striper for many years as well as many women's groups associated with Real Estate and the Northeast Austin neighborhood. She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church for over 60 years. She loved Jesus dearly and read her Bible every day. She was the true essence of a Christian woman, displaying love and forgiveness.

She always loved to be active and busy. She loved to work in her yard, planting flowers and maintaining her lovely cactus garden. She loved to sing and have music playing, humming and singing along with songs while she did her chores. She loved to dance, starting at the age of four, and spent many nights dancing thousands of miles. She loved the stars and we would often sit out on a blanket during the summer star-gazing. She loved trips to the beach, the Davis Mountains, weekends in Bastrop State Park or to the cabin at Lake Travis. She loved birdwatching and spent many hours scanning the trees and skies with binoculars, especially at the Corpus Christi Hawk Watch. She especially loved her annual vacation with her 3 sisters to New Braunfels in a river cottage. No phone, no TV, just lunch and laughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents Harry and Fannie Bell Stanley, sisters and brothers in law Juanita and Edward Dollinger, June and Curtis Toungeate, Mary "Bootsie" and Matt Mathis, her precious daughter Rebecca Jean Ray and husband Gregory Ray, and her precious grandson Collin Moseley.

She is survived by her children, Randall Kent Schmidt, his wife Rebecca Ann. Debra Denise Parsley, her husband, Blayne; Keith Stanley Schmidt; Kerry Sue Schmidt McFarland; Vicky Lisa Moseley and her husband, Philip. Her beloved grandchildren are: Randy: Audrey Dieguez, her husband Patrick, Dietrich Schmidt; Debbie: Sarah Polidore, her husband John. Emily Blincoe, Ian Blincoe, his wife Emily Shirey. Kerry: Kevin McFarland, Jessica McFarland; Becky Jean: Jesse Patrick Ray; Lisa: Tyler Moseley, Travis Moseley. Great grandsons are Jack Polidore, Luke Polidore, Callan Dieguez, and great granddaughters are Charlie Loren Blincoe and Maya Chevelle Dieguez.

Her legacy is her devotion to her family and her inspiration will remain in our hearts always. She is the Matriarch of an adoring and very blessed family. As we lift her spirit to the Lord, our hearts are thankful for her enduring love but broken because of our loss. We love you dearly Mom...always and forever.



Ann Cousineau was born Ann Marie Langston on January 12, 1936 and passed into the loving arms of Jesus on October 4, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Thomas Cousineau; her sons John R. Lane, Jr. and Rick Lane; daughters-in-law, Alisa Lane and Monica Lane; her grandchildren Amanda Lane Griffin, Grayson Lane and Weston Lane; as well as her great grandchildren Gideon Griffin and Zoe Griffin. She is also survived by her sister Dorothy Langston and her nephew Warren Langston.

Ann was predeceased by her husband John R. Lane; her parents Thomas and Marguerite Langston; and her brothers Thomas Langston and David Langston.

Ann grew up in Austin and graduated from Austin High in 1953 where she played in the Band. She enrolled in Nursing School at Breckenridge Hospital with a plan to become a registered nurse, but left before graduation to marry. Ann worked as an office nurse in Roswell, New Mexico and Austin, Texas for all of her adult life. Her last job as a nurse was with Dr. Jerald Senter with whom she worked for about 30 years. She also owned and operated Lane's Grocery and Texaco Station in Volente, Texas where she was famous for being open even during ice storms.

She lived a life of exemplary service to others. Her smile would brighten any room and her laughter was contagious. Her family does not mourn her death, but celebrates her life.

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2019

Remembering

Catherine Lancaster 12/27/18

Howard S. Jenkins 1/6/19

Katherine Seat Eaker 2/2/19

Earl Cole 9/12/19

Charlyne Schmidt 9/23/19

Advent Begins

November 17th

Songs of the Season



* November 6th
Worship in Johnson City:
See Daphne for more
details .

- * November 10th 5-7:15pm Youth Group In the Youth Room/Gym
- * November 13th 4-7pm Community Youth Outreach in the gym
- * Sat.-Sun. Nov. 16-17 30-Hour Famine with Johnson City UMC
- * November 24th 5-7:15pm Youth Group In the Youth Room/Gym

Upcoming Events:

December Lock In : Check back for more details.



\$10 per
Christmas
Poinsettia.

**Deadline to
order is Friday**

December 13th. Forms will be available on Dec. 1st, by email, in sanctuary, in Dec. Newsletter and on bulletin board.



*Come,
Share,
Rejoice!*

**Thanksgiving Lunch
and Stewardship Celebration
November 24th**

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



Help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors! Drivers and Substitute drivers are needed at the following pick up locations: Memorial United Methodist, St. Mark United Methodist and at our Central Kitchen; delivery routes take one hour or less; additional sites open all over Austin! Open house trainings at our Main Office happen EVERY THURSDAY at 12:15pm. We would love to see you there!

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Service With Love!

Is there a senior member of your congregation that would benefit from loving service? How about someone in your congregation that could benefit from serving someone else? Senior Access would like to help both.



"[We appreciate] having resources in our community, neighbors who are willing to step up and become volunteers to drive our seniors," says Victor Gonzales, Mayor of Pflugerville. "They become friends with our seniors, and I like to say that 'giving is living'. [The volunteers] actually get more from that volunteering experience than the actual senior who's receiving the service."

Senior Access provides transportation and other essential services for seniors who are no longer able to drive for themselves. This allows these individuals to maintain their Independence and continue living in their own homes. Whether it's an hour a week, or a couple hours a month, you too can change someone's life!

If you're interested in volunteering, or you know an individual in your congregation that could benefit from these services, please contact Sherrie to learn more at 512-310-1060 | sherrie@senioraccesstx.org, or visit our website at www.senioraccesstx.org.

Don't forget this year's Mistletoe Magic Choral Concert, held December 8th at 6:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, Round Rock.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near." Luke 21:29-31

I am unclear what season it is.

It's football season, but it's also the beginnings of basketball season, and we're still, by the way, playing baseball (Go Astros!), and hockey has started. Not to mention that soccer seems to go year round.

The calendar says we are in the season of fall, but the weather certainly isn't taking note of that.

Also—our fig trees at the church? Yeah, with the way they sprout leaves (and figs!), it's ALWAYS summer here in South Texas.

And it's also always election season, but that's a whole other article.

Going deeper, some may be in a season of grief, where loss piles up around us, like the falling leaves that we normally see this time of year. Almost all of us are in a season of change, where the status quo of our lives is quickly becoming impossible to maintain. And it is also possible that you may be in a season of hope where you see amazing and wonderful things on the horizon, getting closer and closer every day.

The church calendar says that we're in a season of ordinary time with Advent coming soon. You can tell that only because our banners are green, but usually those seasons don't make a whole lot of difference in our everyday lives.

On the other hand, the United Methodist calendar says that it's Charge Conference season, which means meetings and reports and compiling data and filling out forms. Some of you can expect to be lots more busy because of this season in the church—I know I will be!

At Memorial UMC in particular, we're about to enter a season in which we talk about stewardship, which always seems a touchy subject, except Jesus talked a whole lot about the way we take care of and use money, the earth and the things we call "our own". To him, learning about stewardship and what God expects had EVERYTHING to do with what we think of God and what we think of God's hopes for this world. It also had to do with how we think about each other and how we treat each other, so this is a very important time to pay attention, not to what the church needs, but to what you need in order to have a good relationship with God and God's kingdom.

And it's that last season that gives me pause. The verse I referenced above is small little simile/ parable—part of Jesus' longer teaching on the signs of his coming again. Even though he said over and over again that we won't know when it's going to come, he seems to imply here that there is always something we can be learning, no matter the season.

It all asks us what kind of people we wish to be in this interim. It asks us if we have paid any attention to what Jesus has been asking us to remember. It asks us if we could justify that hateful word we said or that racist comment we laughed at or that lie that served us at the time but still bore false witness against another human being. It asks us if we are truly loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as self...or if people are just to be used and commodified and turned into legal problems.

And so for us, it is a season of learning—always. Learning the hope that Jesus brings, learning the peace that forgiveness imparts, and learning the love that daily, Daily, DAILY we need to put into practice. May you be recipients and practitioners both.

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

Friday November 1

*6:30pm Girl Scouts Believer's Room & Gym

Saturday November 2

1:00pm-5:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday November 3

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

*6:00am-8:00pm Al-Anon - Library

5:00-9:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Monday November 4

*7:30am Prayer - Chapel

*7:00pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday November 5

7:00am-7:00pm Election Day - Gym

*9:00am-12:30pm English Class - *Parlor

10:00am Bible In Fellowship - Pearce

Wednesday November 6

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm-10:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Thursday November 7

*9:00am-12:30pm English Class - FHL

*9:00-11:00am Wesley Soccer - Gym

4:15-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers

*7:00am-9:00pm Al-Anon - Library

Friday November 8

Saturday November 9

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday November 10

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

5:00pm-7:15pm Youth Group - Youth /Gym

Monday November 11

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday November 12

*9:30-11:00am Wesley Dance - Gym

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday November 13

Thursday November 14 Dec.. Newsletter Content Due

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday November 15

Saturday November 16

1:00-5:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday November 17

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Church Council - Parlor

5:00-9:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Monday November 18

Tuesday November 19

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

Wednesday November 20

4:00pm-8:00pm Youth - Gym

Thursday November 21

4:15-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday November 22

Saturday November 23

1:00pm-5:00pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday November 24

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Church Thanksgiving Luncheon - Gym

5:00pm-7:15pm Youth Group - Youth /Gym

Monday November 25

Tuesday November 26

Wednesday November 27

Thursday November 28 Office Closed

Friday November 29 Office Closed

Saturday November 30

*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Choir Rehearsal, Girl Scouts, Austin Harmony, Al-Anon 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

2019 Calendar for Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be given in memory or honor of loved ones or for special mission projects. *Fill out a form ASAP designating your wish and leave at the*



secretary office in the door slot. Bouquets are \$20.00 each - two maximum per Sunday. Stop and signup today.



Schedule Your Building Space Use

Any group wanting to use a room at the church for a meeting needs to make arrangements with the church office. You can make a one-time reservation or an on-going reservation. Check availability at 512-452-5796 or secretary@Memorialumcaustin.com



Do you enjoy making bread from scratch? Have you always wanted to learn how to make your own, but are just a little intimidated by the process? Want to hang out, learn some new recipes and think about the way that God works on your spirit?

Bread Church

**Thurs. Nov. 21st
7pm In Gym**



Wednesday Rehearsals

Choir @ 7:00 pm

Stewardship

is heart work



Stewardship at MUMC

Stewardship is much more than simply talking about money. It is asking us to see how we care for everything we've been given—time, our health, our relationships, our family, our possessions. It is also an act of faith, and if you are new to thinking about stewardship in any of its forms like that, schedule a time to talk to Pastor Cynthia or one of the people who will be speaking about stewardship during worship. Listen to their story...and then let God help you write yours, including thinking about how you will share your gifts with MUMC this coming year.

We will be sending out Estimate of Giving Cards the first week of November. These are our Finance Team's best tool to help us budget for the coming year. We hope that you will pray about your financial gifts to MUMC in 2020 and bring back your completed card to worship on November 24. If you and your household do not receive a card, please let us know.

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