

The Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dr. Robyn Bishop - Pastor

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

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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**November 5th
Join Us for All
Saints Sunday**

**November 12th
Veteran's Day &
The Path of
Gratitude Pledge
Day**



**November 19th
"Giving Thanks"
Preaching:
Matt Ortiz**

**November 26th
"Who Will We
Serve"**





church news



September 30, 1931 – September 18, 2023

Frank Del Rio, age 91, of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2023. Frank was born on September 30, 1931, in Austin, to Joe and Mary Del Rio.

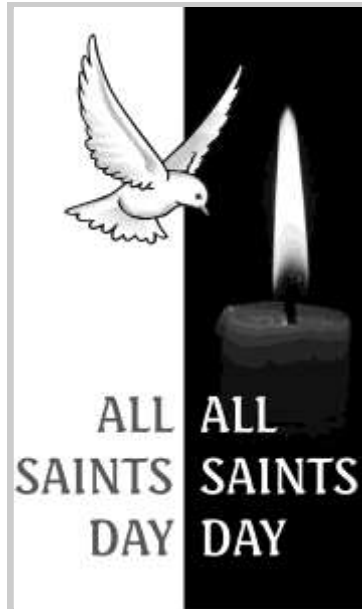
A funeral service was held at 10:30am on Monday, September 25, 2023, at the Texas State Cemetery, located at 909 Navasota Street, Austin, Texas. Services of burial was conducted jointly by the Military and the Austin Masonic Lodge.

In 1954, he married Betty Ruth Alexander, and they were blessed with two daughters, Dianne and Denise. Frank was a proud 65-year-member, of the Austin Masonic Lodge No. 12, and held a 32nd Degree. He proudly received his 50 year membership pen, along with his father, in 2007.

Frank was a faithful servant and honored God in the way he lived his life. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, Westlake United Methodist Church, and Tarrytown United Methodist Church.

Frank will be fondly remembered for his passion for life, as he brought joy to all people he encountered. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten, as his legacy will continue to live through the many lives he touched. He was a talented storyteller, who had a generous heart, and he made many positive contributions over the course of his lifetime.

Memorial UMC sends condolences and prayers to the Del Rio family and friends.



Margie Stahlbaum
11-5-22

John F. Nixon
1-9-23

Larry Lacy
3-31-23

Anne Ader
5-26-23

Frank Del Rio
9-18-23



November Birthdays

- 7th Holly (Shelton) Wright
- 10th Wanda Stout Adams
- 15th Afton Pomerleau Cherry
Gerry Almquist
- 16th Jonathan Ader
- 25th Cesar Benavides
- 27th Billie Nixon



Office Closed

**November 20th-24th for
Thanksgiving**



**We will be
focusing on
the 150th
Celebration
therefore, we**

**will not be hosting a
Thanksgiving Lunch this year.**



United Women in Faith
3rd Wednesday of each month
10:30am in Room 308
(Pearce Room)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
Philippians 4:6



2 Ways to Join Others in Prayer:

1). Every Thursday we send an email with a list of prayer requests and reminders of upcoming events for the week. If you would like to receive this weekly email, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Kc Nixon, secretary@memorialumcaustin.com.

2). Every other Tuesday, Afton Cherry leads a prayer group in the Moore Room, #308, across from the water fountain- Sept. 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19, etc.
If you have a prayer request or would like to have a pastoral call, please contact Pastor Robyn, robynbmumc@gmail.com



All Ages Welcome! Join the Merry Makers

for games, laughter & fellowship

On the 2nd & 4th Thursdays in Room 403
(Faith, Hope & Love)
Off the gym.

For more info. contact Alberta Shelton,
Connie Tatum or Betty Sanders



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30 - 9:30am before Sunday School

In the Gym Kitchen

Gluten Free (GF) pancakes will be available.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Provided by our United Women in Faith (UWF)

November Youth

****Sunday School is now
every Sunday at 9:45 am**



Thursday November 9 – WORSHIP at the
TEXAS WESLEY. Meet at the church at 6
pm

Sunday November 12 – UMYF 6 pm

Friday November 17 – MOVIE NIGHT!
Meet at the church at 7 pm to head to
Bastrop

Online Giving Breeze

[www. memorialumcaustin.com](http://www.memorialumcaustin.com) or link here:
[Breeze Online Giving](#)

Instructions: 1. Enter Amount 2. Enter Fund
to Direct Your Gift/Payment

3. Choose One Time or Recurring Setting

4. Enter Payment Method & Details

5. Choose whether to include the cost incurred by
MUMC to process your gift based on the amount

****If you once had a recurring gift set up, Please go to
Breeze Online Giving to set up a new one.**

Stories from Austin During World War II

Speaking of People by Marceline Townsley Austin American Statesman Jan. 16, 1944 Retold by Gloria McPhail

A senior hostess at the recreation center for servicemen at the Central Methodist Church Mrs. Peterson, decided to send Christmas cards to the parents of the serviceman. The City of Austin, civil organizations, business' and Churches had programs for the servicemen and their dependents.

Little is written about the programs for the parents of the servicemen and women. We do know that one of the mothers of a servicemen, Mrs. Boomhower from N. Y., wrote back thanking Mrs. Peterson for the card. She included a five- dollar bill with a request that a birthday cake with 21 candles be furnished for her son's birthday in January. She had just gotten over the flu and with the mail being so slow, she did not think it would get there in time. Mrs. Peterson and other hostesses threw a surprise party using the good china. Mrs. Mabray baked the requested 'big white cake with 21 candles'. It was a hallmark moment and the birthday boy played the violin at the party.

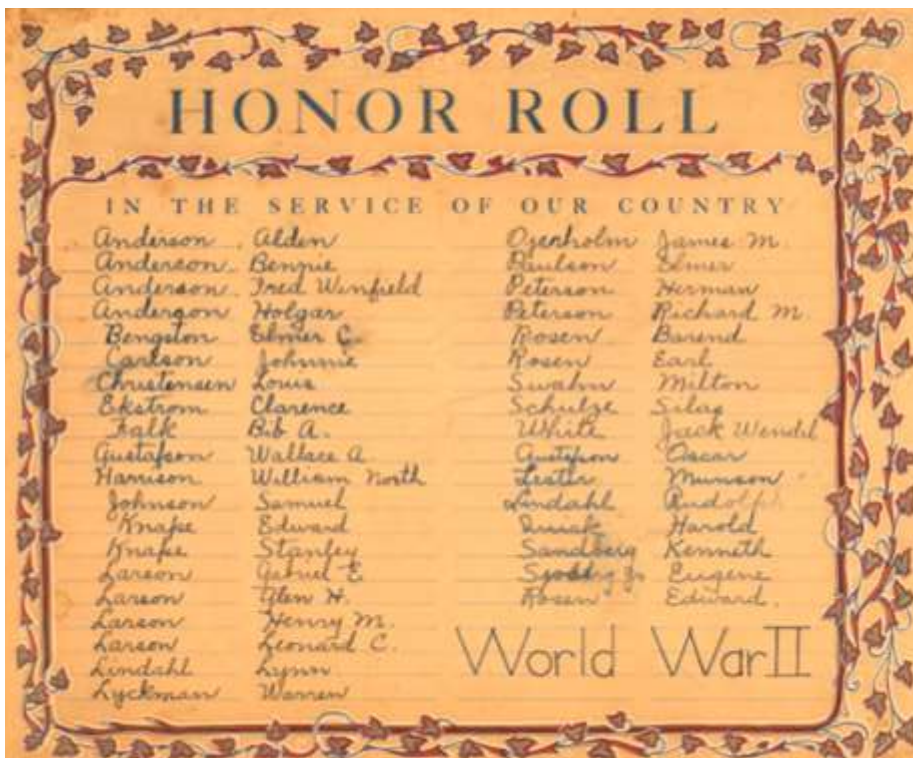
Austin Hosts Thousands of Servicemen

During War World II on the weekends Austin hosted between 12,000 and 22,000 service personnel. The USO, Austin city government, civil organizations, business', churches, universities and citizens helped house, feed and entertain these servicemen.

Housing- The government gave the serviceman housing vouchers for them to use in private homes and churches. Sometimes they were double booked. The Southern Presbyterian Church opened its doors but needed 40 more sets of bedding. It was impossible to buy the these items at the time. The university gave them cotton and the church members bought or gave the rest of the materials needed. They made 80 quilts in about three days!

Food- The USO and the church provided home cooked refreshments, snacks, picnic and sack lunches and also monthly dinners. Central Methodist Church served fried chicken, Swedish meatballs, Swedish rye bread, scalloped potatoes, combination salads, apple and lemon pie.

Entertainments- The churches had birthday parties, picnics, trips to ranches with real cowboys, sing-a-longs and old-fashioned parlor games. Central Methodist Church had musical entertainment and provided musical instruments for the servicemen to play. The USO had raffles tickets for the U.T. and A&M football game and long distances phone calls. The above facts were gathered from the internet and the newspapers.



Central Methodist Church

Honor Roll of Servicemen from World War II

By Gloria McPhail



...from your Pastor

"Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted." John 6:11

Throughout the scriptures Jesus sets forth the example of giving thanks before he shares what he has been given to eat. God is worthy of our praise and shows us the importance of having a grateful heart.

In the story of feeding the 5,000 in the Gospel of John, Jesus asked Philip where they should buy bread for the large crowd that had followed him and the disciples. Philip said, "Six months wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." Then Andrew noted that a little boy had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, and yet this wouldn't be enough.

Jesus gave thanks and encouraged the act of sharing. Could it be that in the sharing of the bread and fish of this little boy, it was the catalyst for others sharing what they had? Once the sharing began, it seemed there was more than enough. When all were satisfied, they even discovered there were leftovers. There were twelve baskets of leftovers. It was a sign of God's miraculous presence. What if in our gratefulness for what God has given us, God multiplied our gifts to be distributed among us as we shared?

This week until Nov. 12th, our church will be involved in a stewardship campaign called "**A Path of Gratitude.**" We have so much to be grateful for as we remember the stories of our 150 year history and get ready for our anniversary celebration. Hundreds of people gave so much of themselves to be a witness on a path toward a future that has now intersected our lives. As we pray with thanksgiving for the roots of our church and the roots of our faith, we can also reflect upon what we are grateful for as we envision our own paths and the future of this church. I wonder who we know now, who we may meet and who we may not know in the years ahead that will be impacted by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Please be in worship on Sunday, November 5th as we remember with thanksgiving The Saints who have gone before us and then on Sunday, November 12th for our path of gratitude pledging. We will create our 2023 budget based on what God places upon your heart to give. If you cannot be with us on November 12, and would like to offer a pledge of gratitude, please email Kc Nixon, who can send you a card which you can fill out and email confidentially to our bookkeeper, Holly Huff.

I "always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in (my) prayers constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness in hope!" (1 Thess 1: 2-3)
May God bless you!

The Path of Gratitude Pledge Form

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Please complete this estimate of giving form and return it in the offering plate or to the church office in an envelope marked “POGPC(Path of Gratitude Pledge Card). You may change your commitment at any time by notifying the church office. If you have questions regarding your pledge card please email Holly Huff, finance@memorialumcaustin.com.



I/We want to express our gratitude to God for all the blessings God has given us by giving:
\$ _____ per _____ week, _____ month, or _____ year (check box) to support God's work through our church.

This reflects a total commitment of \$ _____ for 2023.

____ I/We would like information on how to provide for Memorial UMC in my/our will.

____ I/We would like to speak with the pastor or Church Council representative about other giving opportunities.

____ I/We would like to serve Memorial by my _____ Prayers, _____ Presence, _____ Service, and _____ Witness. Share here any additional ideas about stewarding your gifts.

If you have questions about stewardship, please contact Pastor Robyn.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Join Us for a New Kids Sunday School Class!

Sundays Nov 12 - Dec. 17th

9:30-10:30am Room 400

(in the gym)

Led by Jason Peterson & assisted by Kathleen Beuttenmueller



THE ROMAN EMPIRE

RELIGION

HISTORY



FOOD

ARCHAEOLOGY

SUNDAYS
Nov 12th
through
Dec 17th



HANDS ON
DIG SIMULATION

FIND A REAL
ROMAN ARTIFACT!

WHERE JESUS GREW UP



Memorial United Methodist Church : 6100 Berkman Road, Austin

December Events

**Dec. 3rd 11am
Hanging of the Greens**



On December 10th, the congregation which is currently called Memorial

UMC will be 150 years old!

150th Anniversary Celebration!

Dec. 9th 1-5pm Community Gathering
with Fika (Tea & Snacks)

And **Dec. 10th Join Us at 11am** Worship,
Luncheon After Service

**Dec. 17th 11am
Guest Organist -
Kent Buress**



**Dec. 24th 6pm
Candlelight &
Communion
Christmas Eve
Service**

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