

# The Newsletter

## November 2014

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### *Sunday Schedule*

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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## Highlights for November



All Saints Sunday

November 2

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## 90+ Birthdays

November 2

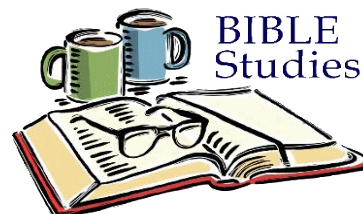
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Consecration Sunday and  
Thanksgiving Dinner

November 23

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BIBLE  
Studies

Fall Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

# 90+ Birthday Celebration

*Join us as we celebrate our  
awesome 90+ members at a  
reception between Sunday  
School and the Worship Service  
in the Parlor on  
Sunday, November 2, 2014.*

Earl Cole  
Katherine Eaker  
Bryant Lester  
Grace Morris  
Liz Sanford  
Kay Allen  
Betty Sampler  
Janet Clark  
Dorothy Burnup  
Wanda Anderson  
Lester Bryant  
Bill Head  
Cleo Wilson



## Harris Elementary Veterans Day Program

**Monday, November 10, 2014**

**9:00 am to 1:30 pm**

**Harris Elementary Cafeteria**

**Would love all Veterans from the  
neighborhood to come.**



The Church Office will be closed  
November 26-28 for  
Thanksgiving.



**Consecration Sunday  
and Celebration**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 23, 2014**

**Memorial's Gym**

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

Turkey, dressing and drinks will be provided.

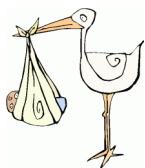
Please bring 2 side dishes to share.

(If you would like to donate a turkey,  
please talk with Billie Nixon.)

***Come, Share, Rejoice!***

## *News from the Pews*

*Billie Nixon, Membership Coordinator*



### Baby Blessings

We always rejoice for new life in the church and in our extended families.

I cannot leave out the birth of John William Anton Nixon to John Alan and Tina Nixon on October 10, 2014 at 10:05 am, weighing 9lbs 11.7 oz. and 19.5" long. He has a big brother, Grant Walker Zapalac and a big sister, Billie Florence Lois Nixon. His grandparents are Joe and Lois Teiner and John and Billie Nixon. We were all delighted. Noah James Shelton was born October 13, 2014 to James Shelton and Destiny McGraw, weighing 6 lbs 4 oz and 19" long. Alberta Shelton is his great grandmother.

Kay Allen has a new great granddaughter, Audrey Sloane Huddleston, daughter of Kay Allen Arin and Dane Huddleston. Audrey has a 3 year old, big brother, Luke.

May God bless, guard, and direct the steps of each of these families on their journeys.



### In Sympathy

Love and concern go to the following members and friends who have had a death in their family recently.

Sympathy to Jim Rhoades and family in the death of his beloved wife, Shirley Anne Froehner Rhoades who was born October 6, 1939 in Gonzales, Texas to Estelle Kattner and Elmar Froehner. She went to be with her Lord on September 30, 2014 at St. David's Medical Center

in Austin, Texas. She grew up on the family farm in Monthalia, Texas and lived with both her parents and grandparents, which made her the family-oriented person we all love. She graduated as salutatorian from Gonzales High School. After graduation, Shirley attended Brackenridge Hospital School of Nursing graduating in 1960 as valedictorian. In the 1980's she obtained her Bachelor of Liberal Studies from St. Edward's University.

She was united in marriage to James Rhoades on July 16, 1960 two days after she graduated from Nursing School. She worked as a registered nurse in surgical services and in physician offices – most notably Jerome Ravel, M.D. with whom she worked for nearly twenty years. Her work with patients continued when she worked for Dennis Cole at Austin Prosthetics Center. She ended her nursing career in Surgical Services in a couple of Ambulatory Surgery Centers. She was active with the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and the Alumni Association of Brackenridge Hospital School of Nursing. In 2008, she was selected as the periOperative Nurse of the Year by Austin Area AORN.

Apart from nursing, she was active in several other areas of community. She was an active member of Memorial United Methodist Church for 50 years, where she sang in the choir and rang bells, served on numerous committees and held many offices. After she was no longer employed in full-time nursing, she served on staff as the Financial Coordinator for five years and volunteered for so many ministries, it was difficult to find the church open without Shirley being involved.

Shirley was an avid UT fan, attending home football games for many years. She loved most spectator sports, especially those of her granddaughter, Hannah Smith. Shirley spent many hours making quilts for family, friends and new babies.

Shirley is survived by her husband, James, her daughter Laura Smith and son-in-law Kendall Smith; grandchildren Joshua and Lexi Smith,

## *News from the Pews*

*continued*

Genesis and Smith Cornell, Tyler Moore and Hannah Smith; great grandchildren Cheyenne, Sophia and Toby Cornell and Eleanor Smith; brother, Stan Froehner and sister-in-law Sandra and numerous colleagues and friends. She was anxiously awaiting the birth of her fifth great-grandchild in December. Shirley was welcomed into heaven by her daughter, Lisa Gail Rhoades and her parents Elmar and Estelle Froehner.

Sympathy to Ross and Zora Mae Hise in the death of his brother, Lynn Hise, age 85, of Big Springs, TX. He passed away on September 27, 2014 and was buried on October 2, 2014.

Ross also lost his sister, Martha Smith, age 94, of Falfurrias, TX on October 9, 2014. Her funeral was held on October 13, 2014

Sympathy to Kathy Gray on the death of her cousin, Buck Bailey, age 88, of Belton, TX who passed away on October 15, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Anna.

May God walk with each of you through every valley, holding tightly to your hand, steadying your every step, and carrying you when your strength is gone.

### **Fall Calendar for Altar Flowers Posted**

**Altar flowers may be given in memory or honor of loved ones or for special mission projects .**

***Fill out a form designating your wish and leave at the office or drop it off in the offering plate on Sunday. A new sign up sheet for Sundays through the end of December has been posted in the hallway of the administration wing.***

**Bouquets are \$20.00 each - two maximum per Sunday. Stop and signup today.**



**Giving Thanks for the Saints of Our Lives**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**All Saints Sunday - November 2**

Our congregation is compiling a Book of Saints to list those faithful ones we wish to remember from our own individual lives. Sheets for the book, on which you may record the names of persons of significance to you, will be available at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday through November 2.

*Listings received by October 26, will be recorded on a bulletin insert for the November 2 service.*

As an expression of thanksgiving, you also are invited to give a memorial gift for the saints of your life. Special envelopes will be available at each entry for this purpose. This is not a requirement for listing the saints of your life. Your gift will support our memorial fund for capital projects.

## **Memorial's Saints**

### **2014**

Christine Crowe

Lula Mae Dearing

Warren "Champ" Crumbling

Robert Lee "Bob" Turner

Kim Pena

James W. Brown, Sr.

Eleanor Jo Smith

Gaines Smith Leavelle

Shirley Anne Froehner Rhoades



# Women of the Church

At Memorial we have several groups for women that meet on a regular basis. We would love for all the women of the church to find a group and share in the blessings.

**BIF**– Bible Information Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Pearce Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

**Friday Morning Bible Study** meets the first and third Fridays of the month at 11:00 AM in the Moore Room. Currently the group is studying the Psalms.

**The Reading and Library Circle** meets the second Thursday of the month in the library.

**The Lamplighters** meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Pearce Room to support worship needs.

## Knitting Is Expanding to Sewing!

The Tuesday morning knitting, crocheting, sewing group continues to meet and enjoy learning new skills and good fellowship. Join us.

## United Methodist Women

Alberta Shelton, Stephanie Lacy and Billie Talley attended both District and Conference Meetings. It was a historic time. The end of the Austin District and the beginning of the Capital District - the end of the Southwest Texas Conference and the Rio Grande Conference and the beginning of the Rio Texas Conference. The Capital District Officers were elected as the slate was presented and previously published. The Conference officers were elected as the slate was presented except for the President. Lillie Williams from San Antonio was elected President. Our unit pledged \$1,000 to missions. Former Memorial member Linda Franke will be serving as part of the new Conference Team.

All subgroups should have their pledge service in November.

One of the major projects the UMW has is

Montopolis Friendship Community Center. We provide clothing at very inexpensive rates, provide a meeting place for neighborhood gatherings and celebrations, host a monthly Bingo game, and have an Early Educational Learning Class for children of the area for \$1.00 a day. We would like to expand this service from two days to four days beginning in January. We are soliciting donations for this program. If you feel you can donate any amount, please see one of the members of Memorial who serve on the MFCC Board - Billie Talley, Virginia Smith, Kay Dunbar or Alberta Shelton.

The United Methodist Women is the largest organization of women in the world totally committed to mission for women and children. We have literally changed history in some of the places we serve. If you would like to be a part of this committed group of women, join us. Alberta Shelton is celebrating 51 years of membership this month. She feels it has enriched her life more than anything else she has been a part of.



## Special Project December 2nd

at 9:30 AM

Putting together bags for the

Home-Bound

Bring any kind of treat or small gift.

Anyone can participate.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join your church family  
for a pancake breakfast on  
Sunday, November 2, 2014  
at 8:45 AM in the gym.







# November Birthdays

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4th Karl Amundson  
7th Holly Wright  
10th Wanda Stout Adams  
Eddie Smith  
11th Mary Beth O'Hanlon  
15th Afton Pomerleau Cherry  
16th Jonathan Ader  
17th Lester Bryant  
Philip Lowe  
Jessica Christine McFarland  
18th Stefani Stephens  
24th Bob Hauser  
25th Pat Gibson  
Barbara Metzger  
27th David Elliott  
Alma Madison  
Billie Nixon  
28th Ronald Dee Gray  
29th Ross Hise



**Daylight Savings Ends!**

**Set your clocks back  
one hour at bedtime**

**Saturday, November 1**

# November Calendar

## Saturday, November 1

Choir workday and rehearsal

Turn your clocks back at bedtime!

## Sunday, November 2– Communion, All Saints

8:45 am - Pancake Breakfast -Gym

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:15 am - 90+ Birthday Celebration –Parlor

10:30 am - Worship Services

12:00 pm - BRUNCH– Living Water—Parlor

5:00 pm - UMYF ( youth group)- Gym

## Monday, November 3

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

## Tuesday, November 4– Election Day

### Voting in the Gym

9:30 am - Staff meeting

9:30 am - BIF Circle - Pearce

6:30 pm - Fall Bible Study –Parlor

## Wednesday, November 5

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel –Sanctuary

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

## Friday, November 7

11:00 am - Bible Study –Moore

## Saturday, November 8

10:00 am - WPNA meeting– FHL/Gym

## Sunday, November 9

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Trustees -Pearce

12:00 pm - BRUNCH– Living Water – Parlor

5:00 pm - UMYF– Gym

# CALENDAR

## CONTINUED

### **Monday, November 10**

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel  
9:00 am - Harris Elementary Veterans Day Program  
6:30 pm - Church Council -Pearce  
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

### **Tuesday, November 11**

#### **Veterans Day**

9:30 am - Staff meeting  
9:30 am - UMW Knitting - Pearce  
6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting -Pearce  
6:30 pm - Fall Bible Study -Parlor

### **Wednesday, November 12**

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary  
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, November 13**

7:00 pm - Reading and Library Circle- Library  
7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society -FHL/Gym

### **Friday, November 14**

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

### **Sunday, November 16—Memorial for Christ**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am - Worship Service  
12:00 pm - BRUNCH—Living Water -Parlor  
2:00 pm - UMYF—FreeStore Service Project

### **Monday, November 17**

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

### **Tuesday, November 18**

9:30 am - Staff meeting  
9:30 am - UMW Knitting - Pearce

### **Wednesday, November 19**

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel -Sanctuary  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

### **Thursday, November 20**

7:00 pm - Lamplighters, UMW Circle -Pearce

### **Friday, November 21**

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

### **Sunday, November 23 Consecration/Thanksgiving**

9:15 am -Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am -Worship Service  
12:00 pm - Thanksgiving Dinner

### **Monday, November 24**

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

### **Tuesday, November 25**

9:30 am - Staff meeting  
9:30 am - UMW Knitting -Pearce  
6:30 pm - Fall Bible Study -Parlor

### **Wednesday, November 26**

Office Closed  
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, November 27— Thanksgiving Day**

Office Closed

### **Friday, November 28**

Office Closed

### **Sunday, November 30 Apportionment Sunday**

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am - Worship Service

## Looking Ahead



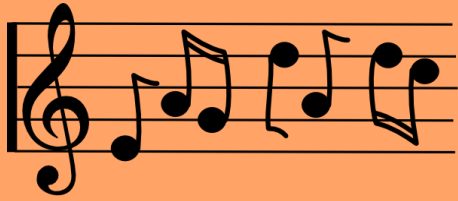
**Our Church Conference with the District Superintendent will be December 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM**



**Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, December 7, 2014**



**Choir Cantata is Sunday, December 14, 2014**



**Wednesday**

**Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 PM**

**Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM**



*Praying for our  
congregation  
and friends*

- Marsha Fowler
- Bill Simmons
- Dick and Betty Moore
- Ross and Zora Mae Hise
- Kathy Gray
- Eddie and Virginia Smith
- Dorothy Dennig
- Billie Talley
- Bob Compton
- Anna Kennedy
- Dave and Pat Teaney
- William Bennink Sr.
- Ed Owens
- Ava Gray
- Charlotte Gabriel
- Werner Stalbaum

For privacy we do not publish in the newsletter the reason these individuals are on our prayer chain. You may contact the church office for information if it is available.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

The last weekend of October 4 youth and 1 adult went to the Conference Youth Tent Revival.

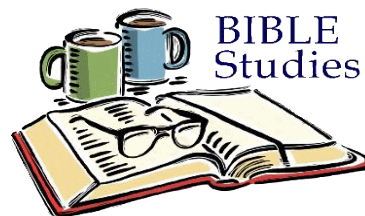
### **November Activities**

- Nov. 2– 5:00 –7:00 PM– In the Gym
- Nov. 9– 5:00-7:00 PM– In the Gym
- Nov. 16– 2:00-4:00 PM– FreeStore Workday
- Nov. 23– no activities
- Nov. 30– TBA

Blazer Tag Lock IN on Friday December 19, 2014 from 10pm to 6am. We will be meeting at Faith UMC for Worship at 10 pm and then we will go to Blazer Tag at 12 am. We will be collecting Hygiene Items for the FreeStore at Faith UMC on the day of the Lock in. See page 10 for a list of items.

The Youth are already looking ahead to Midwinter. They plan to attend the first two weekends, January 9-11 Sr. High and College and January 23-25 Missions Weekend.

Call, email or text Kendall for questions! If you don't have his information contact the church office secretary@memorialumcaustin.com or 512-452-5796.



## **BIBLE Studies Fall Bible Study**

Pastor Cynthia is leading a Tuesday evening Bible Study on the Psalms at 6:30 PM in the Parlor.

Everyone is welcome.



# Pastor's Corner

## September 2014

*I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Ephesians 1:17-19*

I am so full.

It isn't even Thanksgiving yet.

During the week of writing this newsletter article, I have been participating in Truck by Truckwest, which is a "trailer crawl". I have a pass that allows me to get samples from about 60 food trucks all across Austin. These samples range from the truly sample-size (a couple of bites), to an entire half a subway sandwich or full taco. The food truck scene is so diverse, in both its flavors and its approaches. Thus, after visiting over half of the trucks (Ed: as of Monday morning, we got to 47 of them), I am full *and* I have a fridge full of leftovers!

But I'm full for a lot of other reasons.

I'm full because ministry is beginning to take on a new shape at Memorial. Ministry not just with those who are "already in", but ministry with those who don't belong anywhere. Ministry that reaches out in so many different ways to our

neighborhood community through partnership with many organizations.

My heart swells when a diverse group of people gathers for Bible study or for our BRUNCH series. It grows larger when I get to talk to people in the community and tell them that I'm not just doing this because I'm a nice person, but because I'm a Jesus person. It almost bursts when I hear about experienced members and new-to-us members talking about how they can further ministry on their own. It dances when people call me to tell me their stories about how God has been moving, stretching them to grow and doing things they might not have risked before for the sake of the Good News.

The participants at MUMC are *not* all the same. We have different abilities, different backgrounds, different gifts. Some have the ability to write a check. Some don't have the ability to get a meal on a regular basis. Some have PhD's. Some did not finish high school. And yet, every week as the saints below gather (probably with a few saints above looking on as witnesses), I see God molding and shaping and bringing out the best in people.

The verse from Ephesians I quoted above has been with me. I am experiencing the HOPE to which we are all called. And this is the result of that verse:

*And [God] has put all things under [Jesus'] feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,<sup>23</sup> **which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.***

You are God's fullness. Thank you.



# Worship Notes



## November 2 Communion Offering Supports Harvest Sunday

Our November Communion Sunday offering will go to Harvest Sunday, supporting food banks all over our conference.

## Advent 2014

Beginning November 30, we will celebrate Advent, the preparation for the coming of Christ. Our theme this year is “All I Want for Christmas—Dealing with the Deepest Desires of Our Hearts”. A more complete schedule will be available mid-November, but until then, here is an early-Advent activity you can plan on!

*November 30*—after worship, we will join for an ornament-making party in the parlor.

## Stewardship 2015

As we look toward another year of doing God’s work in Northeast Austin, our working groups and committees are beginning to prepare their budgets. As you look at your own finances for 2015, we hope that you’ll remember the church in that planning. Our ability to do everything from cover worship expenses to hosting Bible studies and other discipleship groups to missions work within our neighborhood and city all depend on what we receive from those who are willing to give to God through us.

You will be receiving an Estimate of Giving Card in the mail sometime in the next week or so. This is not strictly a “pledge” but rather a way for you to estimate what you think you will be able to contribute to mission and ministry. It is a vital tool that helps us to plan. Please return the card, either to the church directly or in the offering plate on Sunday. We will celebrate and consecrate all that we have received this year on Sunday, November 23.

# Community Partners

Did you know that Memorial UMC now has **NINE** community partners? In December we will welcome the Texas-Louisiana regional office for Church World Service. You may know them best from CROP WALK, but they are involved all over the world, alleviating hunger and providing emergency relief. Welcome CWS!

Our current partners are:

*Drive a Senior*—provides rides to seniors who need to get to a doctors appointment. To volunteer as a driver, call 512-459-1122.

*Austin Children’s Theater (ACT)*—we provide space for their summer camp and sometimes for productions and school-year courses.

*Austin Ukelele Society*—They rehearse every second Thursday in our gym. All talent levels welcome! Join in the fun!

*Boy Scout Troop \_\_\_\_* -- They meet on Monday nights in the gym at 7:30. If you know of a boy between 11 and 18 who would like to join, call Scout Master, Bobby Kent at 512-577-5523.

*Meals on Wheels*—We serve as a distribution point for 27 different meal routes in northeast Austin. To volunteer for a route, either daily or as needed, call 512-476-MEAL(6325).

*Windsor Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA)*—Meets on the second Saturday of every month in the Faith, Hope and Love classroom off of the gym. Discusses issues relevant to the neighborhood.

*Achieve School*—a junior high charter school, Achieve uses our gym on Monday-Wednesday for their sports teams as their campus on Manor undergoes a transformation with permanent buildings.

*Harris Elementary*—as our partnership grows, we are looking to ways that we can help the parents of students. You will be hearing more about these possibilities soon!

# Missions and Outreach

This is the time of year when people start examining their lives and reflecting on all of their blessings. As a response to these musings people are often inspired to be generous. Collection boxes for various charities start appearing at grocery stores and malls. Food pantries receive more donations around Thanksgiving and Christmas than any other season. We would like to give you a few things to think about as you contemplate how you might give this season.

## FreeStore

The Youth will be collecting the following hygiene items for the FreeStore:

- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes ·Deodorant ·Soap
- Razors/Shaving Cream ·Lotion ·Shampoo/Conditioner
- Combs/Hair Brushes
- Feminine Hygiene products ·Depends/ Poise
- Perfume/Cologne

## Food Bank

If you want to donate to a food bank, please consider dietary needs like:

- diabetes ·gluten allergy ·low sodium

Food Pantries will tell you that some of the most helpful items to donate are:

- Canned or Vacuum Packed Meats or Jerky
- Peanut Butter ·Rice ·Beans ·Soup Packets
- Canned Cream Soups ·Bouillon or Broth
- Just Add Water Mixes ·Healthy Cereals
- Canned Vegetables ·Pasta and Pasta Sauces

## Harris Elementary

As we continue our partnership with Harris Elementary we are learning more about the needs that we could help meet. As any parent knows, kids sometimes have accidents that require a

change of clothes. The school tries to keep a clothes closet with items like the following:

- T-shirts ·Pants ·Underwear

Anyone who would like to donate to Harris can bring clothing items to the church and we will deliver them to Harris. T-shirts and pants can be used clothing, they just need to be laundered first. They need sizes 4T to youth 14.

Other items that Harris could use would be old sheets or scrap fabric for craft projects.

## Montopolis Friendship Center

The UMW are always accepting clothing donations for the MFC. They are also accepting donations to build a fence around the playground. Talk to Billie Talley or call the church office for more information.



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## Volunteers Needed

to carry food donations to the Food Bank.

If interested let Pastor Cynthia know or call the church office at 512-452-5796