

# The Newsletter

## 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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## October 2019

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

2nd Sunday October 13th



8:30 AM

In the gym

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### Bread Church

Build-A-Bread  
Workshop  
Muesli



Oct. 17th 7pm  
Gym Kitchen

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Thur sday

October 31

5:30-7:30 PM

Vol unteer s and  
Candy ar e Needed!



## News From Pews



By **Billie Nixon**  
Membership  
Coordinator



### **Brigman Earl Cole**

July 7, 1920 – September 12, 2019

Brigman Earl Cole (Daddy Earl), 99, was born July 7, 1920 in Bertram, Texas, the son of James Arthur Cole and Alberta Law Cole. He went to Heaven on September 12, 2019 having lived all his life in Austin, Texas. He married Verna Venette Carlson on June 30, 1941 at Central Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. Verna preceded Earl in death on May 12, 2012, having been married almost 71 years.

He is survived by three sons, Vernon and wife Linda of Liberty Hill, David and wife Sandy of Dallas, Brigman Jr. (Shorty) and wife Lisa of Plano. He is survived by 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was a World War II veteran; was an elected Public Weigher for the City of Austin for many years, along with being an Ice Man (prior to refrigeration) and Milkman delivering across North Austin.

Graveside services were at Austin Memorial Park (2800 Handcock Dr, Austin, TX 78731) on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 10am.

Although he and his wife have been homebound for several years, we have enjoyed

visiting Earl and Verna. They were a delightful couple— may God bless their sons with happy memories.

**Rev. Robert J. Scott** of Austin, Texas passed away on Friday, August 23, 2019.

He was born January 11, 1930 to the late Rev. Robert F. Scott and Ethel Malear Scott in Olmstead, Illinois.

Robert was a retired United Methodist Minister, pastoring churches in Kentucky, New York, and Texas. He pastored here at Memorial UMC between 1987 and 1994. He was a Korean Air Force Veteran.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 26, 2019 from 10 to 11 A.M. in the Chapel of the Southern Oaks Funeral Home. A graveside service followed at 11 A.M. in the Southern Oaks Cemetery with Bro. Joe Altman officiating.



**Bible In  
Fellowship meets  
the 1st Tuesday of  
every month at  
10am in the Pearce  
Room**

**Reading & Library meets the  
3rd Tuesday of every month at  
10am in the Children's Library**

**Widows Helping Others  
WHO! meets the 4th Sunday  
each month after service in  
Pearce**

**All Are Welcome!**

WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER  
opportunities



## Worship Readers Wanted

We are constantly seeking people who would like to participate in worship by reading scripture or offering the Prayers of the People. We believe that the more voices we hear, the more we understand that liturgy is the work of all the people--not just the pastor and choir.

If you would like to receive more information about doing this and get on the schedule please contact Connie Tatom 512-923-3977 to volunteer to read scripture and prayers on Sunday during worship.

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 Build-A-Bread Workshop Muesli



Thurs. Oct. 17th  
7pm In Gym

# Youth

Wednesday October 2 – Johnson City UMC Worship Night! Leave at 4 pm and return between 9 and 10 pm

Sunday October 13 – UMYF 5 pm Youth Room/Gym

Sunday October 27 – Homebound Visits 3:30 pm

UMYF 5 pm Youth Room/Gym

### Upcoming events:

30-Hour Famine with Johnson City UMC Sat – Sun Nov 16-17



Thursday October 31st  
5:30-7:30pm Parking Lot  
Volunteer Now > Contact:  
Daphne at the office



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!

Sam Fullilove Volunteer Recruitment Specialist  
3227 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78702  
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**CWS**  
cwsglobal.org

CWS is responding to assist persons and communities impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

In the Bahamas, CWS is responding alongside our ACT Alliance and other partners. The ACT Alliance is a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy. We are deploying staff as part of an ACT Alliance Rapid Support Team to assess the needs and determine a response strategy. Our response will likely focus on mid- and long-term recovery efforts.

In the United States, we are engaged in an immediate response by shipping CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets, School Kits, Hygiene Kits and Blankets to affected areas in North Carolina. CWS shipped 1,100 CWS Kits, Clean Up Buckets and Blankets to communities in North Carolina. Just one year ago, Hurricane Florence brought historic flooding and devastation to our shores. Congregations across the country responded with over \$2 million in supplies – and we hope for such a generous response in Dorian's aftermath.

Once we have damage assessments from North Carolina, we will work with Long-Term Recovery Groups and other organizations to help meet the unmet needs of their communities, with a focus on vulnerable migrant or refugee populations.

Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Manager  
Church World Service



## A Giant Thank You to Our Family Circle of Volunteers!

Senior Access would like to thank all of those who have continued to volunteer and make a huge difference in the lives of seniors in their community.



"[These are] people who genuinely care, not just about the city, but about each other as neighbors," says Rudy Metayer, Councilmember of the City of Pflugerville. "In [serving], they feel that their volunteer time isn't just something they're throwing away, but something that's necessary, a part of who they really are."

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 learning more, contact Sherrie at

512-310-1060 | [vr@senioracesstx.org](mailto:vr@senioracesstx.org), or visit our website at [www.senioracesstx.org](http://www.senioracesstx.org).

## Pastor's Corner



*When they drag you into their meeting places, or into police courts and before judges, don't worry about defending yourselves—what you'll say or how you'll say it. The right words will be there. The Holy Spirit will give you the right words when the time comes. Luke 12:11-12 (from *The Message* paraphrase)*

A few weeks ago, I participated in a Collegeville Institute workshop on writing spiritual memoir. The Collegeville Institute is, according to their website, a “place of scholarship, worship, dialogue, and community immersed in the Benedictine rhythm of work and prayer.” It is centered in Minnesota near the St. John's Abbey, and is a place where writers and theologians and artists and other thinkers wrestle with how to communicate Christian identity in this world. Most of their residencies and other programs take place in Minnesota, but Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary brought one of the workshops to Texas.

One of the things that I have wanted to do lately is to concentrate on writing and thinking that is not toward a weekly sermon or Bible study teaching. Even in a week where I might have 10-15 hours to devote to the worship service and preaching, I never seem to do a lot of writing and thinking other than the sermon. This workshop seemed a great way to kick my brain into action

But I was nervous about applying for the workshop because one of the requirements was to submit a 15-20 page writing sample of a spiritual memoir. I haven't written anything that long since I submitted my ordination papers in 2002!

I'm not usually nervous about words. I love words, and I love finding and recognizing precise language that gets to the core of what I'm trying to say or describe. But the task of delving deep into myself and my spirit was difficult.

And so I wrote about bread. And I was admitted to the program!

I walked into the room, and I found myself in the company of people I consider REAL writers—people who already have multiple books published, those who have working drafts of their spiritual memoirs already written, people whose facility with language is amazing to me.

I panicked. What did I submit that allowed me to be here for this week with these people?

But our first writing exercises started with someone else's words. We wrote down what they wrote and then we used that as a jumping off point for our own thoughts. And I learned that when I could start somewhere that I trusted, my own words came!

The scripture above from Luke 12 was one that I preached on just before I went to the seminar, and I had to remind myself over and over that I could trust God to help me find words.

Many people don't like to talk about their spiritual lives or even pray out loud. We worry we won't have the right words or that our words will offend someone (or they'll offend God!). My experience with writing reminded me that this fear is real—that nerves can really make us think that we can't do something or that we won't do it well enough. It's one of the reasons I keep hearing about not wanting to pray in church.

I think about my fear walking into a room of writers and wonder if people walk into the sanctuary and feel like they're in a room full of pray-ers. Here's the good news—it is a room full of pray-ers. And you are one of them!

Just like I had to have other people's words to help ground my own, just like the Spirit helped me when I was panicking, I am going to be using (and asking those who pray in worship to use) prayers that have already been written. We may modify them or use them straight. But I'm going to trust that they will help me and you to offer ourselves to God and to overcome a fear we have that we are not enough. Please consider saying Yes if you are asked to pray and letting the Spirit move in you, no matter who puts the words down on paper!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Kepler-Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



# OCTOBER 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

**Tuesday October 1**

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

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

10.00am Bible In Fellowship - Pearce

**Wednesday October 2**

\*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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

**Thursday October 3**

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

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

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

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

**Friday October 4**

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

**Saturday October 5**

**Sunday October 6**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team - Parlor

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

**Monday October 7**

\*7:30am Prayer - Chapel

\*7:00pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

**Tuesday October 8**

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

**Wednesday October 9**

**Thursday October 10**

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

**Friday October 11**

**Saturday October 12**

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

**Sunday October 13**

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

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

**Monday October 14**

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

**Tuesday October 15** Nov. Newsletter Content Due

10am Reading & Library

**Wednesday October 16**

**Thursday October 17**

7:00pm Build A Bread Church - Gym

**Friday October 18**

**Saturday October 19**

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

**Sunday October 20**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

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

**Monday October 21**

**Tuesday October 22**

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

**Wednesday October 23**

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

**Thursday October 24**

**Friday October 25**

**Saturday October 26**

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

**Sunday October 27**

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Widows Helping Others - Pearce

12:30pm-4:30pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

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

**Monday October 28**

**Tuesday October 29**

**Wednesday October 30**

**Thursday October 31**

5:30pm-7:30pm Trunk or Treat - Parking Lot

\*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.



# October

- 1st Clayton Karrer
- 2nd Rachelle Webb
- 4th Syble Berglund
- 5th Frances Beerwinkle
- 7th Clifford Brown
- 10th John William Anton Nixon
- 15th Curt Swenson
- 20th Malena Pomerleau Peterson
- 22nd John Adams  
Sandra Davis
- 25th Irene Shelton
- 26th Betty Sanders
- 29th Jo-Ann Bennink

## 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

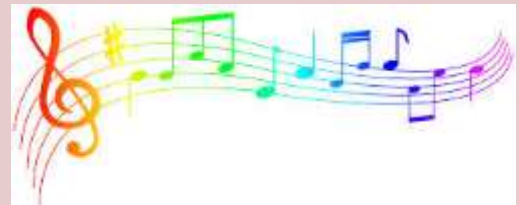
Any group wanting to use a room at the church for a meeting needs to make arrangements with the church office. You can make a one-time reservation or an on-going reservation. Check availability at 512-452-5796 or [secretary@Memorialumcaustin.com](mailto:secretary@Memorialumcaustin.com)



All Saints' Day

Remembering your loved one on All Saints Sunday.

Place name on the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary during the month of October for All Saints Sunday November 3rd, 2019



## Wednesday Rehearsals

Choir @ 7:00 pm

## ***WORSHIP in OCTOBER***

October 6—Arriving at Jerusalem

*We will also celebrate World Communion  
Sunday today*

October 13—Jesus is Openly Questioned

October 20—Final Teachings and a Last Meal

October 27—Jesus' Passion

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Memorial United Methodist Church



Every fall, our church has a business meeting designed to help us reflect on the previous year and look forward with plans for the future. We call this a “charge conference”. Though the meeting is open to anyone to attend, any official voting that takes places is done by the members of the Church Council.

This year, we will once again participate in a cluster of charge conferences. We will publicize the November date when it is selected. Our theme is “Walking Together”, a continuation of that theme from our Annual Conference in June.

