

# The Newsletter

## October 2016

### 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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### Monday

### October 31

### 5:30-7:30 PM

Volunteers and Candy  
are Needed!



**Sunday, November 20  
3:00pm at Wesley UMC**

Charge Conference is our once-a-year meeting in which we celebrate what God has been doing among us and in our mission field. This year, our District Superintendent, Rev. Teresa Welborn, has asked that the East Austin congregations join together for a joint conference. Instead of focusing on our paperwork, we will hear stories of hope from each congregation and also get a chance to hear from Dr. Kazique Prince, who is a member of Mayor Steve Adler's Community Cabinet. Dr. Prince will be sharing about trends and needs in East Austin which may focus our ministries. All are invited to attend this meeting!



**Submitted by Billie Nixon  
Membership Coordinator**



## **Annie Katheryn Allen**

Annie Katheryn “Kay” Allen died September 13, 2016 in Austin, Texas. She was born in 1919 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Clute Bernard Hixon and Kate Baldwin Perkins.

Kay attended nursing school at the Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas. During World War II, the Armed Forces needed nurses, and Kay answered that call, joining the Army. After finishing school, she receiving the rank of Second Lieutenant in 1945 and served as a nurse during the war in Europe.

Her two years in the military in Germany and France were filled with hard work and occasional R&R. It was on leave that she met Lt. Robert C. Allen who was also on leave. Bob was quite the dancer, and she was “swept off her feet.” They were married in 1947 in Nevada, then moved to San Francisco, where she gave birth to a daughter, Mary, and a son, Robert.

Bob served his country on a series of assignments which included Korea, Washington, Germany, Georgia, Vietnam, North Carolina and Texas. Kay and the kids traveled along when possible, taking frequent car trips to enjoy new places, foods, and cultures.

After Bob retired, they used Austin as a home base while taking long trips in an Airstream Trailer. Kay enjoyed patio gardening, involvement in local and ex-military clubs, and her church. She had fun with her granddaughters, Jennie and Erin, having silly costume tea parties, and letting them take turns being “Queen for a Day”. They called her “Tutu” which is grandmother in Hawaiian.

Kay received an Army Occupation Medal, a WWII Victory Medal and her name is on a WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. She was honored to be included on an Honor Flight trip with other veterans a couple years ago, where she was able to view the memorial in person.

Kay’s generosity, friendship and sense of humor will be missed. She said, “The Lord has taken care of me, and has done a pretty good job.” She trusted Him for what comes next.

Kay is survived by her daughter Mary Allen Crook and husband, Jim; son Robert Emmett Allen and wife Patti Beerwinkle-Allen; granddaughters Jennie Kathleen Fleury and husband Brad; Erin Michelle Huddleston and husband Dave; and great grandchildren Lucas and Audrey Huddleston and Samuel Fleury.

Interment was at 10:45 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd. in San Antonio on Tuesday, September 20.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to this church which has a school and extensive community outreach programs.

If you would like to send mail to the Allen family, please send it In C/O Memorial UMC at 6100 Berkman Dr. Austin, TX 78723 and we will see that they get it.





## Jeanne May Williamson

Jeanne May Williamson passed to her Heavenly Home on September 20, 2016 peacefully in her sleep. She was born on the family farm/ranch in Parker County, TX.

Early education included grades 1-8 in the one room Wampler Rural School; graduated from Weatherford High School, Weatherford Jr. College where she was Homecoming Queen, and received her B.A. degree from TCU when only 18--taught High School English while going to TCU at night receiving her Master's degree at age 20. At 25 she was named Outstanding Teacher of her school.

Jeanne has worn "many hats", teacher, counselor, supervisor, mother, Registered Nurse and the beautiful white Fez of the Ladies Oriental Shrine serving as High Priestess of Ben Hera Court #91 in 1985-86. And the Crown when serving as Queen of Ruh Neb Temple No. 64 Daughters of the Nile. She served in many offices of Ruh Neb as Chaplain and as President of the Pageantry Unit. She is past Worthy Matron of Austin Chapter #304 and Fidelis Chapter #963 and Round Rock 316 of the Eastern Star and has served as organist two years and various other stations.

Jeanne and husband Bubba have been very active in many Shrine events and traveled extensively to LOS Grand Councils and Shrine Imperial meetings throughout the United States and Canada. She never met a stranger and prided herself on caring for her patients and bringing joy and happiness to them as well as her friends and family. She had a contagious smile, and an energetic attitude that greatly influenced everyone around her. She loved to share jokes and red roses and in recent years, Beanie Babies, as she has been an avid collector of them from all over the world.

After retirement, playing bridge and reading were among her favorite past times. She served as

President of the FFF Bridge Club, the Welcome to Austin Bridge and Canasta Club.. She was also a member of the Austin Woman's Club and the Austin Club for years and bridge chairman of Cosmos at Balcones Country Club.

As a Surgical Assistant and office nurse for Dr. David Fleeger and the late Dr. W.A."Andy" Hibbert, Jeanne thought a big smile and warm hug were the best medicine for many of her patients which she enjoyed so much. Besides being a hard worker and friend to all, she also enjoyed cooking, oil painting, and sewing. She and Bubba were members of Memorial Methodist Church, on Berkman Street, where she served as President of Wesley School Board and on various committees for years. She and Bubba traveled over most of the United States and many other countries. One of her greatest trips was taking her son and grandson to watch her beloved Froggies win the Rose Bowl on January 1st, 2011.

Preceding Jeanne in death were her Aggie husband, R.S. "Bubba" Williamson, Jr. and parents, Buster and Nellie Pearson. She is survived by her son, Benji May and wife Lesa and grandson Ryan of Round Rock, and a host of friends and good neighbors.

Visitation with the family was from one o'clock until three o'clock, on Tuesday, the 27th of September 2016, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas. Followed by funeral service at three o'clock. Burial was beside her father and Bubba at the Dicey cemetery near the Clear Fork Baptist Church east of Weatherford.

**To Afton Cherry & Family** in the death of her brother's widow, Anne Chung, age 81 of Virginia,— near D.C. Recently Anne fell hitting her head causing a coma. Later she passed away on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Services for her funeral were held on Sept. 17th 2016 in Virginia. We will keep Afton and her family in our prayers.



**Love and concern go out to all the family and friends as they heal from this loss.**



Recently we were thrilled to learn that Grace Morris has been chosen by Honor Flight to go to Washington

D.C. on October 7, 2016.

As many of you know, Grace was a nurse in World War II with many interesting stories to tell. This is one of the rewards she will have for her faithful service. Her daughter will be her companion for this trip also.

Grace is one of our 90+ members at Memorial, a long time member, is still active and young at heart. We are anxious to see pictures and hear more about her trip upon her return. We pray for a safe journey.

**HONOR FLIGHT MISSION:** To transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation—and as a culturally diverse, free society. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

To Make a Donation by Mail  
Please mail your tax deductible donation to:

Honor Flight, Inc.  
Attn: Diane Gresse  
175 South Tuttle Road



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Monday, Thursday and Friday

9:30am– 1:00pm

You may Email:

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**\*\*Please Note:** Emails and Messages are only **checked during Kc's hours. For Urgent issues** contact the Pastor or Billie directly. **\*\***



**How can National Breast Cancer Awareness Month make a difference?**

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage

communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

Here are just a few ideas:

- Ask doctors and nurses to speak to women about the importance of getting screened for breast cancer.
- Encourage women ages 40 to 49 to talk with their doctors about when to start getting mammograms.
- Organize an event to talk with women ages 50 to 74 in your community about getting mammograms every 2 years.

The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.



# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## **Saturday, October 1**

1:00pm-3pm Girl Scout Area Gym area

## **Sunday, October 2 Communion Sunday**

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

## **Monday, October 3**

6:30 am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, October 4**

9:30 am BIF - Pearce

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

## **Wednesday, October 5**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, October 6**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

## **Friday, October 7**

## **Saturday, October 8**

8:00am-4:00pm Austin District Cultural Competency - Parlor

10:00am-11:30am WPNA - Gym/FHL

## **Sunday, October 9**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Trustees

## **Monday, October 10**

6:30 am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, October 11**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

6:00 pm Wesley Board - Pearce

## **Wednesday, October 12**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, October 13**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

7:00 pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

## **Friday, October 14**

9:00 am D.A.S. Grand Adult Days - Parlor

## **Saturday, October 15**

8:00am-5:00pm UMW Conference

## **Sunday, October 16**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

## **Monday, October 17**

6:30 am Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Gym area

## **Tuesday, October 18**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

10:00 am Honeybees - Pearce

6:00 pm NAMI Support - Pearce

## **Wednesday, October 19**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir room

## **Thursday, October 20**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

10:00 am Reading and Library

7:00 pm Bread Church - Gym

## **Friday, October 21**

## **Saturday, October 22**

## **Sunday, October 23**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am- Worship Service

## **Monday, October 24**

6:30 am Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - Gym area  
 6:30 pm Austin Harmony - Choir room  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Gym area

**Tuesday, October 25**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

**Wednesday, October 26**

6:00 pm Reading & Library

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 27**

9:00 am -1:30 pm ESL classes - Parlor

**Friday, October 28**

**Saturday, October 29**

**Sunday, October 30**

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday, October 31**

6:30 am Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - Gym area

6:30 pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Gym area

5:30-7:30pm TRUNK OR TREAT



**To our many friends, my recent back injury has been made much easier because of you. Thank you for the many cards, calls, visits and encouragement that has helped my recovery. I am now in therapy and hope to be completely healed soon. No one knows what a blessing church friends and family are until you really need the support and prayers. Sincerely, Billie Nixon**



**Wesley School Garage Sale**

**Saturday November 5th**

**Please contact Chris Banda or the Wesley School for more information**

**512-467-9740**



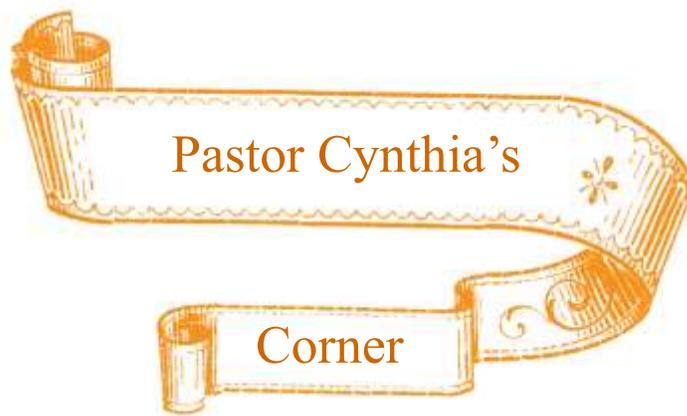
**October Birthdays**

- 1st Clayton Karrer
- 2nd Rachelle Webb
- 4th Syble Berglund
- 7th Clifford Brown
- 10th John William Anton Nixon
- 15th Jane Shive  
Curt Swenson
- 17th Ann Bryant
- 20th Malena Pomerleau Peterson
- 22nd John Adams  
Sandra Davis
- 29th Jo-Ann Bennink

**MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**Come join your church family for a pancake breakfast on Oct. 2 at 8:30 AM in the gym.**



*And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-12*

The pecan trees both at the church and at the parsonage are full of ripening pecans. Last year, there were very few nuts, but this year, the branches hang heavy. Quite coincidentally, I'm sure, the population of squirrels at the parsonage has increased exponentially!

I was thinking about the harvest of pecans that I dream about and never get around to. Most often, the pecans in my yard are picked up by said squirrels or by folks who come by and ask (or sometimes don't) if they can have the pecans. While I always prefer that they ask, I just want to see them eaten, so I generally don't mind who gets them as long as they don't just rot on the tree or on the ground.

Fall is the season when we start taking inventory of the fruit that has been produced by a church in any given year. We talk about it at our Charge Conference, and we use those stories and that data to make plans for the next year.

Some years the fruit doesn't seem as identifiable—like a drought year for a pecan crop. Some years we are burdened by a great crop—too much for us to sustain on our own! Whatever happens, we thank God for the growth that has happened within our congregation and within our mission field in the past year.

But harvests also call to mind other aspects of work in a congregation. The pecan tree outside our sanctuary was planted as a Boy Scout project by Hildegard Kothman-Cook's son, who died a few years ago. Yet what he planted continues to give life to the neighborhood. The scriptures call for those who own land to allow for the edges of the land to be gleaned by those in need—and it was during the gleaning that Ruth and Boaz began the relationship that 3 generations later produced King David.

The harvest is interwoven into our scriptures and into

our lives. Though we are no longer a primarily agricultural civilization (at least far fewer of us are involved in the produce of the bulk of our food), it is still important to note that

God continues to grow that which we plant.

Which begs the question—what are we planting? What do we hope will grow in this neighborhood? What work are we doing to tend and nurture the love of Jesus Christ for our neighbors? What are we planting in the lives of our children—and not just the children to whom we are related, but the children in our schools and down the street? Are we planting hope there...or are we planting a sense that only some kids will be good enough?

Though we tend to only take stock of what we've harvested once a year, I suggest that we take daily and weekly stock of what we've been planting. That heart-felt interaction with a coworker might just have planted love. The way in which you dismissed someone's concerns might have planted despair. Though we can't plant perfectly, we can keep on asking the Lord of the Harvest to help us plant things that are worthy of the righteousness that comes through Jesus. See you in worship!

*Cynthia Kepler-Hauer*



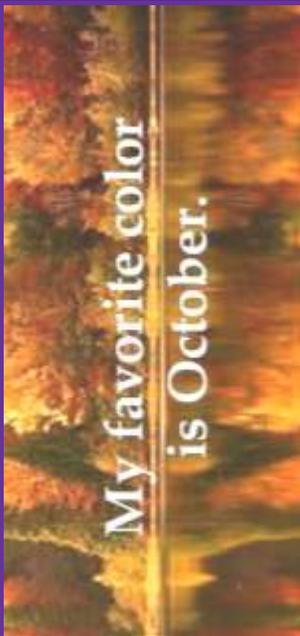
Do you enjoy making bread from scratch? Have you always wanted to learn how to make your own, but are just a little intimidated by the process? Want to hang out, learn some new recipes and think about the way that God works on your spirit?

**Bread Church**

**Thursday October 20th**

**7pm Gym**

# The Newsletter



Welcome Autumn! Here are some interesting happenings that occurred in October.

## Did You Know?

On October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States

On October 4, 1957, the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.

On October 5, 1947, the first presidential telecast address from the White House was made by Harry S. Truman.

On October 7, 1816, the Washington (first double-decked steamboat) arrived at New Orleans.

On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.

On October 18, 1867, The U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.

On October 22, 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of Texas.

On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.



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