

# 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 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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## October 2021



### Communion Sunday

**October 3:**

Rev. Laura Merrill

**October 10:**

Alberta Shelton

**October 17:**

Rev. Lizzie Wright

**October 24:**

Kevin Murphy

**October 31:**

Hymn Sing

We're so excited about all of the speakers who will be joining us! Whether you watch online, read their transcript through email or physical mail or come in person, we hope that you will be praying for those who will bring the Word of God to us in new and fresh ways.



# News



# October Birthdays

- 1st Clayton Karrer
- 2nd Rachelle Webb
- 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



Our deepest sympathies go out to Wanda Adams and the Janda family at the passing of Sondra Janda in Kentucky.

Hurricane Ida.  
Haiti.  
Afghanistan.  
COVID's  
Delta Variant.



I bet you can add to this list of major disasters that have caused death and destruction across the globe. How do we respond to these catastrophes? Despair? Anger? Paralysis?

One thing I do know is that Christians respond with compassion. I invite you to be part of a passionate response to the needs of hurting people. Church World Service is helping people and communities that were in the path of Ida; is working help Haitians rebuild their homes and schools destroyed by the recent earthquake; and is offering welcome to Afghan refugees who are coming to the United States.

CWS is providing Hygiene Kits and Cleanup Buckets along with grants to assist communities in Louisiana, Kentucky and along Ida's path through the Northeast. In Haiti, praise God, homes and schools built by CWS since 2016 survived the earthquake. We will continue to help communities to build sustainable structures. And here in the U.S., CWS has deployed trained staff to several military bases to receive refugee families and assist them in their first steps building a new life.

If your heart is so moved, you can touch the lives of neighbors near and far by partnering with CWS. For more information about our global response and to make a donation, go to [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org)  
Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Manager  
Church World Service



As we head into Fall, we are still feeling the effects from Covid 19 and its variants. Life isn't back

to normal yet, but we still hope. Our senior clients, however, continue to need help getting to their appointments. You are needed as a volunteer driver, as a senior buddy, as a donor, as an ambassador. Can you help in one of these ways? Contact [Sherrie@senioracesstx.org](mailto:Sherrie@senioracesstx.org) for more information or visit our website at [senioracesstx.org](http://senioracesstx.org)

# Stronger Together... ...In Prayer

We typically celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October, a reminder that Christ's Table is much larger than just our congregation or denomination can fit around.



In this spirit, Pastor Cynthia wanted to share with you a special resource for your prayer life. In 2001, the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in Lodi, CA, started summarizing the international news for the week and offering prayers based on that news. They offered these prayers within their congregation and then, through the web, to the world.



Today, a volunteer task force whose members take turns writing, posts the prayers on [worldinprayer.org](http://worldinprayer.org) each Thursday (they can sometimes be late because the prayer team consists of writers from three different countries, two continents and a half dozen different denominations). You may also sign up to receive the prayers by email.

These prayers will invite you to pray for the whole world and expand your understanding of how God so loved the WORLD that he gave his only Son. They may also help you to read your newspaper or watch the news differently, shaping you to spend time in prayer first when you hear a story that makes you hopeful or angry.

Let us know how you use this resource, and we will publish a list of ideas in a future newsletter!





We are working on how this might change, keeping an eye on Austin cases, while still respecting Covid guidelines.

**Watch Your Email for Details!**



If you have signs of any COVID-19 symptoms please stay home.



Wear a face covering when required, always recommended.



Wash or sanitize your hands often to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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