

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 2022



**World
Communion**
October 2nd



October 9th 3pm Front Lawn

Bring Pets in a carrier or on a leash.



October 16: Rev. Wes Cain
October 23rd: TBD

October 30th





church news



United
Women
in Faith

Pancake Breakfast



2nd Sunday of each month in
the Gym Kitchen/FHL

8:30am Oct. 9th



UWF meets the 3rd
Wednesday of each month
10:30am in Pearce Oct.19



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



Trunk Or Treat

Monday October 31st

5:30-7:30pm Parking Lot

Candy Donations can be brought to the church
office on Monday Or Thursday 9:30-1pm or
bring to church on Sunday

Please let Kendall 512-844-6809 or Kathleen
920-980-7313 know if you plan to participate.

Contact either for more info.



Wesley Recreation Center

is a free sports
program for incoming 5th
and 6th Graders. For the fall
we will be offering soccer on

Mondays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The
program will include instruction, games, and
free time. There is no fee, but pre-registration
is required. If you have any questions please
contact Kendall Smith 512-844-6809 or
Kathleen Beuttenmueller 920-980-7313.

Dates: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14,
21, 28, December 5&12



The Pastor's Corner

"Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor.... For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:2, 4

Late last year around November, I began seeing friends post these strange diagrams with little black or green boxes. I soon found out, along with millions of people around the globe, about a game called Wordle. In Wordle, you have 6 turns to try to guess a 5-letter word. If you guess an incorrect letter, it appears in a grey box. If you guess a letter that is correct but in the wrong place, it appears in a yellow box. And letters that are in the correct place are surrounded by green.

This game, created by a software engineer for his partner, who loves word games, grew so big that the New York Times bought it and now features it on the same page with their crossword. But it also spawned a lot of other guessing games.

There's Quordle, Octordle, and Sedecordle—all variants on the word-guessing part of Wordle where you have 4, 8 and 16 words (respectively) to guess simultaneously. Branching out, there's Heardle, which gives you 6 guesses to identify a piece of music as you hear an increasing amount of the introduction to a song (usually from the '70s-today). Framed, which shows you up to 6 still shots from a movie that you try to guess after each one. Chrono, where you are given a random set of 6 world events that you must place in order in a maximum of 3 tries.

And then there's my last favorite—Worldle (<https://worldle.teuteuf.fr/>). In Worldle, you see the outline of a country or territory and are given the opportunity to guess what it is. After each incorrect guess, you are told by mileage and by a percentage how far away you are from the actual country. Clayton and I have gotten good about at least having a good guess as to which continent the country is on and after we hit a 90% proximity percentage, we allow ourselves to try to find it on a map. There have been a couple of city-states and islands that have given us pause because they are so tiny, you have to zoom in very close on a map to see them!

WORLDLE



But the best part of Worldle is that once you either guess correctly or run out of guesses and are given the answer, there is a link you can click to find out more information about the country or territory. We've read the history of colonization all over Africa, South American and the Caribbean and Pacific island chains. We've read about how geographic features and religious commitments have shaped the history of different places. And we've read about economic conditions and things that make a country distinctive.

It constantly reminds me that when I hear about these places in the news, that there is a history that they have. There are forces and events and quirks of geography that affect them. There are the decisions of those in power in the past as well as those currently in power. There is no place where the history doesn't play a role.

But that's true in a micro-level as well. Our church has a history (and I'm grateful that Gloria continues to uncover so much of it!). Our neighborhood has a history. The city of Austin and Travis County have histories. And those histories are told from different perspectives, all of which affect what it means for us to offer Good News in this place. We ought to know and learn these histories, even the parts that do not reflect well on the place or on the people who were there—because without knowing them, we can fall into the same traps over and over.

And, as Paul notes above, we hold all of these histories and perspectives alongside the encouragement of the scriptures...so that we might build up our neighbors. What do you know about the history of the church or the area in which you live? What does Good News look like in the midst of them?

Lynthia Kepler-Hamer



Bread Church

October 20th
7pm Gym Kitchen

Two Too Many" A Picture Give Away



While waiting for church to start, take some time to browse through the pictures in the Narthex. We have doubles of so many pictures and want to share with everyone. Please take the picture of your family and friends who have moved away. Please Share.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE



October 2nd

October 16th

October 30th

**Monday -
October
31st: Trunk
or Treat 5pm**



Do you remember?

1924– Epworth League paid Miss Ellia Johnson for Halloween Party.

1949– October 3rd bats were in the church tower....again.



1962– The church asked the Youth to go door to door at Halloween to collect donations for C.R.O.P. 40 youth raised \$238.88.



1991-The M. Y .F. supported a spook house in the gym.

1996- The first annual harvest fest was held at M. U. M. C . It was a community wide event for the northeast part of the city. They had over 60 vendors signed up and 3 stages of entertainment.



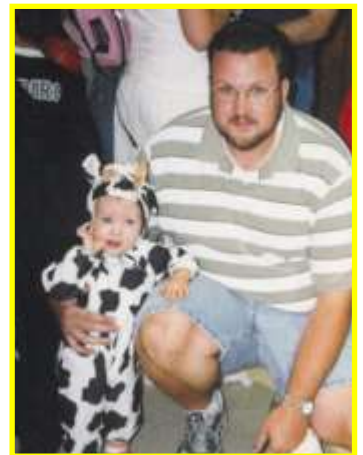
2002-2004 Fall fun festival with food, games, candy and prizes. Held in the gym.



2005-2006 Fall carnival averaged about 200 children. The Hispanic minister helped make the fall carnival a success.

2008 Trunk or Treat a safe Halloween alternative. It started with hot dogs and games. Over the years it was changed to candy only.





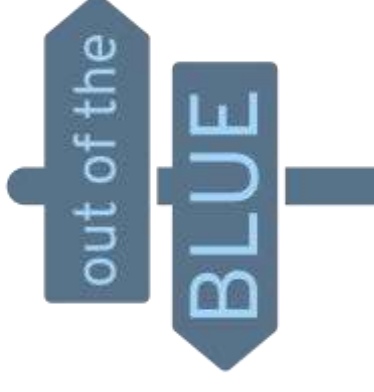


Advent Coming November 13th

Change is at hand. Something unexpected is happening, and we're in the midst of it.

Out of the blue, something new is arriving like lightning: transformation, wonder,

justice, joy. From generation to generation, God has been dreaming of this moment. Inevitably, it catches us by surprise, just like it surprised our ancestors in faith: Sarah, Abraham, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Mary, Joseph. God's time is now. It's here to reorient our expectations and to sweep us into a future of hope and promise, even if we didn't expect it, even if it wasn't part of our plans.



This November and December, you are invited to join an Advent season that sweeps us off our feet, carries us forward, and invites us to join God in God's creative work. We'll trace God's plans for justice and peace with the genealogy of Jesus and the witness of the saints who followed him. We'll be surprised by a thicket of new shoots from the stump of Jesse. We'll find God beguiling us by inviting us to imagine something new, regardless of what came before. And if we're worried about the future and afraid of letting go of the familiar outlines of our lives, God will meet us there too. (Courtesy, Barn Goose Worship Resources, adapted by Cynthia Kepler-Karrer)

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