

The Newsletter

October 2014

Memorial United Methodist Church

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**A great place to meet new friends, find
needed encouragement and discover
God's plan for you.**

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Sunday Schedule

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.



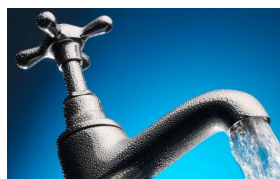
Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31

5:30-7:00 PM

**Volunteers and Candy are
Needed!**

See inside article for more info.



Fall Brunch

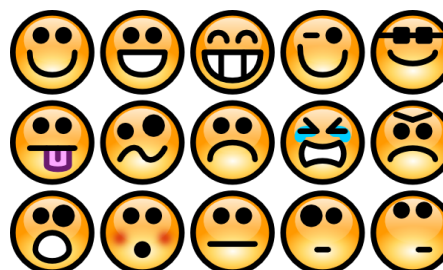
Series:

Living Water

Sundays at 12:00 PM

Fall Worship Series:

Attitude



Sundays at 10:30

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Trunk or Treat

A Safe Halloween Alternative

Friday, October 31

Setup - 5:00 pm

Event - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Volunteers and Candy are Needed!

Volunteers and candy are needed for Memorial UMC's "Trunk or Treat" on Thursday, October 31, at 5:30 pm. Join us by decorating your car trunk for Halloween and passing out candy. If you can help as a volunteer or by donating some candy, please talk to Kendall or Laura Smith for more information. or call the church office at 512-452-5796. Please place your candy donations in the basket in the back of the church or leave it at the church office.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Come join your church family
for a pancake breakfast on
Sunday, September 7, 2014
at 8:45 AM in the gym.**



YOUTH NEWS

UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Thanks so much to those of you who were able to send your youth to help at the FreeStore on September 21st.. We had a great group of six youth and three adults. We all learned more about the FreeStore ministry and how it is growing and made a significant dent in the work that needed to be done before they opened for business. We are volunteering again in October and anyone is welcome to join us.

October Activities

- ⇒ Oct. 5th UMYF 5-7 pm in the gym
- ⇒ Oct. 12th UMYF 5-7 pm in the gym
- ⇒ Oct. 19th Workday at the FreeStore meet at the church at 4:30 pm
- ⇒ Oct. 25-26 Tent Revival near New Braunfels. See below.

The 5th Annual Tent Revival 2014



October 25-26 2014,
Minor River Ranch,
Spring Branch TX
Cost \$75

Tent Revival is a return
to the days of the early

Methodist movement when camp and revival meetings were the norm, not the exception. Tent Revival is a time for worship, confession, revival, renewal and fellowship for youth. It's open to any student from 6th to 12th grade of any church or denomination. It's for all who want to come and see that the Lord is good.

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.

News from the Pews

Billie Nixon, Membership Coordinator



In Sympathy



New Member Joins Our Church Family

Adding to the excitement of “Y’all Come Sunday,” on September 14, 2014, Peter Vasquez joined Memorial by profession of faith. Peter was accompanied by his mother, Christina Vasquez. for this special day. Peter’s grandmother, Mary Rinehart attends here with him sometimes too. One of Peter’s many talents is playing the piano. He also tunes pianos and has tuned the pianos here at Memorial. Also, this summer Peter volunteered with VBS. We are so blessed to have Peter as a new member.



Bibles for 3rd Graders and Promotion to Youth Group

On September 21st, Christina Williams received her 3rd grade Bible, a tradition our church has held for many years. Christina is the daughter of Jessica Briseno-Shelton and Chris Williams. Her maternal grandparents are Irene and Michael Shelton and her great-grandmother is Alberta Shelton. Christina’s paternal grandmother, Lisa Williams, attended this special occasion.

Also on September 21st, Jueles Pomerleau was promoted to youth group. Jueles is the son of Harry Pomerleau and grandson of Afton Cherry. Jueles has attended Memorial his entire life. Jueles is a 6th grader at Mendez Middle School.

Also promoted but not present was Phoenix Petersen, daughter of Jason and Malina Petersen.

Love and concern go to Kathy and Ronny Gray in the death of Kathy’s cousin, Alvis Bailey, who passed away on September 4, 2014. He was almost 90 and was the oldest member of her family who lived during WWII. He is survived by his wife, Nelda Bailey from Temple, TX. His funeral was held on September 8, 2014 in Temple.



Y’ALL COME SUNDAY

To each person who attended, brought food, helped in anyway setting up, serving, or cleaning up at our yearly dinner on September 14, it was greatly appreciated. As anyone knows things do not just happen. It takes all of us to make our functions a success, and I feel the dinner was a success. Thank you for your participation.

Love in Christ,

Billie Nixon

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.*



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!

New projects include tissue box covers and “Linus” blankets for children in the hospital. They gather every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday) at 9:30 in the Pearce Room.

United Methodist Women

The Southwest Texas Conference of the UMW will be electing officers for the new Rio Texas Conference at their meeting in San Antonio, October 10-12. Alberta Shelton, Billie Talley, and Stephanie Lacy will attend.

Those three ladies already attended the District UMW Meeting on September 20, 2014. At this meeting Memorial’s UMW was recognized as a charter member for their contributions over the last 18 years to the UMW mission projects. This year’s project contribution was made to ARJFON– Austin Region Justice For Our Neighbors.

Also, at this District meeting several Memorial members were recognized at the Candle Ceremony. Candles were burned in memory of Marcia Garrett and in honor of Jane Friedrich and Norma Houser.

With the unification of two conferences into the Rio Texas Conference and re-districting into the Capital District, our area’s UMW is losing 20 units to other districts and gaining 4 new units.



United Methodist Women have an important role in the Wesley School Chapel program.

As Chapel started back in September, Pastor Cynthia decided that some of the books read during chapel will come from the UMW Reading Program’s list of children’s books. At the end of the year the students will all earn certificates for participating in this program. Different UMW members are volunteering to read books during these chapel times. If you would like to volunteer, contact Pastor Cynthia. Chapel meets at 10:00 on Wednesdays. See the Wesley Chapel Time article on page 7 for a list of books read in September.

For adults, the UMW also has a reading program. Alberta Shelton has more information on this, and most of the books are available in the church library.





October Birthdays

1st Clayton Karrer
 2nd Rachelle Webb
 4th Syble Berglund
 5th Frances Beerwinkle
 6th Shirley Rhoades
 7th Clifford Brown
 15th Jane Shive
 Curt Swenson
 17th Ann Bryant
 Jessica McFarland
 20th Malena Pomerleau Peterson
 22nd John Adams
 Sandra Davis
 25th Ed Owens
 29th Jo-Ann Bennink
 30th David Teaney

Building Use Calendar

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.



October Calendar

Wednesday, October 1

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

Friday, October 3

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

Sunday, October 5– Communion

8:45 am - Pancake Breakfast -Gym
 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am - Worship Services
 12:00 pm - BRUNCH
 5:00 pm - UMYF (youth group)- Gym

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

9:30 am - Staff meeting
 9:30 am - BIF Circle - Pearce
 6:30 pm - Fall Bible Study –Parlor

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 11

10:00 am - WPNA meeting– FHL/Gym

Sunday, October 12

915 am - Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am - Worship Service
 11:30 am - Trustees -Pearce
 12:00 pm - BRUNCH
 5:00 pm - UMYF– Gym

CALENDAR

CONTINUED

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

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, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

7:00 pm - Lamplighters Circle (UMW) - Pearce

Friday, October 17- Newsletter Deadline

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

Sunday, October 19—Memorial for Christ

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Service
12:00 pm - BRUNCH -Parlor
5:00 pm - UMYF -Gym

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 26

9:15 am -Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am -Worship Service
12:00 pm - BRUNCH -Parlor
5:00 pm - UMYF -Gym

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

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

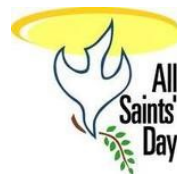
Wednesday, October 29

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

Friday, October 31 Halloween

5:00 pm -Trunk or Treat -Parking Lot

Looking Ahead



All Saints Sunday is November 2nd



Harris Elementary is having a Veterans Day Program Monday, November 10th at 9am and want to honor the neighborhood veterans.



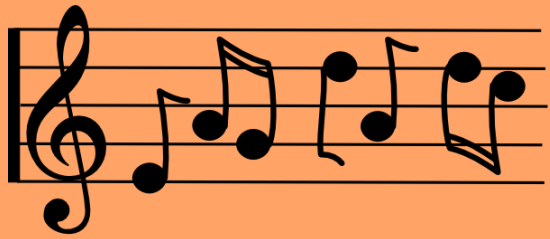
Memorial's Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 23 at 12:00 PM



Our Church Conference with the District Superintendant will be December 2, 2014 at 7:00 PM



Daylight Savings ENDS so set your clocks back before bed on Saturday night November 1st

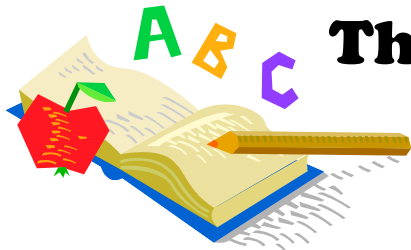


Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM



*Praying for our
congregation
and friends*

- Mike Pena
- Shirley Rhoades
- Marsha Fowler
- Grace Morris
- Bill Simmons
- Darla Frederick
- Danny Frederick
- Evelyn Boedecker
- Lynn Hise
- Dick and Betty Moore
- Ross and Zora Mae Hise
- Kathy Gray
- Eddie and Virginia Smith
- Jesse Smith
- Dorothy Dennig
- Billie Talley
- Bob Compton
- Anna Kennedy
- Dave and Pat Teaney
- William Bennink Sr.
- Barbara Worden
- Ed Owens
- Rev. Juan Osorio
- Connie Tatom
- Stephanie Shelton
- Ava Gray
- Charlotte Gabriel
- John Nixon
- Werner Stalbaum



The Wesley School

Wesley Chapel Time

Pastor Cynthia is so excited to be back in chapel with the kids of the Wesley Child Care Center every Wednesday at 10:00am. This year, we are literature-based, which means that every week, Pastor Cynthia or one of the volunteer helpers uses a picture book in order to help kids know and understand a part of the Bible story. If you have children or grandchildren, you also might be interested in what we're reading! In the month of September, our books were:

"The First Thing My Mama Told Me" by Susan Marie Swanson

"Tony Baloney" by Pam Muñoz Ryan

"Go! Go! Go! Stop!" by Charise Mericle Harper

"The Chickens Build a Wall" by Jean-Francois Dumont (UMW Reading Program book)

If you would like copies of our notes to parents on how we connected the stories to the Bible or Jesus' teachings as well as follow up questions, please contact the office.



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.

Pastor's Corner

September 2014

⁸ *From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.* ⁹ *Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.* Philippians 4:8-9, CEB

I am somewhat of a night owl, and sometimes I find that as I'm working, I need to get something I've left over at the church. It's especially at times like this I'm so grateful to live right next door!

Over the latter part of the summer, our pianist, Daniel Swayze, was rehearsing in the sanctuary for several hours every night, after he got done with his other jobs. I would go in there and marvel at his patience and perseverance, especially as I heard him go over and over single measures and phrases of music. He would practice hands separately, hands together, going slowly and then more quickly and then getting the transition into that measure or phrase and out of it and...you get the idea.

I would end up listening to some parts over and over, wondering if I had that kind of discipline. I got to know some measures of music really, really well, though not as well, obviously, as Daniel got to know them.

Then came the day that Daniel performed for us after worship--whole pieces, completed works. His fingers flew across the keyboard and if there

were mistakes, I certainly couldn't identify them.

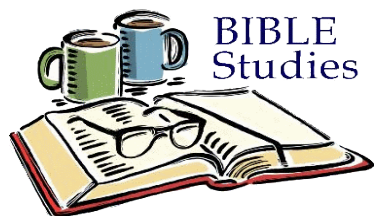
It was a bit strange to listen to some of the pieces though and think—hey! I recognize that little bit! I was listening to some of the phrases that had been rehearsed so many times just fly by as if he hadn't had to spend time on them at all, that they came naturally to his hands. And perhaps by this point they did.

Listening in on Daniel's rehearsal only gave me a small snippet of the larger picture. It's the same way with worship. Worship is like rehearsal for life. We can't get every answer but try to get into the details of a small part. Coming to worship over time, paying attention to small details, building up the way things connect and work together—well, that means that when people look at your life, they can see the performance that is informed by all of that rehearsal. The same is true for Bible study and prayer.

It takes discipline for Daniel to do that kind of detailed rehearsal on a regular basis. It takes discipline for us to read or pray or worship together. But when the patterns of worship and prayer and connection to scripture get into your whole life, when they are so well rehearsed that they flow from one moment to the next...well, that's a beautiful witness to the world. What part do you most need to practice?



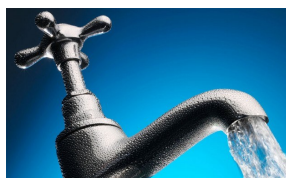
Lynithia Kepler-Harner



BIBLE
Studies

Fall Bible Study

Pastor Cynthia will start a Tuesday evening Bible Study on October 7th at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome.



Living Water

Our Living Water BRUNCH series continues in October!

October 5--"Finding a Balance". How will we be neighbors in our state concerning water resources? Who counts as a neighbor?

October 12--Water in the Bible. What does water symbolize in both the Old and New Testaments? How does that affect the way we see and utilize water resources as well as interact with our neighbors? What affect does it have on hospitality?

October 19--"The State of Springs". How does the extensive natural spring system work in Texas? How can we save these resources in the future?

October 26--Field Trip to the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment in San Marcos! We will enjoy a picnic lunch together and then go out on one of the glass bottom boats to see one of Texas' springs from a whole new angle! Cost for adults is \$7 and children 12 and under \$6.

Scholarships available, but make sure to reserve your seat!



New Community Partner

We will be hosting students from Austin Achieve middle school, whose campus is on Manor road about 5 minutes from the church. They are about to begin building a permanent structure on their campus, which will take over their playing fields, so they will be using our gym from 3:50-5:00pm on Monday through Wednesday. Look for students and parents on campus as they have been invited to participate in community outreach events (like Trunk or Treat). Let's help them feel welcome and get to know our neighbors!



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

Communion Offerings for October

October's Communion offering will go to Ecumenical Causes.