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Memorial United Methodist Church

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Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision: A Christian community aspiring to live its mission with passion, generosity, and intentionality.

Sunday Schedule

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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HELLO! SEPTEMBER

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The Newsletter

Youth Pool Party
September 1st

4pm @ Smith
House

Call church office for
more info



Y'ALL COME

Annual "Y'all Come" Sunday

10:30am Worship featuring:

Luke 15: The "Lost" Parables

Guest Speaker: Rev. Teresa Welborn

11:45am Lunch (in the gym)

Meat furnished, bring 2 dishes to share.

September 8, 2018

Sign up to help on the table in the back of
the Sanctuary.

Invite friends and neighbors
to church and our meal!



School Supply Fundraiser

See Inside



By **Billie Nixon**

Membership Coordinator



**Robert Malcolm
Compton**

May 15, 1946 - July 31, 2019

Robert (Bob) Malcolm Compton (73) of Pflugerville, Texas passed away on July 31st, 2019. He was born on May 15th, 1946 in Dallas, Texas.

Bob graduated Big Spring High School in 1964 and then the family moved to Austin, TX. In 1965, Bob was drafted into the U.S. Air Force and served until May of 1969. During that time he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and served one tour in Vietnam during the war.

After his service in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Austin, TX. He then married Maureen Ott and had his first daughter Atesha Monteen Compton.

In 1970, he began his career with the State of Texas working to implement Texas' first food stamp program for those who needed assistance. At the same time, his love of flying encouraged him to share his passion and teach others how to fly small personal aircraft. Bob's career with the State of Texas spanned 34 years. He served various roles within Health and Human Services including working to ensure those with disabilities had access to equal opportunities.

In 1978, he remarried to Barbara Jean Wilson, daughter of Cleo Wilson. Together, they had their son Chris Compton and daughter Jennifer Jo Compton whom were active at Memorial.

In 1985, Bob began his battle with cancer when he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. In 1989, it came back aggressively and almost took his life. His will to survive outweighed the disease that was trying to bring him down. This mentality helped him persevere multiple health and emotion struggles

with a positive outlook.

Bob and Barbara were each others champions and strength as they each battled cancer. Even in their own times of pain, they always ensured the kids and family were well taken care of and loved. Bob loved his whole family and embraced everyone he met. He never met a stranger and always wore a smile.

He always loved the Lord and after Barbara passed away in 2012 his relationship with God gave him strength. This love of God and his church led him to Israel in 2018 so he could be baptized in the River Jordan.

Bob is preceded in death by his mother Maxine, father Tommy Jo, sister Suzanne, wife Barbara and daughter Jennifer Jo. He is survived by brother David Compton and wife Katherine, daughter Atesha and granddaughter Iris; son Chris and wife, Emily, granddaughter Etta and grandson Jonas Estrada; numerous aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

Bob was a passionate supporter of multiple charities that focused research and support of cancer patients. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to a cancer charity of your choice.

Bob was a special person whom we admired and will be missed by friends, family and Memorial.

90+ Ice Cream Social



**A Huge
Success!**

Four 90+ members attended, two others responded: Betty Sampler age 99 who lives in Plano, TX sent greetings to all. We honored our newest 90+ member, Phillip Lowe.

Herb and Jan Purtle still win the prize for their homemade peach ice cream. We thank each person that came to celebrate this special group and enjoyed the fellowship.



Youth Ministry Update

The transition has been going well. The youth team had lunch with Lucas and Zachary at Halal Fried Chicken. My first time in Sunday school with the girls was a success on Sunday August 11th. The youth will be going underground bowling at UT on Sunday the 18th. We will have a pool party on labor weekend at the Smith's. We are planning different service projects that will reach congregation, Windsor Park, and the greater Austin community.

Daphne has been successful getting out in the community, meeting different people in the neighborhood, and talking about future partnerships. She's made contact with the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association, participated in the Harris Elementary Breakfast and volunteered at the Windsor Park Library.

Daphne and Kendall

MEMORIAL UMC YOUTH

September 2019

- ⇒ **Sunday Sept. 1 – POOL PARTY! 4pm at Laura and Kendall's house**
- ⇒ **Sunday Sept. 15 – UMYF 5pm youth room and gym**
- ⇒ **Friday Sept. 27 – Community First Cinema tour and movie! Meet at church @ 7:30 pm**
- ⇒ **Saturday Sept. 28 - Volunteer at Community First Village. Meet at church: @ 8:15am**
- ⇒ **Sunday Sept. 29 – UMYF 5 pm Youth room and gym**

Kendall & Daphne 512-452-5796 x 104



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 or would like to receive some tips and tricks for how to do it more effectively, please let the office know, and Pastor Cynthia would be happy to speak with you. You can also speak directly to Connie Tatom, our scheduler, to be on the list of readers and pray-ers!



Volunteer Training Opportunity

Memorial UMC is always looking for volunteers to help with our children, youth, and adult

ministries. Because the safety and well-being of every vulnerable person is important, our Trustees adopted a Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Safety Policy, and this policy requires that anyone who wants to work with one of those groups must complete the Trusted con Confianza Safety Certification process. This includes a background check, a pre-recorded online training, and a live training that can be done in person or online. The cost of this training is between \$10 and \$20, but the church will gladly pay this fee for anyone who asks. The training will only take a few hours, but the certification is good for two years. For more information, talk to Clayton Karrer or Pastor Cynthia or go to riotexas.org/safesteps to get started.



AISD went back to school on August 19th– we will be collecting donated funds for school supplies for Harris Elementary in through September.

****Mark your donation with “Harris Elementary” and drop in the offering plate or in the secretary’s 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

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CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

I did not submit an article for the August NL. July was a very busy month. Included in the busy-ness was a week working in the Valley.

With staff fundraising colleagues from around the U.S., we were based in McAllen; visited with Church World Service partners who are on-the-ground; sleeves rolled up; hearts and hands open; ministering to refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants who have crossed the border. My heart broke, looking into the exhausted eyes of barely school-age children. Children with deep, dark circles under their eyes. My heart soared when I saw those same children and their families carrying CWS blankets with them.

I have to tell you the stories are difficult to hear: mothers who have to give their daughters (as young as 10 and 11) birth control pills because of the danger of rape. Mothers placing themselves between harm and their kids. Politics aside, this is a tremendous humanitarian crisis; people are suffering; and the Church is responding. Children are being separated from parents; the Church is helping as many of those kids as possible with legal representation, love and support.

We heard from Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON), which is a UM ministry. The rules used to apply immigration law for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants seemingly change by the week. It is extremely difficult for the “experts” of JFON to keep up with these changes. Think about reading the “terms and conditions” for your credit card or most any other “legalese.” That’s what it’s like for people both seeking to enter the US and who have been granted temporary legal status.

And so my heart aches. And my soul gives thanks to God, who has given us Jesus Christ, our teacher, our brother and our Redeemer. There are so many along the border doing as much good as they can for all the people they can. I urge you to be a part of that work.

Kevin Murphy, Community Engagement Manager

Church World Service





"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:10)

Fear. It's out there.

I'm not just talking about slasher flicks or Halloween houses. I'm talking about our daily news, our daily lives, the web articles we read because a loved one posted them or forwarded them to us. On the radio, every day more sensationalized than the last.

Fear is a great tool to make people do what you want. I have been horribly disappointed to see important debates on important issues such as immigration, our current economy, the role of guns in our society, the rising of white nationalism with its inherent racism in our country, even climate change!, reduced to fear, sometimes even by people whose intellect I respected. Making people afraid is the quicker way to get a group to follow you.

Why is that? Because we want to be in a group for security? Because we are intrinsically angry people who find it more socially acceptable to yell if we're in a group?

Maybe it's because one of our biggest fears is that we might become the one who is outcast. Maybe it's because we recognize a little bit of ourselves in what we've been taught to fear and hate. And we want to run away. I don't know.

All I know is that the command of God...the command of Christ...over and over and over again is not to be afraid. To respect God (which is what the fear of the Lord is about), but not to be afraid. And replace fear with love. Real love, which seeks to gather together instead of break apart. Real love, which seeks to find neighbors everywhere.

A story is told of a rabbi who asked his students, "When can we know that the night has ended and the day begun?"

"Is it the moment," asked one student, "when you can tell the difference between a sheep and a dog?"

"No," said the rabbi.

"Is it," said another, "when you can see the difference between a fig tree and an olive tree?"

"Not that either," replied the rabbi.

"Then when is it?" the students asked.

The rabbi answered, "It is the moment when you can look at a face never seen before and recognize the stranger as a brother or sister. Until that moment, no matter how bright the day, it is still night."

We are the people through whom the light of Christ can shine. But as long as we carry around the fear of the other, we diminish and hide the dawn and live in the night. I wish peace to each of you...the peace that casts out fear. See you in worship!



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

There are several ongoing events and new events that may not be listed. Please check the building use calendar or call office if you need to reserve space. * Starred * Events Happen Each Week

Sunday September 1 Communion

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

* 6:00-8:00pm Al-Anon Group - Library

Monday September 2 Labor Day Office Closed

*6:30pm Austin Harmony - Gym

Tuesday September 3

*9:30am-11am Wesley School Dance - Gym

10:00am Bible In Fellowship - Pearce

Wednesday September 4

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday September 5

* 9am-11am Wesley School Soccer - Gym

* 7:00-9:00pm Al-Anon Group - Library

Friday September 6

*6:30pm Girl Scouts #172 - Believer's/Gym

Saturday September 7

Sunday September 8 Y'All Come Luncheon

➡ No Pancake Breakfast

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

11:45am Y'all Come Dinner - Gym

Monday September 9

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday September 10

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday September 11

Thursday September 12

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday September 13

Saturday September 14

9am-12pm Al-Anon - Library

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL



Sunday September 15

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

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

Monday September 16

Tuesday September 17

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

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

Wednesday September 18

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

Thursday September 19

9:00am-12:30pm English Class Registration -Parlor

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym Kitchen

Friday September 20

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

Saturday September 21

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

Sunday September 22

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am WHO Widow Support - Pearce

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

Monday September 23

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

Tuesday September 24

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

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

Wednesday September 25

Thursday September 26

4:15pm-6:30pm Girl Scouts #45400 - Believers

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

Friday September 27

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

Saturday September 28

9am-4pm Austin Harmony - Gym

9am-5pm Private Function - Parlor/Sanctuary

4:30pm-7:30pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

Sunday September 29

1:00pm-4:30pm Austin Shakespeare - Gym

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

Monday September 30



September Birthdays

- 1st Geoffrey Adams
Bob Johnson
John Alan Nixon
- 3rd Sandra Amundson
Nathanial Rodriguez
Hannah Smith
- 4th Hildegard Kothman Cook
- 7th Charles Waits
- 8th Jason Ramos
- 9th Billy Ray Capps
- 10th Bea Bailey
Kenneth Jourdan
David Rychlik
- 11th Kevin McFarland
- 12th Pricilla Bissett
Kristin Shelton
- 12th Taylor Elaine Stewart
- 17th Linda Arbuckle
- 19th Pat Teaney
- 21st Afton Phoenix Petersen
- 22nd Diana Valastro
- 23rd Isabel Shelton
Irene Wright
- 24th Jason Petersen
- 25th Cameron Rodgers
Irene Shelton



2019 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. Bouquets are \$20.00 each - two maximum per Sunday. Stop and sign up today!*

Flower offering envelopes for your altar flower forms. Please fill out forms as soon as



you sign up and drop in the secretary office to avoid forgetting or missing your sign up date. Please don't put forms in White Offering Envelopes—use our new Flower Envelopes located on the bulletin board & back of sanctuary. Thank you, Kc & Kerry



Please be in prayer for our congregation and friends.



NO Pancake Breakfast in September, Join Us for Y'all Come Sunday Dinner instead!

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?



**September 19th
Bread Church
7PM Gym**

Pear-Cinnamon Bread
RSVP at 512-452-5796

September Newsletter

September Worship “AND: The Gospel of Luke”

September 1—Parables,
Healings and Teachings

September 8—The “Lost” Parables

September 15—Parables of Wealth

September 22—The Coming Reign of God

September 29—Parables, Blessings and a
Final Healing



English Class Volunteers Needed

We need help! If you can:

- Coordinate with our partners (AISD and Manos de Cristo)
- Manage child care service
- Provide hospitality to our class (coffee or snacks or a friendly presence)

No other language skills needed!

