

The Newsletter

Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

Rev. Robyn Bishop- Pastor

**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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Do You Remember?

From Pastor Robyn

Upcoming Events

September 2023

ReOrganize, ReFresh, ReUse
Changes Are Happening All Over
the Campus — Come See!



Barbeque
Luncheon-
September 10th
After 11am
service

The Church
will provide the meat, drinks and
paper goods.



Church News



from Daniel Swayze We're excited to have the largest choir we've had in some years now with twelve total members! Rehearsals for the new choir season resumed at the beginning of this month in our newly organized and painted choir room; it has truly been a joy to make music together and to have the engagement and support of the congregation. God is breathing new life into many ministries of our church and I have personally felt inspired by the church's recent decision to entrust me with leading our music ministry. As a result I've been receiving much input on how to best create a worshipful environment through the selection and framing of our music and will continue to do so in the coming months. And if you're interested in being a part of the choir, we would be happy to have your voice; especially if you happen to be a tenor!

From the Top: A Duet for the Beginning of Time



Daniel Swayze's Beerthoven Concert Series is producing a special program September 22nd through the 24th entitled *From the Top: A Duet for the Beginning of Time*. Featuring Sarah Oliver on harp and Jaleen Seshadri on oboe, this program of romantic and contemporary music will guide the listener through the story of creation, including works such as *Oblivion* by Astor Piazzolla, *Great Day* by



Nancy Gustavson, and *Song to the Moon* by Antonín Dvořák. At the Neill-Cochran House Museum Creation artwork will accompany the music and food and drink will be included for free. [Tickets starting at \\$25 and \\$10 for students.](#)

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September Birthdays

- 1 John Alan Nixon
- 7 Charles Waits
- 10 Bea Bailey
- 27 Marsha Fowler



United Women in Faith
 3rd Wednesday of each month
 10:30am in Room 308
 (Pearce)



**United
 Women
 in Faith**

Through out the year UWF collects donations for the following ministries:

- ♦ Wesley School (day care on our campus): healthy snack and diapers
- ♦ Harris Elementary (across the street): underwear & sports bras

If you would like more details please call Alberta Shelton at 512-300-3796. A collection bin will be at the back of the sanctuary for your generous donations. Thanks in advance!

September Youth



Sunday September 3 – Sunday School 9:45am and a **POOL PARTY!** At the Smith home at 8208 Grayledge Dr. @4pm

Sunday September 17 – Sunday School 9:45am and UMYF 6pm

Also coming in September:

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging
 Sunday September 24, 12 noon to 5pm
 @Northwest Hills UMC



Join the Merry Makers

for games, laughter & fellowship starting September 14!

2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Faith, Hope & Love Room

For more info. contact Alberta Shelton, Connie Tatum or Betty Sanders

Wesley Recreation Center

is a free sports program for 5th graders. In the **Fall of 2023**, 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 512-844-6809 or Kathleen 920-980-7313. **September 11, 18, 25, 30,**

Online Giving Breeze

www.memorialumcaustin.com or link here: [Breeze Online Giving](#)

Instructions: 1. Enter Amount 2. Enter Fund to Direct Your Gift/Payment

3. Choose One Time or Recurring Setting

4. Enter Payment Method & Details

5. Choose whether to include the cost incurred by MUMC to process your gift based on the amount

**If you once had a recurring gift set up, Please go to Breeze Online Giving to set up a new one.



Things to do in fall... Selfies with the historical plaque. Located on the west side of the Capital grounds, near the Texas State Supreme Court building.



Silvia Schulze Griffin, daughter of Pastor J.W. Griffin who was the pastor during the relocation of the church. They built the sanctuary, the fellowship all and the parsonage.



Connie Tatom and Alberta Shelton

Taken from the meeting of the Official Board of Central Methodist Church Minutes under the heading ‘Matter regarding purchase of church property dated 1955’

Mr. Lester Palmer was a member of Central Methodist Church and also a member of City council. He was working in the city council office when Mr. Wolf, a member of the State Planning Board, came to discuss purchasing the property around the State Capital Building, which would include Central Methodist.

Upon learning that Mr. Palmer was a member of the church, the two met to discuss the issue. The first question “How soon would the state purchase the church property?”, after all, the state had been talking about it for many years. Mr. Wolf’s reply, “The state desires to obtain the property as soon as possible.” Mr. Palmer quickly phoned the District Superintendent Rev. Hancock about the state plans to buy the church property. Simultaneously, Rev. Hancock, was phoning Rev. Griffin, the pastor of Central, about the five acres of land near Harris Elementary School, which was owned by the City Mission Board. There was already a sign board announcing that a Methodist Church would soon be built in that spot.

Note: Mr. Lester Palmer was Mayor of Austin 1961-1967

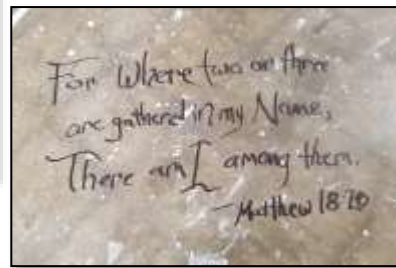
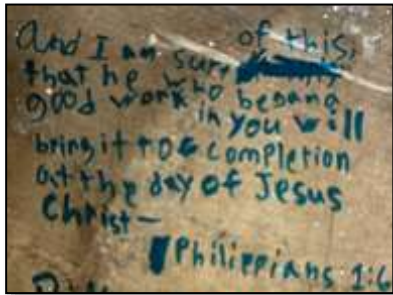


...from your Pastor

Well, Friends, is it fall? I had my first pumpkin spice latte last week while my daughter and I shopped for fall décor. But wait.... It's still 100 degrees every day! Even though its hot out, school has started and fall events have begun to fill the calendar, including our “Ya’ll Come” Luncheon which will be on Sunday, September 10, after the 11am worship service.



Thank you to everyone who participated in writing scriptures on the foundation of the church and to all of you who have painted! The new floors are being installed as I write this! We’ll be walking through the finished parlor and entry ways in just days. It's very exciting! Its amazing what we can do when we come together in Jesus’ name!



thank you

Kc Nixon, our administrative assistant, has been working hard to get our new keyless entry system set up which includes new video monitoring of our campus. Thank you, Kc, for all you do to keep us going, organized and informed!

Thank you, also, to our community partners like the Ukulele group, Austin Harmony, Girl Scouts, Hope Church and Capital City Church who have been flexible and patient as we transition to our keyless entry system! It is such a joy to be sharing community life!

May we continue to seek to be a safe, sacred space for people to come learn more about who they are in light of who God is. May we continue to live out the mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

With Hope and Joy,

Reilyn Bristol



Upcoming Events

Celebrating
150 years

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30 - 9:30am before Sunday School

In the Gym Kitchen

Gluten Free (GF) pancakes will be available.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Provided by our United Women in Faith (UWF)

On December 10th, the congregation which is currently called Memorial UMC will be 150 years old!

150th Anniversary Celebration!

Dec.9th 1-5pm Community Gathering

with Fika (Tea & Snacks)

& **Dec. 10th 11am** Worship,

Luncheon After Service

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