

# Memorial

## United Methodist Church

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

### Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:15-10:00 a.m.

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### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**News by Email** - Contact the office by phone or email and give us your email address.

## September 22, 2011

### BASTROP FIRES—You can still help!

We are still receiving donations for the survivors of the Bastrop fire, the Steiner Ranch fire and the Spicewood fire.

- cash donations with "Advance #2050 Wildfire Relief in the memo line (made out to Memorial UMC)
- items for the "burn buckets":
  - Pine-based cleaner
  - Liquid household bleach (1 82 oz. or 2 1 quart bottles)
  - Household cleaner (12-16 oz bottle)
  - Liquid laundry detergent (2 25 oz or 1 50 oz bottle)
  - Pair of work gloves
  - 2 pairs of latex gloves
  - scrub brush
  - 18 re-usable cleaning cloths/wipes
  - dry cleaning sponges
  - 6 regular sponges
  - 5 dust masks (preferably N-95)
  - 24-bag roll of large heavy duty trash bags
  - 1 bottle vanilla extract
- Non-perishable food items
- providing lunch for survivors and volunteers at Bastrop UMC (please call the church at 512-312-2201 to make sure that they are still doing this. Every day they feed about 40 people.)

### HELP NEEDED

Ever wonder how items that we collect in church get to their destination? Do you have occasional time to help the church deliver collection items? It can be something as simple as getting food from the church to the food pantry a few blocks away or getting items to our partner organizations in various parts of Austin. If you would like to be on a "call list" (we know you can't guarantee that you can go every time) to help with deliveries, the church staff would greatly appreciate it!

**Come join the team!**

**Rethink: Community—Engaging Our Schools**

**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

**FUMC Austin - 9:30-noon**

Memorial UMC is planning to be at the Rethink: Community event which will help us imagine what it means to “go deeper” in relationship with our schools, especially Harris Elementary. We have a couple of members on the team plus Pastor Cynthia, but we’d love to have many more who are willing to join the discussion and plan action!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**November 8 at 7:00pm**

**Annual Church Conference**

Our annual meeting where we will review our year and talk about upcoming plans for next year with our District Superintendent. All members of the church are welcome and will have voice and vote.



### ***A Note From the Pastor***

The fires that have devastated the areas surrounding Austin, especially east of Austin have brought back all kinds of memories.

Memories I had of finding out at age 8 that a friend in the town that we had moved from just a few months earlier had been killed in a house fire.

Memories of having to keep undergrads at Duke from setting inappropriate things on fire in the dorm...and keeping them safe during the bonfires that inevitably came on that campus with a winning men’s basketball team.

Memories of fires that almost went wrong in churches I’ve served - the advent wreath that caught on fire one Christmas Eve (we put it out rather quickly) and the Memorial Day candles that somehow tipped over in the sand basin we had them in and created their own mini cauldron of flame (which also got put out rather quickly).

But the most devastating was the call I got on the first Sunday of Advent in 2002. We had a rather warm morning at Runge UMC - something was wrong with the thermostat, and the heater seemed to be trying to keep it at 85. When someone went into the attic to investigate that afternoon, the rush of oxygen sparked and the church was quickly engulfed in flames. Everyone was fine, but it was a total loss.

All that history. The space that had meant so much to so many people.

But during that week when I was going back and forth to meet with claims adjusters and try to see what we could pick out of the wreckage, we found that someone had left a poinsettia in the midst of the rubble.

And I heard again the words of the hymn, “I lay in dust, life’s glory dead/And from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.”

Where have you experienced burn out? Where does life feel like a total loss? Can you imagine that even now, even in Bastrop, even in Steiner Ranch, even in you...God is planting and preparing to do something new, something eternal? We get to participate in that - in bringing hope and tending what God is growing. Thank you for being there. Be there for the people of Bastrop. Be there for each other. Let God grow something in the midst of the ashes.

## OUR YOUTH ARE ON THE GO!

They had a wonderful but busy summer with our Youth Intern, Lacy. They started the summer with a trip to Fiesta Texas and then continued on, joining the youth group from St. Mark UMC and alternating locations for their meeting.

Lacy reported to the Administrative Council in September: "A typical youth meeting consists of eating lunch together, playing games, and having a Bible study. Depending on the topic, we sometimes split up in groups of boys and girls for the Bible study lesson. Since the beginning of the summer, I have seen a definite change in many of the kids' participation during this time. They are learning to look up scripture as well as becoming more comfortable giving input and asking questions during the lessons.

"Aside from our normal weekly youth meetings, we have had several fun events throughout the summer. Almost all of our youth participated in VBS by helping set up, tear down, and volunteering each night. At the end of the VBS week, we spent the afternoon at Barton Springs to celebrate the success of their involvement in such an important ministry. A few weeks ago, we went to the Main Event after lunch and spent the afternoon playing games and rock climbing together. It was really encouraging to see how much the kids have seemed to grow as a group in just a few months. Finally, on Friday, September 2 we had our much anticipated back to school lock in. We had a total of twenty two youth attend the event. In addition to youth and adults from Memorial being present, we also had a few from St. Mark and a large group from Covenant UMC. The night was a huge success. The kids were split up into teams with which they competed in several games throughout the night, including a mega relay of messy games. In addition to having lots of fun, the kids participated in a really great worship service led by a team of college students. They broke up into small groups after the message and I saw some of them really open up to each other. I think it was a great beginning to the new school year."

Thanks to Lacy, Kendall and everyone else who has worked with our youth this summer. Encourage the junior high and high schoolers you know to "stay for the after party" on Sunday afternoons as our youth seek to know Christ better!



**Monday Morning  
Prayer Time  
6:15 am - Chapel**

Come join us for early morning prayer at 6:15 am on Mondays in the chapel. It's a great way to start the week!

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**OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Sunday, Oct. 2 -**

**World Communion Sunday**

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Trustee Mtg - 11:45 am - Pearce
- UMYF- Noon

**Monday, Oct. 3**

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, Oct. 4**

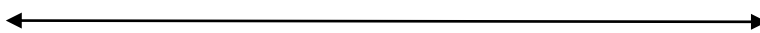
- Bible Information Fellowship Circle - 9:30 am
- Staff Meeting - 9:30 am
- LL Photo Albums Class - 10a-1pm
- Wesley Board Mtg - 6:30 pm

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**World Communion  
Sunday Offering  
to Support  
UM Missions**

As we join with Christians around the world at the Lord's table October 2, you are invited to give a gift in support of ministry around the world. Your gift will support the United Methodist World Service Fund which underwrites ministry programs and mission personnel to offer Christ to all around the globe. Mark your gift "World Service" and join in the world wide celebration of faith.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Children's Sabbath - Sunday, October 8  
Wesley School & Public School Teacher  
Appreciation Reception**

**11:30 am** (following worship) - Parlor

**Laity Sunday - Sunday, October 16**

**Windsor Park Neighborhood Movie Night  
Bartholomew Park - Saturday, October 22**

***Volunteers and Candy are Needed!***

***"Trunk or Treat"***

***"A Safe Halloween Alternative"***

***Monday, October 31 - 5:30 pm***

Volunteers and candy are needed for Memorial UMC's "Trunk or Treat" on Monday, October 31, 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.

**Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, October 17**

## OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Wednesday, Oct. 5

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, Oct. 6

- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Friday, Oct. 7

- Bible Study - 10am

### Saturday, Oct. 8

- Windsor Park Neighborhood Assn. - 10:00 am
- Rethink: Community - FUMC Austin 9:30-noon

### Sunday, Oct. 9

#### Children's Sabbath Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- Wesley Reception - 11:45 am  
— Fellowship Hall
- UMW's Reading /Library Circle - Noon
- UMYF - Noon

### Monday, Oct. 10

#### Wesley School Closed

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, Oct. 11

- LL Photo Albums Class - 10a-1pm

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## Wesley School Would Love Your Help

We are always looking for ways to help bring in supplies for our children. Here are some ways we do this and welcome your help:

- ⇒ Box Tops
- ⇒ Labels for Education
- ⇒ Ink Cartridges (all brands types)
- ⇒ Randall's

Another way we are working on improving the school is working on becoming Texas Rising Star Certified. In order to do this, we need some things you might not be using and just taking up space. Here are things we are looking for:

- ⇒ Men's clothing (ties, suit jackets, hats)
- ⇒ Old Halloween costumes
- ⇒ Measuring cups/spoons
- ⇒ Plants/flowers artificial
- ⇒ Magazines
- ⇒ Old tape measures
- ⇒ Old children toys
- ⇒ Doll clothes
- ⇒ Legos
- ⇒ Little cars (hot wheels)
- ⇒ Magnifying glass
- ⇒ Small animals (dinosaurs, farm animals, etc.)
- ⇒ Dresses
- ⇒ Pots & pans
- ⇒ Utensils
- ⇒ Art & craft supplies
- ⇒ Material scraps
- ⇒ Beads
- ⇒ Sequins
- ⇒ Scrapbooking (scraps)
- ⇒ Bug catchers

Donation items may be either dropped off at Wesley School or at the church office during office hours. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 467-9740.

Chris Banda  
Wesley School Director

## OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Wednesday, Oct. 12

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, Oct. 13

- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Saturday, Oct. 15

- UMW Study - "Joy to the World" - Gym - 9a -2pm

### Sunday, Oct. 16 - Laity Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services -10:30 am
- UMYF - Noon

### Monday, Oct. 17

#### Newsletter Deadline

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, Oct. 18

- LL Photo Albums Class - 10a-1pm

### Wednesday, Oct. 19

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, Oct. 20

- News Crew - 1 pm - Pearce
- UMW Lamplighter's Circle - 7pm
- Ron Frederick and Greg Mikeska's Emmaus Walk - Wimberley
- ESL - 6:30 pm

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## Consider joining Boy Scout Troop 88

**How would you like to learn to camp, backpack, climb, mountain bike, raft, cook over a fire, and many other fun outdoor activities?**

For: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Where: Memorial United Methodist Church,  
6100 Berkman Drive

When: Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact Scoutmaster:

Brian Day at 927-1886 or

email: skippie5867@aol.com



### United Methodist Women

by Jane Friedrich

*DATES TO REMEMBER:*

**October 7 and 8** , Annual Conference in Corpus Christi

**October 15, Study** - "Joy to the World"!, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This mission study explores how mission and evangelism flow from joyous gratitude for the Good News of Jesus Christ. (We'll be brown bagging it.) Let's try to have a good group there to hear Sue Sydney.

BIF (Bible Information Fellowship Circle ) will meet in the Pearce Room at 9:30 a.m., October 4, for another interesting program. (Carolyn Rogas always comes up with something interesting and special.)

Lamplighters Circle will meet on October 20, at 7:00 p.m., in the N.E.W. classroom. Goals for 2011 will be discussed and formulated.

Reading and Library Circle members will meet October 9. Kay Dunbar will review "Same Kind if Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. This was a New York Times best seller and is an amazing true story (and it's on the reading list).

## OCTOBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Friday, Oct. 21

- Bible Study - 10am
- Ron Frederick and Greg Mikeska's Emmaus Walk - Wimberley

### Sunday, Oct. 23

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Noon
- Ron Frederick and Greg Mikeska's Emmaus Walk - Wimberley

### Monday, Oct. 24

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

### Wednesday, Oct. 26

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, Oct. 27

- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Sunday, Oct. 30—Apportionment Sunday

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Noon

### Monday, Oct. 31

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- Trunk or Treat - 5:30pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm

## "Thank You for Prayers"

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns for Russell and Paul Moore. They have graduated from Booth Camp as a Private First Class (PFC) and received their orders. PFC Russell Moore will be stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas and PFC Paul Moore will be stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

With grateful appreciation,

Betty and Dick Moore

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My sincere thanks to everyone that remembered me in their prayers, phone calls, and cards after my accident. Also a special thanks to Cynthia for her visit.

Hildegarde Kothmann

### Immediate Prayers

Marvle Bissett    Don Metzger    Dave Teaney

### Continuing Prayers

Dick and Dorothy Dennig (William Dennig's parents)

Francisco Fuentes (Isabel Shelton's grandfather)

Ozelma Goodlett (Connie Tatom's mother)

Barbara Compton (Cleo Wilson's daughter)

Terry Ericson	Evelyn Capps	Pat Teaney
Suzanne Wright	Bambi Teaney	Cecil Angermann
Lillian Talley	Diana Valastro	Greg Mikeska
Margi Bienemann	Russell Moore	Paul Moore
CW2 Michael Moore	Bob & Anna Bell Turner	

### Prayer Chain

**Would you like to receive the word who needs prayers either by phone or E-mail? If so, please contact the church office at 452-5796, during office hours.**

## SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Saturday, Sept. 24

- District Lay Speakers Class - 8:30a-4:30pm - St. John's UMC Austin
- Emmaus Walk - Laura Rhoades Smith - Wimberley

### Sunday, Sept. 25

- Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
- Worship Services - 10:30 am
- UMYF - Noon
- Emmaus Walk - Laura Rhoades Smith - Wimberley

### Monday, Sept. 26

- Prayer Meeting - 6:15 am
- ESL - 6:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - 7:30 pm **Tuesday, Sept. 27**

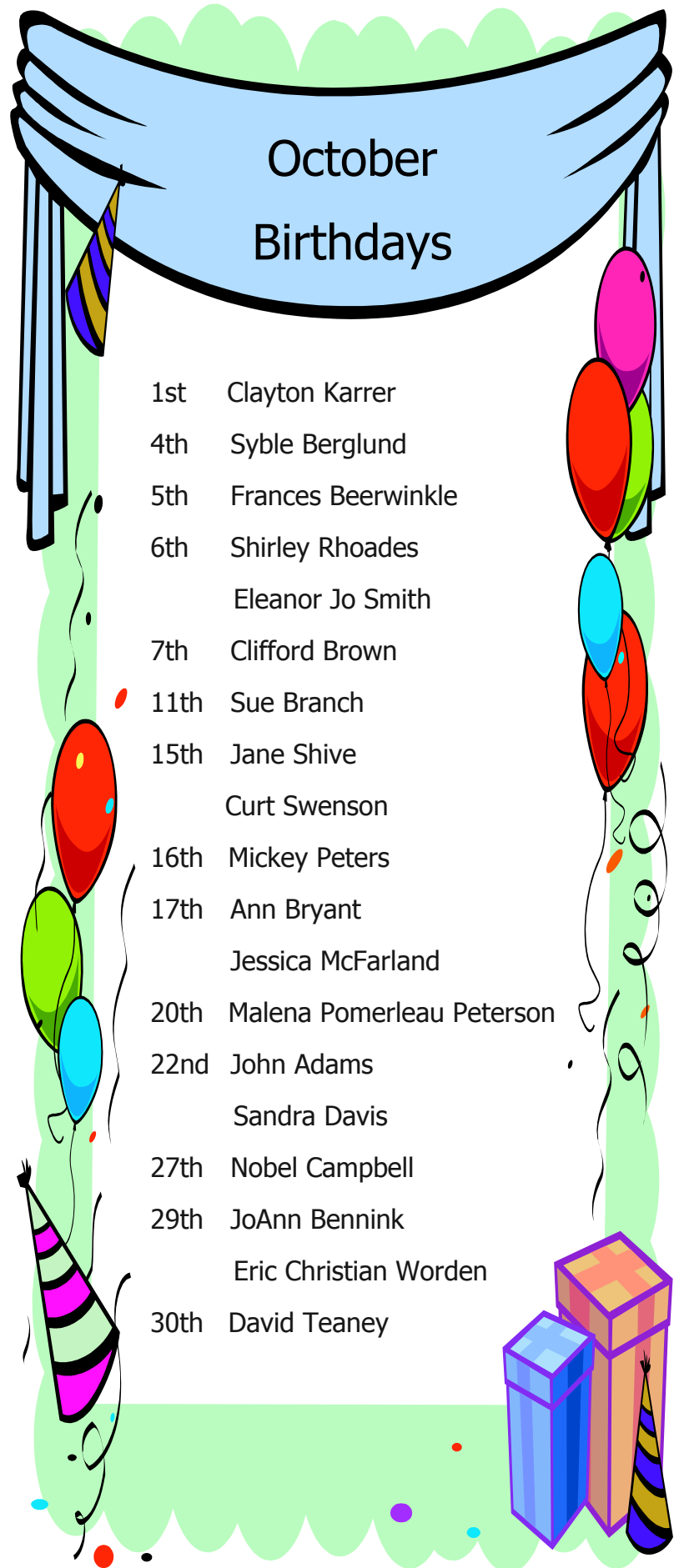
- LL Photo Album Class - 10a-1pm
- ESL - 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Bell Practice - 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00 pm



**Do Acts of Caring To Shut-ins (ACTS) by picking up an ACTS envelopes in the foyer and put a smile on our shut-ins faces by sending them a card!**





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**TO:**

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**Sunday Services - Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer**

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

**Wesley School - Chris Banda, Director (467-9740)**

**Church Office Summer Hours**

**Church Secretary - Joanne Macon**

8:30 a.m.– 12 noon and 1- 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Fridays - 8:30 - 12:30 pm

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