

The Newsletter

September 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.

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Y'ALL COME SUNDAY



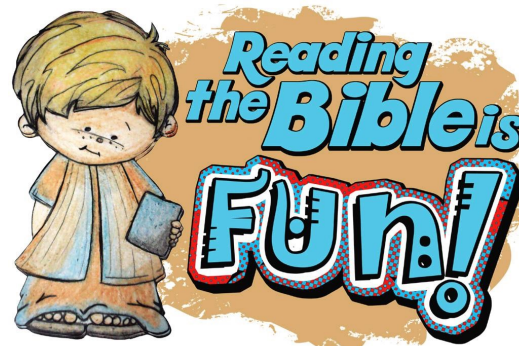
September 14th

**Invite your friends and
neighbors**

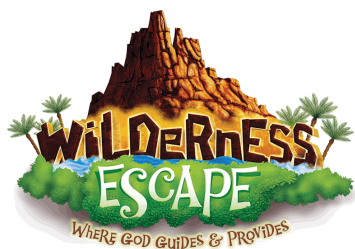
**to come to church and join in
the fun!**

**Lunch served in the gym after
the 10:30 service. Bring a dish
to share and**

**the BBQ, bread and drinks
will be provided.**



**Student Bibles will be presented on
September 21st**



VBS Re-Cap

On a Friday evening in August, the sanctuary at Memorial suddenly became a desert where Moses and his friends were wandering. With the help of Schlomo (Clayton), tribes of children met with Moses, visited the Israelite camp and helped with camp chores like making bread and butter, and learned that God is always with us so...Trust God. Wilderness Escape was a wonderful experience for the families and volunteers that participated. By the numbers...

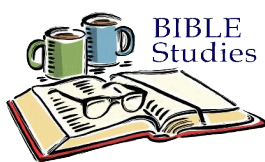
15 children (more than the previous two years combined)

6 parents

20 adult volunteers (6 had never participated before)

7 youth volunteers

Pictures are posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Thank you to all who helped.



Fall Bible Study Survey

The office is collecting information from people interested in participating in a Bible Study this fall. You can let the church office know your preferences by sending an email or dropping a note by the office.

Day of the week : Mon. Tues. Thurs. Sun.

Length: 1-4 weeks, 4-8 weeks, 8+ weeks

Do you need child care?

Topics: Scripture Study, Book Study, Finances, Relationships, Prayer or other Spiritual Disciplines, Spiritual Direction, Questions of Jesus, or Social Justice Topics (immigration, healthcare, poverty, people living with disabilities)

YOUTH NEWS

Hi church! Five of us attended the District Wide END OF SUMMER dinner and concert at Bethany UMC on August 24th. We had a good time of fellowship but also spent time in worship led by Mark Swayze and band. Todd Jones also led the entire group as we spent time praying for schools as the new year begins. 39 area schools were represented!

Now that school has started we have more fun youth activities planned for September. Here is our current schedule:

Sunday Sep 7 - UMYF 5 pm – 7 pm. Food, fun and fellowship!

Sunday Sep 14 – UMYF 5 pm – 7 pm More Food, fun and fellowship!

Sunday Sep 21 – SERVICE PROJECT At Free-store Austin. Meet at the church at 4:30 pm.

Sunday Sep 28 – FIELD TRIP This will be a fun outing. We discussed some options at the END OF SUMMER event but you can still give us your suggestions as we finalize this outing.

Also, put this conference event on your schedule...

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

Y'ALL COME SUNDAY



It's that time of year when everything starts to settle back into a rhythm. Most people have come back from vacations, children are in

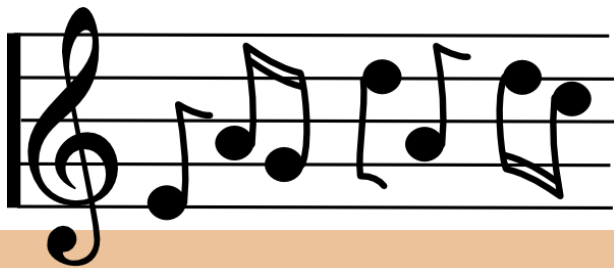
school, and the weather may even cool a bit. It is the perfect time to get everyone back together and invite our neighbors and friends to visit our church. Our church is more active in the community, and we plan to offer more in the way of Bible studies and small groups. We will have some special invitation cards for you to take home from church and give out to your neighbors and co-workers. Let's make this the best "Y'all Come Sunday" yet.

We want all the visitors to be our guests, so bring a couple of side dishes and/or a dessert, and the church will provide the BBQ, bread and drinks.

September 14th

10:30 worship

followed by lunch.



Music Ministry

Wednesday Rehearsal Times:

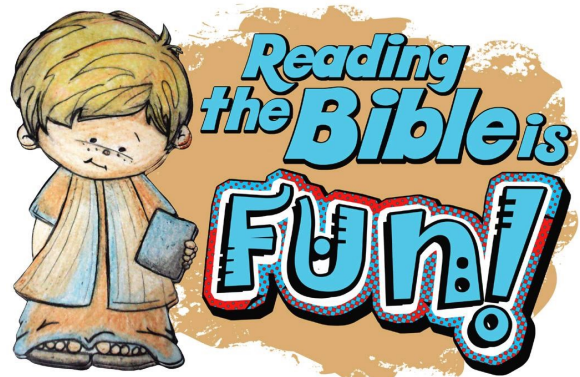
Choir, 7PM

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 sign up today.



Third Grades Bibles

The church will be presenting Bibles to 3rd graders on **September 21st**, so we need to know who all should get one. If you know a 3rd grader connected to our church, please let the church office know so we can order enough Bibles. Also, if you know an older child who missed out on the opportunity in the past, let us know because we want to make sure every child gets a Bible. You can email names to the church office at secretary@memorialumcaustin.com.

Communion Offerings

for September and October

September's Communion offering will go to support Higher Education.

October's Communion offering will go to Ecumenical Causes.



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. Currently the group is watching videos and discussing the content afterwards.

Knitting– Patty Marcum is teaching women how to knit different projects. They gather every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday) at 9:30 in the Pearce Room.

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 Lamplighters are a group dedicated to preparing the sanctuary for worship. One project they work on is making banners. The Lamplighters meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Pearce Room.

The Reading and Library Circle is dedicated to reading from the UMW reading list and maintaining the church library. The group plans on rearranging the library to a more user-friendly format. Also the church hopes to have an internet link to the Good Reads page once the library books have been entered, so anyone can peruse what our library offers.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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



The Capital District of the United Methodist Women Nominations for Officers

2015-2016

President: Yolanda Rivera, Simpson UMC

Vice-President: Arlene Youngblood, Wesley UMC

Secretary: Sheryl McNichol, Cedar Park UMC

Treasurer: Myrna Cavendar, Berkley UMC

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth: Imogene Marshall, St. Peter's UMC

Mission Coordinator for Social Action: B.J. Lee, University UMC

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: Geraldine Yusuf, Wesley UMC

Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach: Anne McGinley, University UMC

Secretary of Program Resources: Vikki Schwartz, Berkley UMC

Webmaster Support: Jonna Kay Hamilton, First Austin UMC

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations, Jean Chase, Wesley UMC

Committee on Nominations 2015-2019

Vernell Moncure, Crestview UMC

Nicolasa Pena

Carolyn Thompson, Crestview UMC

Susan Curtis, Berkley UMC

June Murphy

Special Appointment– Young Women's Liaison:
Elizabeth Wrigley

Annual District Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 2014

at Berkley UMC

9AM

Luncheon tickets available at registration for \$8



September Birthdays

1st	Geoffery Adams Bob Johnson John Alan Nixon
3rd	Sandra Amundson Nathaniel Rodriguez Hannah Smith
4th	Hildegarde Kothman-Cook
7th	Charles Waits
9th	Billy Ray Capps
10th	Bea Bailey Kenneth Jourdan David Rychlik
11th	Kevin McFarland
12th	Priscilla Bissett Kristin Shelton Taylor Elaine Stewart
13th	Billie Talley
19th	Pat Teaney
21st	Afton Phoenix Petersen
22nd	Diana Valastro
23rd	Isabel Shelton Irene Wright
24th	Jason Petersen
25th	Cameron Rodgers Irene Shelton
26th	Kathy Weimer Gray
27th	Marsha Fowler

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, September 1– Labor Day

Office Closed

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, September 2

9:30 am - Staff meeting– Moore

9:30 am - BIF Circle - Pearce

Wednesday, September 3

10 am - Wesley School Chapel –Sanctuary

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, September 5

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

Sunday, September 7– Communion

8:45 am - Pancake Breakfast -Gym

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

Monday, September 8

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:30 pm - Nominations Committee -Moore

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, September 9

9:30 am - Staff meeting

9:30 am - UMW Knitting - Pearce

6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting -Pearce

Wednesday, September 10

10 am - Wesley School Chapel –Santuary

7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, September 11

7:00 pm - Reading and Library Circle– Library

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society –FHL/Gym

Saturday, September 13

10:00 am - WPNA meeting– FHL/Gym

CALENDAR

CONTINUED

Sunday, September 14– Y’ALL COME SUNDAY

9:15 am -Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Service
11:30 am - Trustees -Pearce
12:00 pm - Y’ALL COME BBQ LUNCH

Monday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

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

Friday, September 19- Newsletter Deadline

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

Sunday, September 21—Memorial for Christ

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 28

9:15 am –Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am –Worship Service

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Looking Ahead

October 31st is Trunk or Treat



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.



If the space is not reserved then it is first come– first serve. Do not assume that a room is available unless you make arrangements in the office with the church secretary.

We will post a calendar at the door of each room to indicate reserved times.

Pastor's Corner

September 2014

"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, the relationship between the police force in Ferguson and its residents and even the current shouting match over marriage equality reduced to fear, sometimes even by people whose intellect I respected. Making someone 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 rabbi was said to have 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.



New Fall Series for Worship

It's All About the Attitude

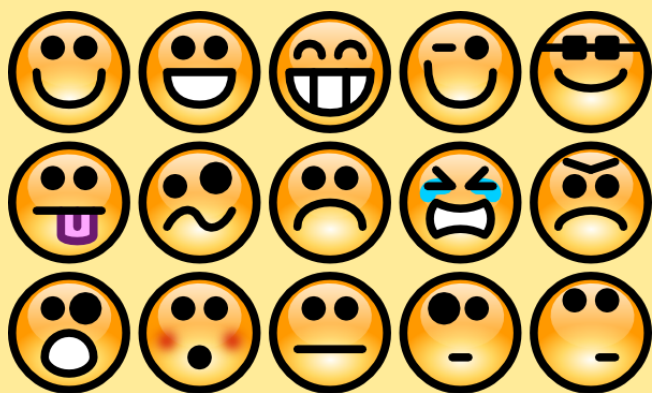
She's got great attitude!

I don't like your attitude, young man...

Your attitude is out of alignment.

Every day, our attitude shapes how we look at the world AND how we react to it. We are called to shape our attitudes to be like that of Jesus. But what happens when all we get from the world is bad attitude? Can we position our minds...our hearts...and even our bodies so that our attitude might mirror that of God?

Join us this fall in worship as we look at attitude in a new way!



Fall BRUNCH 2014 *The Face of the Waters...*

From the very beginning, water has been important...

And now, we have even more of a need to understand how we use water and what it means to have access to it...to need to conserve it...to share it.

This fall, our BRUNCH series will be asking questions of us using a series of documentaries on water developed by Texas Parks and Wildlife interspersed with Sundays where we might go on a field trip or experience water in a new way, spiritually and Biblically.

We have our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 21 in the parlor. As always, we bring the lunch, and you bring your whole self—all your questions and concerns and hopes.

This is also a great series to invite your neighbors to, since water is going to be a huge topic as Austin moves forward with approximately 100 people a day moving here. How can we respond to the questions and concerns surrounding our whole community about water—but do so as people of faith?

Sunday, September 21—Kickoff with introductory video presentation
Sunday, September 28—Grace Like Water (and other things that can flow freely)

The rest of our fall schedule was not set at press time for the newsletter, but will be available soon.

News from the Pews

Billie Nixon, Membership Coordinator



Praying for our
congregation
and friends



In Sympathy

Memorial sends love and concern to friends and loved ones who have recently experienced death in their families.

Sympathy to Kerry Lavan McAlister in the death of his wife, **Doris Ruth Crowder McAlister**. Doris passed away on July 28, 2014 at the age of 84.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Rachel and her brothers Dale and Don. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Kerry Lavan McAlister, her sister Reba Young of Texarkana, her son Randall and his wife Lynn of Round Rock, and their children, her daughter Jane Pense and her husband Terry of Canyon Lake and their children, one great-grandson, and many nieces and nephews. Doris was laid to rest at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery on August 1, 2014.



Volunteers Feed Breakfast to Harris Elementary Staff

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who baked breakfast casseroles for a staff in-service August 19th. The following people either baked or served the meal: Shirley Rhoades, Linda Eaker, Karin Crumbling, Alberta Shelton, Carol Garner, Donald Miller, Clayton Karrer and Pastor Cynthia.

- Dick and Betty Moore
- Ross and Zora Mae Hise
- Julia Morgan
- 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
- Rev. Javier Leyva and Border Ministries
- Devan Barrett
- Charlotte Gabriel
- John Nixon
- Lucille Priest
- Robert Stalbaum
- Werner Stalbaum
- Ava Gray
- Irma Cobler

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.

PRAYER
changes things