

The Newsletter

June/July 2014

Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer - Pastor

**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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Summer Sermon Series

“Becoming Something New”

Exploring the Book of Romans



Beginning June 22nd

Annual Conference



Summer Office Hours

Mon-Fri

8:30-2:00

Beginning June 16th

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER CAMP! We are planning to go to the new Alto Frio River Camp June 22-26. See more information below and at reacingyouth.org. There are several other camp options, and we can help you get there if your youth would like to go. These are life changing opportunities full of fun and rich spiritual nourishment!



NEW River Camp 6.22-26.14

(Jr. and Sr. High Students)

Alto Frio Encampment, 1385 Ranch Road 1120, Leakey TX. \$275 Students / \$225 Staff / Speaker Rev. Laurinda Kwiatkowski & Mark Swayze & Dave Stewart. Great times of worship, fun in the Frio River and in small groups. Camo Night (bring camouflage to wear), Water Wars, Thrift Shop Madness (come dressed in thrift store clothing which can be donated at end of camp), make new friends, and get to know God. [<http://www.altofrio.com>] * Please no drop-offs sooner than 6 PM Sunday. Eat dinner before you arrive.* Closing worship is at 10:30 AM. Pick-up

Women of the Church

Knitting Group – Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 A.M. in the Pearce Room (except first Tuesday). We are learning to make those beautiful curly neck pieces that are so popular.

Interested in a Night Group – We are trying to reorganize the night group that reads from the approved reading list and helped maintain the church library. If you are interested, contact Alberta Shelton or Billie Talley. Alberta's phone # is 512-926-8645. There is also a night group that meets as needed for preparation of worship materials.

Annual Conference Luncheon. The United Methodist Women will meet for their annual luncheon at Conference on Saturday, June 14 at 12:15 P.M. in the Water Garden A. Plates are \$22.00. Our speaker will be Missionary Becky Harrell. To register, send your checks to SWTC UMW in care of Joyce Elaine Fish, Registrar, 746 St. Pius Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412.

Mission U – The first combined Mission U (Conference School of Christian Missions) will meet at Mt. Wesley, July 11,12 and 13. (one day shorter than usual). This will be our first combined school with the former Rio Grande Conference. Register early because rooms will be filled quickly. A gift of \$50 toward the registration fee of a member from Memorial was donated by the family of Jo Smith in her memory. They would like for it to go to a first time attendee. Let Alberta Shelton (512-926-8645) know if you are interested.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join your church family for a pancake breakfast on

**Sunday, June 1 and July 6
at 8:45 AM in the gym.**

Pastor's Corner

June/July

2014

"We don't want you in the dark, friends, about how hard it was when all this came down on us in Asia province. It was so bad we didn't think we were going to make it. We felt like we'd been sent to death row, that it was all over for us. As it turned out, it was the best thing that could have happened. Instead of trusting in our own strength or wits to get out of it, we were forced to trust God totally—not a bad idea since he's the God who raises the dead! And he did it, rescued us from certain doom. And he'll do it again, rescuing us as many times as we need rescuing. You and your prayers are part of the rescue operation—I don't want you in the dark about that either. I can see your faces even now, lifted in praise for God's deliverance of us, a rescue in which your prayers played such a crucial part." 2 Corinthians 1:8-11, from *The Message*

This passage from *The Message* version of 2 Corinthians reminds me of how many times lately I've wished I could just put my arms around this praying congregation.

No matter what kind of dark, rough times Paul was going through, he is clear on one thing in this part of his letter to the church at Corinth that their prayers played a role in his deliverance.

It's been about 2 years since we began sending prayer letters to people. We've sent them to congregation members, to friends of the congregation, to organizations we are working with, to people in positions of authority and people who are on the margins. We've sent them to local congregations for encouragement and to far-off congregations to mourn or grieve with them. We've sent them to other denominations and we've sent them to people of other faiths. We have prayed prayers of joy as well as prayers of healing and concern.

Just these last months in the office, we have received letters back, expressing thanksgiving for our

prayers and sharing in the joy that has come out of our praying. Just this morning, one of the recipients of a letter contacted a member of the church and said, "I received the prayer letter from Memorial UMC. Taking it with me to the hospital this morning, thank you!" We have received countless notes like this—that the seemingly simple act of praying has made a huge difference in how people face hard situations and how they celebrate joys.

And I believe it's changed us. We have always been a praying bunch, but now there is a tangible commitment put on our prayers. And that has changed us too. The tendency of congregations that are in decline is to turn inward. But the prayers of this congregation have turned outward. The fact that we are praying for others helps us to be more aware of what God is leading us into, even outside our walls and in our neighborhoods and communities. Thank you. Praise God for you.

Ted Loder put it best in the preface to his book of prayers called *Guerillas of Grace*:

For at last I believe
life itself is a prayer,
and the prayers we say
shape the lives we live,
just as the lives we live
shape the prayers we say;
and it all shapes the kingdom
which expresses itself in and among us...

Peace and joy, Pastor Cynthia

PRAYER

changes things



Partners In Education

Austin ISD recognized Memorial United Methodist Church as Harris Elementary's Partner of the Year in honor of our valuable support and dedication. The counselor who delivered the award commented that our small acts of kindness boosted the morale of the entire school. Some of the things we did for Harris this year include taking sharpened pencils to the school during STARR testing, making banners of encouragement for the children, sending fruit trays for teacher appreciation.



Shoes for Redemptive Work

Shoe Drive Success!

Thank you MUMC, Windsor Park Neighborhood and all of the people who participated in the shoe drive! We collected somewhere between 250 and 300 pairs of shoes (we lost count before we had to turn them in). Redemptive Work collected over 3400 pairs of shoes in total. They will receive \$.40/pound for those shoes and use the money to help provide jobs in Austin--and the shoes that go to developing nations will also provide jobs there! Great work!

We were also happy that so many of you tapped neighbors and friends and coworkers.



Boy Scout Fundraiser

The boys of TROOP 88 are selling popcorn to raise money to go to summer camp.



BRUNCH

We are working on a schedule to continue having BRUNCH this summer. As we make plans we will announce dates and times at least two weeks in advance by email and through the bulletin.

Communion Offerings for July and August

July's Communion offering will go to World Service and Conference which supports ministries in our conference, including our extensive camp ministry for youth and adults.

August's Communion offering will go to support for students and teachers at Harris Elementary

News from the Pews

Billie Nixon, Membership Coordinator



Graduates from our Church

Sunday, June 1, 2014 was a special day at church as we celebrated our graduates during worship and a reception. The following information is about our six graduates plus some graduates that are linked to our church through members and friends.

Sandra Caitlyn Dennig, daughter of William and Laurie Dennig, and sister of Nicole and Michele, graduated Cum Laude from Sam Houston State University, May 10th, with a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design and a minor in Marketing. Caitlyn participated in intramural volleyball, soccer, and basketball. She received many scholarships during her four years and belonged to many organizations serving as Treasurer or President. After graduation she will start her internship at Bankston May Associates in Houston, TX with future plans to work there full time after the internship. Caitlyn will be living in Huffman, TX.

William Pascal Friedrich, son of Judy and Richard Friedrich, brother of Andrew, and grandson of Jane Friedrich, graduated May 8, 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Foods

from Texas State University to supplement his degree from the Culinary Institute of America. He works for Royal Fig Catering and hopes to find a position in a food research lab.

Holly Vay Huff, daughter of John and Judy Huff, step-daughter of Helen Dillon, sister of Heather Konczal, and step-sibling of Amanda, Christa, Sarah and Sean Dillon, grand niece of Hazel Wright and niece of Suzanne Wright, graduated from St. Edwards University with a Masters of Accounting. Her future plans are to continue her current employment with Travis County and with Memorial United Methodist as the Financial Secretary.

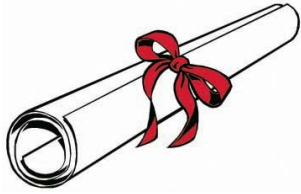
Jessica Christine McFarland, daughter of Kerry and Mark McFarland and sister of Kevin McFarland, and granddaughter of Charlyne Schmidt, graduated from McCallum High School. Jessica's future plans are to attend University of North Colorado in Greeley, Colorado where she will major in chemistry. Her honors include Outstanding Academic Excellence, National Honor Society, and a scholarship from University of North Colorado.

Peter Nathaniel Rodriguez, the son of Michelle and Ray Bills and Cleo Rodriguez, sister of Felicity Rodriguez and brother of Hunter and Hale Bills, and grandson of Afton Cherry, will graduate on June 14, 2014 from Washington Memorial High School in Washington, D.C. His future plans are to attend Bowling Green State University in Ohio to pursue a degree in structural engineering. He was active in the band and will be interning with the Legislature by proof-reading for senators.

Daniel Swayze, our church pianist, son of Bruce and Barbara Swayze, step-son of Jamie Swayze, and sibling of Luke and Sarah Swayze, is graduating from University of Texas here in Austin. He is receiving his Master of Music in Piano Performance. Daniel's future plan is to apply for a

doctoral program, and he is already free-lancing in the Austin area.

Graduates from Memorial's Extended Family



Charles James “Chase” Giles, son of Cara and Gary Giles, and grandson of Carole Garner, graduated from The Woodlands High School June 2, 2014. Chase has held the honor of being President of his class all four years in high school. His future plan is to attend A&M University.

Chris Lacy, grandson of Rev. Larry and Stephanie Lacy, and son of Jeff and Gina Lacy, graduated from Grapevine High School June 5, 2014. During high school, Chris was a member of National Honor Society and Student Council Leadership Program, as well as Varsity Baseball Pitcher and 2014 GHS Prom King. He will be attending the University of Alabama where he will be a member of the UA Honors College.

Evan George Dixon, son of Deborah and Jerry Dixon and grandson of John and Billie Nixon, graduated from Texas Tech University, May 17, 2014 in Lubbock, TX. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in general business. He spent a semester campaigning with a New Mexico Senator as well as one session working for Sen. Bob Duncan in Austin and his senior year working for Sen Duncan in Lubbock. Evans future plans are to intern for the next three months with “Meet the Press” at NBC News in Washington, DC.

Zachery Michal Ritchie, son of Chris and Tanya Ritchie, and ward of Laurie Strawbridge (Church Administrative Assistant), graduated from Anderson High School June 6, 2014. Zack will attend the University of Houston in the fall and major in ed-

ucation with an emphasis on math.

If there are any other graduates, please contact Billie Nixon with the information.

We are so happy to celebrate with each of these graduates and their families. May God continue to guard, guide, and direct them on their different

journeys.



In Sympathy

Love and concern go to the family and friends of those who have recently lost loved ones.

Marmeen Ann (Tew) Brady, daughter of Charles and Eloise (Swahn) Tew passed away on Monday, May 12, 2014. She was a beloved mother of two daughters and a friend to all. She is survived by her daughters Candy Trussell and husband Rick, Kym Ellenberger and husband Mark, along with five grandchildren, Misty, Brent, Caitlyn, Cameron, Brandon and three great-grandchildren, Austin, Tyler and Brady. Her graveside memorial service was held May 31, 2014 in Oakwood Cemetery.

Jennifer Wardrum-Monroe, daughter of Renee and Bill Simmons, age 50, died May 18, 2014 in Casa Grande, Arizona. Jennifer is survived by her mother, Renee, her three brothers, and one child, Rachell Holbrook of Austin. A memorial service is pending at this time.

We at Memorial are praying that the Lord will surround all those who mourn with His peace, encourage you with His love, and strengthen you with His presence.



Birthdays

June Birthdays

- 2 Cliff Masters
- 6 Kay Allen
- 7 Tina Zapalac-Nixon
- 9 Courtney May
- 10 Kathy Reinhart
- 12 Cleo Wilson
- 16 Pat Marcum
Stephanie Smith
Nicole Teaney
- 19 Joseph Teaney
- 20 Joanne Macon
- 21 Patty Marcum
- 22 Aiden Rodgers
- 24 Tamara Teaney
- 25 Chuck Garner
Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
- 27 Chase Jennings Holland
- 30 Tamara Bissett Batts
Lauren Elizabeth Batts

July Birthdays

- 4 Karl Amundson
- 7 Earl Cole
- 12 Dick Moore
- 15 Katherine Eaker
Gail Mohler
- 16 Betty Sampler

- 17 David Teaney
- 18 Darin Willis Jr.
- 22 Billie Florence Lois Nixon
- 23 Kim Gray
- 24 William Friedrich
- 28 Gloria McPhail
- 31 Tyler Joshua Moore
John F. Nixon
Shirley Wehmer

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1 –Communion Sunday

8:45 am - Pancake Breakfast -Gym

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, June 2

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, June 3

9:30 am - Staff meeting

9:30 am - BIF Circle - Pearce

11:00 am - BIF Spring Salad Luncheon -Parlor

Wednesday, June 4

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, June 6

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

Sunday, June 8

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

11:30 am - *Trustees -Pearce

Monday, June 9

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

JUNE CALENDAR

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Tuesday, June 10

9:30 am - Staff meeting

9:30 am - UMW Knitting - Pearce

6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting -Pearce

Wednesday, June 11

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, June 12

Annual Conference in Corpus Christi

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society -Gym

Friday, June 13

Annual Conference

Saturday, June 14

Annual Conference

Sunday, June 15—Memorial for Christ

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Trustees -Pearce

Monday, June 16

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:30 pm - Church Council Pearce

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, June 17

9:30 am - Staff meeting

9:30 am - UMW Knitting - Pearce

Wednesday, June 18

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, June 19

7 pm - UMW Lamplighters -Pearce

Friday, June 20

11:00 am - Bible Study -Moore

Sunday, June 22

9:15 am –Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am –Worship Service

Monday, June 23

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, June 24

9:30 am - Staff meeting

9:30 am - UMW Knitting - Pearce

Wednesday, June 25

6 pm - Bell Practice

7 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, June 29—Apportionment Sunday

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, June 30

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

*Please note that Trustees will meet one week before Church Council in June.

JULY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 1

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Friday, July 4

Office Closed

Sunday, July 6– Communion

8:45 am - Pancake Breakfast

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Services

Monday, July 7

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, July 8

9:30 am - Staff meeting

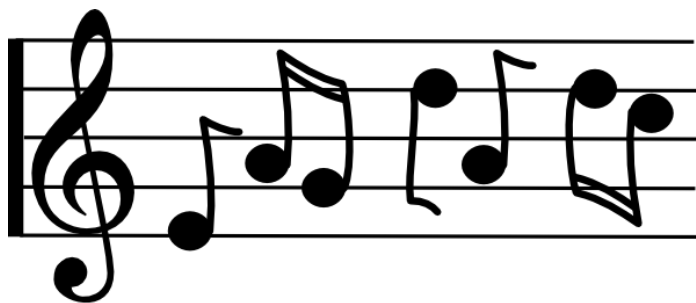
6:30 pm - Wesley Board Meeting -Pearce

Thursday, July 10

7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society -Gym

JULY CALENDAR

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Saturday, July 12

10 am - WP Neighborhood Assn -FHL

Sunday, July 13

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, July 14

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, July 15

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Sunday, July 20- Memorial for Christ

9:15 am -Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am -Worship Service

Monday, June 21

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, July 22

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Sunday, July 27

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, July 28

6:15 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

7:30 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym

Tuesday, July 29

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Please note that some regularly scheduled activities take a break during the month of July. The following activities will not meet at their regularly scheduled times:

UMW Circles, Friday Morning Bible Study, Church Council, Trustees, Handbell Rehearsal, and Choir Rehearsal

Choir and Handbell BBQ

July 30th at 6:30

For singers, ringers, family and anyone interested!

Choir and Handbells will take a break in July but will have a BBQ get together on July 30th at 6:30 PM at the church. All singers and ringers are invited along with their families. **Also, ANYONE**



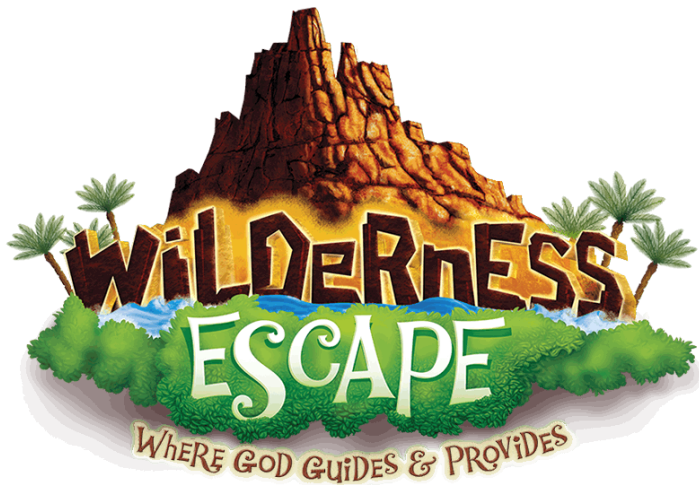
Summer Office Hours

In order to conserve energy this summer we will cut back our office hours during the hottest part of the day.

Beginning July 16, our summer office hours will be Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Anyone needing pastoral care will be able to reach Pastor Cynthia by cell #512-921-3473.

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.



VBS

Friday, August 8

5:30-8:30 PM

& Saturday, August 9

9:00 AM -2:00 PM



- Learn straight from a well-known Bible hero—Moses.
- Discover firsthand what it was like to live in the Israelite camp.
- Join one of the 12 Tribes of Israel for games, music, crafts, and manna.



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9:15 a.m.- Sunday School (kids and adults)

10:30 a.m.- Worship Service

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

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