

The Newsletter

February 2016

Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer - Pastor

Feeding Northeast Austin, body, mind,
and spirit in the name of Jesus.

Sunday Schedule

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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SHROVE TUESDAY

Annual Pancake Supper

February 9, 2016

6:00 in the gym

\$5 donation appreciated



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WEDNESDAY



February 10

Come and Go in the chapel
from 12:00-1:00 PM

Service at 6:30 PM in the
Sanctuary

Lenten Worship Series: "Preparing the Feast"



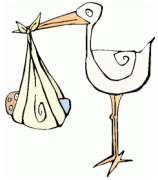
Exploring our relationship with
Jesus and our relationship with
food through Bible stories.
(Recipes included!)

News from the Pews



In Sympathy

**Submitted by Billie Nixon
Membership Coordinator**



New Arrivals

Nothing makes all of us any happier than the birth of a new baby. Also, how can beginning a new year with new life be any greater?

Dave and Pat Teaney have both been in the hospital this year, but joy of the new birth of their grandson's twins gave them something to look forward to. Their grandson, David and wife, Aisha, Teaney's first children are Dasica and Denia. I think one weighed 4lbs. 1 oz. and the other weighed 4 lbs, 10 oz. These lovely girls were born December 29th. Congratulations to all of you. I understand the babies are home and doing well.

John and Billie Nixon are announcing the birth of another great grandson. Our first grandchild, Jeremy Mohler, and his wife, Keri, had their son, Forrest William Mohler, born on January 8th. He weighed 8 lbs, 10oz, was born at 11:30 AM, and was 19 inches long. Forrest has one 2 year old sister. Jeremy is the son of Don and Gail Mohler who were members of Memorial for more than 35 years and 56 years respectively. All three of their children were baptized and raised in Memorial.

Little Forrest spent the first nine days of his life in the hospital with respiratory problems but is home now and doing well.

Thank you God for all your loving gifts of life and especially for the birth of these precious babies.

Love and concern go to Renee Simmons and family in the death of her husband, Bill Simmons. Bill, age 82, passed away December 24th at 4:30 pm at his present address, Buckner Villas.

William "Bill" Joseph Simmons was very active at Memorial for many years. He sung in the choir and participated in Sunday school and all activities.

He was born in Dayton, Ohio, one of five children. He loved music. He played the trombone and accordion in high school. He attended Bluffton College and Garrett Seminary to become a Minister of the United Methodist Church for over forty years. He met and married Marilyn Blomgren. They were married for over forty years and they had three children. After she died of cancer, Bill met Renee Wardrum and they were married for ten years.

He is survived by his wife, Renee and his children and their spouses, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for William Simmons was held on January 2nd at 2:00 PM in the community room of Buckner Villas.

Bill's loving contributions and loving personality will always be remembered and not forgotten.

Thank you! Thank you!

To all my friends at Memorial for your prayers, cards, and care for my time in the hospital. I am back home now and slowly progressing to a cane. Thanks for your love,

Dorothy Johnson



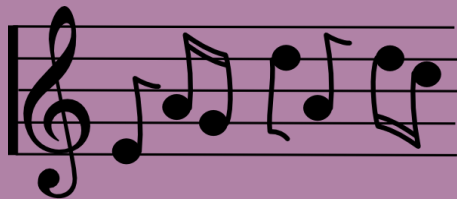
**UMYF-United
Methodist Youth
Fellowship**

Hey everyone!

It is time to register for MidWinter 2016! We are planning to go to two events in February. The first one is REVIVE, Feb 5-7, at Camp Eagle. Worship will be led by Mark Swayze Band and the speaker is Ryan Barnett. Cost is \$150.

The second event we plan to attend is the Capital District MidWinter Feb 26-28 at Camp Tejas. Worship will be led by Austin Taylor and the Texas Wesley Worship Band and the speaker is Stella Burkhalter. Director is Todd Jones.

**Feel free to contact Kendall for more information, 512-844-6809 or kendallsmith@accentfoods.com. See you on Sunday!
Kendall**



Wednesday Rehearsals

Choir @ 7:00 pm



Women's News

The UMW are offering a church wide study on Tuesdays February 2 and February 9. The study will be led by Pastor Cynthia about finding joy in your faith. Supper will be served at 6:00 P.M., and the study will begin at 6:30 P.M. We will meet in the Faith, Hope and Love Classroom. A donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated but not required. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Executive Committee met at Tres Amigos on Saturday, January 23 at 11:30 A.M. As always our meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The District met at Lake Travis UMC on Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 .

Don't forget the pancake breakfast on the first Sunday, February 7.



The staff of Memorial want to thank you for the generous gifts given to each of us. It is always a pleasure to serve the people of Memorial and our Lord through our work at this church.

Pastor's Corner

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.” (1 John 4:7-9)

Jesus is patient; Jesus is kind; Jesus is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. Jesus does not insist on his own way; Jesus is not irritable or resentful; Jesus does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Jesus bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Jesus never ends. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, substituting “Jesus” for “love”)

I’ve been preaching on “God Sightings” this month, in preparation for encouraging all of our congregants to share their own God sightings with the congregation during the season of Lent. And so I’ve been especially attuned to noticing God working in our midst lately—trying to name what I see in terms of the three categories we’ve talked about: seeing Jesus’s glory revealed, understanding the convicting (and convincing!) word of the Spirit, and hearing once again a calling from God.

I have heard the calling of God when someone opens the door and rejoices to see that I’ve brought Meals on Wheels.

I have seen the glory God in the kids playing in our preschool.

I have felt the conviction of God as the UMW were speaking about how we could make our sanctuary safer and more hospitable for everyone.

I have seen the love of God in the volunteers who have played with kids while parents were attended ESL classes.

Seeing the love of God is not a separate category from all the rest—it is instead, a summation. Seeing Jesus as God’s love walking around, experiencing grace (which is God’s love for us)—all of it continues to give me hope that is more

powerful than anything else. For all of the death and fear and war and rumors of war and conflict and gossip and envy and deceit and slander and ruthlessness that is out there, I need constant reminders that there is something greater. SomeONE greater. Where have you seen God today?

Synthia Kepler-Harrer



Episcopal Announcement

Bishop Mike McKee, the president of the South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops, has announced that the Rio Texas Conference will be served by an Episcopal team until September 1, 2016, when a new bishop will be assigned for the next quadrennium.

Bishop Joel Martinez, retired, elected from the Rio Grande Conference in 1992, will be in charge of pastoral care and preaching duties for special services around the conference. He will also oversee mission and justice ministries as well as our connectional relationships.

Bishop Janice Riggie Huie, Texas Conference, elected from the Southwest Texas Conference in 1996, will handle appointment matters and will be the interim bishop of record.

Bishop Robert Schnase, Missouri Conference, elected from the Southwest Texas Conference in 2004, will be the presiding bishop at our annual conference in June.

Bishop Mike Lowry, Central Texas Conference, elected from the Southwest Texas Conference in 2008, will be in charge of the nominations process as well as Clergy Convocation and any transition arrangements for the next bishop.



Bread Church

February 18th @7 PM

In the gym kitchen

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?

We will make bread together and during the rising time, we will discuss the 12 steps of bread making, using Peter Reinhart's book, "Bread Upon the Waters", which is a spiritual exploration of those steps.

For more information, talk to Pastor Cynthia. Ingredients and tools will be provided, although if you have a favorite bowl you'd like to use or tools of your own you'd like to bring, please do! Also helpful to bring would be a baking sheet to put the bread on to take home .



Walk to Emmaus

Upcoming dates

Women's Walk, May 5-8

Women's Walk , May 12-15

Men's Walk, August 25-28

Contact Church Office for more information:

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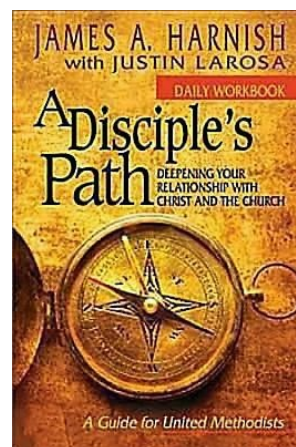
Rethink Leadership

Saturday, February 13, 2016

9am- 12:30pm

Lake Travis UMC, 1502 RR 620 North

Rev. Jasmine Smothers, Plenary Speaker



This year, we will be dedicating the first several months of our Leadership Team meetings (formerly Council meetings) to using "A Disciple's Path", a resource that encourages a renewal of faith both in a group and in individuals. We will have 12 copies of the

resource available for a small group to use after the Leadership Team is finished. Contact the office to schedule your group's usage today!

CALENDAR

Monday, February 1

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, February 2

- 8:00 am - ESL Classes- Parlor
- 9:30 am - Staff meeting
- 9:30 am - BIF (Bible Information Fellowship)
United Methodist Women— Pearce Room
- 6:00 pm - UMW Bible Study, “Finding Happiness
Through Your Faith” -Parlor

Wednesday, February 3

- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room

Thursday, February 4

- 8:00 am - ESL classes —Parlor

Sunday, February 7, Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am - Pancake Breakfast-Gym
- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:30 am - Trustees— Pearce

Monday, February 8

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, February 9

- 8:00 am - ESL classes —Parlor
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm - UMW Bible Study, “Finding Happiness
Through Your Faith” -Parlor
- 6:30 pm - Wesley Board—Pearce Room

Wednesday, February 10, Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm - Come and Go Imposition of Ashes in
the Chapel

6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm (after the service) - Choir Rehearsal—
Choir room

Thursday, February 11

- 8:00 am - ESL Classes— Parlor
- 7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society— gym

Saturday, February 13

10:00 am - Windsor Park Neighborhood
Association— Gym/FHL

Sunday, February 14 Boy Scout Sunday

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

Monday, February 15

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- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Church Council— Pearce
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, February 16

- 8:00 am - ESL classes— Parlor
- 9:30 am - Staff meeting
- 9:30 am - Honeybees UMW crafters— Pearce

Wednesday, February 17

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

Thursday, February 18

- 8:00 am - ESL classes— Parlor
- 7:00 pm - Bread Church— Gym/Kitchen

Sunday, February 21, Memorial for Christ

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

Monday, February 22

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area

CALENDAR

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6:30 pm - Austin Harmony– Choir room

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am - ESL classes - Parlor

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

10:00 am - Wesley School Chapel

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am - ESL classes -Parlor

Sunday, February 28

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship Service

Monday, February 29

6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area

6:30 pm - Austin Harmony– Choir room

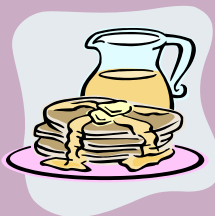
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Birthdays

- 3 Christine Jane Garner
- 6 Mary Lu Laveria
Gene Arbuckle
- 7 Kayla Michelle Holland
Davi Teaney
- 11 Mary Beth O'Hanlon
- 12 Stephanie Jourdan
Mildred McCullough
- 13 Mike Pena
- 16 Kamika Alberta Streets
- 18 Jodi Nichole Dennig Sword
- 20 Nancy Helge
- 21 Michael Shelton
Laurie Strawbridge
- 22 Jeff Sacco
- 23 Jeanne Williamson
- 25 Carolyn Chandler Brown
- 27 Marinda Mohler
- 28 Carol Logan

MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join your church family for a pancake breakfast on February 7 at 8:30 AM in the gym.

2016 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.

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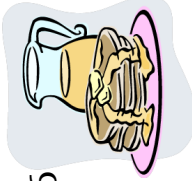
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