

The Newsletter

March 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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Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday

March 20th



Spring Fling

Sunday, March 20

2:30-4:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Service

March 24th at 7 PM



Good Friday Service

March 25th at 7 PM

Easter Sunday

March 27th

Sunrise Service

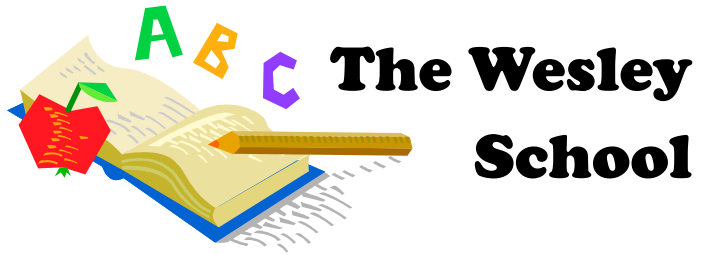
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Worship

at 10:30 AM



News from the Pews



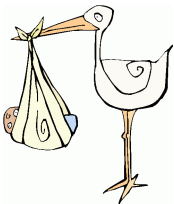
Submitted by **Billie Nixon**
Membership Coordinator



In Sympathy

Love and concern go to Lela Barker in the death of her brother-in-law, Billy Tom McDaniel. Billy Tom was married to Lela's sister, Florence, of Rockdale, TX. At the age of 81 he had a stroke and never regained consciousness. He died February 8 and the funeral was held on February 11.

Billy Tom is survived by his wife, Florence, three children and six grandchildren. He was a loving, kind, and generous man and will be missed by many.



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Brisha Moore, who works with the Rainbow Girls who have been coming to Memorial for years. The good news is she and her husband had their first child on February 16th. Amaya was born at St. David's

May God continue to bless each of them with good health and happiness.

Monday, February 29th was our Administrative Assistant's last day with us. Until we hire someone we will have limited office hours. If you need something that the office staff would normally handle please contact Pastor Cynthia directly at 512-921-3473.

This year the Wesley School Talent Show fundraiser will be a little different. The kids will still put on a show and spaghetti will still be served, but this year instead of a raffle attendees will be able to bid on silent auction items. All the money raised will be used to spruce up the décor and the playground.



Wesley Talent Show

April 8th @ 6:00 PM

Adult Tickets \$8 in advance

\$10 at door

Kids 3-12 \$6

Under 3 are free

Thank you! Thank you!

This church has been such a blessing to me for two years, and I will miss you all. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Administrative Assistant. It has been a joy. Always in my prayers,

Laurie Strawbridge



**UMYF-United
Methodist Youth
Fellowship**

Five of our youth and two adults participated in two of the MidWinter events in February. The weekends were filled with great times of worship and lots of fun activities. Over 350 youth and adults attended the event at Camp Eagle and around 200 attended the first ever Capital District MidWinter at Camp Tejas. In March the youth will be helping with Spring Fling preparations and the event itself. We are still making plans for the rest of the semester so contact Kendall or Tayler to be a part!

**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

Submitted by Alberta Shelton

We completed a three night study of finding happiness in your faith led by Pastor Cynthia. We had three delicious meals and even though some couldn't afford to pay we still made money for mission. Thanks to Pastor Cynthia for her wonderful leadership.

We were able to send a gift to the United Methodist Women's Legacy Fund. This is a drive to raise money for the celebration of our 150th birthday coming up.

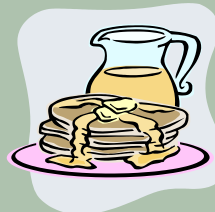
Thanks to the help of units like ours giving an extra gift to missions, our conference mission pledge was made and exceeded.

Mark your calendars for:

Monday, March 21 - A day of Prayer and Self Denial. A prayer vigil will be held in the chapel ending at 7:00 PM with a worship service led by Connie Tatom.

Saturday, April 30 - A study of the church and people with disabilities led by Stephanie Lacy and a wheelchair bound woman from Trinity UMC. As always everyone is invited to attend and participate. Bring a sack lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided. It will be from 9 AM to 1:30 PM.

MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come join your church family for a pancake breakfast on March 6 at 8:30 AM in the gym.

CALENDAR

Monday, February 29

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel
- 11:00 am - Farewell Reception for Laurie Strawbridge
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
- 6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area

Tuesday, March 1 Voting Day

The gym will be a polling place

- 9:00 am - ESL Classes- Parlor
- 9:30 am - Staff meeting
- 9:30 am - BIF (Bible Information Fellowship) United Methodist Women— Pearce Room

Wednesday, March 2

- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room

Thursday, March 3

- 9:00 am - ESL classes –Parlor

Saturday, March 5

FYI- Two outside groups will be using our facilities

Sunday, March 6, Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am - Pancake Breakfast-Gym
- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Egg Stuffing in parlor

Monday, March 7

- 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, March 8

- 9:00 am - ESL classes –Parlor
- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm - Wesley Board—Pearce Room

Wednesday, March 9

- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Choir room
- 7:00 pm - Reading and Library UMW circle

Thursday, March 10

- 9:00 am - ESL Classes— Parlor
- 7:00 pm - Austin Ukulele Society— gym

Saturday, March 12

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

*Set your clocks ahead before you go to bed for Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 13 Girl Scout Sunday

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

Monday, March 14

- 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, March 15

Deadline to order lilies

- 9:00 am - ESL classes— Parlor
- 9:30 am - Staff meeting
- 9:30 am - Honeybees UMW crafters— Pearce
- 6:30 pm - NAMI support group

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

- 9:00 am - ESL classes— Parlor
- 7:00 pm - Bread Church— Gym/Kitchen

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday

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

2:30 pm - Spring Fling

Monday, March 21

- 6:30 am - Morning Prayer -Chapel

CALENDAR

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Birthdays

6:00 pm - Girl Scouts—Gym area
6:30 pm - Austin Harmony— Choir room
6:30 pm - Church Council
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts -Gym area
7:00 pm - Worship service for Prayer and Self-Denial—chapel

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 am - ESL classes - Parlor
9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24 Maundy Thursday

9:00 am - ESL classes -Parlor
7:00 pm - Msundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 25 Good Friday

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday

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

Monday, March 28

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, March 29

9:00 am - ESL classes - Parlor
9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

9:00 am - ESL classes -Parlor

1st Craig Amundson
Joel Britt
2nd Travis Rychlik
3rd Elizabeth Bach-Miller
4th Eva Davila
5th Linda Eaker
James Journigan
6th Carole Garner
Judy Johnson
7th David Amundson
Dorothy Burnup
Chad Ericson
8th Mary Bryant
9th Laura Elizabeth Smith
Grant Walker Zapalac
12th Wanda Anderson
Minda Egbert
Harrison Pomerleau
15th Jacy Kuruk Gray
Danielle Webster
16th Alberta Shelton
17th Elizabeth Aeon Petersen
19th Julian Dahan
Josh Jourdan
24th Courtney Garner
25th Jonathan Mohler
26th Jack Dahan
Misty Ericson
30th Patrick Tafoya
31st Deborah Bryant
Dorothy Johnson
Steve Reinhart

Pastor's Corner

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks," said Jesus. (Placations 3:5)

"See, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)

I'm going to hope that most of you read the first "scripture" and realized that it isn't in our canon. The only problem with sayings like this (and "cleanliness is next to Godliness" and "God helps those who help themselves"—neither of which is found in scripture) is that we begin to believe them because they are easy to remember and they fit the way we think the world works.

You can also see that many "proverbs" which have sprung up over the years are contradicted by what scripture actually says, given that the second passage above is really from the Bible.

But which do you believe more? Which are you more likely to quote? Which is the one you live by?

Doing a new thing is hard. Becoming a new thing is even more difficult. We are facing a lot of "new" at Memorial. New programs. New schedules. A new person in the office. A new budget reality with less giving. A new congregation with many of the folks we've known for years unable to attend...and some new faces filling the pews. The problem in our minds with so much new is that it becomes unpredictable. We don't know how it's going to turn out. We don't know whether it means we will become weaker...or stronger.

Lent is a pretty good time to contemplate those subjects. And it's a great time to pray. Easter is a promise that whatever happens, life and love are stronger than death.

And the Good News is just that—NEWS. All of

the new things that are happening could be a part of what God is doing among us. The way that makes us see differently, act differently, think differently about what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ in the middle of Windsor Park (which is also changing)—that means God might be trying to teach us something new, to put in our hearts a new spirit.

I pray this Lent and Easter you'll try something new, whether it is figuring out that you always react in a certain way to something and intentionally changing that reaction or whether it is starting a new discipline or giving something a try that you had failed at before. There is so much "new" out there—maybe we are the people who are called to look at all of the "new" and notice (and say!) where the Good News is in the midst of it.

I will see you in worship!



Lenten Worship Series: "Preparing the Feast"



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



Bread Church

March 17th @7 PM

In the gym kitchen

**Volunteers
Needed**



Spring Fling

March 20th

2:30-4:30

Help us prepare by Stuffing

Eggs March 6th

5:00 PM



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:

512-452-5796

secretary@memorialumcaustin.com

"Easter Lily Order Form"

The Easter Season is upon us again and it is time to place your orders for the Easter Lilies. The cost is \$10.00 a plant. Please fill in the information below to ensure that your message will be included in the Lily Insert on Easter Sunday. Return the form along with your payment no later than Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Messages to be placed in the Insert: _____

How many plants? (\$10.00 each) _____

Donate _____ or Keep _____

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