

The Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Robyn Bishop - Pastor
**We love Windsor Park and Northeast Austin
through creating safe space for healing and
connection through Jesus Christ.**

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School Classes: 9:30am
Children, Youth,
Adult- Faith, Hope, Love & New Friends
Worship - 11:00am

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April 2024

April Sermon Series
Creation Care: How Shall We Live?

April 7th
Shall We Walk in the Light?
Gen 1:1-2, 1 Jn 1:1-2:2
Communion

April 14th
Shall We Create Harmony?
Gen 1:26-28, Ps 8, 1 Jn 3:1-7

April 21st
Shall We Lift up the Plastic Jesus?
Gen 11:3-4, Ex 32:1-6
Celebrating Earth Day!

April 28th
Can You Imagine a New Heaven
and New Earth?
Is 65:17-25, Rms 8:28-39



Artwork by Melinda Springer

Church news



Memorial Marches Against Hunger: Crop Hunger Walk

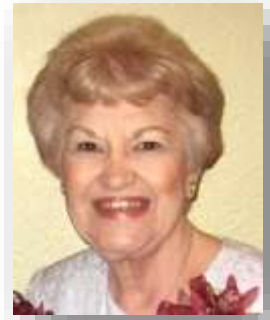
With your support food is put on tables of those in our local community and global community. In 2024, we continued the fight against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry. We raised \$595! Thank you for going above and beyond!

Memorial has walked the Austin Crop Hunger Walk since 2015. Connie Tatom and her dog have always represented us, many times with Betty Sanders by her side. On Sunday, February 25 we were so excited to have a team of 5 at this year's walk at Camp



Mabry: Team Captain Taylor Youngblood, Pastor Robyn Bishop, Connie Tatom, Betty Sanders and Joy High, Taylor's friend. Not only do walkers walk the 1 mile course, but they also learn about hunger statistics, sanitation challenges, Central Texas Food Bank, raising animals and more at stations set up at the walk. Walkers served our community this year by creating hygiene kits and writing to our state representatives about food legislation. We were treated to a performance by a Ukrainian Dance Troop, Sonyashnyk, too!

Wheelchairs and dogs are welcome on the Camp Mabry track. If you want to join us next year, we'd love to push you along with us or walk next to you under your own power. We'll walk again in February 2025!



Betty Ruth Alexander Del Rio, age 89, of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully, at home, on January 23, 2024. She was born on the family farm in the community of Primrose, between Van and Edom, on February 11, 1934. Her parents were Lee Roy Alexander and Artie Lee Fulgham Alexander.

A private family service was held to celebrate her life. She was buried at the Texas State Cemetery, next to her husband, Frank Del Rio.

Betty graduated from Van High School, in 1951, where she was a cheerleader and played the trumpet and French horn, in the Vandal Band. She was Band Captain and Band Sweetheart. Betty enjoyed her time playing the piano for the Primrose Methodist Church. She earned a scholarship to attend Tyler Junior College, in Tyler, Texas. Betty was a member of the TJC Apache Band and marched in the Tyler Rose Parade. A fond memory of hers was when she rode the bus to Pasadena, CA, and marched in the California Rose Parade. She graduated with a Secretarial Science Degree.

She moved to Austin, Texas, and worked for the Department of Public Safety. In 1954, she married Frank Del Rio, and they were blessed with two daughters, Dianne and Denise. In 1957, Betty went to work for a State Representative in the Texas House of Representatives and retired in 1990. She made many lifelong friends while working at the State Capitol, and she was always proud of her service for the state of Texas. Betty was a faithful member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

Betty (Moma/Mumma) was most proud to be the matriarch of her family, and she leaves a legacy of love, devotion, and generosity, as a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She always told us, "Tis more blessed to give than receive." Also, "Honor the Lord, your family, your friends, and most importantly, yourself."

Our family would like to thank her loving devoted caregivers, as she referred to them as "her girls".

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Frank Del Rio in September of 2023.

**Memorial's thoughts and prayers go out to
the Del Rio Family**

Join the Merry Makers for games & fellowship

**Next: April 11 & 25 —
10:30am**

Room 403 (FHL) off the gym

Meets 2nd & 4th
Thursdays each
month. We play a
variety of games. You
do not need any
particular skills.



For more info, contact Alberta Shelton,
Betty Sanders or Connie Tatum
at itsjustclt@outlook.com

Thank you, Linda, for organizing our most
recent field trip to see the famous painting of
Jesus by the artist, Arianna.

Online Giving Breeze

www.memorialumcaustin.com or link
here: [Breeze Online Giving](#)



Instructions:

1. Enter Amount 2. Enter Fund
to Direct Your Gift/Payment
3. Choose One Time or Recurring Setting
4. Enter Payment Method & Details
5. Choose whether to gift the fee to process
your gift (this is based on the amount)

**To manage and set up a recurring gift, please login to
your personal Breeze account.

Email secretary@memorialumcaustin.com
for more info.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Don't forget Monday April 8th!
The eclipse will begin at
12:17pm and end around
2:58pm. The maximum impact
will occur at 1:37pm.



*"Do not be anxious
about anything, but in
everything by prayer
and supplication with
thanksgiving let your
requests be made*

known to God." Philipians 4:6

2 Ways to Join Others in Prayer:

- 1.) Every Thursday we send an email with a list of
prayer requests and reminders of upcoming events
for the week. If you would like to receive this
weekly email, please contact our Administrative
Assistant, Kc secretary@memorialumcaustin.com.
- 2.) Afton Cherry will lead prayer in the Chapel on
the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.
Next. April 2nd & 16th
- 3.) If you have a prayer request or would like to
have a pastoral call, please contact Pastor Robyn,
robynbmumc@gmail.com

Do you have a high school,
college, graduate school, or
seminary graduate coming up
in May or June 2024? Send us
a picture (jpg) and short bio to
be honored & featured in the
June Newsletter. *Please get
their permission as this posted
online.



**Please submit to:
secretary@memorialumcaustin.com
no later than May 10th.**

A-Mazing Creation : Memorial UMC's



Labyrinth through the lens of God's Creation

**Sundays: Potluck 12:30pm
Sessions @ 1-2:30pm
April 7, 14, 21, 28**

When God created the world, what did he place at what is now 6100 Berkman Drive? Come with us as we explore the natural world right at our doorstep. Ponder our role in the care of all that God made and called good.

This is an interactive, activity-led study that explores the relationship between our faith, the science, and the social/cultural facets of Memorial UMC's physical location in northeast Austin. It is for anyone curious to explore conceptually. There is no obligation beyond being engaged in the study. However, what we discover may inspire and inform your participation in the care of creation.

Kiki Corry has developed this 4-part study-

- *What did God create?
- *What did God place at MUMC?
- *What is at MUMC now?
- *What is our response?

***We will begin with a planned potluck immediately after worship. More information about this will come after you have registered.

Location: Memorial UMC; 6100 Berkman Dr, 78723. We will begin in the Parlor behind the Sanctuary and move out to the Labyrinth.

Form at the back of the sanctuary
or at link below.

Registration required:

<https://bit.ly/AMAZingCreation>

April is Earth Month.
Earth Day will be Monday
April 22, 2024.



Earth Day, April 22, was founded in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a United States Senator from Wisconsin. Senator Nelson developed the idea for a national day to focus on the environment after the 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. He wanted the public to participate in a day of study (teach-in) and demonstrations on behalf of the environment.

By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first-of-their-kind environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Clean Air Act. Two years later congress passed the Clean Water Act.

Earth Day was later recognized internationally in 1990, which evolved into Earth Month. Today, Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 by more than 1 billion people in 192 countries.

2024's Earth Month theme, **Planet vs. Plastics**, calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion. EARTHDAY.ORG is demanding a 60% reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040.

Memorial UMC will continue and expand its goals to be a **sustainable caretaker of God's creation in 2024**. Join us as we restore our landscaping, create habitats and implement more measures to save resources and educate ourselves and others. Join the Creation Care Committee to get involved or learn more at <http://www.memorialumcaustin.com/CreationCare>.

April Birthdays



3	Zora Mae Hise
18	Debbie Schmidt Parsley
20	Lucas Benavides
22	Betty Moore
23	Laura Rhoades Smith

UWF meets on the
3rd Wednesday of each month

**Next: April 17th at 10:30am
in Pearce**

See Women's Ministries page
www.memorialumcaustin.com.





Wesley School

Wesley School
Now Enrolling

connecting@growingatwesley.org

www.growingatwesley.org

512-467-4790

Open 7am-6pm

*Care Starting at 6wks up to 5 years of age



Wesley School Talent Show April 19th @ 6pm

Silent Auction & Hot Dogs

Invite a friend and join the fun to raise funds for our school!

Get your tickets now from Wesley School, Pastor Robyn to purchase:
\$10 per adult, \$5 per child (age 3-10)



To Donate to Wesley School Scan this QR Code Or donate auction items such as: a gift card for an experience or an item of value like a basket

with stuff for pampering or making an Italian dinner or a game night for a family, or maybe donate giving art lessons or crochet lessons.

Please contact Kathleen Beuttenmueller
-kbeuttenmueller@gmail.com



Congratulations to Karima Merabtene for being Wesley School's April Teacher of the Month!

The Wesley School has started a "Teacher of the Month" program. Each month a teacher will be highlighted and get to park in a special parking spot.

Pastor Robyn goes into the school to read frequently and has seen first hand the care, thoughtfulness, and dedication of Karima! She is such a gift to our school and the precious children she teaches! If you see her on our campus please extend congratulations to her!



Photos of our precious children in the Wesley School!

UWF Pancake Breakfast

2nd Sunday of the Month

8:30 - 9:30am before Sunday School in the FHL Room 403

NEXT: April 14th

A \$5 donation is appreciated.





Happy Spring!

It's Creation Care Month!

We are on earth for just a blip of time as compared to the timeline of the universe and yet we are invited to make this time we have for meaningful and purposeful sharing in the love of God, each other and creation.

In the month of April, we will consider the meaning behind being created in the image of God and the purpose given for us to care for creation. We are even forming our own **Creation Care Committee** to educate and advocate for how our church follows through with this intention. Some things to learn: Did you know that on average a person consumes 5 grams of plastic a week?

On April 7th we will begin a sermon series with the creation story in which God called all that was created ‘good.’ We will celebrate Earth Day in the middle of the month and by the end of the month, we hope you will learn some things about native plants and how to join God in the care of our sacred earth.

Taylor Youngblood as a City of Austin Zero Waste Block Leader and a passionate advocate of reducing waste and recycling has written a beautiful proposal to help our church be better advocates for creation. Since she joined the church in July, she has started implementing this plan by doing things like making sure every room has a BLUE recycle bin and a white or black trash can. She laminated signs for each room that give directions to what is recyclable as shown on next page. If you read this and tell me something you can't recycle, you get a piece of chocolate. NOTE: If something has food on it, it cannot be recycled, ie., pizza boxes are not recyclable.

As you may have noticed we have a banner in front of the church that says, “One Home, One Future!” Taylor brought this organization to our attention to encourage our church to be more mindful of our global connection and responsibility to care for our church grounds, our city and our planet. You can check it out here: <https://www.onehomeonefuture.org/>.

Kiki Corry is the mind and heart behind the Labyrinth on the south side of the Sanctuary. In February, she attended a seminar called Sacred Ground. That night she dreamed about creating a curriculum, **AMAZing Creation**, and will share with us every Sunday in April after church learning about science and faith. Here is a little background about why Kiki is drawn to Creation Care:

“Having grown up a barefooted, book-reading tree-climber, Kiki Corry developed her craft as an interpreter and educator at Texlake Girl Scout Camp, Mt. Wesley 5th & 6th grade Camp, and on the trails of Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve. A degree in biology led to work and volunteerism in water quality testing as well as a science teaching certificate. Classroom experience and a masters of education coupled with leadership of volunteers prepared her for a 15 year career coordinating Project WILD for the state of Texas.”

Please consider joining our **Creation Care Team**, being in worship and joining Kiki's **AMAZing Creation** sessions!

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

¿QUÉ PUEDO RECICLAR?



**PAPER
(MIXED & OFFICE)**
PAPEL
(MEXCLADO Y DE OFICINA)



HARD PLASTICS
PLÁSTICOS RÍGIDOS



**GLASS BOTTLES
& JARS**
VIDRIO (JARROS Y
BOTELLAS)



FLATTENED CARDBOARD
CARTÓN APLANADO



ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS & FOIL
LATAS DE ALUMINIO Y PAPEL DE ALUMINIO

NO:



PIZZA BOXES
CAJAS PARA PIZZA



PLASTIC BAGS
BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO



PAPER TOWELS
TOALLAS DE PAPEL



STYROFOAM
POLIESTIRENO
EXPANDIDO



FOOD
COMIDA



SYRINGES
JERINGAS



AustinRecycles.com

Kids & Youth



April Schedule

**Sunday School is every week at 9:30am

- ◆ Sunday April 14 – Confirmation Class #4 9:30am
 - ◆ Sunday April 14 – UMYF 6pm
 - ◆ Sunday April 28 – Confirmation Class #5 9:30am
 - ◆ Sunday April 28 – Confirmation Class #6 6pm UMYF
- Confirmation Sunday with Celebration Breakfast will be May 12th.
- ***End of School Trip: May 29-30th***



Wesley Recreation Center

Free sports program for 5th graders! Spring of 2024,
*Basketball and/or Soccer

Mondays, 3:30pm- 5:30pm. Program includes instruction, games, and free time.

No fee, but pre-registration is required.

Questions, please contact

Kendall Smith 512-844-6809 or

Kathleen Beuttenmueller 920-980-7313.

Join us for our 5th Grade Family Cook-Out on April 15th!

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