

The Newsletter

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Memorial United Methodist Church

6100 Berkman Drive Austin TX 78723

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**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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Training October 7th @ First UMC 8:30am

Go To: www.RioTexas.org to register



Tuesday

October 31

5:30-7:30 PM

Volunteers and Candy are Needed!





News From Pews



By Billie Nixon

Membership Coordinator



Y'ALL
COME
SUNDAY
Success!

Yes, yes, for some reason our Y'all Come Sunday was filled with happiness & joy, not only was the food extra superb but everyone chipped in and either helped in the kitchen, worked to help clean up or brought delicious food!

If I wrote the names of each person that made it a success I would have to list every person here.

Thank you very much for your part in contributing & I'm praying that the Thanksgiving Dinner coming up on November 19th, 2017 will be a carbon copy of our Y'all Come celebration.

Love & Concern go to the following friends and members in the death of their family member.

To Dorothy Langston in the death of her brother, Thomas Warren Langston of Fredericksburg, Texas who died on August 22, 2017.

To Jon & Shelly Bass in the death of his father, Lewis Otto Bass of Stillwater, Oklahoma, who died Sept. 1, 2017. He was a structural engineer for the astrodome in Houston- touted as the 8th wonder of the world.

To Kendall Smith in the death of his aunt, Virginia Sue Byas of Morton, TX, who died August 21, 2017.



We at Memorial do care and will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers.





Special Appeal

**From our Trustee Chair,
Chuck Garner**

I come to you today with both a Heavy Heart AND the hopes of better times to come. We are celebrating the life of a close friend who has been with us here at Memorial from the very beginning. A friend whose warmth has touched us all in good times and bad. While it's for the best that we let him go, his presence will be greatly missed by all of us in the upcoming days.

When the Main Church Building was built in 1955 the heat for the Sanctuary, Office, Parlor and Nursery came from our good and faithful friend, our gas fired Boiler. Over the last 10 years we have repaired, patched and rigged the Boiler to keep it working and I know Logan Friedrich worked his magic on it in the years before that. Anticipating its impending death and the approximate cost of \$100,000 to replace all of the systems at one time, we have replaced the AC/Heating Systems for the Office, Parlor & Nursery over the last 4 years, removing the heating for these systems from the Boiler in order to spread out the cost over multiple years. The last area dependent on it for heat was our Sanctuary. This spring the circulating pump began to leak. This issue combined with the age, costs of repairs, inefficiency and other mechanical problems, has made it necessary to retire our 62-year-old Boiler.

There are a number of advantages to replacing the Sanctuary System including better/more comfortable temperature control of the Sanctuary, programmable/remote thermostat control and the cost savings from a higher efficiency system. This is also a huge advantage concerning the condition, tuning and maintenance of our Piano & Organ as well as our Audio Visual System!

Since we have already replaced the other three systems that used the Boiler, the replacement of the Sanctuary system will only cost about \$30,000 or less, which means our careful planning and use of existing resources has gotten us 70% of the way to our goal. With

our finances as tight as they are, we are looking to see if there are any members interested in going above and beyond to help out with this critically necessary Capital Improvement. If you wish to give to this special appeal, please get in touch with us or simply indicate on a check that you're making a special gift to the Boiler Fund.

Members of the Trustee Committee who would be glad to discuss the need for the boiler are: Chuck Garner, Pat Marcum, William Dennig, Clayton Karrer and JoAnn Bennink (though she is on hiatus right now). Pastor Cynthia and Kendall Smith have also been involved in the process.

Pancake
Breakfast



Join Your Church
Every 2nd Sunday
of the month for
Pancake Breakfast in
the Gym

October 8th
8:30am



Pew Crosses
For Sale \$25

Last year, Pat Marcum fashioned crosses from the dismantled pews.

We now have these crosses for sale in either a free-standing form or a wall-hanging form. They are \$25 apiece, and all funds will go to updates to the sanctuary (like the carpeting). This is a beautiful opportunity to have a piece of Memorial in your home. Please contact the church office for more information on getting your own cross (512-452-5796).



Now accepting Monetary Donations through January for Harris Elementary. Please designate on your offering envelope **'Harris or School Supplies'** any amount- even \$1 or \$2 that you would have purchased school supplies with. Harris has said they are ok on school supplies in September but run low only on certain items for the second semester in January. All our donations will be put towards that need.



Shopping Hours

Wednesdays
11am-1pm
and Saturdays
9am-11am



Monday,
Wednesday,
Friday 10am-1pm
and
Saturdays 8:30am-11am
In Gym (not the office)



Fall is such a great time to regroup from the hot summer. Schedules have settled. Temperatures are coming down a little. There is a slight cool feeling in the air. Some days you may even need a sweater! It is a great time to Fall into Action.

As you hear the call to Fall into Action, several things may come to mind; that never ending list of household chores, children's activities, and church responsibilities. You may not be ready to hear another call to action.

Yet, the needs are still there. The reality is that we all need help at some point in our lives. The needs may be different, but it is still there. The common need for

Senior Access clients is the need for transportation, socialization, and friendship. Lera is a 96-year-old client who still has a lot of living to do. Her mind is sharp and she is witty. She is a woman who leaves people with a smile on their face. Recently, her driver



shared a story about their drive together. The driver left Lera at the doctor's office to run an errand. Upon her return, she entered the waiting area expecting to see Lera, but she was not there. Instead, she heard someone playing a harmonica in a different waiting area; it was Lera. She was passing the time playing her harmonica. Lera has said she "is surprised she's lived this long, but I'm grateful for Senior Access and friendship. There are times we get hungry for talk." Volunteers like you are meeting Lera's need for transportation and socialization.

Calls to action can mean different things for different people and in different situations. Melinda is a volunteer who wears two hats. She began volunteering in the office to help answer phones, input the ride requests, and help call volunteer drivers to fill the requests. After a time, she kept seeing the volume of needs that were going unmet. She had a personal "Fall into Action" moment when she realized that she wanted to do more. Now she not only works in the office, but she also drives when she can. She has the perspective of seeing the needs and then seeing you volunteers step up to fulfill those needs. Melinda says, "It's great to see what we can do in a community when we take a few minutes to help each other out."

As you Fall into Action this month, take a moment to first see what you already do, then, see where you could be doing more. If you would like to Fall into Action and volunteer with us, contact Sherrie Rose at 512.310.1060 or vr@senioraccesstx.org.



“Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 3:12-14

“Everybody says they need just one thing,
But what they really mean is they need just one thing more.
And everybody seems to think they’ve got it coming,
Well I know that I don’t deserve You,
Still I want to love and serve You more and more—
You’re my *one thing*.” (Rich Mullins)

The news is difficult to read nowadays. Natural disasters, from hurricanes to earthquakes to mudslides draw our attention as we rush to write checks to UMCOR while praying for the survivors and hoping there will be more. Topics like immigration and healthcare and education and international conflict and nuclear war and trade deals and climate change and tax reform weigh heavily on our hearts. It all seems overwhelming, and I at least, feel the pressure to be informed so that I can understand all of the implications. I usually can make cases and justification for at least five different opinions on any given topic.

BUT. In the midst of all the information and all of the opinions that are already out there as well as the disinformation and the ranting, what I am praying for is the way that I can love like Christ, serve others and become a better disciple.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul talks about all of the ways in which he could use his own life to his advantage—all of the privileges he could be afforded. He could claim those as his right and just due. But he says that they don’t mean, shouldn’t mean, can’t mean

anything in light of belonging to Christ. He wants a righteousness that doesn’t come from his own resume or list of accomplishments, but from Christ. That’s his *one thing*.

This past week, I remembered that 20 years ago, a man named Rich Mullins died tragically in a car accident. He had been in the Christian recording industry for many years, recording several albums that are still regarded as both beloved AND theologically significant. I still remember singing “My One Thing” in my college campus fellowship. Rich also sought after *one thing*—he spent the last several years of his life, not enjoying the proceeds from his albums or the acclaim that came his way, but teaching music on a Navajo reservation, receiving a salary from his church based on the average for the US for that year. He wanted to love and serve.

What does it mean for us to put our own rights and privileges aside in order to pursue *one thing*? What does it mean when we’re faced with all of the kinds of news that we can pray for or have opinions about? What does it mean to desire *one thing* when we are asked about immigration or health care or the way we spend our money? How can our whole lives show the world what that *one thing* is? What are you willing to pursue, even giving up other things, maybe even desirable things, if they get in the way? Is your *one thing* Christ?

For many of us, getting to that point is a lifelong journey, but one that we can’t set aside. Claiming the name “Christian” is not just about praying a prayer or believing in God. It is about our *one thing*.

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?

**Bread Church
Thursday
October 19th
7pm in the Gym**



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday October 1 Communion

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday October 2

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00pm Boy Scout Council - FHL

Tuesday October 3

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

Wednesday October 4

6:00pm-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 5

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

10:00am-12:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

Friday October 6

Saturday October 7

Sunday October 8 Pancake Breakfast

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

12:00pm-4:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

Monday October 9

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

6:30pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday October 10

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday October 11

6:00pm-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 12

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

10:00am-12:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

7:00pm - 9:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday October 13

Saturday October 14

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

2:00pm-5:00pm Montopolis Friendship
Community Center Anniversary Celebration

Sunday October 15

(October Newsletter Content Deadline)

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team - Parlor

Monday October 16

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday October 17

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

Wednesday October 18

6:00pm-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 19

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

10:00am-12:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday October 20

Saturday October 21

1:00pm-3:00pm Girl Scouts - Gym/Believer's

Sunday October 22

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday October 23

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday October 24

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

Wednesday October 25

6:00pm-9:00pm Christ Church - FHL/Gym

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 26

8:00am-1:00pm English Class - Parlor

5:00pm-8:00pm Young Voices of Austin - Choir

Friday October 27

Saturday October 28

Sunday October 29

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday October 30

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Believer's Room & Gym

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday October 31 Halloween

5:30pm-7:30pm Trunk or Treat In parking lot

Pastor Cynthia will be out October 26-29



October Birthdays

- 1st Clayton Karrer
- 2nd Rachele Webb
- 4th Syble Berglund
- 5th Frances Beerwinkle
- 7th Clifford Brown
- 10th John William Anton Nixon
- 15th Curt Swenson
- 20th Malena Pomerleau Peterson
- 22nd John Adams
Sandra Davis
- 25th Ed Owens
Irene Shelton
- 29th Jo-Ann Bennink



We now have an option to give to Memorial UMC online through our website. This way of giving is not meant to replace normal giving paths (electronic funds transfer, checks or cash), but to offer people an additional way to support the ministry of the church. If you have friends or know of people who have wondered how they can give to the church for a memorial donation or to support a ministry outreach that they are particularly interested in, that's a great place to send them. We hope to get connected to more folks who value the ministry that we do and want to support it through giving. For more information, contact the church office at 512-452-5796. www.MemorialUMCAustin.com



Schedule Your Building Space Use

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. Check availability at 512-452-5796 or secretary@Memorialumcaustin.com



November Events

All Saints Sunday November 5th



2017 Charge Conference



November 9th
7@pm in the
Parlor



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