

The Newsletter

September 2017

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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September 2017

Special Prayer Experience

September 3rd Labor Day

Sunday

@10:30am

Invite a
Friend!



Y'ALL

COME

SUNDAY



Invite your Friends and Neighbors

to come celebrate our

Annual Fall Y'all Come Sunday Dinner

A covered dish luncheon.

Meat, bread & drinks will be provided,
please bring 2 sides to share.

September 10, 2017

11:45 a.m. (in the gym)

See Billie Nixon to sign up to help



By **Billie Nixon**

Membership Coordinator



Births

We are excited to announce another birth for the Smith family.

“Our daughter Genny and Smith Cornell welcomed Taylor Hope into the world on Saturday August 5th at 7:04pm! Taylor weighs 8 lbs., 13 oz and is 19” long. Siblings are Chyenne 14, Sophia 7, Toby 5 and Zane 2. Mom and baby are doing well! We had a nice family time together in Waco over the weekend waiting and celebrating! “



Lela Barker was blessed with her 6th great-grandchild, Brant Ryan Stratton, born August 18th. Weighs 6 1/2 lbs., Brant is the child of Jamie and Cole Stratton of Smithville, Texas.

May God bless each of you on your life’s journey.



BIF will meet again on September 5.
Location to be announced.

Church Closet Cleaning



While cleaning out a church closet, a number of items were discovered that will be offered for sale on “Y’all come Sunday”.

There are plates with the church picture, Holy Bears (little Teddy Bears with a scripture)

and church cook books. There will also be a number of hand made items for sale. Mark your calendar and come buy. All of the money we raise goes to missions.



Women’s News

Submitted by **Alberta Shelton**

The BIF group met on August 1st at the home of Pat and Patty Marcum. Twelve members heard Luci Swindoll, sister of Chuck Swindoll, speak on the importance of men of faith in the lives of their children. Member Renee Simmons had the joy of knowing Luci and Chuck. It was great to have our walking wounded – JoAnn Bennink, Katherine Eaker and Stephanie Lacy with us after their absences.

Everyone brought a salad to share for lunch and a great time of fellowship was enjoyed.

In Memory

A memorial candle will be burned at the District meeting in memory of five of our beloved sisters who died this past year.

They are Alma Madison, Ann Bryant, Kathy Gray, Norma Jones and Dorothy Johnson.





The Capital District Meeting will be held on September 16 and the Rio Texas Conference meeting will be

held October 20 and 21 in Corpus Christi. If you are interested in attending, see Alberta Shelton.



On Sunday, July 30th, the church celebrated United Methodist Women's Sunday with reports from Alberta Shelton, Holly Wright and Kamika Streets on their trip to Mt. Wesley in Kerrville to attend Mission U. Alberta also gave a brief history of the organization as well as lifting up the mission work the organization has done for the past 148 years. In attendance at Mission U as song leader for the third year was Clayton Karrer.

REPORT FROM HOLLY WRIGHT

Hi, my name is Holly. I had a very fun time at Mt. Wesley this year. I was really excited to go and I was also a little scared. My favorite part of going there is to see my friends from all over the Rio Texas Conference and to hike up to the cross. My class and I learned about the Indians (Native Americans) and the good Samaritan. We made totem poles, Native American folder, medicine pouches, and signs of peace. They were all very fun. My favorite thing we did there was go to the pool and learn new things and do a Good Samaritan play at the ending church service that was really fun. An honor that I will never forget was to be the first child ever to serve communion there and I loved it and especially because I got to do the cup of grape juice which I had never done before. I also liked to make new friends, learn new things and be adventurous and I think that about covers everything I have to say about my great trip to Mt. Wesley.



REPORT FROM KAMIKA STREETS

I learned many great things about the Indians while I was there. We made tepees, totem poles, medicine pouches and peace signs. They gave me a Bible to read and I was the

only one to volunteer to read mine. I read the whole entire Bible when I got home. (It was a Children's Bible.) I recommend it. It had interesting stories and was exciting. I had two favorite stories: Adam and Eve and Noah's ark. The End.



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Memorial,

As we move into the final quarter of 2017, your Finance Committee wishes to keep you informed of our financial position. We are sorry to say it is not a pretty sight.

So far in 2017 giving has not kept pace with expenses. This was anticipated due to the greater number of members who have moved away from Memorial over the past few years compared to the fewer number of new worshipers who have joined our congregation. All congregation's experience this situation in varying degrees, but Memorial's decline in membership has been more prolonged than anyone had hoped would be the case.

Where does this leave us? While we are grateful to God for your faithful giving, we anticipate that for 2017 giving will not cover expenses. We have not been extravagant in our spending, but salaries, utilities, maintenance of our campus, and apportionments must continue to be paid. These areas account for 96% of our budget every year.

Do we have any reserves to fall back on? Yes, Memorial has been blessed by the foresight of long departed members who left us with bequests for just such eventualities as we face. However, these funds are not infinite, and Memorial has had to withdraw from these funds each of the past three years. The finance Committee anticipates having to do so again this year. Ideally, we would prefer that giving match our expenses, and we would not have to withdraw from our reserve again.

There are two paths out of this dilemma. One, is that we all prayerfully increase our giving as, with God's guidance, we feel we can afford. Secondly, our membership begins to grow again. We can all help with this by inviting people we know who are looking for a church home to come worship with us and let them see the loving, caring, involved community that Memorial is.

One bit of good news is that our utility expenses have been lower this year due to upgrades the Trustees have made to

our facility. More information on these endeavors will be coming soon.

We hope this answers some of the questions you may have had concerning Memorial's financial position. God has blessed Memorial in the past, and, together with your prayers and continued support, we look to His guidance and grace to watch over Memorial for many years to come.

Steve Reinhart, Finance Chair

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.



Shopping Hours

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



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



It's September and Senior Access is going to BLAST TO THE PAST this month. As the summer is coming to a close (at least that is what the calendar says, not the status of the temperature), we may be ready for a change. A change in schedules with schools beginning, a change in the weather, a change in activities. We may even pause to reflect about our own school experiences or summer days gone by.



September is also the month set aside to celebrate grandparents day and honor them. As we reflect about our grandparents we may recall special memories or

look forward to creating new ones. Drive a Senior-Senior Access has an option of taking a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Contact us if you would like to make this donation.

Reflecting on the past can be beneficial as we also look to the future. Past experiences can help shape us into the people we want to become or help us determine future choices we want to make. One story a volunteer shared about a client is particularly sweet as we consider the past. Hal had driven one client on several occasions and had gotten to know her. Because of past conversations he knew she loved seeing the beautiful Texas wildflowers in the Spring. One afternoon after a doctor appointment was finished, he decided to take this client home the long way so he could show her this route with particularly beautiful wildflowers. This extra fifteen minutes of driving provided such joy to this client and she was so grateful. Hal's Blast to the Past in remembering this detail was such a gift to her.

As you Blast to the Past and remember conversations or experiences, perhaps you want to include volunteering or donating as part of a way to honor a grandparent or other loved one. Do you remember a time in which you witnessed them helping others? Is now the time to pay it forward? Whether you are new to volunteering or a seasoned pro, every volunteer act you provide is important. Every donation you make is important. Thank you for being GREAT! If you would like to become part of our volunteer team or a donor, please contact Sherrie Rose at yr@driveasenior.org or call 512.310.1060.



Pastor's Corner

*The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate **manna**, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. (Exodus 16:35)*

At Bread Church in July, we made zucchini bread—except we used any kind of summer squash we had—both crookneck and zucchini. We shredded and shredded and shredded and still only had enough to make about 3 loaves of this bread, which has a full 1.5 pounds of shredded and drained zucchini.

We marveled at how much squash could get packed into a single (although dense!) loaf, and we realized that it was really a gift to be able to have that much vegetable in there, especially if we had a garden that all of a sudden started to overproduce!

We believe that God has given us an abundance of what we need to live—truly live. Though we may worry about a lot of things that we don't have in abundance, where are we looking to see how God is providing for us? If God provided manna in the wilderness for the Egyptians (all the way up to the point that they entered into the Promised Land), what would God provide for us?

- 1 1/2 pounds zucchini, shredded and drained
- 1 1/4 c. light brown sugar
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 c. bread flour (or all-purpose flour)
- 1/2 c. whole wheat flour
- 1 T. ground cinnamon
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. baking powder

3/4 c. ground or finely chopped nuts (walnuts and/or macadamia nuts)

1 T. clear sanding sugar (large crystals)--optional

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray a 9x5 bread pan with cooking spray and set aside.

Place the shredded zucchini in a large mesh strainer and press on it thoroughly. Press as much liquid out of the zucchini as you can. (THIS IS IMPORTANT)

In a large bowl, whisk together the brown sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla. Fold in the drained zucchini and nuts.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flours, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and baking powder.


Stir the flour mixture into the sugar and zucchini mixture until well combined.

Pour the bread batter into the pan. Sprinkle the top of the loaf with the tablespoon of sanding sugar (optional).

Bake the loaf for 60 - 70 minutes or until loaf springs back when lightly touched and/or a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean.

Allow the loaf to cool for about 15 minutes in the pan. Remove to a cooling rack and allow to cool completely before slicing and serving.

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
September 21st
7pm in the Gym



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Friday September 1

Saturday September 2

Every Saturday: Free Store Open

9:00am-11:00am Free Store Open for Shopping

Sunday September 3 Special Prayer Service

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am- Worship Service

Monday September 4 Labor Day Office Closed

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 September 5

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

Wednesday September 6

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

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 7

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

Friday September 8

9:30am-11:30am Drive A Senior - Parlor

Saturday September 9

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

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

Sunday September 10 * NO Pancake Breakfast

Ya'll Come Sunday

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Pearce

11:45am Y'all Come Sunday Luncheon

Monday September 11

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

7:00pm Finance Team - Pearce

Tuesday September 12

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

6:00pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday September 13

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

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 14

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

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

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

Friday September 15

(October Newsletter Content Deadline)

Saturday September 16

Sunday September 17

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team - Parlor

Monday September 18

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday September 19

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

Wednesday September 20

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

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 21

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

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday September 22 First Day of Autumn

Saturday September 23

6:00pm-9:00pm Tarrytown UMC Mission
Workday - Gym

Calendar continued>>>

Sunday September 24

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday September 25

6:30am Morning Prayer - Chapel

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

6:30pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday September 26

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

Wednesday September 27

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

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 28

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

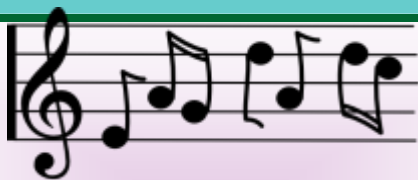
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Saturday September 30



September Birthdays

- 1st Geoffrey Adams
Bob Johnson
John Alan Nixon
- 3rd Sandra Amundson
Nathanial Rodriguez
Hannah Smith
- 4th Hildegarde Kothman Cook
- 7th Charles Waits
- 8th Jason Ramos
- 9th Billy Ray Capps
- 10th Bea Bailey
Kenneth Jourdan
David Rychlik
- 11th Kevin McFarland
- 12th Pricilla Bissett
Kristin Shelton
- 12th Taylor Elaine Stewart
- 13th Billie Talley
- 14th Grace Morris
- 17th Linda Arbuckle
- 19th Pat Teaney
- 21st Afton Phoenix Petersen
- 22nd Diana Valastro
- 23rd Isabel Shelton
Irene Wright
- 24th Jason Petersen
- 25th Cameron Rodgers
Irene Shelton
- 27th Marsha Fowler



Wednesday Rehearsals

Choir @ 7:00 pm



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



Please be in prayer for our congregation and friends.

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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. If you already have school supplies to donate, we will certainly facilitate getting items to Harris.

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