

The Newsletter

September 2018

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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Y'ALL COME

Annual Y'all Come Sunday Dinner

Meat furnished, bring a dish or 2 to share.

Invite your friends to church and lunch!

September 9, 2018

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

Sign up to help in Sunday School &
Sanctuary.

NEW Small Group

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

Widows

Helping

Others

WHO!

An opportunity for women who have lost spouses to
gather for sharing and support. All those interested
are invited to gather to eat together at the Y'all
Come dinner.

**UMW
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
September 16th**

8:30 AM In the gym



News From Pews



By Billie Nixon
Membership
Coordinator



Births

Early in the morning my phone rang— it was JoAnn Bennink with her GOOD News! She just became a great grandmother the night before on August 6th 2018. Little Alexi Michele Lander came into this world weighing 7lbs. 12 oz. and 19”

long. Her parents are Blake & Alyssa Lander of Temple, Texas.

Her grandmother is Jennifer Bennink Rodriguez. We can hardly wait to see pictures— but until then— congratulations to each of you and may God bless you and keep you safe.

Veteran's Day Concert



Featuring the talents of:



November 11th at 4pm
in the Sanctuary

90 + Member Celebration



Honoring 90 +
Welcome New
Member: John Nixon

Previously inducted members:

Gerry Almquist, Jane Friedrich, Helen Gibson,
Don Morrison, Katherine Eaker, Wanda Anderson,
Janet Clark, Betty Sampler, Earl Cole

In spite of the heavy down pour of rain, we still had a good turn out— And the Austin Harmony choir that came to entertain us was an extra special bonus!



There was plenty of ice cream and punch for all and Herb & Jan Purtle made peach ice cream for us to enjoy.

Our newest 90 member, John Nixon, stood up and was honored by the guest singers who also sang him Happy Birthday.

To those who couldn't make it due to weather— we had a great time but missed you dearly. We hope you can make next year's celebration!





Love and concern to the following families, all who have been members of Memorial at one time or another.

Vernon (“Buzz”) W. Hempel, Sr., was born May 15, 1930 to Walter and Mabel Hempel of Galveston, TX, the youngest of seven children. He passed away July 25, 2018, at home, surrounded by family. He is survived by the love of his life, Sue (Thomson) Hempel, son Vernon W. Hempel, Jr., daughter Rebecca Lynne Hempel (William Earnest), and grandson Bradley A. Hempel. His six siblings preceded him in death. [Full Obituary.](#)



Dorothy Ann Hahn Dare was born on November 8, 1927 and passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2018. She was a resident of Fredericksburg, Texas at the time of passing.



Funeral Services were held on Saturday August 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Graveside services and interment followed in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Visitation was held August 17th in the Chapel of the Schaetter Funeral Home.

Dorothy’s connection to Memorial UMC was as the preacher’s spouse (Rev. Milton Dare) from 1962-1972. Rev. Dare passed away in 1994.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the FUMC, Morningside Ministries Inc, Texas Lions Camp, or to the charity of one's choice. [Full Obituary.](#)



Rev. Harold G. Sassman, 80, of Canyon Lake, Texas who passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital New Braunfels. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 25th, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in New Braunfels. Rev. Sassman served as an Associate Pastor at Memorial UMC from 1963-1965. [Full Obituary.](#)



Please be in prayer for our congregation and friends.



Memorial Family:

We are sad to announce that Felicia Hefney has decided not to participate in the CYMT program and so will not be joining us here at Memorial for the next three years. This came as a very sudden decision to us here, as we

were informed that she would not be arriving on the day that she was supposed to arrive, but she confessed that she did not in the end feel ready to make this kind of life change.

Pastor Cynthia has been in touch with both the CYMT offices here in Austin and the CYMT offices in Nashville. The Center for Youth Ministry Training is still an excellent model and example of the church trying to provide a theologically sound basis for youth ministry, and Pastor Cynthia has indicated to them that we would like for them to continue looking for a match for us. It could be that a match could be made sometime this fall or January, though that is less likely. The Leadership Team, Finance Team and Church Council as well as the SPRC will be meeting soon to discuss where we move forward for our youth, children and young adults. Pastor Cynthia will be happy to answer any questions that you may have to the best of ability. We hope that you will continue to keep our youth program in your prayers as well as prayers for our discernment of where God is leading us.



Pastor's Corner

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:8-11

When I read the message that our graduate resident in youth ministry had decided that she couldn't come to work with us or start this program, I was stunned, saddened, grieved and (truth!) pretty mad. We had been counting on her! And not just we, I had been counting on her!

That Sunday, we were only letting a few people know because I had not had a chance to speak with the folks from the CYMT program to find out how to proceed. When Alberta Shelton got up to give her summation of Annual Conference, she said that she hoped Felicia would be leading us out into the neighborhood.

My first thought was, "Oh, I probably should have told Alberta." My second thought was, "See! Another thing that we were counting on Felicia for!"

But my third thought was, "Why weren't we counting on Jesus to lead us out into the neighborhood? Why aren't we all there already?"

Those last thoughts were the ones that stuck the strongest (although the grief and a bit of the anger has persisted—I'm working on it!). If we want to have a strong youth program among our neighborhood youth, we should already be out there in the schools. We should already be talking about getting to know them and being present in their lives. And that's not a paid position in the church—it's something the whole of the church needs to commit to.

Alberta did have one big part right though. She didn't say that Felicia was going to go and do it for us. She wanted her to lead US out. That's a big part of any ministry—not doing it alone. The Faith, Hope and Love Sunday School class spoke about not being "Lone Ranger Christians" this past Sunday. And in addition to having each other, we have God. The passage above reminds us that we're not just taking our own message, but God's message of love and hope. We're not just serving because we want to, but because God has given us the strength we need to do what God has called us to do.

To that end, I believe we ALL need to prepare to minister to children, youth and young adults. That's hard because there is a trust gap—many youth and kids don't feel understood by adults or even cared for by them. One of the first (and easiest) steps I am asking you to take is to consider being trained in the Safe Gatherings curriculum. Even if you never teach a Sunday School class or lead a youth trip or supervise an Open Gym night, this training will help you to recognize the church's role and responsibility toward keeping youth safe and giving them a place to know they are loved by God and by the church.

You can start by going to <https://riotexas.org/safesteps>. Just below the opening section, there are instructions to get registered and go through a set of videos that will help you understand what it means to keep kids and youth and vulnerable adults (including our Rainbow Ladies!) safe. Let's be in this ministry TOGETHER, preparing for the time when we will have a staff-member partner to go WITH us into the lives in our neighborhood.



Wednesday Rehearsals

Choir @ 7:00 pm



SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR

There are several ongoing events and new events that may not be listed. Please check the building use calendar or with the office if you need to reserve space.

*** Starred * Events Happen Each Week**

10:30-1:30 Mon-Fri. Meals On Wheels-Gym Kitchen

Saturday September 1

*9am-11am Free Store Shopping& Donations - Gym

Sunday September 2

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday September 3 Labor Day, Office Closed

*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

*6:30pm Girl Scouts Believer's Room & Gym

*7:00pm Austin Harmony - Choir room

Tuesday September 4

Wednesday September 5

*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

*11:00am-1pm FreeStore Shopping - Gym

*7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday September 6

6:00pm Crop Hunger Walk - NEW Room

Friday September 7

8:00am-12:00pm Church Women United - Parlor, Sanctuary and Narthex

*10:00am-1:00pm FreeStore Donations - Gym

4:00pm-8:00pm Harris Grandparents Dinner -Gym

Saturday September 8

10am Windsor Park Neighborhood Assoc. - FHL

Sunday September 9 Y'all Come Sunday

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Trustees - Parlor

11:45am Y'all Come Dinner - Gym

Monday September 10

Tuesday September 11

6:30pm Wesley Board - Pearce

Wednesday September 12

Thursday September 13

7:00pm Austin Ukulele Society - Gym

Friday September 14

Saturday September 15 Oct. Newsletter Content Due

Sunday September 16

8:30am Pancake Breakfast - Gym

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am Leadership Team

Monday September 17

6:30pm Church Council Meeting - Pearce

Tuesday September 18

Wednesday September 19

Thursday September 20

9:30am-12:30pm English Class Registration - Parlor/Memorial/Moore/Pearce/FHL/SS Rooms

7:00pm Bread Church - Gym

Friday September 21

Saturday September 22

Sunday September 23

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship Service

Monday September 24

Tuesday September 25

9:30am-12:30pm English Class Registration - Parlor/Memorial/Moore/Pearce/FHL/SS Rooms

Wednesday September 26

Thursday September 27

*9:30am-12:30 English Class - FHL

6:00pm-8:00pm Pomerleau Park Meeting -FHL

Friday September 28

Saturday September 29

Sunday September 30

*Please Note that these ongoing events are in the same space and on the same day each week, such as: Choir Rehearsal, FreeStore Shopping, Girl Scouts, AH Choral and more.



September

- 1st Geoffrey Adams
Bob Johnson
John Alan Nixon
- 3rd Sandra Amundson
Nathanial Rodriguez
Hannah Smith
- 4th Hildegard 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
- 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



We will be collecting donated funds for school supplies for Harris Elementary in August, September & October. Mark your donation with 'Harris Elementary' and drop in the offering plate or in the secretary's office.



Worship Readers Wanted

We are constantly seeking people who would like to participate in worship by reading scripture or offering the Prayers of the People. We believe that the more voices we hear, the more we understand that liturgy is the work of all the people-- not just the pastor and choir.

If you would like to receive more information about doing this and get on the schedule please contact Connie Tatom 512-923-3977 to volunteer to read scripture and prayers on Sunday during worship.

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
Sept. 20th
At 7pm



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



It's back-to-volunteering season! Weekday Drivers needed; delivery routes take one hour or less; additional sites all over Austin!

Call Meals on Wheels Central Texas today 512-476-6325.

Best,

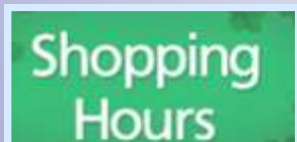
Emma Roberts

Volunteer Recruitment Specialist

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Wednesdays

11am-1pm

and Saturdays

9am-11am



Monday,
Wednesday,
Friday

10am-1pm &

Saturdays 8:30am-11am

In Gym (not the office)

Seniors Reminisce the Past One benefit



of volunteering with Senior Access is being able to listen to our senior clients share their past experiences and listen as they reminisce their

younger years. They can offer a wealth of knowledge and add **perspective to your own lives. It's nostalgic and educational** to hear how things once were.

As we grow older, we often talk about how things have changed. Change can be both exciting and unwanted. But without change, we miss opportunities for personal growth and shared experiences. As we change from August to September, we are offered many changes. Change with the new school year getting settle. Change with college kids beginning their own new adventures. Change in the weather (hopefully). Change within your own work or volunteering. As you move through September and volunteer with Senior Access, you can look forward to some changes with your routine and learning from some of our senior clients.

For many seniors, it seems that changes occur less frequently. Routines may not vary much and while that can be comforting at times, it can also become boring and create a stagnant life. Volunteers for Senior Access help seniors change up their routines. One story a volunteer shared about a client is particularly sweet. 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 had listened to this client reminisce and then followed through by helping her change up her routine a little bit. This simple change was such a gift to her. Have you ever considered how you can help client enjoy a new experience?

Do you reminisce your younger years when you were in school or experiences you had in high school or college? Do you recall stories your grandparents or parents shared with you about their own childhood? As you remember conversations or experiences, you may want to include volunteering or donating as part of a way to honor a parent, grandparent or other loved one. 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 remembering your past and letting senior neighbors remember and share their stories! Remember **Your Grandparents this September...Donate to Senior Access** in their honor! If you would like to become part of our volunteer team or a donor, please contact Sherrie at vr@senioraccess.org or call 512.310.1060.

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Beginning end
of September
through mid -
December, we
need 2-3

Volunteers to assist on Tuesday
and/or Thursday mornings for
about 2 hours with the English
Class or childcare. Please see
Carol Logan in Sunday services or
call the office for more
information on how you can serve!