

FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JANUARY 22, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

A complete schedule of today's events is in "This Week" section on Calendar page.

MANNA BAG SALE

9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

Our fourth and fifth grade children show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

SPIRITUALITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Join us for a video series with Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, as he discusses ways Christians can work toward racial justice. The Most Rev. Michael Curry focuses on the spiritual elements of the problem: spiritual failings that lead to racism and the ways spiritual tools are necessary to help build a more just world. He discusses racism as one of the many results of the pride that separates people from God and fighting racism as a first step toward reconciling all of humanity. Discussion will be led by Dr. Adama Brown and Pastor Cathy Stone.

FIRST STEPS CLASS

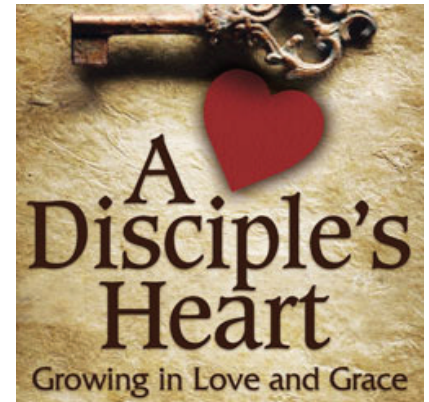
12:15 p.m., Room 104, Family Life Center

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in this class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the Pastors and other members, and ask questions.

JANUARY MISSION EMPHASIS: CHRISTMAS EVE BREAKFAST

For the past 18 years, FUMC has sponsored a breakfast on Christmas Eve in the Family Life Center. This year's breakfast provided hundreds of guests a hot breakfast served restaurant style with hostesses and a smiling wait staff. After breakfast, guests received gloves, soap, socks, lip balm, a one-day bus pass, and homemade cookies. Many thanks to the over 100 volunteers who helped make this breakfast an event that provides our neighbors who are homeless or the working poor with a vivid reminder that they are loved. Planning for this event takes place during the fall, and funds are needed to ensure that enough food, drink, caps, gloves, and other toiletry items can be purchased in advance. That is why we focus on the Christmas Eve Breakfast in January rather than waiting until December. You are encouraged to give what you can at the communion rail and any time during the month of January to help support and prepare for next year's breakfast. Please send or bring your donations, marked "Christmas Eve Breakfast," to the church office.

JANUARY 24, TUESDAY A DISCIPLE'S HEART CLASS BEGINS



In Christianity the heart is usually the heart of the matter. Through discussion and reflection we will lay foundations that strengthen faith.

This six-week class in northwest Austin is hosted by Dr. John Flowers and led by Rev. Karen Vannoy. Address provided after online registration. Fee is \$16, which covers cost of materials.

Register at fumcaustin.org/heart.

7:00-8:30 P.M.
HOME OF KAREN VANNOY

CALENDAR

JANUARY

**FEED MY PEOPLE
FOURTH TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

Come experience this ministry that serves breakfast to 300 of our homeless guests in our Family Life Center. To volunteer, preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins at 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up begins at 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 24**

- 29 Sunday**
Fifth Sunday Social Justice Presentation
10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall
- Administrative Board/Charge Conference
12:15 p.m.
Wesley Hall

FEBRUARY

- 5 Sunday**
New Young Couples Class Begins
9:45 a.m.
Room 109, Family Life Center
- Spirituality and Racial Justice Series
10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

- 10 Friday**
Kids' Night Out
5:30-9:00 p.m.
Education Building
- Connect for Tweens
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

- 11 Saturday**
Father Daughter Dance
6:30 p.m.
Wesley Hall

- 12 Sunday**
Spirituality and Racial Justice Series
10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall
- Baptism Preparation Class
12:15 p.m.
Room 108, Education Building

- 18 Saturday**
Early Response Team Training
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

- 19 Sunday**
Manna Bag Sale
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Sidewalk
- Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

- 28 Tuesday**
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Family Life Center

**VOLUNTEER WITH
OUR YOUTH**

We are looking for more volunteers (including non-parent – the kids get tired of their parents) to help with our youth ministry. There are many ways to contribute. To volunteer or for more information, email youth@fumcaustin.org.

K E W S T H I S D A Y	22 Sun	Manna Bag Sale	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		Spirituality and Racial Justice Series	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		First Steps Class	12:15 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
		UMW Legislative Event	texasimpact.org/UMW	Holiday Inn Midtown
	23 Mon	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
		Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
		UMW Legislative Event	texasimpact.org/UMW	Holiday Inn Midtown
	24 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
		Mercy & Justice Book Studay: "Torn"	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
	A Disciple's Heart	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Karen Vannoy	
	UMW Legislative Event	texasimpact.org/UMW	Holiday Inn Midtown	
25 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions	
	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Room 213, Sanctuary Building	
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony	
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building	
26 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center	
	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center	
	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center	

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 29, SUNDAY

Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation . 10:00 a.m . Wesley Hall

Our journey of education and awareness in areas of social justice continues. Chuck Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Equality Texas, will share information about the work of Equality Texas and the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session. We will also have a representative from Out Youth sharing ways we can support them and the work they do. Out Youth serves the Central Texas LGBTQ+ youth and their allies with programs and services to ensure these promising young people develop into happy, healthy, successful adults. Come engage in compassionate conversation about ways we can make a difference through our church and community. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

Administrative Board/Called Charge Conference . 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. The agenda includes consideration of the 2017 budget, the re-adoption of 2017 clergy compensation, and a discussion of the Transformation Index. Board/Conference members have voting rights. Lunch is provided for \$10 per person. Those who plan to eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 noon on January 26 at www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard or contact Marcia Houston at marcia@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare is available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 5, SUNDAY

New Young Couples Class . 9:45 a.m. Room 109, Family Life Center

Calling all young couples! A new Sunday School class is forming, and we want you to join us for fellowship, friendship, and fun! For more information, contact Kaycee Crisp at kayceecrisp@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 11, SATURDAY

Father Daughter Dance . 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Dads, granddads, uncles, etc: join us for an evening of dancing, desserts, and door prizes! Cost is \$10 per family, with proceeds donated to the FUMC Endowment Fund in memory of Cate George. For more information, contact Dan Kilday at danielkilday@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY 12, SUNDAY

Baptism Preparation Class . 12:15 p.m., Room 108, Education Building

Are you ready to have your child baptized? Come learn our beliefs about baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the baptized life. This class is required for those preparing for baptism. To sign up, simply indicate your interest on our Communication Card in worship or send an email to Marcia Houston at marcia@fumcaustin.org. If you are interested in adult baptism, contact Pastor Taylor directly at taylor@fumcaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 18, SATURDAY

Early Response Team Training . 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Family Life Center

FUMC is building an Early Response Team (ERT) to work in conjunction with other United Methodist churches in our area to help victims when disasters occur. If you are interested in this initiative, register for this training session at <https://riotexas.org/early-response-team-training>. For more information, contact Ben Patterson at benandrick77@yahoo.com or (512) 217-0756.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,
PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good
at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

FAITH IN ACTION

UNIVERSAL GIFT OF LITERACY

By Bergan Casey



Books are a universal gift. Children especially love them. On the Friday before winter break, FUMC distributed 1,200 books to students at Pickle Elementary School and created a lot of smiles. Students brought quarters in tiny zip lock bags. Students with quarters gave to those without. Teachers also subsidized students who had no money. Sometimes kids argue for a split second about who is going to get the shark book, but then they find a book that suits them best.

Since 2007 we have worked with four principles and three librarians and their current team is super enthusiastic. FUMC is getting plugged into other projects at Pickle including teacher appreciation, landscaping, and tutoring.

While we may not be teaching religion (although a few Bibles find their way into our stash), we are demonstrating to students what it means to care about them as God's children.

Books can be dropped off in the Genesis classroom, behind the library in the Sanctuary building anytime during the year. Please leave your name so we can properly thank you.

What We Believe

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

We believe every person is on a journey to God, with God.

We freely admit that we do not have all the answers, but we believe that Jesus points the way.

WORSHIP

9:00 AND 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY

January 29

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Michael Mumme, Preaching
The Stumbling Block of Wisdom

Micah 6:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

With most of the world's knowledge simply a search away, it's tempting for us to think we are wise. Yet, God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Relationship with God is not about what we know or even right belief. Instead, Christ Jesus, the source of life, became for us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption from God. Let us live in Christ.

February 5

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching
God's Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

We all seek to be wise in our own ways. For Paul, even wisdom is not good enough; our faith must rest in the power of God.

CHURCH BUSINESS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Cate George, given by Tami Kellberg; Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos; and Cathryne Warner.

In memory of Howard Hartman's mother, Annabel Hartman, given by Tami Kellberg and Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos.

In memory of Nell Broadbent's son, Harold Broadbent, given by Tami Kellberg and the Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class.

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Children's Ministry in memory of Cate George, given by Curt and Debbie Shaw.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Penny Appleby, given by Judy Searce.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Greg and Jade Ausley, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Arnold and Ruth Buss and Maitland and Pepper Huffman, given by Tom and Fay Brown.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Brandon Epps, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Joe and Kelly Flores, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

To our Christmas Offering in honor of Palmer Hodges, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

To our Feed My People Breakfast in honor of Noble and Sharon Doss, given by Nelson Peck, Jr. and Joanne Owens-Peck.

To our Ministry Plan in memory of Nell Broadbent's son, Harold Broadbent, given by Ruth Nicks.

To our Music Ministry in honor of Scott Davis, given by Donald Sampley.

To our Ministry Plan in honor of Nancy Lewis' birthday, given by Kay Sterling.

To our Ministry Plan in memory of Evelyn Marie Luksa Miller, given by the Austin Police Retired Officers Association.

To our Ministry Plan in honor of Sally Watkins' birthday, given by Kay Sterling.

To our Reconciling Ministries in memory of Riley Nix's grandmother, Almedia Mary Riley Nix, given by Daviss King.

To the World Communion Refugee Services of Texas in honor of Sara Sharp, given by her Emmaus Reunion Group.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Gabriel Baker; Betty Berkey; Bob Block; Raymond Lewis; Virginia McCarroll; and Andrea Peck.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda; Doug Kilday family on move to Cambodia; and Doreen Noble on travels to Egypt and Israel.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Teresa Edward's brother, Gary Edwards; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Howard Hartman's uncle, Garland Hartman; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Sammy Huffaker's friend, Bill Shults; Judy Kostura's friend, Rick Spencer and family; Virginia McCarroll's friend, B. J. Wolf; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra, and friend, Felecia Vargas; Merry Rightmer's sister-in-law's mother, Regina Howell; Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Libby Sykora's niece, Amelia Coffman; Ben Thoma's friends, the Johnson family; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences to the families and friends of longtime member Emerson Connell; Will Harris; Jim Martin; and Pat Radenacher on their deaths.



Cast all your cares on God, because God cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)