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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JANUARY 29, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

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 and Aubrey Wilkerson, Executive Director for Out Youth, will share with us the work they do and the ways we can support them. 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.

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 and Conference members have voting rights.

SIGN UP FOR 2017 CROP HUNGER WALK

Table . Outside on Sidewalk

FUMC is gearing up for this mission tradition on February 26 at Camp Mabry. Sign up with Debbie Rippetoe near the sanctuary steps or sign up in your Sunday School class or online at fumcaustin.org/cropwalk.

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.

FEBRUARY 5, SUNDAY NEW YOUNG COUPLES CLASS BEGINS

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.

9:45 A.M., ROOM 109
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

FEBRUARY 11, SATURDAY FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, granddads, uncles, etc: join us for an evening of dancing, desserts, and door prizes! The 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.

6:30-8:00 P.M.
WESLEY HALL

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; and Sundays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Pastors are on call after office hours and during holidays. Call 512-478-5684, press 213, and leave message for return call.

CALENDAR

HELP CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY

Are you a Daisy, Cub Scout, Girl Scout, or Boy Scout? Help FUMC's Boy Scout Troop 5 celebrate Scout Sunday. If you are a younger scout, you can wear your uniform to help show your support of Scouts. If you are a Girl Scout or Boy Scout, you can help serve during the service. Meet in the foyer at 10:30 a.m. to help with greeting and ushering duties that morning. For questions, contact Brooks Schuelke at brooks@civtrial.com.

FEBRUARY 5, SUNDAY
11:00 A.M. SERVICE

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

Human Sexuality Class

10:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

19-26

Family Promise Week

Servant Hearts Needed

fumcaustin.org/familypromise

26 Sunday

2017 CROP Hunger Walk

2:00 p.m. / 2:30 p.m.

Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street

28 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

SIGN UP FOR 2017 CROP HUNGER WALK

The CROP Hunger Walk is the longest tenured outreach service project of FUMC. It is a fun, family-friendly fundraising event with a global education component and local hunger-fighting impact. Registration opens at 2:00 p.m. and the Step Off is at 2:30 p.m. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/cropwalk. Let's continue First Church's leadership in the 2017 Walk! For more information, contact Howard Hartman at 512-924-1378.

FEBRUARY 26, SUNDAY
CAMP MABRY

WEEK THIS

29 Sun	Sign Up for 2017 CROP Hunger Walk	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	Fifth Sunday Social Justice Presentation	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	Administrative Board/Charge Conference	12:15 p.m.	Wesley Hall
30 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
31 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	Mercy & Justice Book Study: "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
1 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
2 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

FEBRUARY 10, FRIDAY

Kids' Night Out . 5:30-9:00 p.m. Education Building

While parents enjoy a grown-up evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through fourth graders on a first-come basis. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Make reservations with Pam Coronado, our childcare coordinator, at childcare@fumcaustin.org no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Family Life Center

All 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Connect for Tweens bridges children and youth ministries through building relationships, serving, and helping youth connect with one another and with God during the transitional pre-teen years.

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.

FEBRUARY 19, SUNDAY

Human Sexuality Class . 10:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

We are sexual beings. God made us that way. Sexuality can be celebrated, and it can be exploited. It can draw us closer to the one we love, or it can divide whole communities of faith. Regardless, we are called to be the beloved community of healing, wholeness, reconciliation, and love. The purpose of this 2016 UMW Mission University Study is to provide a framework for developing a healthy sexual ethic for our time. Come hear former Associate Pastor Jen Stuart present a short introduction to Ellen Brubaker's book study, "Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift."

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday . MLF Kitchen . Wesley Hall

This is an opportunity for first timers of all ages to give this ministry a try. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (preparing the food and loading the truck) or the Truck Team from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. (delivering the food to our hungry neighbors around Austin). Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

FEBRUARY 19-26

Family Promise Week . Family Life Center

Servant hearts are needed to help with Family Promise, a shelter program of Foundation for the Homeless that provides transitional shelter for families experiencing homelessness. FUMC provides a place for families to live in our Family Life Center. Volunteers of all ages provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and host in other ways. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/familypromise.

**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

BEING A CASA VOLUNTEER

By Carol Brady



I find it very interesting the ways God has led me and guided me to do things that I would never have thought of doing on my own. The following is a prime example:

About 15 years ago, a friend told me about an organization called CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASA is composed of volunteers who are trained to advocate for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. I told my friend that I couldn't do anything until I retired from teaching. About two years later, I picked up the paper to find an article about CASA stating that they needed volunteers and there was a training class beginning in two weeks. It just happened that I was retiring from teaching at the prison in Kyle in just one week. I called the CASA office, spoke with someone about the program, and signed up for the 40-hour training course. At a swearing in ceremony at the court house, I became a CASA volunteer and was handed my first case. Over the past 13 years, I have been an advocate for 15 children whose lives have been turned upside down. Since I am fluent in Spanish, all of my cases have been with Spanish speaking families. It is a challenging job, and can be very frustrating dealing with Child Protective Services, but whenever I get discouraged I remind myself that without a CASA volunteer a child has no voice.

It has been a blessing to be able to demonstrate my faith through serving these children.

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

Half-truths Sermon Series

Christian clichés you may have heard before and perhaps you have repeated. Join us February 5, 12, and 19 as we examine what the Bible says in response to phrases like these and discover the whole truth behind half-truths.

February 5

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching
“God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle”
1 Corinthians 10:12-13

February 12

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching
“Everything Happens for a Reason”
John 11:28-44

February 19

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching
“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”
Philippians 2:4-13

CHURCH BUSINESS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Cate George, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley; Elizabeth Goeller; M. K. Hill; Pete and Jerrilee Meeker; Ben and Danielle Thoma; and Sally Watkins.

In memory of Annebell Hartman, given by Howard and Marijo Hartman.

In memory of Evelyn Miller, given by Meagan Price.

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Ministry Plan in memory of Cate George, given by Ed and Jan Berger.

To our Mobile Loaves and Fishes in memory of Nell Broadbent’s son, Harold Broadbent, given by Olivia Weldon.

To our Reconciling Ministries in memory Dick Francis, given by George and Betty Mading.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Betty Berkey; Bob Block; Sandy Bowles; Raymond Lewis; Tom Jackson; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Virginia McCarroll; Ruth Nicks; Andrea Peck; and George Vanderhule.
Other: Travis Bias’ medical mission to Uganda.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren; Grady Basler and Terry Cornwell’s nephew, Jack Fleetwood; Richard and Marilyn Bettis’ brother-in-law, A. P. Patschke; Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Robbie Cripe’s mother, Billie Jorda; Melanie Dow’s friends, the Harbuck family; Cheryl Etie’s mother, Ruby Ramez; Ann Fields’ brother, Charlie Brown; Curtis Fuelberg’s and Susan Griffith’s friend, Candice Erskine; Susan Griffith’s friends, Norma Horton and Mary Jane Marcus; Howard and Marijo Hartman’s friend, Margie Metz; Cassie Helton’s mother, Betty Helton; Virginia McCarroll’s friend, B. J. Wolf; Maggie Missal’s friend, Kati; Kathy Morales’ sister, Kim Hockensmith; Delia Peters’ mother, Ruby Ybarra; Alan Stephens’ mother, Genevieve Stephen; Sarah Wheat’s stepfather, Jim Ross; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers care for people dealing with convalescence, divorce, financial struggles, grief, hospitalization, job loss, loneliness, terminal illness, and other life difficulties. If you are dealing with some type of crisis or difficulty in life, email stephenministry@fumcaustin.org and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.

FEED MY PEOPLE THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who bought and prepared food and set up and cleaned up for the Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast on January 24: Sharon Doss; Charles Harrison; Julie Nelson; David Nicastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; and Cecily Wright.

2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars and get your hero capes ready to serve at this year’s Vacation Bible School the week of July 31-August 4. Registration and sign up open mid-March, so stay tuned for updates at fumcaustin.org/vbs.