



First United
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP FOR 2017 CROP HUNGER WALK

Table . Outside Near Sanctuary Steps

Sign up for this mission tradition with Howard Hartman or sign up in your Sunday School class or online at fumcaustin.org/cropwalk.

SPIRITUALITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Join us for a video 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

12:15 p.m., Room 108, Education Building

Only offered twice a year, this required class is open to all seeking baptism in the next six months. Come learn our beliefs about baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the baptized life. If interested, join us today. Walk-ins welcome!

ENGAGE FOR YOUTH

4:00-6:00 p.m. Family Life Center

Middle school and high school youth are invited to engage their whole selves in discussion, prayer, worship and a lot of fun!

FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS: SHELTER MINISTRIES

FUMC currently supports two shelter programs – Family Promise and Cold Weather Shelter. Family Promise, a program of Foundation for the Homeless, provides transitional shelter for families experiencing homelessness. FUMC provides a place for families to live in our Family Life Center. Our next hosting is February 19-March 4. Cold Weather Shelter, a program through Front Steps at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH), provides temporary overnight shelter on freezing nights for those experiencing homelessness. FUMC provides shelter for up to 25 women on Tuesday nights when the predicted overnight low is expected to be 35 degrees and wet or 32 degrees and dry. Your donations, marked "Shelter Ministries," may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate today or any Sunday in February. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.

FEBRUARY 19 HUMAN SEXUALITY STUDY



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."

10:00 A.M.
MURCHISON CHAPEL

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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

2017 CROP HUNGER WALK: SIGN UP TO WALK OR SUPPORT A WALKER

The Austin CROP Hunger Walk is one way the community comes together to fight hunger. This year, five local agencies will share in the funds raised: Austin Baptist Chapel Angel House, Casa Marianella, Central Texas Food Bank, Refugee Services of Texas, and Sustainable Food Center. The Walk makes a global impact through Church World Service. Take an easy, family-friendly step in fighting hunger in our community. Sign up today to walk or to support a walker at fumcaustin.org/cropwalk.

**FEBRUARY 26, SUNDAY
CAMP MABRY**

FEBRUARY

19 Sunday

Manna Bag Sale

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sidewalk

Human Sexuality Study

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-MARCH 4

Family Promise Hosting

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

MARCH

1 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services

7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Ashes To Go

8:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

SERVANT HEARTS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

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

**FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 4
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

THIS WEEK

12 Sun	Sign Up for 2017 CROP Hunger Walk	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	New Young Couples Class	9:45 a.m.	Room 109, Family Life Center
	Spirituality and Racial Justice Series	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	Baptism Preparation Class	12:15 p.m.	Room 108, Education Building
	Engage for Youth	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
13 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
14 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	A Disciple's Heart	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Karen Vannoy
15 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
16 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
18 Sat	Early Response Team Training	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Murchison Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 18, SATURDAY

Early Response Team Training . 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Murchison Chapel
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

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.

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 28, TUESDAY

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

Come experience this ministry that serves breakfast to 300 of our homeless guests. To volunteer, preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins by 5:45 a.m.; and clean-up begins by 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.

MARCH 11, 18, AND 25, SATURDAYS

One Human Race Conversations Workshop . 12:30-3:30 p.m.

All are invited to participate in a three-session Saturday workshop to examine the American concept of race, share feelings and experiences, and engage in discussions in a safe, open, and productive environment. Come be encouraged, inspired, and transformed by others in this community workshop. The One Human Race Initiative is a ministry of the Union of Black Episcopalians, Myra McDaniel Chapter. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/one-human-race.

LENT IS COMING...

Start making plans for observing the season of Lent, a 40-day season of spiritual practice and preparation for the Festival of Easter! This year, we will work our way through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. As a complement, the whole church is invited to read and study Dietrich Bonhoeffer's landmark work, *The Cost of Discipleship*. Small groups will form throughout Austin for this six-week study, so plan now to join a group. Sign up begins next Sunday, February 19.

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

CROP HUNGER WALK



I am Hanan Mohammed, a refugee from Iraq, living in Austin since 2013. Last year I walked for the first time in the Austin CROP Hunger Walk as part of the FUMC team. It was a fun event and I was able to raise over \$400! Most of what I raised was from online gifts. I sent emails to everyone I could think of and they responded generously.

Since coming to Austin, I have been active in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program here at FUMC. The classes have been helpful to me. Now my father attends ESL with me. There was a poster last year that I read announcing the CROP Hunger Walk. I got the information and decided to walk to help others. Later I learned that the CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), the organization that brought me to the United States. Walking was a way for me to thank CWS for helping me.

I will be walking again as part of the FUMC Team on February 26 at Camp Mabry. I look forward to meeting other friends and members of First Church as we walk to help hungry people.

Interviewed by Howard Hartman

CHURCH BUSINESS

NEW MEMBERS



Evan and Lindsey Autrey



Rachel Bailey



Courtney Cordova



Earl, Sarah, Amelia, and Jones Crane



Lori Huang



Jeff and Michelle Moxley



Clinton and Meghan Sayer

THEOLOGICAL ROOTS FOR OUR DISCERNMENT ABOUT MARRIAGE EQUALITY

This spring and summer, FUMC is taking time for discernment about our church wedding policies in light of our value of inclusiveness. Throughout February and March, information will be offered to contribute to our discernment and conversations. This week, Pastor Taylor Fuerst summarizes the theology behind FUMC's support for inclusion and equality, using references to scripture, historical Christian thought, and the United Methodist Book of Discipline. Further, she reflects on the theological meaning of the commitments we make to God, the Church, and one another. This article and others are available at fumcaustin.org/discernment. For questions, email discernment@fumcaustin.org.

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.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Congratulations to Craig and Christine Schumacher on the birth of their son, Simon Mark.

Health: Gabriel Baker; Betty Berkey; Marilyn Bettis; Bob Block; Sandy Bowles; Judy Funke; Mary Higgs; Raymond Lewis; Tom Jackson; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Virginia McCarroll; Ruth Nicks; Riley Nix; Dr. Dorinda Noble; Andrea Peck; Dianne Render; and George Vanderhule.

Condolences to Howard Hartman on the death of his uncle, Garland Hartman. 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, Candis Erskine; Bob Garrett's great-niece, Tassie Ann Garrett; Melanie Greene's friend, Kim-Marie Hernandez O' Driscoll; Susan Griffith's friends, Norma Horton and Mary Jane Marcus; Howard and Marijo Hartman's friend, Margie Metz; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Rob and Leslie Ivey's friends, Cris and Mike Haynes; Virginia McCarroll's friend, B. J. Wolf; Maggie Missal's friend, Kati; Kathy Morales' sister, Kim Hockensmith; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra; Dianne Render's brother, Michael Burns; Malcolm St. Romain; Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen, and father-in-law, Robert McBride; Ben Thoma's cousin, Brighton Mansour; Bruce Venno; Cindy Walter's friends, David and Jeanie Williams; Sarah Wheat's stepfather, Jim Ross; Susannah Willms' mother, Glenna; Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young; and UMC ministries and the people of Ukraine.

WORSHIP

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

February 19

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

A Christian cliché you may have heard before and perhaps you have repeated. Join us as we examine what the Bible says in response to a phrase like this and discover the whole truth behind half-truths.

February 26

Michael Mumme, Preaching
"Taste of the Kingdom"
Matthew 17:1-9

When there's a tough road ahead, sometimes just a taste of the glory to come can whet the appetite for keeping faithful. The road ahead is worth it when you have glimpsed where it leads.

ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP

Honor someone you love and appreciate, remember a departed loved one, or celebrate special days or events in your life or the life of the church. Arrangement cost is \$65. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).