



First United  
Methodist Church  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Join a Lenten Small group at the table in the foyer. *The Cost of Discipleship* books are available for \$10.

### EGG FESTIVAL PREPARATION

During Sunday School Hour

Classes are invited to help stuff eggs for our Easter Egg Festival and Picnic prior to April 9. For supplies and more information, contact Cassie Gresham at [clwillif@hotmail.com](mailto:clwillif@hotmail.com).

### AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK

2:00 p.m. Registration / 2:30 p.m. Step Off . Camp Mabry



FUMC members and friends are encouraged to give their support to today's Austin CROP Hunger Walk. A strong team from our church has taken shape and funds raised benefit local hunger organizations and international hunger ministries of Church World Service.

### 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. 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 you may send them to or bring them by the church office.

## NOW-MARCH 5 FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING



Servant hearts are needed to help with our current hosting of Family Promise, a shelter program of Foundation for the Homeless that provides transitional shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Foundation for the Homeless assists families in this transitional shelter program through case management to find stable housing and employment.

People of all ages provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and host in other ways. This is a great way for individuals, small groups, or families with children to serve together. There are still openings for hosting February 27-March 3. Sign up at [fumcaustin.org/familypromise](http://fumcaustin.org/familypromise).

VARIOUS TIMES  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

1201 Lavaca Street | Austin, Texas, 78701 | 512-478-5684 | [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org)

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

## FEED MY PEOPLE FOURTH TUESDAY BREAKFAST

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.

FEBRUARY 28, TUESDAY  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

## MARCH

### 5 Sunday

Family Promise Move Out

6:30 a.m.

[fumcaustin.org/familypromise](http://fumcaustin.org/familypromise)

UMW Luncheon

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Lenten Small Group Begins

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Room 108, Education Building

Lenten Small Group Begins

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Home of Tim and Cindy Walter

### 6 Monday

Lenten Small Group Begins

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Home of Bert and Lara Greene

### 7 Tuesday

Lenten Book Study Begins

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

### 8 Wednesday

Lenten Small Group Begins

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tim Deschner

Lenten Small Group Begins

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Home of Chip and Jan Morris

Lenten Small Group Begins

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Home of Rev. Michael Mumme

### 11 Saturday

One Human Race Conversations

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Garrison Chapel

### 18 Saturday

One Human Race Conversations

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Garrison Chapel

### 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

### 25 Saturday

One Human Race Conversations

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Garrison Chapel

### 26 Sunday

Blood Donation Drive

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

### 28 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

## WEEK W E E K T H I S

### 26 Sun

New Young Couples Class

9:45 a.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

10:00 a.m.

Various Locations

2017 CROP Hunger Walk

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

Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street

Engage for Youth

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Family Promise

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

### 27 Mon

English as a Second Language (ESL)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Family Promise

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Prodigal Sons Men's Group

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 103, Family Life Center

### 28 Tue

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

Family Promise

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

A Disciple's Heart

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Home of Karen Vannoy

### 1 Wed

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

Ashes To Go

8:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews

10:00 a.m.

[fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Room 213, Sanctuary Building

Ash Wednesday Service

12:10 p.m.

Sanctuary

Family Promise

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Balcony

FUMC Choir Rehearsal

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Choir Room, Sanctuary Building

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

### 2 Thur

Feed My People Breakfast

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

Family Promise

5:00 p.m.

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

### 3 Fri

Family Promise

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center


### 4 Sat

Family Promise

6:30 a.m.

Family Life Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>BEGINNING MARCH 1</b></p>  <p><b>Lenten Opportunities</b></p>	<p><b>BEGINNING MARCH 5, 6, AND 8</b></p>  <p><b>Church-wide Study</b></p>
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*For more information, please see the insert.*

### MARCH 5, SUNDAY

#### UMW Luncheon . 12:15-2:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Are you passionate about missions serving our world's women, children, and youth? Do you feel called to advocate for justice? Are you seeking opportunities for growth in knowledge and spirit? Current and prospective UMW (United Methodist Women) members are invited to share lunch, fellowship, and the vision for a revitalized UMW unit at FUMC. Registration is requested by February 26 at [fumcaustin.org/umwluncheon](http://fumcaustin.org/umwluncheon). Childcare is available with reservation at [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org).

### MARCH 7-APRIL 11, TUESDAYS

#### Lenten Book Study . 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

Join us as we read and discuss Dr. James Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Cone helps us face the question, "Where is the gospel of Jesus' cross revealed today?" Not only does he delve into theological issues of atonement, suffering and theodicy, but he also connects the cross to America's history in terms of civil rights, lynching, and current abuses in the criminal justice system. We have a Facebook group for online discussion as well as meeting in person. Please read the Introduction and Chapter One for March 7. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

### MARCH 11, 18, AND 25, SATURDAYS

#### One Human Race Conversations . 12:30-3:30 p.m. Garrison Chapel

All are invited to participate in a three-session Saturday workshop examining the American concept of race, sharing feelings and experiences, and engaging 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](http://fumcaustin.org/one-human-race).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews  
using submission form at [fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

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

## FAITH IN ACTION

### ONE HUMAN RACE

By Sally Watkins

Last year several people from FUMC signed on for the One Human Race three-week series sponsored by the Union of Black Episcopalians from St. James Episcopal Church. It was a consciousness-raising and eye-opening experience. The centerpiece is a PBS video that is not new, but was fascinating to me — and I say that as someone who has tried diligently to be pretty “woke” on race issues. Beyond being informative, many things shown were frankly shocking to me, even as a well-read, informed citizen. It reminded me of how much I in my whiteness do not know, am not aware of, have closed my eyes to, or have chosen not to see. Yet they are all things that blacks in the USA have experienced and endured for all too many years, even blacks here in Austin, like those who were sitting in the room with me each week. Watching the video in a room of racially diverse people and being in a small group that happened to be led by a black man are experiences that do not come along in my daily life. But that is only part of why I cherish the experience. The sessions are well organized and extremely thought-provoking, led by committed trainers. Some of those leaders (such as my small group leader) and fellow attendees (a nursing home chaplain and a realtor in East Austin) are now among my Facebook Friends so that they may continue to broaden my world. I strongly recommend signing up for One Human Race as we, as individuals and as a church, work at gaining more perspective about past and current racism in our country and city.

*One Human Race takes place March 11, 18 and 25. To register or for more information, visit our website.*

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### GIFT TO FUMC

- To our Reconciling Ministries in memory of D. Orval Strong, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.
- To our Mercy and Justice Team in memory of D. Orval Strong, given by Sally Watkins.
- To our Reconciling Ministries in honor of the marriage of Kim Block and Riley Nix, given by Sally Watkins.

### HOW OTHER UMC CONGREGATIONS ARE ADDRESSING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

This spring and summer, FUMC is discerning how to reconcile our commitment to inclusivity with the United Methodist Church's prohibition on conducting same-sex weddings. In this process, one obvious question is what other congregations who believe in inclusivity are doing. The discernment committee has provided a new article that discusses what a number of churches have done. Their actions offer us a variety of options to consider. The article can be picked up in the foyer or viewed along with all other discernment materials at [www.fumcaustin.org/discernment](http://www.fumcaustin.org/discernment). For questions, email [discernment@fumcaustin.org](mailto:discernment@fumcaustin.org).

## WORSHIP

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

#### March 5

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching

Matthew 5:1-12

"#blessed"

*We begin our lenten series right at the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, with the poetic teaching of the Beatitudes. For Jesus, blessing is not all about how good or easy life is; rather, blessing reflects the location of God.*

#### March 12

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching

Matthew 5:13-37

"A Bright and Savory Community"

*Jesus calls forth a community of salt and light, those who lose themselves as they bring out the best in others. Still, it's tough—saltiness comes from obedience to an even higher standard than the law demands.*

### 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](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### EASTER BUNNY NEEDS HELP

We are accepting donations to ensure there are plenty of treats for the children at our Easter Egg Festival and Picnic on April 15. Most helpful are monetary donations to help buy candy and toys for the eggs and new plastic egg donations. If you want to buy candy, the recommended choices are individually wrapped Lifesavers, small Nerds boxes, Starbursts, and small wrapped bubble gum. (These candies protect kids from allergy and choking hazards and fit inside the eggs.) Place donations in the bunny barrels found near the entrances of the children's Sunday School wing, sanctuary, preschool, and Family Life Center. To volunteer for the Egg Festival, sign up on our website or contact Lara Greene at [lara@fumcaustin.org](mailto:lara@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 211).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Gabriel Baker; Bill and Jerry Berger; Mary Higgs; Ruth Nicks; and Andrea Peck.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Richard and Marilyn Bettis' brother-in-law, A. P. Patschke; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Rev. Tina Carter; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Sydney Head's friend's mother, Sandra Leggett; Leslie Ivey's friends, Cris and Mike Haynes; Virginia McCarroll's friend, B. J. Wolf; Jamie Michaels' friend, John Forrest Douglas; Andrea Peck's sister-in-law, Donna Franklin; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra; Larry Peters' son, Ryan Peters and friends, Chuck Roper, Bobbie Goodwin, and Tony Johnson; Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Hiram Smith, Jr's neighbor, DR Steed; Sally Taylor's brother, Michael Taylor; 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](mailto:stephenministry@fumcaustin.org) and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.