



First United  
Methodist Church  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

MARCH 5, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Table, Foyer

Join a Lenten Small Group for *The Cost of Discipleship* church-wide study.

### 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.

### 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!

### SIGN UP TODAY FOR FIRST STEPS CLASS

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or contact Trevor Harper at [trevor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217). The next First Steps Class is Sunday, March 26, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

### EGG FESTIVAL PREPARATION

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

### MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS: UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is present in times of crisis and disaster around the world, acting as the hands of Christ in the most difficult or tragic times. This organization is able to provide fast and meaningful relief in the aftermath of disasters thanks in large part to the UMCOR Sunday Offering collected by local congregations every year. When our congregation contributes to this offering, we help pay for the general operating costs of UMCOR. Because of this offering, UMCOR is able to direct 100% of other donations directly to specific disaster relief. Your donations, marked "UMCOR," may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate today or any Sunday in March. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.



The butterfly has long been a symbol of resurrection and hope, for it disappears into a cocoon and appears dead, but emerges later far more beautiful and powerful than before. The butterfly symbolizes not just Christ's resurrection from the dead, but the hope of every Christian for resurrection and transformation. During Lent, you will find paper butterflies available in the sanctuary on which you can write a prayer expressing your yearning and hope for new life for yourself, for others, for our world. These prayer butterflies will be placed in a "cocoon" during the season of Lent to symbolize that we are saved "in hope" (see Romans 8:22-24). What we hope and pray for cannot yet be seen, but lies hidden. Nevertheless, God is at work in the unseen and hidden moments, the Lenten wilderness times of life, even when we feel that God is absent from us. On Easter Sunday the butterflies will emerge from the cocoon, taking flight in a beautiful display celebrating the glory of Easter and claiming the promise that God will fulfill our prayers in ways we cannot even imagine—ways that "God alone can see."

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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

## MARCH

### MARCH 11, 18, 25, SATURDAYS ONE HUMAN RACE CONVERSATIONS

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).

12:30-3:30 P.M.  
GARRISON CHAPEL  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**18 Saturday**  
One Human Race Conversation  
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 Conversation  
12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Garrison Chapel

**26 Sunday**  
Blood Donation Drive  
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Mobile Truck, Family Life Center  
First Steps  
12:15 p.m.  
Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

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

## APRIL

**9 Sunday**  
Palm/Passion Services  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

**13 Thursday**  
Maundy Thursday Services  
12:10 and 7:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

**14 Friday**  
Good Friday Family Service  
10:30 a.m.  
Wesley Hall  
Good Friday Services  
12:10 and 7:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

**15 Saturday**  
Easter Egg Festival and Picnic  
9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Capitol Grounds

**16 Sunday**  
Easter Sunday Services  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary  
Butterfly Release  
10:00 a.m.  
Capitol Lawn

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| W<br>E<br>E<br>K | 5 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              |
|                  |                                    | UMW Luncheon                            | 12:15-2:00 p.m.  | Wesley Hall                    |
|                  |                                    | Lenten Small Group                      | 3:00-4:30 p.m.   | Home of Tim and Cindy Walter   |
|                  |                                    | Engage for Youth                        | 4:00-6:00 p.m.   | Family Life Center             |
|                  | 6 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   |
|                  |                                    | Lenten Small Group                      | 7:00-8:30 p.m.   | Home of Bert and Lara Greene   |
|                  | 7 Tue                              | Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m.   | Great Hall, Family Life Center |
|                  |                                    | Lenten Book Study                       | 6:30-7:30 p.m.   | La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane  |
| 8 Wed            | Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews | 10:00 a.m.                              | <a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a> |                                |
|                  | Wednesday Morning Bible Study      | 10:00 a.m.                              | Room 213, Sanctuary Building   |                                |
|                  | Lenten Small Group                 | 12:00-1:30 p.m.                         | Room 108, Education 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   |                                |
|                  | Lenten Small Group                 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.                          | Home of Tim Deschner   |                                |
| 9 Thur           | Lenten Small Group                 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.                          | Home of Chip and Jan Morris  |                                |
|                  | Lenten Small Group                 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.                          | Home of Rev. Michael Mumme   |                                |
|                  | Feed My People Breakfast           | 4:45-7:00 a.m.                          | Great Hall, Family Life Center   |                                |
| 11 Sat           | 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   |                                |
|                  | One Human Race Conversation        | 12:30-3:30 p.m.                         | Garrison Chapel  |                                |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 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](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

**MARCH 26, SUNDAY**

**Blood Donation Drive . 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Family Life Center**



**WE ARE BLOOD**

FUMC will host a blood drive for the Central Texas Blood Center, recently rebranded as "We Are Blood." Blood donations have

long been considered one of the easiest volunteer actions a person can take. Where else can you lay back for a few minutes and make a huge difference for others within the community and receive juice and cookies for your efforts? There is always a need for blood donations and it would be great to get a big response from our church family. To schedule an appointment, call Craig at 512-206-1316 or online at [fumcaustin.org/blood-drive](http://fumcaustin.org/blood-drive).

**MARCH 28, TUESDAY**

**Feed My People Fourth Tuesday . 4:45-7:00 a.m. Great Hall**

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.

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**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

**THE GIFT OF LIFE**

**By Lydia Clay**



More than 120,000 people are waiting for organ transplants; approximately 30,000 are done every year. With average wait times of five to six years, thousands of people die each year waiting for the gift of life.

My father was one of the thousands who ran out of time. He passed away in 2008 waiting for a liver transplant. Knowing these crushing statistics, and the devastation of losing a loved one, I felt called to act when I learned my Leadership Austin classmate, Emily, had an 18-month-old son waiting for a kidney transplant. Barrett, or Bear as he's better known, was born without working kidneys. At only two days old, he started daily dialysis to keep him alive.

After months of testing, and beyond everyone's belief, I was a strong match for a living donation. Without any blood relation the transplant team ranked me a 10 out of 10 donor for Bear, a rating they rarely give. On November 17, 2016, Bear and I entered side-by-side operating rooms. The long painful surgery and subsequent recovery was a success.

I am blessed and humbled to have given this gift to Bear. It has changed me a person and reaffirmed my faith. Holding him now reminds me how intertwined our lives are and how bold acts of faith create space for miracles to happen. Thank you to my FUMC family for the prayers, love and support during this amazing journey.

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### BAPTISM



Elaine Anne Cook, daughter of Scott and Lauren Cook and sister of Fisher Cook, was baptized on February 26.

### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Cate George, given by Ken and Marlene Santos.  
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### GIFTS TO FUMC

To our "Knit Wits" Ministry in honor of her Emmaus Group, given by Laurie Barr.

## WORSHIP

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

**March 19**

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching  
Matthew 5:38-48

"Say What?"

*Jesus admonishes his followers to "be perfect." How can he ask such a thing? Come worship the God of a different kind of perfection and hear what Jesus is really asking of us.*

### 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).

### 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 February 28: Sharon Doss; Charles Harrison; Julie Nelson; David Nicastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; Donovan White; and Cecily Wright.

### JOIN THE EASTER CHOIR

Calling all interested singers who wish to participate in our festive Easter services by singing in the choir, but have been unable to make an on-going commitment to the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, March 29 and April 5 and 12, from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the choir rehearsal hall. All three are required. We would be delighted to have you join us to experience this glorious morning singing of Christ's Resurrection. Alleluia! To sign up, contact Scott Davis at [scott@fumcaustin.org](mailto:scott@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

### 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: D'An Anders; Gabriel Baker; Bill and Jerry Berger; Mary Higgs; Ruth Nicks; Dorinda Noble; Andrea Peck; and Ruby Parker.

Condolences to the family and friends of Bettie Close on her death and to Bruce Raven on the death of his father, Dave Raven.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda completed. Returning to US.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Richard and Marilyn Bettis' brother-in-law, A. P. Patschke; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Molly Drazic's godson's mother, Kelly Clausus; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Ron Hall's friend, Jackie and family; Cassie Helton's cousin, Bonnie, and uncle, Pete; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kuino; Leslie Ivey's friend, Mike Haynes; Charlyn Loera's friend, Corinda Trevino's grandfather; Virginia Mc Carroll's friend, B.J. Wolf; Hanan Mohammed's sister, Israa, and father, Ibrahim; Mark Morris and Cathy Tullos for Kimmie and Larry; Della Peters' friends, Bobbie and Jovita Patino; Larry Peters' friend, Tony Johnson; Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Dick and Ann Young's friend, Michael Brunner; 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.