



FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

MARCH 12, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

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).

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 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.

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.

MARCH 26, SUNDAY BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



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.

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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

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 Class

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

29 Wednesday

Easter Choir Rehearsal

7:00-7:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Hall

APRIL

5 Wednesday

Easter Choir Rehearsal

7:00-7:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Hall

7 Friday

Kids' Night Out

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Education Building

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

9 Sunday

Palm/Passion Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

12 Wednesday

Easter Choir Rehearsal

7:00-7:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Hall

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

17 Monday

Church Office Closed

for Easter Holiday

Have a safe and blessed holiday

23 Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

ASP Stock Sales Begin

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sidewalk

25 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

30 Sunday

Administrative Board Meeting

12:15 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Children and Youth Choirs Talent Show

3:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

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12 Sun	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	9:45 a.m.	Various Locations
	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
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
	Lenten Small Group	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Bert and Lara Greene
14 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
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
	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
	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
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
	The Parchman Hour	7:00 p.m.	St. John's UMC, 2140 Allendale Road
18 Sat	One Human Race Conversation	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Garrison Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 16, THURSDAY

The Parchman Hour . 7:00 p.m. St. John's UMC, 2140 Allendale Road

For the fifth consecutive year, young people from Sunflower County in Mississippi travel during their spring break to Austin to perform a social justice play. In 1961, waves of young people rode buses into the deep south to challenge the segregation of interstate bus travel. When they came through Mississippi, many of the riders were imprisoned in Mississippi's notorious Parchman State Penitentiary. This play is set in prison and honors an important moment in Civil Rights history.

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.

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.

MARCH 29 AND APRIL 5 AND 12, WEDNESDAYS

Join the Easter Choir . 7:00-7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Hall

Calling all interested singers who wish to participate in our festive Easter services by singing in the choir. All three rehearsals are required. We would be delighted to have you join us. To sign up, contact Scott Davis at scott@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

FREESTORE HAS A NEW HOME

FreeStore has a new home at Memorial UMC, 6100 Berkman Drive. The store is open for shopping on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come by to volunteer or bring donations. ALL donations should be taken to the FreeStore on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.freestoreaustin.org.

**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).**

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 9, SUNDAY

Palm/Passion Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

All are given a palm to wave as we sing of how the people welcomed Jesus and then, we somberly walk with Jesus to the cross.

APRIL 13, THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Services

12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

We celebrate the Holy Meal which Jesus began in the Upper Room on the night before his crucifixion.

APRIL 14, FRIDAY

Good Friday Family Service

10:30 a.m. Wesley Hall

Parents will help their children learn and experience the passion stories leading up to Easter in age appropriate prayer stations, stories and activities. Afterwards, families may lunch together (b.y.o.) on the Capitol grounds.

Good Friday Services

12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

On this day we go to the foot of the cross. Through scripture, prayer, passion hymns, we experience anew Christ's crucifixion.

APRIL 15, SATURDAY

Easter Egg Festival

9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol

Join the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt/roll on the Capitol grounds. Barbeque and hot dogs will be available for sale.

EASTER



APRIL 16, SUNDAY

Easter Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

Today we celebrate God's victory over the powers of sin, oppression, and death. We find new life and shout "Alleluia!"

Butterfly Release

10:00 a.m. Capitol Lawn

Enjoy the beauty of resurrection and new life as we release butterflies on the Capitol lawn.

CHURCH BUSINESS

2017 CROP HUNGER WALK: A WORLD OF THANKS

By Howard Hartman



First Church members and friends offered generous support for the 2017 Austin CROP Hunger Walk at Camp Mabry on February 26. Our 30 walkers have raised \$4406 so far, with additional support expected to help us reach our \$5000 goal. Gifts, marked “2017 CROP Walk,” may be left at the church office. Citywide, 704 participants—walkers and volunteers—have raised \$56,461. A world of thanks for making a difference in the lives of hungry people in Austin and around the world.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Tom Calnan; Ann Fields; Pat Freeman; Ruth Nicks; Dorinda Noble; Rick Ortiz;

Ruby Parker; Andrea Peck; and Robbie Youngblood.

Other: Pastor Cathy Stone’s trip to Africa to learn about ZOE and Africa University.

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; Peggy Davis’ brother, Terry Davis; Linda Deason’s father, Jerry Spengler; Ann Fields’ brother, Charlie Brown; Pat Freeman’s son, Scott Freeman; Ron Hall; Cassie Helton’s cousin, Bonnie; Jan Higgs’ friend, Betty Kuno; Rob Ivey’s family friend, Mike Haynes; Larry Peters’ friend, Tony Johnson; Stacy Prentice’s father, Tom Prentice; Pat Rives’ friends, Susan Tyler, Marilyn Parks and Marianne Webb; Erin Scarth’s friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens’ mother, Genevieve Stephen; Ryan Joe Stephens; Jamie Turner’s friend, Steve; Sarah Whitney’s friends, Emily and Trey; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences to the families and friends of Carol Eckert and Morris Pine on their deaths.

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.

HOP UP AND HELP OUT

We need at least 6,000 eggs and lots of volunteers for the 400+ community children we expect at this year’s Egg Festival.

How to help:

- Donate individually wrapped candy (Lifesavers, small Nerds boxes, Starbursts, and small wrapped bubble gum) and plastic eggs in the bunny barrels around the church.
- Donate money in the offering plate or on our website and note “Egg Festival Supplies” on your donation.
- Stuff eggs at home or in your Sunday School class or small group. Contact Cassie Gresham at cwillif@hotmail.com.
- Sign up for an Egg Festival shift (or more). From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you. Visit fumcaustin.org/eggfestival.

FAITH IN ACTION EASTER EGG FESTIVAL

By Virginia McCarroll



I knew about the Easter Egg Festival on the capitol grounds, but we were almost always out of town on that day. Then, several years ago, I realized that we were staying in town for Easter and I could volunteer to help. I had no idea that it would be so much fun.

This event was always presented as a chance to reach out to the community, but seeing that in action was a real eye-opener. There is a lot of preparation before the big day. People have the opportunity to donate eggs to stuff and candy to stuff them with. Some Sunday School classes offer to help stuff eggs. For the past several years, there have been workdays to help get everything prepared. It is really a church-wide effort.

Then all of a sudden it’s the day of the festival and there is a lot of activity going on. I have worked at the welcome table for the past several years. It is a wonderful chance to connect with some of the young couples and children that attend our church and many others in the community. I have had the pleasure of meeting and greeting so many great people.

It is a fun and joyful day! I hope you will consider volunteering with me at this year’s Easter Egg Festival. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/eggfestival. You and the children will be blessed by your participation.