

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

MARCH 26, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mobile Truck, FUMC Parking Lot

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? Walk-ins welcome.

### FIRST STEPS CLASS

12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

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. Walk-ins welcome. Lunch is provided.

### 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

### 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.

## APRIL 2, SUNDAY YOUTH MINISTRY LISTENING GROUPS

Ministry Architects will facilitate focused listening groups throughout the afternoon and evening with a variety of youth ministry stakeholders. We hope to see participation in those groups from a broad spectrum of parents, volunteers, youth, parents of future youth, and those who simply care about youth ministry.

Our consultants will present their report in an open meeting on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Based on what they have learned through listening and through their experience with other youth ministries around the country, they will share our assets and challenges and offer a blueprint of recommendations as we move forward. All are invited to find the group that best fits you and share your insights, frustrations, and dreams for youth ministry at FUMC!

### FLC Garrison Chapel

12:30 p.m. Church Membership  
2:00 p.m. SPRC  
3:30 p.m. Youth  
4:30 p.m. Youth Parents  
(Youth in supervised activities)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Volunteers/Teachers

# CALENDAR

## APRIL

<b>2 Sunday</b> Youth Ministry Listening Group 12:30 p.m. FLC, Garrison Chapel	<b>13 Thursday</b> Maundy Thursday Services 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	<b>17 Monday</b> Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday Have a safe and blessed holiday
<b>5 Wednesday</b> Easter Choir Rehearsal 7:00-7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Hall	<b>14 Friday</b> Good Friday Family Service 10:30 a.m. Wesley Hall Good Friday Services 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	<b>23 Sunday</b> Confirmation Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary ASP Stock Sales Begin 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
<b>7 Friday</b> Kids' Night Out 5:30-9:00 p.m. Education Building Connect for Tweens 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building, Library	<b>15 Saturday</b> Easter Egg Festival 9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol Grounds	<b>25 Tuesday</b> Feed My People Fourth Tuesday 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center
<b>9 Sunday</b> Chapel Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel Palm/Passion Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary	<b>16 Sunday</b> 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	<b>30 Sunday</b> Social Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall Administrative Board Meeting 12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall Children and Youth Choirs Talent Show 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary
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<b>K</b>	<b>26 Sun</b>	Blood Donation Drive	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Mobile Truck, FUMC Parking Lot
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	9:45 a.m.	Various Locations
		First Steps Class	12:15 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
		Engage for Youth	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
<b>E</b>	<b>27 Mon</b>	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
<b>W</b>	<b>28 Tue</b>	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
<b>S</b>	<b>29 Wed</b>	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 Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
<b>T</b>	<b>30 Thur</b>	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

**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](mailto:scott@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

**APRIL 7, FRIDAY**

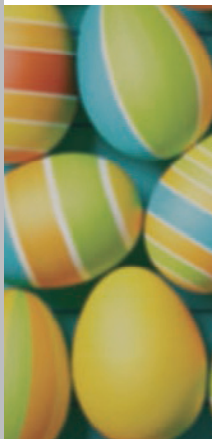
**Kids' Night Out . 5:30-9:00 p.m. Education Building**

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](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org) no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

**Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building, Library**

Connect meets in the Education Building this month. 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.

### EASTER DIRECT MAIL POSTCARD TO NEARBY NEIGHBORS



FUMC is launching its first direct mail postcard to attract newcomers. We are promoting multiple worship services and the Easter Egg Festival to families (with and without children) who have moved within one to six miles of the church in the last two years. We are measuring the mail piece with a website url, QR code, and through the efforts of our greeters and ushers who will be on the lookout for new families. In the next month, please make extra effort to welcome guests and ask them if they have questions. We will have extra postcards in the foyer at the end of March so you too can pass them to family, friends, and/or neighbors looking for a new church home. Let's show the world how friendly and inclusive we really are.

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

## 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, and 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 purchase.

## 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

### GIFTS TO FUMC

To the ZOE Project in honor of Barbara Ruth, given by her Emmaus Reunion Group.

To the Rio Texas Conference Disaster Relief in honor of Jan Berger, given by her Emmaus Reunion Group.

### DISCERNMENT INSERT

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. To answer questions about the consequences for actions related to marriage equality, the discernment committee has provided a summary highlighting actions some churches have taken and the potential consequences for both clergy and laity. The full article can be picked up in the foyer or viewed along with all other discernment materials at [fumcaustin.org/discernment](http://fumcaustin.org/discernment).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bob Bains, Bill and Jerry Berger, Candice Black, Tom Calnan, Ruth Nicks, Andrea Peck, Robbie Youngblood

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda completed and is returning to U. S. and 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; Denise Christopherson's nephews, Ryan and Robert Brown; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio; Art Montzingo's aunt, Marilyn Montzingo; Judy Kostura's friends, Janet Roper and Beth Miller; Terri Purdy's friend's daughter, Ella Joy Won; Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' mom, Genevieve Stephen; Cynthia Thomas' uncle, Grant Cartney; Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young; Carol Walker's friend, Timothy Kemp; Virginia Wattinger's friend's sister, Nancy Rogers.

Condolences to George Vanderhule on the death of his brother, David.

### 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.

### 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 Easter 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 [clwillif@hotmail.com](mailto:clwillif@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](http://fumcaustin.org/eggfestival).

## FAITH IN ACTION

### A NOTE FROM THE EASTER BUNNY



Thank you, First Church!

As your featured guest for the past many egg hunts, I want ALL of you to know how much I appreciate the opportunity to hop on over to the Capitol lawn on the Saturday before Easter.

So many of you do all the hard work preparing for the day and yet I get so much of the joy. I apologize in advance if some of your children have a sleepless nap time after seeing a 6'3" bunny offering up hugs and carrots, but I hope the joy of the egg festival will more than compensate! I only wish you all could see the eyes of your littles as they come, warily or gung ho, to visit with me. The priceless innocence, light and wonder therein always reminds me not only of how Jesus so loved the little children, but also of how He bids all of us grown-ups to come be a part of his Kingdom.

Have a holy Lent and I will see you soon!

