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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

APRIL 2, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### YOUTH MINISTRY LISTENING GROUPS

#### Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

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. All are invited to find the group that best fits you and share your insights, frustrations, and dreams for youth ministry at FUMC!

- 12:30 p.m. Church Membership
- 12:00 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

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.

### APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS

#### Feed My People Breakfast Program



FUMC hosts the "Feed My People" Breakfast Program of the non-profit organization Foundation for the Homeless, Inc. (FFH) each Tuesday and Thursday, every week of the year in our Family Life Center. Guests receive a hot breakfast and can also shower. As you can imagine, a lot of water, electricity, plates, cups, napkins, cutlery, and cleaning supplies are used. In addition to hosting all the breakfasts, FUMC buys the food and drink for the breakfast on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The program's goals are: to give volunteers an opportunity to be God's hands, ears, and eyes through ministry; to let guests experience abundance—in food and love; to change hearts and minds about homelessness; and to be a model for other urban ministries. FFH helps with some of the costs incurred in hosting the breakfasts, but FUMC provides funding for a significant portion of this vital program. Approximately 250-300 guests are fed each Tuesday and Thursday, and they are always very grateful for the hot meal. You are invited to help this program by donating funds for its operation or by volunteering on 4th Tuesdays. Donations may be left at the altar rail or sent to or brought by the church office.

APRIL 8, SATURDAY  
FAMILY  
SERVICE DAY



FUMC families are invited to clean up around Pickle Elementary School as part of Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep Day. Please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Signup online at [fumcaustin.org/familyserviceday](http://fumcaustin.org/familyserviceday).

For more information, contact Lara Greene at [lara@fumcaustin.org](mailto:lara@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 211) or visit KAB's Clean Sweep at <http://keepaustinbeautiful.org/program/clean-sweep>.

9:00-11:00 a.m.  
St. John Branch Public Library  
7500 Blessing Avenue

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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

## APRIL

### 9 Sunday

**Chapel Worship Service**  
9:00 a.m.  
Murchison Chapel

**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

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12:10 and 7:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

### 15 Saturday

**Easter Egg Festival**  
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

### 17 Monday

**Church Office Closed  
for Easter Holiday**  
Have a safe and blessed holiday

### 23 Sunday

**Manna Bag Sale**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Sidewalk

**Confirmation Sunday**  
11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

### 25 Tuesday

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

### 30 Sunday

**ASP Stock Sales Begin**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Sidewalk

### Social Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation

10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

### Administrative Board Meeting

12:15 p.m.  
Great Hall, Family Life Center

### Children and Youth Choirs Talent Show

3:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

APRIL 30, SUNDAY  
ASP STOCK SALES BEGIN



FUMC's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team is raising funds for this year's mission trip to Kentucky, June 16-27. Stop by to learn more about ASP, meet team members, and purchase stock in our ASP trip and the youth of our church.

9:00-11:00 A.M.  
SIDEWALK

K E E W S H T	2 Sun	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	9:45 a.m.	Various Locations
	3 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
	4 Tue	Feed My People 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
	5 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
		Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00-7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Hall
6 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	
7 Sat	Kids' Night Out	5:30-9:00 p.m.	Education Building	
	Connect for Tweens	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Library, Education Building	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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. Library**

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.

**APRIL 21, FRIDAY**

**Music Under the Dome . 12:10-12:45 p.m. Sanctuary**



FUMC presents free lunchtime concerts during Eastertide. April 21: First Church Singers salute Earth Day (featuring songs honoring earth and creation). April 28: Trumpets, Harp, and Organ (featuring Marcel Grandjany's Aria for harp and organ; baroque sonatas for two trumpets and organ; and solo organ works). May 5: Cool Jazz (featuring Austin's Trio Verde).

**APRIL 25, 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.

**Fifth Sunday Social Justice Presentation . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall**

Join speaker Dr. Amy Young, Chair of the Department of Women's Health and a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Dell Medical School, to learn more about maternal health in Texas, particularly in Travis County, and explore the reasons for the rise in maternal deaths. This presentation is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

**Administrative Board Meeting . 12:15 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center**

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch is provided for \$10 per person. Those who plan to eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 noon on April 26 at [www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard](http://www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard) or contact Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare is available by emailing [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org).

**Children and Youth Choirs Talent Show . 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary**



Prepare to be awed and amazed at the talent of the young people of FUMC! Come see children and youth sing, play, and impress you with their skills. We hope to see you there! For questions, contact Wendi Olinger at [wendi@fumcaustin.org](mailto:wendi@fumcaustin.org).

**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).**

## REGISTRATION

**MAY 5-6, FRIDAY-SATURDAY**

**Pre-teen Retreat:**

**Love In Action**

Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! It's time for our annual retreat. During *Love In Action*, we will reflect on and live out words from Micah 6:8, "...to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." We spend the night at church on Friday, playing games, participating in small groups, cooking dinner together, and preparing to serve and love our neighbors on Saturday morning. Then on Saturday, we go out and spend the day in mission, sharing God's love with others! The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the Family Life Center. The cost is \$40. Register at [fumcaustin.org/loveinaction](http://fumcaustin.org/loveinaction) by April 30.



**JULY 31-AUGUST 4**

**Vacation Bible School:  
Hero Central**



Discover your strength in God at Hero Central Vacation Bible School (VBS). Kids aged 4 to 10 will meet in the Family Life Center from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day to take awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. Hero Central VBS features crafty crafts, epic music, fantastic Bible stories, heroic recreation, and spectacular science. Registration is now open at \$40 per child and closes July 7. Aftercare is available until 5:30 p.m. for \$25 a day. Register today at [fumcaustin.org/registervbs](http://fumcaustin.org/registervbs).

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Evelyn Miller, given by Steven and Lydia McMahan.

### GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Faye Brown, given by Maitland and Pepper Huffman.

### 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 March 28: Sharon Doss; Judy Funke; Charles Harrison; Julie Nelson; David Nicastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; and Cecily Wright.

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

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bob Bains; Bill and Jerry Berger; Tom Calnan; Ruth Nicks; Andrea Peck; John Rippetoe; and Robbie Youngblood.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda completed and is returning to U. S. and Daviss King's Walk to Emmaus.

Condolences to Ann Fields on the death of her brother, Charlie Brown.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Bryan Black's mother, Maureen Black; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Doug Camp's mother, Jeanie Camp; Reverend Tina Carter; Catherine Crim; Kim Cousins' friend, John Angell; Jimmie Sue Francis' friends, Deanne Wick and Shanna Hasty; Brad Hamer's friend, Jill Madden and her family; Marijo Hartman's father, Joe Rector; Sydney Head's friends, Sandra Leggett and Nicolette Gayette Smith; Tina Hester's stepmother, Marcy Bateman; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio; Art Montzingo's aunt, Marilyn Montzingo; Judy Kostura's friend, Beth Miller; Pat Rives' friends, Marilyn Parks; Susan Tyler, and Marianne Webb; Erin Scarth's friends, Lisa Whatley and Wayne McCloud; Heather Schuelke's mother, Darrellyn Smith; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Cynthia Thomas' uncle, Grant Cartney; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences to the family and friends of Paz and Ysabel Pena 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](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

### BUILDING ON GOD'S CALL

By Gordon Wesley



In 1994 an angel of God in the form of Bert Jones, a retired Air Force pilot, invited me on my first Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip. During closing on our last day at the center that first year, I felt God's presence telling me that this is what He wanted me to do. I came away from that trip with a new purpose. The following year, no longer burdened with first-year anxieties, I had an even better trip and found that I really enjoyed interacting with the high school youth on that trip.

My experiences those first two years on ASP lead me to become a sponsor with our junior and senior high youth on a regular basis. It has become a regular and important part of my life. I look forward to seeing our youth on Sunday evenings, in worship, and on youth trips. I find it so intriguing to watch them make the transformation from an older child into a young adult. It is something I have not experienced personally because I have no children of my own, but I get to watch it unfold over and over again, kind of like the movie *Groundhog Day*, though on a much longer timescale.

You never know when or how God will call you, or what He will call you to do. Sometimes you just have to have faith to jump in and see where He takes you.