



First United  
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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

APRIL 9, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### 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, June 4, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

### 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.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

For informaton about our Holy Week Services, Easter Sunday Services, and Easter Offering, please see the enclosed insert.

### APRIL 10-15 WALK THE LABYRINTH

A labyrinth has a single circuitous path that winds its way into the center, allowing a person to be quiet and focus internally, walking a path of prayer, while meditating. Our labyrinth will be available in the Murchison Chapel Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### APRIL 15 EASTER EGG FESTIVAL

Join the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt/roll on the Capitol grounds from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Barbeque, hot dogs, and pizza available for purchase.



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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

<p><b>16 Sunday</b>  <b>Easter Sunday Services</b>            9:00 and 11:00 a.m.            Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Butterfly Release</b>            10:00 a.m.            Capitol Lawn</p>	<p><b>Confirmation Sunday</b>            11:00 a.m.            Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>17 Monday</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <b>for Easter Holiday</b>            Have a safe and blessed holiday</p>	<p><b>25 Tuesday</b>  <b>Feed My People Fourth Tuesday</b>            4:45-7:00 a.m.            Family Life Center</p>
<p><b>22 Saturday</b>  <b>FUMC Skate Night</b>            6:00-8:00 p.m.            Playland Skate Center, 8822 McCann</p>	<p><b>30 Sunday</b>  <b>ASP Stock Sales Begin</b>            9:00-11:00 a.m.            Sidewalk</p> <p><b>Social Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation</b>            10:00 a.m.            Wesley Hall</p> <p><b>Administrative Board Meeting</b>            12:15 p.m.            Great Hall, Family Life Center</p> <p><b>Children and Youth Choirs Talent Show</b>            3:00 p.m.            Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>23 Sunday</b>  <b>Manna Bag Sale</b>            9:00-11:00 a.m.            Sidewalk</p>	

**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	<b>9 Sun</b>	<b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b> Engage for Youth	9:45 a.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Various Locations Family Life Center
	<b>10 Mon</b>	<b>Walk the Labyrinth</b> English as a Second Language (ESL) Prodigal Sons Men's Group	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Murchison Chapel Family Life Center Room 103, Family Life Center
	<b>11 Tue</b>	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b> Walk the Labyrinth	4:45-7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Murchison Chapel
	<b>12 Wed</b>	<b>Walk the Labyrinth</b> Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews Wednesday Morning Bible Study Handbell Choir Rehearsal Easter Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-7:45 p.m.	Murchison Chapel fumcaustin.org/submissions Room 213, Sanctuary Building Sanctuary Balcony Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	<b>13 Thur</b>	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b> Feed My People Breakfast Worship Walk the Labyrinth English as a Second Language (ESL) Maundy Thursday Services	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center Murchison Chapel Family Life Center Sanctuary
	<b>14 Fri</b>	<b>Walk the Labyrinth</b> Good Friday Family Service Good Friday Services	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.	Murchison Chapel Wesley Hall Sanctuary
	<b>15 Sat</b>	<b>Easter Egg Festival</b> Walk the Labyrinth	9:30-11:00 a.m. 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Capitol Grounds Murchison Chapel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 21, 28, AND MAY 5, FRIDAYS

**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 22, SATURDAY

**Skate Night . 6:00-8:00 p.m. Playland Skate Center, 8822 McCann**

Join us for a family-friendly skate night. Admission is \$8 per skater at the door, which includes the cost of skate rental. Walkers are available for novice skaters at no additional charge. Rollerblades are an additional \$3. If you have questions, contact Dan Kilday at [danielkilday@hotmail.com](mailto:danielkilday@hotmail.com).

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.

APRIL 30, SUNDAY

**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).

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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).

## 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 \$35 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

### NEW MEMBERS



#### The Dodd Family

Ron and Felicia Dodd, their son, Connor Dodd, and Connor's son, Caldwell joined by transfer from another Methodist church.

### EASTER EGG FESTIVAL: HOP UP AND HELP OUT

Our festival is less than a week away and we still have many spots open to serve. Sign up for a fun and egg-citing day of fellowship and service by visiting [fumcaustin.org/eggfestival](http://fumcaustin.org/eggfestival). Questions? Contact Lara Greene at [lara@fumcaustin.org](mailto:lara@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 211).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

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

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission is completed and is returning to U. S.

Condolences to Tina Hester on the death of her stepmother, Marcy Bateman; to the family and friends of Lila Matthys on her death; and to David Strong on the death of his cousin, Jean Stephens.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Chris and Judy Funke's sister-in-law, Brenda Funke; Bob Garrett's father-in-law, David Hester; Louis Garcia; Marijo Hartman's father, Joe Rector; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio; Judy Kostura's friend, Beth Miller and her family; Ginger Metz's friend, Debra Taylor; Pat Rives' friends, Marilyn Parks, Susan Tyler, and Marianne Webb; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Wayne McLoud and Lisa Whatley; Tom Standwitz's friends, the Traylor family; Carol Walker's friends, the Eckert family; and Alex Wheat's father-in-law, Jim Ross.



### 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.

### TOILETRIES AND SOCKS DRIVE

The members of our 2017 Confirmation Class are collecting much needed toiletries and socks for our Feed My People breakfasts on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Sundays, April 23 and 30, please bring travel-sized deodorant, lotion, shampoo, and soap, and new white tube/crew socks to place in the collection bins in the foyers of the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center.

### DISCERNMENT ABOUT 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. Discernment articles and materials, including upcoming Town Hall Meetings, may be viewed at [www.fumcaustin.org/discernment](http://www.fumcaustin.org/discernment). For comments or questions, email [discernment@fumcaustin.org](mailto:discernment@fumcaustin.org).

## FAITH IN ACTION

### DIPPING YOUR TOES IN GRACE

By Tim Deschner



I was the “fat kid with braces” to the other 7th graders at Baker Junior High school. Outwardly I took it with humor and even sass, but inwardly that rejection cut deep. Then one Sunday my youth pastor invited me to go on a youth retreat to the HEB Foundation Camp, and there on a hot, dry summer day, she read the passage from Isaiah in which God tells a rejected people: “Water will gush forth in the wilderness.” We could hear the Frio River gurgling in the distance. She invited us to pick up a rock representing a burden we carried and, when we were ready, to throw it into the river. Later that afternoon, I sent “fat kid with braces” to the bottom of the Frio. Her youth ministry trick worked.

The living water I found that summer was the acceptance within my church's youth group – that spiritual ecosystem teeming with teenagers, frisky college-aged counselors, and wise adults – all bound together in a love for Christ. That is why I work with the youth to this day. I want them to have that watering hole of grace “gushing forth” in whatever wilderness they may find themselves (and there are many). To watch them grow and play together, to hear their “ah-ha” moments, or to see them exhausted at the end of an ASP workday is to witness God's grace in their lives. It feels as good as dipping your toes in the Frio River on a hot summer day.