



First United  
Methodist Church  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

APRIL 23, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS TOILETRIES AND SOCKS DRIVE

Collection Bins . Foyers, Sanctuary and Family Life Center

Did you know about 250 men and women come to the Feed My People breakfast each Tuesday and Thursday? Our Confirmation Class would like to help ensure that there are enough toiletries for the many guests who take showers each morning. Confirmands spent time exploring issues of homelessness and why toiletries are important—health and hygiene, cleanliness for a job interview, and self-esteem. They also learned that clean socks are always asked for—they are especially important when you walk a lot! Confirmands are collecting travel-sized deodorant, lotion, shampoo, and soap, and new white tube/crew socks today and next Sunday, April 30.

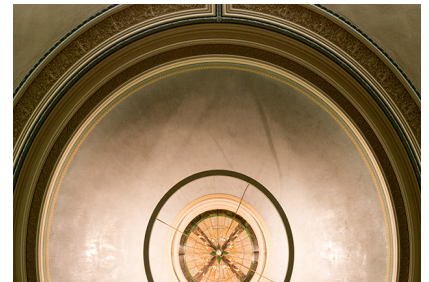
### APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS

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 28 AND MAY 5  
MUSIC  
UNDER THE DOME



First Church Presents  
Free Lunchtime Concerts  
During Eastertide

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

Classic Jazz  
(Featuring Austin's Trio Verde)

12:10-12:45 P.M.

SANCTUARY

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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

**30 Sunday**

Toiletries and Socks Drive

Collection Bins

Foyer, Family Life Center and Sanctuary

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

Registration Deadline for

Pre-teen Retreat

lara@fumcaustin.org

## MAY

**5 Friday**

Music Under the Dome

12:10-12:45 p.m.

Sanctuary

**7 Sunday**

Town Hall Meeting Part 1

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

Town Hall Meeting Part 2

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

Vacation Bible School Work Day

12:15 p.m.

Wesley Hall

**9 Tuesday**

Book Study: Compassion

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

**14 Sunday**

Finding Your Fit

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

**16 Tuesday**

Book Study: Compassion

6:30-7:30 p.m.

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**19 Friday**

Kids' Night Out

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Education Building

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

**21 Sunday**

Manna Bag Sale

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sidewalk

Immigration Law Presentation

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Town Hall Meeting Part 1

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

Town Hall Meeting Part 2

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

**23 Tuesday**

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Book Study: Compassion

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

**29 Monday**

Church Office Closed

for Memorial Day Holiday

Have a safe and blessed holiday

K E E W S H T	<b>23 Sun</b>	Toiletries and Socks Drive	Collection Bins	Foyer, Family Life Center/Sanctuary
		Manna Bag Sale	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	9:45 a.m.	Various Locations
		Engage for Youth	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	<b>24 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>25 Tue</b>	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	<b>26 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 Choir Rehearsal	7:00-7:45 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	<b>27 Thur</b>	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
	<b>28 Fri</b>	Music Under the Dome	12:10-12:45 p.m.	Sanctuary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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).

### MAY 7, SUNDAY

#### Vacation Bible School (VBS) Work Day . 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

Volunteers are needed to assemble decorations for this year's Hero Central VBS. Lunch provided by RSVP to Laura Lee Daigle at [lauraleedaigle@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleedaigle@gmail.com) or 512-653-4027. We are collecting large cardboard boxes to build a "cityscape." If you get any large packages, please save them and bring them to the work day. Help us purchase VBS supplies and decorations through our new Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/90yE86f>. Thank you for supporting our VBS.

### MAY 14, SUNDAY

#### Finding Your Fit . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Pastor Cathy Stone is beginning a conversation about the need for new ways of connection at First Church. Have you found your place to connect? Do the current Sunday School offerings not quite fit you? Have your needs changed and you are looking for a new place to fit? Let's talk and explore new ideas for places and ways to fit and connect here at First Church.

### MAY 21, SUNDAY

#### Immigration Law Presentation . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Join speaker Paul Parsons, FUMC member and leading immigration attorney, to hear about immigration laws as they have been for many years, especially affecting people in Texas. Paul will relate calls he gets from employers wanting to help workers become citizens and the very complex answers to what they want to do. You will understand much more about "Why don't they just become citizens?" This presentation is sponsored by the Downtowners Class.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
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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).

MAY 9, 16, AND 23, TUESDAYS

Book Study: *Compassion*

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie



You are invited to read and discuss *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life* by Henri Nouwen, Donald McNeill, and Douglas Morrison.

In this provocative essay on that least understood virtue, compassion, the authors challenge themselves and us with these questions: Where do we place compassion in our lives? Is it enough to live a life in which we hurt one another as little as possible? Is our guiding ideal a life of maximum pleasure and minimum pain? *Compassion* says no.

*Compassion* is a book that says no to a compassion of guilt and failure and yes to a compassionate love that pervades our spirit and moves us to action. These three authors have written a moving document on what it means to be a Christian in a difficult time.

There is a Facebook group for online discussion as well as meeting in person. All are welcome to join online and/or in person at La Madeline. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

#### May 9

Introduction and Part One:  
*The Compassionate God*

#### May 16

Part Two:  
*The Compassionate Life*

#### May 23

Part Three:  
*The Compassionate Way*

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Easter Offering in memory of Cate George, given by Justin and Erin Scarth.

To our Susanna Wesley Class in memory of Lila Matthys, given by Sidney and Emily Cernoch; Phyllis Chavarria; and Walter Z. Zellers.

### SIGN UP 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.

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Mary Higgs; Ruth Nicks; Andrea Peck; John Rippetoe; Carol Simsak; and George Vanderhule.

Condolences to Dixie Fulp on the death of her sister, Martha Pearson.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Ann Byrd's friends, Annette and Cody; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Gail Dalrymple's son, Scott, and Melissa; Bob Garrett and Tina Hester's father, David Hester; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce Lester; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs' friend, Betty Kurio; Brenda Hostler; Amy Hurst's father, Jay Hurt; Rebecca Maag for Syrian brothers and sisters; Mary Ann Nations' friends, Shannon Bailey, Maureen Gerke, and Lorraine Gile; Stacy Prentice's sister, Catherine Roessler; Chad Harkin's friend, Shelley Dahlberg; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Wayne McLoud and Lisa Whatley; Heather Schuelke's mother, Darrellyn Smith; Tom Ward's friend, Martha Rees; and Amy Wink's brother, Mark Wink.

### 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.

### SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

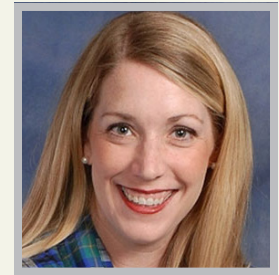
Honor someone you love and appreciate, remember a departed loved one, or celebrate special days or events in your life or the life of the church. Cost is \$65. Contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### ASP STOCK SALES BEGIN APRIL 30



FUMC's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team is raising funds for this year's mission trip to Knox County, Kentucky, June 16-27. Stop by the table on the sidewalk between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. to learn more about ASP, meet team members, and purchase stock in our ASP trip and the youth of our church.

## FAITH IN ACTION SEEING WITH EYES OF FAITH By Emily George



On a dreary morning in March, I joined dozens of other volunteers in a cold middle school cafeteria in northeast Austin. We were there to volunteer for a legal clinic hosted by Texas Here to Stay, a coalition of advocacy groups and attorneys that provides legal information to immigrants. We were there as Spanish translators, attorneys, and other volunteers who wanted to help, but, most importantly, as people of God who were there to love and care for our neighbors.

Hours before we started our volunteer training, immigrants began to form a line that snaked through the school and out the front door. They came to the clinic to learn about their rights and meet with attorneys. Many people walked up to our tables with fear in their eyes. What if ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) stops me and I get detained? Who will care for my children? They were terrified that a quick trip to H.E.B. would turn into a run-in with ICE and they would be taken away from their kids, their lives, their families, and be deported. We did our best to assure them that they are always welcome.

What an honor it was to share with them the love of Christ. We stand with them, our immigrant neighbors. Presbyterian minister Leighton Ford said, "I hope my fellow Christian believers will see immigration not through a lens of fear, but through the eyes of faith, as an opportunity to welcome and serve."

My eyes of faith are open; are yours?