



**First United  
Methodist Church**  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

APRIL 30, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS

#### Feed My People Breakfast Program

Donations for this twice weekly breakfast program may be left at the altar rail or sent to or brought by the church office.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS TOILETRIES AND SOCKS DRIVE Collection Bins . Foyers, Sanctuary and Family Life Center

Place your travel-sized deodorant, lotion, shampoo, and soap, and new white tube/crew socks in the collection bins.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR PRE-TEEN RETREAT

#### [fumcaustin.org/lovinaction](http://fumcaustin.org/lovinaction)

Today is the deadline to register for our annual retreat for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The cost is \$40. For more information, see the insert.

### STOCK SALES FOR APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

#### 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sidewalk

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 to learn about ASP, meet team members, and purchase stock in our trip and our youth.

### 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.

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

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

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. This meeting will include a brief Charge Conference to address HVAC plans. Board members have voting rights.

### 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 First Church! Come see our children and youth sing, play, and impress you with their skills.

## MAY 7, MAY 21, OR JUNE 4 TOWN HALL MEETING PART 1 AND 2

This spring, FUMC has been discerning the call to provide an inclusive ministry to all couples preparing for marriage. After months of informal conversation, learning, and prayer, we have come to the discussion phase of this process. Sign up for a Town Hall Meeting today. For more information, see the insert.

PART 1: 10:00 A.M.  
PART 2: 12:15 P.M.  
GREAT HALL

## MAY 5, FRIDAY MUSIC UNDER THE DOME



Classic Jazz  
(Features Austin's Trio Verde performing classic jazz by Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, and others)

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

## MAY

### 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

### 13 Saturday

**Family Hike Day**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Emma Long Park, 1600 City Park Road

### 14 Sunday

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

### 16 Tuesday

**Book Study: Compassion**  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

### 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

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

### 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

### 28 Sunday

**UMW Unit Meeting**  
12:15 p.m.  
Wesley Hall

### 29 Monday

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

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| <b>W<br/>E<br/>E<br/>K</b> | <b>30 Sun</b> | <b>Toiletries and Socks Drive</b>               | Collection Bins       | Foyer, Family Life Center/Sanctuary |
|                            |               | <b>ASP Stock Sales</b>                          | 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  | Sidewalk                            |
|                            |               | <b>Social Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation</b> | 10:00 a.m.            | Wesley Hall                         |
|                            |               | <b>Administrative Board Meeting</b>             | 12:15 p.m.            | Great Hall, Family Life Center      |
|                            |               | <b>Children and Youth Choirs Talent Show</b>    | 3:00 p.m.             | Sanctuary                           |
|                            |               | <b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>       | 9:45 a.m.             | Various Locations                   |
|                            |               | <b>Engage for Youth</b>                         | 4:00-6:00 p.m.        | Family Life Center                  |
| <b>W<br/>E<br/>E<br/>K</b> | <b>1 Mon</b>  | <b>English as a Second Language (ESL)</b>       | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Family Life Center                  |
|                            |               | <b>Prodigal Sons Men's Group</b>                | 6:30-8:30 p.m.        | Room 103, Family Life Center        |
|                            | <b>3 Wed</b>  | <b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b>       | 10:00 a.m.            | fumcaustin.org/submissions          |
|                            |               | <b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>            | 10:00 a.m.            | Room 213, Sanctuary Building        |
| <b>T<br/>H<br/>I<br/>S</b> |               | <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b>                 | 6:00-7:00 p.m.        | Sanctuary Balcony                   |
|                            |               | <b>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</b>                     | 7:00-8:30 p.m.        | Choir Room, Sanctuary Building      |
|                            | <b>4 Thur</b> | <b>Feed My People Breakfast Worship</b>         | 6:30 a.m.             | Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center |
| <b>W<br/>E<br/>E<br/>K</b> |               | <b>English as a Second Language (ESL)</b>       | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Family Life Center                  |
|                            | <b>5 Fri</b>  | <b>Music Under the Dome</b>                     | 12:10-12:45 p.m.      | Sanctuary                           |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### MAY 13, SATURDAY

#### Family Hike Day . 9:00-11:00 a.m. Emma Long Park, 1600 City Park Road

Join us for a hike on Turkey Creek Trail. This shady trail is about 2.8 miles long and crosses the creek repeatedly. Great for nature enthusiasts and dog lovers (off-leash). There are quite a few creek crossings, so wear some hiking sandals/breathing shoes that you can get wet, but give your feet good protection. There is a small parking lot that can get crowded on weekends.

### MAY 14, SUNDAY

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

Pastor Cathy Stone is beginning a conversation about 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 19, 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. Family Life Center

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.

### MAY 21, SUNDAY

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

Our 4th and 5th grade children show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. Bags contain nutritious snacks, a pair of socks, and a note with God's blessing. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

#### 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 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?"

#### 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](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good  
at [marilyn@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marilyn@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews  
using submission form at [fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

### 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

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our church office is in need of a data entry person for Sunday School and worship attendance. This position requires coming in once a week either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Contact Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200) or Laurie Barr at [laurie@fumcaustin.org](mailto:laurie@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 202).

### ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

Placing flowers on the altar is a wonderful way to 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. Available dates for the next two months are: May 7, 21, and 28 and June 11 and 18. Other dates are also available. Contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Mark Hamre; Ruth Nicks; and Andrea Peck.

Condolences to Raymond Lewis on the death of his sister, Aline Crenshaw, and niece, Linda Guidry.

Other: Michael Mumme's walk on the Camino de Santiago.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Terry Cornwell's and Grady Besler's friend, Richard Tait; Cindy Gunderson's brother, Scott, Alice and family, Phyliss and family, Ken, and Steve; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs' friend, Betty Kurio; Brenda Hostler; Amy Hurst's father, Jay Hurt; Virginia McCarroll's great nephew, Parker Birdwell; Larry Peters' friends, Peter Houghtaling, Ethanie Kokosa, and Charles Roper; Peter Houghtaling; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' neighbors, the Pettinos family; Rick Russell's cousin, Bonnie Walker; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Lisa Whatley and Wayne McCloud; Heather Schuelke's mother, Darrellyn Smith; Steve Spears and Rebecca Leonard's brother-in-law, Brian Fitzgerald; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; David Strong's friend, Lucinda; Ben Thoma's sister, Hedi Thoma; Cynthia Thomas' sister, Lydia Engstrom; Ann Venno's husband, Bruce Venno; and Cindy Walter's grandson, Oliver Walter.

Condolences to the family and friends of Bobbi Boone.

### 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.

### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Dixie Fulp's sister Martha Pearson, given by Tami Kellberg and Sally Watkins.

### GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Ministry Plan in memory of Ann Field's brother, Charlie Brown, given by Sally Watkins.

To our Susanna Wesley Class in memory of Lila Matthys, given by Nicole and Jackie Askelson; Frederick and Judith Matthys; John and Sharon Parma.

### 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 April 25: Sharon Doss; Judy Funke; Julie Nelson; David Nicaastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; Donovan White; and Cecily Wright. Judy Funke also provided a sewing ministry for our guests.

## FAITH IN ACTION

HOSPITALITY:  
BEHIND THE SCENES  
By Terri Purdy



In January, FUMC hosted CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) for Texas Muslim Capitol Day. The event brought over 600 Muslims and supporters from all over Texas to learn about civic advocacy and meet their elected officials. Numerous FUMC folks volunteered. Some greeted guests at the Sanctuary and FLC. Some acted as "peaceful protectors" during the rally, creating a human shield between participants and protesters. Some volunteered through CAIR, leading guests to and from the Capitol for the rally, lunch, and representative meetings.

I spent the entire day setting up and serving lunch. Working with a few volunteers, we set up rows of folding chairs, received delivery of warm halal lunches, and puzzled over how to quickly feed hundreds of hungry guests without distracting from the advocacy training. After carting food and drinks to serve each row of seats, we had a short break before the second lunch shift, followed by cleanup. I will admit the day was less exciting and more physically taxing than I would have expected.

But even throughout the mundane work, I felt assured that it was God's work. That day, FUMC demonstrated, through not just words on a banner, but through action, that "We Stand With Our Muslim Neighbors."