



First United
Methodist Church
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

MAY 14, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

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.

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 MISSION EMPHASIS

FreeStore . Memorial UMC Gym . 6100 Berkman Drive

The FreeStore is back and we are excited to restart our support of this ministry at its new home, Memorial UMC, through our giving and serving. The FreeStore is more than a place to share clothing and household goods. It is a place where people from all walks of life have an opportunity to build relationships. The foundations of this intentionally cross-cultural, multi-racial community lie in the affirmation of God's love for all people. You are invited to support this ministry by donating funds to help with its operation, by donating gently used or new clothing and household items, or by serving anytime it is open. The FreeStore is open for shopping on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Donations are received Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Monetary donations, marked "FreeStore" may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate on any Sunday in May. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office. To find out more about the FreeStore, visit freestoreaustin.org or contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

MAY 20, SATURDAY
THIRD SATURDAY
AT THE FREESTORE

FreeStore

FUMC members and friends are invited to serve together each third Saturday beginning this month.

Serving opportunities include: assisting shoppers; bagging items; providing hospitality; sorting, organizing, and shelving donated items; and sharing stories over a cup of coffee.

There is something for everyone—children, youth, individuals, and families—so we hope to see you on May 20!

8:30-11:30 A.M.
MEMORIAL UMC GYM
6100 BERKMAN DRIVE

1201 Lavaca Street | Austin, Texas, 78701 | 512-478-5684 | www.fumcaustin.org

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

21 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

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

25 Thursday

Pickle Elementary Book Sale

8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Pickle Elementary

29 Monday

Church Office Closed

for Memorial Day Holiday

Have a safe and blessed holiday

JUNE

4 Sunday

Town Hall Meeting Part 1

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Town Hall Meeting Part 2

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m.

Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DEADLINE: JULY 7



Discover your strength in God at Hero Central Vacation Bible School (VBS). Kids aged 4 years to entering sixth grade will meet 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 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.

**JULY 31-AUGUST 4
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

THIS WEEK

14 Sun	ASP Stock Sales	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Sidewalk
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	9:45 a.m.	Various Locations
	Finding Your Fit	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
15 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
16 Tues	Book Study: Compassion	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
17 Wed	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	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
18 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
19 Fri	Kids' Night Out	5:30-9:00 p.m.	Education Building
	Connect for Tweens	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
20 Sat	Third Saturday at the FreeStore	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 4th 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 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.

MAY 23, 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.

MAY 25, THURSDAY

Pickle Elementary Book Sale . 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pickle Elementary

As your kids complete another year of school, please consider donating their old books. Place gently-used or new books in the collection bin off the sanctuary foyer. Monetary donations, marked "Pickle Elementary," are also appreciated to purchase Spanish-language books. Volunteers are needed to sort books on May 21 and/or work at the Book Sale on May 25. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/pickle.

MAY 28, SUNDAY

United Methodist Women Unit Meeting . 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

This meeting will include a potluck lunch, brief unit business, and a round-table discussion of action steps available to individuals and UMW circles. All members and friends of United Methodist Women are welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,
PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.

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

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

MAY 21 OR JUNE 4, SUNDAYS

Town Hall Meetings

Part 1: 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Part 2: 12:15-2:00 p.m.

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.

All First Church members are invited to participate in one two-part Town Hall Meeting. Both meetings cover the same information and materials.

Part One takes place during the Sunday School hour from 10:00-10:45 a.m. This part consists of an overall briefing about issues that arise when UMC congregations strive for marriage equality. Part Two follows the 11:00 a.m. worship service from 12:15-2:00 p.m. This part is a discussion open to questions, comments, and conversations that takes place after lunch is served.

Sunday School classes are encouraged to consider attending one of the meetings as a group. For both classes and individuals, we ask that you register for the meeting you plan to attend so that we may obtain an accurate count for food. Register at fumcaustin.org/townhall.

Following the Town Hall meetings, the Discernment Committee will review feedback and develop recommendations for the Administrative Board to consider at its August meeting. Should the Board approve further church action, a Church Conference for all FUMC members will take place on Sunday, September 25, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. A 75% majority vote will be required to proceed with any recommendation.

Discernment articles and materials may be viewed at www.fumcaustin.org/discernment. For comments or questions, email discernment@fumcaustin.org.

CHURCH BUSINESS

MAY 7, SUNDAY

Our New Members



Patty Calixto and Mary Kane

Patty joined as an Associate Member and Mary joined by transfer from another Methodist church.



Barrett, Carly, and Cash Criscoe

Barrett and Carly joined by profession of faith.



Carol Ferguson and Brenda Prothro

Carol and Brenda both joined by transfer from another Methodist church.

JUNE 4, SUNDAY

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel

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, Director of Connections, at trevor@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217).

JUNE 4-AUGUST 13, SUNDAYS

Summer Teachers Needed

Get to know our amazing children and youth by serving in a classroom this summer. Beginning June 4, our regular teachers take the summer off, so this is a great opportunity for other church members and parents to step in and build relationships with our young people. Lessons and instructions are provided. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/teach. After signing up, a staff person will contact you. For more information, contact Lara Greene at lara@fumcaustin.org (children: Pre-K - 5th grades) or Molly Drazic at drazics@sbcglobal.net (youth: 6th - 12th grade).

SIGN UP FOR

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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. Available dates for the next several months are: May 28, June 11 and 18, and July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Other dates are also available. Arrangement cost is \$65. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Program in memory of Fred and Lila Matthys, given by the Fred Matthys Sunday School Class.
- To our Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast in honor of Ryan Schulte's confirmation, given by Marlyn Kramer.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Ann Fields; Elizabeth Lerner; Rick Ortiz; and Andrea Peck.

Condolences to T. J. Turner on the death of his grandmother, Jackie Turner.

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

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Kevin Black's parents, Edgar and Norma Jean Black; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Bob Garrett's brother, Jim Garrett; Debbie Grote's grandmother, Lorraine Bayh; Ron Hall; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio; Brenda Hostler's friends, Dave, Remi, and Terry; Maggie Missal's cousin, Jamie; Chip Morris' friend, Debbie Keith; Diane Render's daughter, Shellye Arnold; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Wayne McCloud and Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' father and mother, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; Nancy White's brother, Don Beard; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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 and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.