



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

MAY 21, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SORT BOOKS

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Genesis Classroom**

Come to the Genesis Classroom, behind the library in the Sanctuary Building, to help sort books for our Pickle Elementary Book Sale on May 25.

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.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) STOCK SALE

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

Our 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.

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. 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?"

TOWN HALL MEETING ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY

10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. **Great Hall, Family Life Center**

This meeting is for those who have registered. If you have not registered for a Town Hall Meeting, visit fumcaustin.org/townhall. For more information about these meetings, visit www.fumcaustin.org/discernment.

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES (MLF) THIRD SUNDAY

4:00 and 5:00 p.m. **MLF Kitchen, Wesley Hall**

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 28, SUNDAY UMW UNIT MEETING

This meeting includes 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.

12:15 P.M.
WESLEY HALL
SANCTUARY BUILDING

MAY 30, TUESDAY SMALLER TOWN HALL MEETING

As an alternative to the larger Town Hall Meetings on Marriage Equality, join us for this smaller meeting. We will include a briefing about issues that arise when UMC congregations strive for marriage equality and discuss questions and comments about how FUMC can respond. Register at fumcaustin.org/townhall.

6:30-8:30 P.M.
LA MADELEINE
5493 BRODIE LANE

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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

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

30 Tuesday

Town Hall Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.
La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

JUNE

2 Friday

FUMC Movie Night
7:30 p.m.
Community First! Village, 9301 Hog Eye

4 Sunday

Town Hall Meeting Part 1
10:00-10:45 a.m.
Wesley Hall

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m.
Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

Town Hall Meeting Part 2

12:15-2:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

9 Friday

Kids' Night Out
5:30-9:00 p.m.
Education Building

11 Sunday

Baby Celebration
10:00-10:45 a.m.
Wesley Hall
Town Hall Meeting Part 1
10:00-10:45 a.m.
Murchison Chapel
ASP Team Commissioned
11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary
Town Hall Meeting Part 2
12:15-2:00 p.m.
Murchison Chapel

CHURCH LIFE:
YOUR ONLINE PORTAL
TO FUMC

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Church Life is a secure cloud-based church management software system that allows members to access the church calendar review their contact information, schedule one-time or recurring giving, view giving history and pledge commitment, and access a church directory. Church Life is also available in a mobile app so you can have this information at your fingertips. For more information, contact Mary Heckmann at mary@fumcaustin.org

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21 Sun	ASP Stock Sales	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Sidewalk
	Manna Bag Sale	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	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
	ASP Team Meeting	12:15 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	Town Hall Meeting Part 2	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
22 Mon	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday	4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
23 Tues	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	Book Study: Compassion	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
24 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
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
25 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	Pickle Elementary Book Sale	8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Pickle Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2, FRIDAY

FUMC Movie Night . Community First! Village, 9301 Hog Eye Road
Kick off the summer with a screening of ZOOTOPIA at sundown! Bring your family, friends, blankets, chairs, flashlights, and bug spray. (Closed-toe shoes recommend.) Come as early as 7:30 p.m. to explore Community First! Village, find our FUMC group so we can sit together, and enjoy your favorite snacks. Hot dogs, s'mores, popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase. (Cash preferred.) This event is free, however a \$5 donation is appreciated. Registration is required at mlf.org/event/movie-night-zootopia/ and then email Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org so we know to look for you!

JUNE 4, SUNDAY

First Steps Class . 12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
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 9, 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.

JUNE 11, SUNDAY

Baby Celebration . 10:00-10:45 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
We will be honoring the babies born since May 2016 and their parents at a brunch. Come meet other parents and little ones and receive a special blessing. If you have welcomed a new addition to your family, email Lara Greene at lara@fumcaustin.org and then plan to attend the celebration. We are excited to celebrate your being part of our church family.

Town Hall Meeting . Murchison Chapel, Education Building

All First Church members are invited to participate in this two-part Town Hall Meeting. Part One is 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 is 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. Register at fumcaustin.org/townhall.

JULY 31-AUGUST 4, MONDAY-FRIDAY

Vacation Bible School . 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 23, TUESDAY

**Feed My People Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m.**

Great Hall, Family Life Center

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

Pickle Elementary

Volunteers are needed to help with our next Pickle Elementary Book Sale. To sign up or for more information, visit fumcaustin.org/pickle.



JUNE 4-AUGUST 13, SUNDAYS

**Summer Teachers Needed
for Children and Youth**

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 you sign 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).

CHURCH BUSINESS

MAY MISSION EMPHASIS

We are excited to restart our support of the FreeStore at Memorial UMC, 6100 Berkman Drive. 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).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Carol Ferguson; Ann Fields; Pastor Taylor Fuerst and her family; Carol Kay Johnson; Elizabeth Lerner; Rick Ortiz; Andrea Peck; and David Strong. Condolences to Elizabeth and Lisa Pittman on the death of their grandmother, Beatrice Oros. Other: Traveling mercies for Howard and Marijo Hartman and Michael Mumme's walk on the Camino de Santiago.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Sarah Austin's mother, Linda Hopper; Laurie Barr's friend, Katie; Kevin Black's parents, Edgar and Norma Jean Black; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Grady Basler's and Terry Cornwell's friend, Richard Tait; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Pastor Taylor Fuerst's mother, Dawn Meador; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio; Brenda Hostler's friends, Dave, Levi, Remi, and Terry; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Wayne McLoud and Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' father and mother, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; Kathy Tullos' friend, Alejra Amirr; 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.

RECEIVING FUMC ENEWS?

Church news and events are published weekly in both our printed FUMC Weekly and digital FUMC eNews. It is easy to sign up for FUMC eNews at www.fumcaustin.org/emailsSignup where you have the option to subscribe to our FUMC eNews, our Family Updates for families with children (infants-11 years), and/or our Youth Updates for families with youth (6-12 grades).

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).

FAITH IN ACTION

HILL COUNTRY RIDE FOR AIDS FOR AIDS

By Ben Thoma



This Spring, I experienced the joy of participating in the Hill Country Ride for AIDS. A ton of people ride bikes in races and tours every day. I am not special, but this ride is special. Here is why you should know about it, even if you are not a cyclist.

The ride is a fundraiser, netting half a million dollars to help fund 10 different HIV/AIDS charities in central Texas, supporting hundreds of people. But did you know that FUMC hosts an annual pre-race dinner in our Family Life Center? I wish you could have been there, because it is exactly what that building is meant for: to serve as a place of acceptance, connection, and facilitate spiritual growth. Dozens of people who have been shunned or hurt by religion were welcomed and shown grace by our church. It was beautiful!

The ride itself is also beautiful—both in scenery and people. Fortunately, I have not faced AIDS directly or indirectly in my life, but the cause became more personal during the ride. A mile from the toughest hill, the roadside wildflowers were joined by a steady cadence of red flags. Each had the name of someone who passed away from AIDS. Their struggle was over, but the signs reminded me their spirit was not forgotten. I have heard it said: We do not die when our body dies. We die when people stop remembering us. If this is true, then this community is keeping thousands of people alive with this ride.

This ride is truly a Tour de ♥!