



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JUNE 4, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

TOILETRY COLLECTION

Collection Bins . Foyers, Sanctuary and Family Life Center

Place your toiletry donations in the collection bins. For more information, see the article on the "Calendar" page.

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.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY

10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

This meeting is for those who have registered. If you have not registered for a two-part Town Hall Meeting, visit fumcaustin.org/townhall. For more information about the Town Hall Meetings and our discernment process, visit www.fumcaustin.org/discernment.

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. Walk-ins welcome. Lunch is provided.

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS

Peace with Justice Offering

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Because of the Peace with Justice Offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. Half of our offering will go to support Peace with Justice Grants beyond our local church, at the Conference and Global level of the UMC. The other half will go to support the peace and justice work of Austin Region of Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON), a United Methodist-affiliated immigration ministry that provides free or low-cost legal advice and services. Each year, Justice for Our Neighbors offers hope and transforms the lives of thousands of low-income immigrants from around the world. In two years of operation ARJFON has literally helped families from all over the world, and has a special emphasis on representation of undocumented minors. Monetary donations may be left at our communion rail or sent to or brought by the church office during June.

SIGN UP TODAY TO TEACH!

As school comes to a close this week for most of our children and youth, we want to thank their Sunday School teachers who have worked all year long to prepare lessons, engage the students in thoughtful discussion, and connect our children and youth to their faith. We have 30+ faithful teachers who have earned a respite for the summer.

But, the kids will keep coming! What a blessing! We need the members of our congregation to step up in service to these young disciples. Both the children and youth curricula are available in PDF and in print form in the classroom, and they require minimal preparation time, but offer maximum impact when you engage with those smiling faces.

With two teachers required per classroom, we have 120 spots to fill for the summer. We cannot effectively serve our children and youth without filling these spaces. Please sign up for one or more spots at fumcaustin.org/teach.

For more information, contact Lara Greene (preschool-5th grade) at lara@fumcaustin.org or Molly Drazic (6th-12th grade) at mdrazics@sbccglobal.net.

Together, we can make a difference this summer.

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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

JUNE

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

Youth Summer Kickoff

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover

12 Monday

Deadline to Order Alternative Gifts

for Father's Day

tami@fumcaustin.org

13 Tuesday

FUMC Day of Service

1:30-4:30 p.m.
Sign up at fumcaustin.org/dayofservice

16 Friday

Appalachia Service Project Team Departs for Knox County, Kentucky

6:30 a.m., Church Parking Lot

17 Saturday

3rd Saturday at the FreeStore

8:30-11:30 a.m.
Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

18 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel

Manna Bag Sale

9:00-11:00 a.m.
Sidewalk

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

22 Thursday

Youth Poolside

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Deep Eddy Pool, 401 Deep Eddy

25 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel

27 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.
Family Life Center

Appalachia Service Project Team Returns from Knox County, Kentucky

5:00 p.m., Church Parking Lot

JUNE AND JULY: TOILETRY COLLECTION

Traveling this summer? Pack up those unused toiletry items and donate them for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Travel size toiletry items can make a difference in someone's life, so stock up and share. Want to take it a step further? Start your own collection ministry by asking family, friends, and neighbors to participate, too. During Vacation Bible School, children will assemble hygiene kits, so we will need at least 300 of each of the following items:

Travel Size: bar soap, conditioner, hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo, and toothpaste.

Full Size: Chapstick, combs, disposable razors, feminine hygiene items, stick deodorant, and toothbrushes.

Donation bins will be in the foyers of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center. For more information or questions, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

K E E W	4 Sun	ASP Stock Sales	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Sidewalk
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		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
W	5 Mon	Town Hall Meeting Part 2	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall
		English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
S H T	7 Wed	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
		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
H	8 Thur	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
		Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
T	9 Fri	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
		Kids' Night Out	5:30-9:00 p.m.	Education Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 members are invited to 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. Register at fumcaustin.org/townhall.

Youth Summer Kickoff . 4:00-6:00 p.m. Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover

All current youth and our upcoming 6th graders are invited to kickoff the summer. Bring \$15 (bowling and shoes), socks, and money for food.

JUNE 22-JULY 13, THURSDAYS

Youth Poolside . 6:00-8:00 p.m. Deep Eddy Pool, 401 Deep Eddy

Join us for some summer fun! Youth and their families are invited for connecting and swimming. Youth will meet with adult leaders for small groups from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner. Admission fees charged.

JUNE 25, JULY 23, AND AUGUST 27, SUNDAYS

Contemplative Worship Service . 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

Summer is a time for vacation, rejuvenation, and recreation, right? If a trip to the pristine beaches or high mountains (or whatever is your favorite place) is not in the cards for you this summer, how about trying mini-vacations at FUMC? During this time of worship, we will introduce mindfulness meditations. If you would like a safe place to explore a new path or revisit an old one, come join us.

JULY 7, FRIDAY

Registration Deadline for Vacation Bible School

Discover your strength in God at Hero Central Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of July 31-August 4. 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

JUNE 13, TUESDAY

FUMC Day of Service

1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Texas Food Bank
6500 Metropolis**

Adults, youth, and children (eight and over) are invited to serve at the Food Bank. Individuals and families must register online at fumcaustin.org/dayofservice.



JUNE 17, SATURDAY

**3rd Saturday at the FreeStore
8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Memorial UMC Gym
6100 Berkman**

Members and friends are invited to serve together each third Saturday at the FreeStore. Serving opportunities include: assisting shoppers; bagging items; providing hospitality; sorting, organizing, and shelving items; and sharing stories over a cup of coffee. There is something for everyone—children, youth, individuals, and families.



JUNE 18, SUNDAY

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

**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.



JULY 9-15

**Family Promise Hosting
Family Life Center**

Servant hearts of all ages are needed to help provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and host in other ways. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/familypromise.

CHURCH BUSINESS

RENOVATION OF CHILDREN'S AREAS

We celebrate the amazing generosity of the 173 FUMC members, guests, and FUM Preschool families who donated to our Easter Offering. Once again, we underestimated this church's generous spirit. We set a \$20,000 goal for this offering and, to date, we have received \$32,868! Wow! Thank you! Renovations are scheduled for July and August, so be on the lookout for these exciting improvements!

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: 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).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bob Folk and Andrea Peck.

Congratulations to Kent and Candice Black on the birth of their grandson, Nolan, and to Randy and Ann Teich on the birth of their grandson, Liam. Condolences to Jack and Betty Craft on the death of their son, Michael; to Joe Flores on the death of his father; to Nancy Leeper on the death of her brother, John Stevenson; and to Olivia Weldon on the death of her niece, Marilyn Morris.

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

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's nephew, Adam Acock; Kent Black's parents, Edgar and Norma Jean Black; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Molly Drazic's parents, Joe Ray and Janet Custer; Curtis Fuelburg's cousin, Michele Miller; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio; Charlyn Loera's grandmother, Patricia Loera; Delia Peters' co-worker, Sandra Longoria; Larry Peters' friend, Charles Roper; Michael Render's wife, Diane Render; Debbie Rippletote's friends, Charles Bishop and Teresa Megginson; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' parents, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; David Strong's friend, Sally Fifer; Pastor Taylor Fuerst's mother, Dawn Meador; Ann Venno's friend, Rob Hecksel; Nancy White's brother, Don Beard; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

JUNE 7-10

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY

Annual Conference

Corpus Christi

Our pastors and lay delegates will gather with other United Methodists from all over south and west Texas, with Bishop Robert Schnase presiding and featured teaching by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Our pastors will be in daily communication with the church office and, if needed, will return to Austin for pastoral care situations. Our lay delegates are: Davis Covin, Teresa Edwards, and Sandy Wilder, serving as FUMC delegates; Penny Appleby, Noble Doss, Susan Griffith, and Rick Ortiz, serving as Capital District delegates; and Trevor Harper and Charlie Ray serving as alternates. Please pray for annual conference and those attending. Read more at <https://riotexas.org/ac2017>.

FAITH IN ACTION

BEYOND WORDS

By Denise Fischer



I was headed to Lebh Shomea for my first silent retreat. I was new to silence and just learning about contemplative practices.

For our first meal in the dining hall with the large round community tables, I avoided eye contact with the other people seated at the table. I tried to hurry through my meal...looked at the ceiling...looked out the windows...examined my plate as if peering into a microscope. And then I paused and took a breath. As I put the next bite of food in my mouth, I actually tasted the food. I set my fork down. I chewed slowly. And then I realized that it was not so much about being SILENT as it was about being PRESENT. Being present to myself, to the food, to the other people in the room. It was about being there in the moment. It was about listening and breathing and being open.

I settled into the rhythm of the retreat. There were times when it was okay to speak, but mostly we enjoyed the natural beauty around us. We walked, we read, we sat in the sunshine on screened porches, and we opened ourselves up to the silence...the silence that brought us closer to God.

When I returned from that trip, meeting with others at church and sitting in silence became a way to connect not only with God, but also with each other. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn about Christian contemplation through FUMC, and for "silence in community" which is now a part of my spiritual practice.

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