



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JUNE 11, 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 under "Missions."

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. Various Rooms

While we prepare to move out of the Children's Wing in July, we are still having our regular combined summer Sunday School classes: Infants in Room 103; Toddlers in Room 104; Pre-Kindergarten (3-5 years) in Room 102; Kindergarten-2nd Grade in Room 101; and 3rd-5th Grades in Room 108. Remember, children are counted in the grades they have just completed until Movin' Up Sunday on August 20.

BABY CELEBRATION

10:00-10:45 a.m. Wesley Hall

We are 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. We are excited to celebrate your being part of our church family.

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. For more information about our discernment process, visit www.fumcaustin.org/discernment.

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.

SIGN UP TODAY TO TEACH!

As school comes to a close for most 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 drazics@sbcglobal.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

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
Day of Service at FUMC
12:00-5:00 p.m.
Children's Wing

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
Smaller Town Hall Meeting
6:30-8:30 p.m.
HEB Mueller, 1801 East 51 Street

29 Thursday

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

JULY

4 Tuesday

Church Office Closed
for July 4 Holiday
Have a safe and blessed holiday

6 Thursday

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

7 Wednesday

Registration Deadline
for Vacation Bible School (VBS)
fumcaustin.org/registervbs

9 Sunday

Finding Your Fit 2
10:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel

9-15 Sunday-Saturday

Family Promise
Family Life Center
Sign up at

11 Tuesday

Book Study: The White Umbrella
6:30-7:30 p.m.
La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

13 Thursday

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

15 Saturday

FreeStore 3rd Saturday
8:30-11:30 a.m.
Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

16 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel
Manna Bag Sale
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Sidewalk
Vacation Bible School (VBS) Work Day
12:00-3:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

17 Monday

Day of Service at Marbridge
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Marbridge, 2310 Bliss Spillar Road

18 Tuesday

Book Study: The White Umbrella
6:30-7:30 p.m.,
La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

23 Sunday

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

25 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Family Life Center
Book Study: The White Umbrella
6:30-7:30 p.m.,
La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

28 Friday

Weekend of Service at FUMC
Time to be Announced
Youth Area

29 Saturday

Weekend of Service at FUMC
Time to be Announced
Youth and Children Areas

30 Sunday

Fifth Sunday Presentation
10:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel
Weekend of Service at FUMC
Time to be Announced
Decorating and Final Prep for VBS

31 Monday

Vacation Bible School Week Begins
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Building

W E E K	11 Sun	ASP Stock Sales Baby Celebration Sunday School Classes for All Ages Town Hall Meeting Part 1 Town Hall Meeting Part 2 Youth Summer Kickoff	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 10:00-10:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00-10:45 a.m. 12:15-2:00 p.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Sidewalk Wesley Hall Various Locations Murchison Chapel Murchison Chapel Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover
	12 Mon	Deadline for Alternative Father's Day Gifts English as a Second Language (ESL) Prodigal Sons Men's Group	tami@fumcaustin.org 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m.	512-478-5684 (ext. 226) Family Life Center Room 103, Family Life Center
	13 Tues	Day of Service at Texas Food Bank	1:30-4:30 p.m.	Sign up at fumcaustin.org/dayofservice
	14 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews Wednesday Morning Bible Study Handbell Choir Rehearsal FUMC Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions Room 213, Sanctuary Building Sanctuary Balcony Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	15 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship English as a Second Language (ESL)	6:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center Family Life Center
T H I S	16 Fri	Appalachia Service Project Team Departs	6:30 a.m.	Church Parking Lot
	17 Sat	FreeStore 3rd Saturday	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

JUNE 27, TUESDAY

Smaller Town Hall Meeting . 6:30-8:30 p.m., HEB Mueller, 1801 East 51

As an alternative to the larger Town Hall Meetings on Marriage Equality, join us for this smaller meeting in the Community Room. 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.

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.

JULY 9, SUNDAY

Finding Your Fit 2 . 10:00 a.m., Murchison Chapel

We are continuing the conversation about new ways to connect at FUMC. We had a great first conversation in May and will continue discussing and begin the process together of making some plans. Join us for the journey! For more information or questions, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

JULY 11, 18, AND 25, TUESDAYS

The White Umbrella . 6:30-7:30 p.m., La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie

Every year, thousands of young women are forced into sexual exploitation. Most are under the age of 18. The damage this causes to their emotions and souls is immeasurable. But they are not without hope. *The White Umbrella: Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking* tells stories of survivors as well as those who came alongside to help them to recovery and offers principles and guidance to anyone with a heart for these hurting young women and a desire to help. This book study leads up to our Fifth Sunday Social Justice presentation on July 30th. We have a Facebook group for online discussion as well as meeting in person. All are welcome to join us online and/or in person. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

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.

MISSIONS

JUNE 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 the offering will 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.

Monetary donations may be left at our communion rail or sent to or brought by the church office during the month of June.

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).

CHURCH BUSINESS

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: July, 9, 23, and 30 and August 13, 20, and 27. Other dates are also available. Arrangement cost is \$65. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

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/emailsingup 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).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bob Folk; Elizabeth Lerner; Andrea Peck; and Virginia Wattinger. Congratulations to Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg, one of 22 to be inducted to the new Athletic Hall of Fame
Other: 2017 Annual Conference and Michael Mumme's walk on the Camino de Santiago.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Kent Black's parents, Edgar and Norma Jean Black; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Tom and Kathy Calnan's friend, Janice Evans Bruce; Reverend Tina Carter; Molly Drazic's parents, Joe Ray and Janet Custer; Mary John Coats' and Kristi Kevern's father, John Coats; Chris and Judy Funke's friends, Larry and Susie Bishop; Debbie Goate's uncle, Steve Overman; Cindy Gunderson's friend, Chris Hawkins; Ron Hall, Jr. and family; Curtis and Mary Higgs' son, Jimmy Higgs; Jan Higgs' friend, Betty Kurio; Judy Kostura's friend, J. K. Ivey; Charlyn Loera's grandmother, Patricia Loera; Maggie Missal's friend, Rylon; Alice Parrish's friend, D'Anna Wick; Larry Peters' friend, Charles Roper; Michael Render's wife, Dianne; Kevin Rose' mother, Sheila Rose; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' parents, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; Pastor Taylor Fuerst's mother, Dawn Meador; Gordon Wesley's co-worker, Bruce; Deborah Wilder's friend, Catherine Crim; 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.

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CHURCH LIFE: YOUR ONLINE ACCESS TO EVERYTHING FUMC

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

FAITH IN ACTION

GLIMPING THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL

By Sandy Wilder



I still clearly remember my first time: At Travis Park UMC in San Antonio, pastors and lay people streaming in and out of the sanctuary for business sessions and worship...and me, standing in the hallway shaking an empty coffee can. Along with fellow members of the then-Conference Council on Youth Ministry, I was raising funds at Annual Conference to go on a summer youth work team to Bolivia. (We succeeded, by the way.)

Since then attending Annual Conference has come to mean so much more to me: hearing world-class preaching, standing in support of friends being ordained, voting on administrative and ministry matters, cruising the exhibit hall and bookstore aisles, celebrating friends retiring, discussing church business with people whose views are different from mine, sharing meals, forming friendships, and catching a glimpse of the Church Universal – or at least the United Methodist version of it.

A system of regular conferences of lay preachers to conduct the business of the Methodist movement in the colonies was inaugurated in the late 1700s. Today, these annual (regional) gatherings are still held to conduct business and strengthen fellowship in every part of the world where there are Methodists. I am honored to serve First Church and the ongoing Methodist movement by attending Annual Conference.