



Put some service in your summer! United Methodists have believed, from the beginning, that each of us is called to participate in the outreaching ministry of Jesus Christ. John Wesley described this work in simple, practical terms: "Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can."

Here are ways you can do good, in a variety of places, with many different people this summer. *All are family friendly, except when otherwise noted.*

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| JULY 9-15 | Various Times | Family Promise (<i>Sign Up Required</i>)
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 . |
| JULY 15 | 8:30-11:30 a.m. | FreeStore Third Saturday
Serving opportunities include sorting, organizing, and shelving donated items; assisting shoppers; bagging items; and providing hospitality; and sharing stories over a cup of coffee. Something for everyone to do! There is currently no sign up, so just show up and serve. |
| JULY 16 | 12:00-3:00 p.m. | Vacation Bible School (VBS) Work Day
Paint, cut, and assemble decorations for our Hero Central VBS in August. Drinks and snacks provided. RSVP to lauraleedaigle@gmail.com . Childcare provided with registration at childcare@fumcaustin.org . |
| | 4:00-6:30 p.m. | Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday
Encounter God, community, and the world by serving the hungry of Austin! We are offering a monthly opportunity primarily for first-time individuals and/or families to serve with Mobile Loaves & Fishes. We have veteran volunteers for each run to lead the way. |
| JULY 17 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Marbridge (<i>Sign Up Required</i>)
Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers transitional and lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities and provides them opportunities to learn, experience, and achieve a whole new life. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/marbridge . |
| JULY 25 | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast (<i>Youth, College, Adults</i>)
Come help serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors. To volunteer, preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins by 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up is finished by 7:00 a.m. We need more volunteers! We have a large number of UT students serving during the school year, so we are light on volunteers during the summer. |
| JULY 28-30 | Various Times | FUMC Work Weekend (<i>Sign Up Required</i>)
Volunteers are needed to do work at FUMC. Friday and Saturday: cleaning and organizing Youth Area; Saturday: moving furniture and boxes back into children's classrooms; and Sunday: decorating and final prep for VBS. Sign up at www.fumcaustin.org/fumcworkweekend . |
| JULY 31-
AUGUST 4 | 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School Volunteers (<i>Sign Up Required</i>)
Adult volunteers guide the children from activity to activity as an age-group leader or assist with an activity center. Youth volunteers (6th -12th grades) pump up the energy during assembly and assist our age-group leaders and activity centers. Sign up at www.fumcaustin.org/vbs . |

SIGN UP TO TEACH!

We need the members of our congregation to step up in service to our 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 100+ spots to fill this 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.

JULY 7, FRIDAY

Registration Deadline for Hero Central 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 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.



WISH LIST

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Boxes

We need large cardboard boxes to build a “cityscape” during our VBS Work Day on July 16. If you get any large packages, please save the boxes and bring them to church.

Decorations and Supplies

We need help purchasing decorations and supplies with our easy-to-use Amazon list at <http://a.co/90yE86f>.



FAITH IN ACTION

REMEMBERING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL By Marijo Hartman



As we prepare for Hero Central Vacation Bible School (VBS), we look back to a Faith in Action article we ran last year by Marijo Hartman reflecting on her experience as a first-time VBS volunteer.

The week of our Surf Shack Vacation Bible School (VBS) was awesome! As a member at the church for over 25 years, I cannot believe that I waited so long to volunteer.

We danced, sang, colored, glued, painted, prayed, and heard and discussed Bible stories. We made manna bags, water bottle toppers, and learned about mission. Seeing the variety of ages working together — three-year-old surfers to youth helpers, to dads and moms with their infants strapped to their bodies, to a retiree like me — made a beautiful picture of Church. Our VBS is like a well-oiled machine where you can help a day, a couple of days, or all five. A variety of jobs were available — crafts, missions, music, storytelling, or helping kids get from one place to another.

Each time we baptize a child, we make a promise to that child. I have started to do my part and it was FUN! I hope to see you at VBS next year. I will be there!