



**First United
Methodist Church**
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JULY 9, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS

Mission Projects During Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This July our Communion Rail Offering supports the mission projects during Vacation Bible School (VBS). Your generosity helps our children serve and learn in a meaningful way, as well as help those we will serve. During VBS, children will participate in hands on activities showing love to neighbors — church members, teachers, and others. They will learn about and contribute to our main ministries with the hungry and homeless in the Austin community assembling Manna Bags for the congregation to distribute and hygiene kits for distribution at the Feed My People breakfast. By the end of the week, the children will have a deeper appreciation of these ministries, the people we serve, and why these ministries are so important. Our children will also be learning about Zoe and be empowered to create their own Zoe related projects.

But, we need your help! Monetary donations may be left at the communion rail, made online, or sent to or brought to the church office during the month of July. Please indicate VBS Mission Projects on the memo line. In addition to monetary donations, we are collecting items for the hygiene kits. We need 300 of each of the following items:

Full Size

Chapstick
Combs
Disposable Razors
Feminine Hygiene Items
Stick Deodorant
Toothbrushes

Travel Size

Bar Soap
Conditioner
Hand Sanitizer
Lotion
Shampoo
Toothpaste

Bring donations to the church by Sunday, July 30. Donation bins are located in the foyer and Family Life Center. We are thankful to have such generous members and the opportunity to serve our children and our community in such a meaningful way. We look forward to sharing with you the results of the week! Questions? Contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

TODAY FINDING YOUR FIT 2

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 of making some plans together. Join us for the journey! For more information or questions, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

**10:00 A.M.
MURCHISON CHAPEL**

TODAY-JULY 15 FAMILY PROMISE

Servant hearts are needed to help with Family Promise, a shelter program of Foundation for the Homeless that provides transitional shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Volunteers of all ages provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and host in other ways. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/familypromise.

**VARIOUS TIMES
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

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

JULY

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

Marbridge Service Day

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sign up: fumcaustin.org/marbridge

18 Tuesday

Book Study: The White Umbrella

6:30-7:30 p.m.,

La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

22 Saturday

FUMC at Zilker Hillside Theater

7:00 p.m.

Zilker Park, 2206 William Barton

23 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Pastor Michael's Trip Presentation

10:00 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

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Youth Area

29 Saturday

Weekend of Service at FUMC

10:00 a.m.

Youth and Children Areas

30 Sunday

Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation

10:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Weekend of Service at FUMC

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Decorating and Final Prep for VBS

31 Monday

Vacation Bible School Week Begins

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Building

JULY 11, 18, AND 25, TUESDAYS THE WHITE UMBRELLA

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 Presentation on July 30. 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 or questions, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

6:30-7:30 P.M.
LA MADELEINE
5493 BRODIE LANE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

9 Sun	Finding Your Fit 2	10:00 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	High School Coffee House	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
10 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
11 Tue	Book Study: The White Umbrella	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
12 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
13 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	Youth Poolside	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Deep Eddy Pool, 401 Deep Eddy
14 Fri	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
15 Sat	Family Promise	All Day	Family Life Center
	FreeStore 3rd Saturday	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 13, THURSDAY

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.

JULY 16, SUNDAY

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. 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.

JULY 22, SATURDAY

FUMC at Zilker Hillside Theater . 7:00 p.m. 2206 William Barton



We're off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz! The "curtain" goes up around dusk at 8:15 p.m., but arrive early with low-backed chairs and blankets to sit with our FUMC group. Bring a picnic dinner or snacks and let's enjoy the show together! For more information or questions, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

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 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 30, SUNDAY

Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation . 10:00 a.m., Murchison Chapel



Speaker Toni McKinley, Director of Therapeutic Services at The Refuge for DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking), has been counseling survivors of sex trafficking since 2012.

She is a survivor and has dedicated her life to helping other survivors discover their true potential so they can live a life free from trauma. This presentation is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

JULY 30, SUNDAY

Young Adult Gathering . 6:00 p.m. Pastor Taylor's Home, 6004 Highlandale

Pastor Taylor will host a potluck dinner for adults ages 21-40 to gather, get to know each other, and collectively ignore the fact that we have to go to work on Monday! More details to follow. To sign up, email Imperry9@gmail.com or write a note on your Communication Card.

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

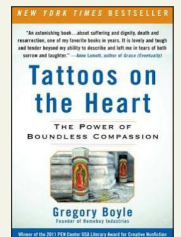
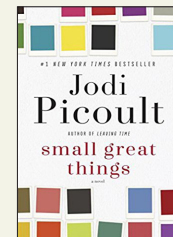
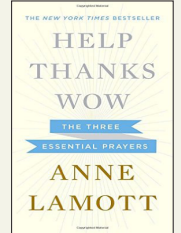
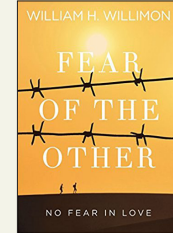
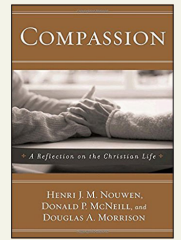
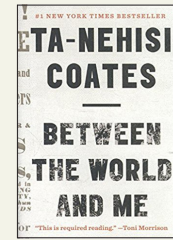
Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good
at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

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

NOW-AUGUST 13

Summer Book Club

Our Summer Book Club is as easy as 1, 2, 3!



1. Pick your book.
2. Read your book.
3. Bring your book and discuss.

Books to choose from:

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates; *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life* by Henri M. Nouwen, Donald P. McNeill, and Douglas A. Morrison; *Fear of the Other* by William H. Willimon; *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott; *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult; or *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle.

Gather with others who read the same book and talk about it on August 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. Each group will have a facilitator to guide the discussion.

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CHURCH BUSINESS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Ruben Flores,
Joe Flores' father, given by Ed
and Jan Berger.

In memory of Johnny Stevenson,
Nancy Leeper's brother, given by
Ed and Jan Berger.

In memory of Kiz Stevenson,
Nancy Leeper's mother, given by
Ed and Jan Berger.

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Music Memorial Fund in
memory of Johnny Stevenson,
Nancy Leeper's brother, given by
Noble and Sharon Doss

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in memory of Kiz Stevenson,
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SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Placing flowers is a wonderful way
to honor someone you love and
appreciate, remember a departed
loved one, or celebrate special days
or events. Available dates are: July
23 and 30 and August 13 and 27 and
arrangement cost is \$65. Contact
Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org
or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Andrea Peck; Virginia Wattinger; and Willie Wisko.

Condolences: to the family and friends of Tom Madison on his death.

Other: Lucio Gonzales.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Jeff Ali; Elsa Antonio's sister, Castelhana Antonio; Jeanine Barron's
friend, Joddie; Kent Black's mother, Norma Jean Black; Kim Block for
the Ruthven family; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo
Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Molly Drazic's parents, Joe Ray
and Janet Custer; Pastor Taylor Fuerst's mother, Dawn Meador; Cindy
Gunderson's friend, Chris Hawkins; Jan Higgs's friend, Betty Kurio;
Charlyn Loera's grandmother, Patricia Loera; Kathy Morales' friend,
Karen Douglass; Larry Peters' for The Ministry of Challenge; Sam Porter
and Norma Wolfe; Dianne Rendon's daughter's friend, Kassy Daniel;
Pat Rives' grandson, Luke Rives; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa
Whately; Donna Shand's mother, Eva Reneau; Alan Stephens' parents,
Carl and Genevieve Stephens; Jackie Vanderhule's friends, Lydia
McMahan and Kelly McMahan; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

CHURCH LIFE:

YOUR ONLINE ACCESS TO 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.

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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).

FAITH IN ACTION

BABY BLANKET MINISTRY: WEAVING CONNECTIONS

By **Debbie Rippetoe**



*One of our newest ministries
at FUMC is the Baby Blanket
Ministry. In the past 12 months,
we have welcomed 15 babies into
our church family. Earlier this
year, Children's Program Director
Lara Greene came up with the
idea of welcoming babies with a
cuddly blanket. We spoke with
Debbie Rippetoe, coordinator of the
baby blanket team, about this new
ministry.*

"Each person has their own
style and selects their own yarn.
Blankets can be knit, crocheted,
or woven. What they have in
common is they are all soft
and very washable, and every
stitch of every blanket was made
by someone doing it for the
children," Debbie told us.

Through the new Baby
Celebration brunch, Debbie
was able to meet young couples
in our congregation she had
not known before. Many of
the young families are fairly
new to the congregation and
the social time and gift of a
blanket enabled them to begin
to make connections with the
knitters. Debbie enjoys other
multi-generational connections,
volunteering at summer
Sunday School and Vacation
Bible School (VBS). "Kids are
wonderful, they are so open and
honest. They will say whatever
is on their mind. It is fun to
see them and their families on
Sunday morning. I like watching
them go up for the children's
time in worship and seeing
familiar faces."

For Debbie and the members
of her team, this new ministry is
not only about weaving together
strands of yarn, but also about
connecting members of our
multigenerational congregation.

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
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stephenministry@fumcaustin.org and ask about speaking with a Stephen
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