



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 15 | 8:30-11:30 a.m. | <p>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.</p> |
| JULY 16 | 12:00-3:00 p.m. | <p>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.</p> |
| | 4:00-6:30 p.m. | <p>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.</p> |
| JULY 17 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | <p>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.</p> |
| JULY 25 | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | <p>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.</p> |
| JULY 28-30 | Various Times | <p>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.</p> |
| JULY 31-
AUGUST 4 | 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | <p>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.</p> |

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.

WE NEED YOU...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WISH LIST



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>.

SUNDAY USHERS

We have several openings for ushers at both the 9:00 and 11:00 sanctuary services. You would be asked to serve as a church usher only one Sunday a month. It is a great opportunity to meet, greet, and welcome members to our Sunday services. Won't you consider joining us in making worship a wonderful experience for all? If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Richard Bettis at richard.betti44@gmail.com or 512-343-2361.

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES (MLF)

Eggs are nutritious, a source of protein, and are a treat for the people served by MLF. You can support this ministry by bringing hard-boiled eggs to the refrigerator in the MLF Kitchen off Wesley Hall. Please follow these safe handling procedures:

- Boil eggs for 15 minutes.
- Drain eggs, cool, then refrigerate.
- Keep cracked eggs for yourself.
- Write date eggs were cooked on the end of carton.

SEARCH FOR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

FUMC Austin has officially launched its search for a new Youth Director, a process expected to take three to six months. A search committee has been formed and met for the first time on June 13. The committee is being advised and assisted by Ministry Architects, an experienced firm that has partnered with nearly 600 churches nation-wide regarding youth ministry, children's ministry, and church-wide strategic planning.

The committee asks that you consider whether you know of anyone who would be a great Youth Director or anyone who might know of someone who would be a great Youth Director. Pass on any such contacts to Aly Eaton at aly.eaton@ministryarchitects.com.

Please keep the search committee in your prayers, as well as the gifted person who will guide and impact our youth for years to come. To view the search committee members and the full job description, visit www.fumcaustin/hiring.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

By Marilyn Good

“Y'all come in this house.” The first time I heard that was arriving at the home of a neighbor I barely knew who had invited my little family to share their Thanksgiving dinner, knowing we were hundreds of miles from family of our own.

I may not use those words, but I get to extend that hospitality to literally hundreds of people each year on behalf of FUMC as I stand at the door of the Family Life Center. So far in 2017, 58 non-profits have used our facilities. I could write a small book to share with you the moving, funny, warm, sometimes exciting experiences I have offering hospitality to our visitors. As much as I would like to be here to greet every group personally, that is not always possible. Often I think how much better it would be if there were always someone here to say “Y'all come in this house” when our guests arrive.

So, I am issuing an invitation to be part of a newly forming FUMC Hospitality Team. Service can be once-in-a-while or on a regular schedule. It may be during the day or evening or weekend. We truly do have guests here nearly all the time. For first timers, I will work with you initially until you get comfortable in your new role.

If you are interested or curious, contact me at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204) so I can know the times and type of hosting you might like to do.