



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JULY 16, 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).

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. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

VBS WORK DAY

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Paint, cut, and assemble decorations for our Hero Central VBS in August. Drinks and snacks provided.

MLF THIRD SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An opportunity for first timers of all ages to give Mobile Loaves & Fishes 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).

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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

JULY

**JULY 23, SUNDAY
PASTOR MICHAEL'S
CAMINO PRESENTATION**



After more than 500 miles on foot and more than 4,000 pictures taken, Pastor Michael shares with you about his experience on the Camino de Santiago. Learn about the Camino, hear about a typical day, see the high points on the pilgrimage, and hear some reflections about the journey.

**10:00 A.M.
SANCTUARY**

23 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel
Pastor Michael's Camino Presentation
10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

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

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

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

AUGUST
13 Sunday
Chapel Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel
ASP Slide Show
12:15 a.m.
Garrison Chapel

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

20 Sunday
Back-to-School Blessing
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary
Children's Movin' Up Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Classrooms
New Sixth Graders Parade
9:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Front Steps

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16 Sun	Manna Bag Sale	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	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 Mon	Marbridge Service Day	1:00-3:00 p.m.	2310 Bliss Spillar Road
	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
18 Tue	Book Study: The White Umbrella	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
19 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
20 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
22 Sat	FUMC at Zilker Hillside Theater	7:00 p.m.	2206 William Barton Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

AUGUST 13, SUNDAY

ASP Slide Show . 12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center



All are invited to a slide show of this year's Appalachia Service Project trip to Knox County, Kentucky. Come hear stories from our high school youth about the trip, the people they met, and the experiences shared.

A light lunch and ice cream will be served.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,
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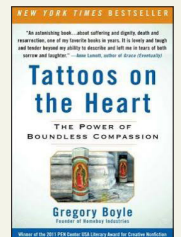
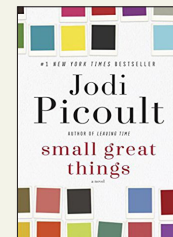
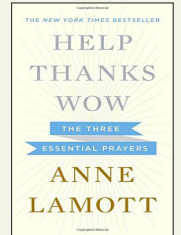
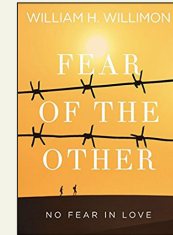
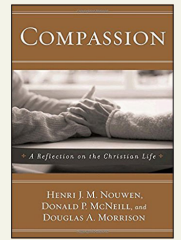
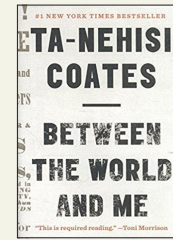
**Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good
at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).**

**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 and register at fumcaustin.org.
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

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.

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Tom and Henry Etta Madison, given by Olivia Weldon.

To our Manna Bag Ministry in memory of Tom Madison, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Michael Carrillo; Sharon Cooper; Andrea Peck; and Virginia Wattinger.

Condolences: to Pastor Taylor Fuerst on the death of her mother, Dawn

Meador, and to the family and friends of Katherine Maxine White Stepan on her death.

Other: Lucio Gonzales.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Kent Black's mother, 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; Teresa Edwards' mother, Fern Edwards; Cindy Gunderson's friend, Chris Hawkins; Susan Griffith's friend, Susan Gilchrist; Charlyn Loera's grandmother, Patricia Loera; Judy Kostura's friends, Sam Porter and Norma Wolfe; Dianne Rendon's friend, Kassy Daniel; Pat Rives' grandson, Luke Rives, and friend, Susan Tyler; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' parents, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences: to the Hoge family on the death of Shirley Hoge and to the Ruthven family on the death of their grandmother.



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.

RECEIVING FUMC ENEWS?

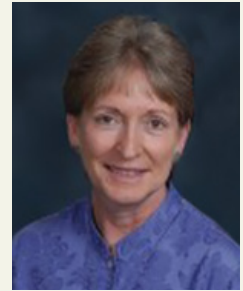
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SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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 30; August 13 and 27; and September 10, 17, and 24. Other dates are also available. Arrangement cost is \$65. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

FAITH IN ACTION SERVING IN PUBLIC OFFICE

By Ann Teich



Perhaps it is because of the principles of my faith that I even considered running for public office. I became a teacher because I wanted to do something that benefitted others. I must have acquired that desire to help others from the education I received first in the non-denominational church I attended at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, and later in the Lutheran church we belonged to when we moved to Austin. When I chose to become a United Methodist after graduating from Southwestern University, I was attracted by the social justice philosophies that infuse United Methodism.

During my time as a teacher, I trained to be a community organizer. I had the privilege of working for several years with many community leaders who worked, and still work, tirelessly for the common good. Working for the common good is at the core of all the major religions. During that training, I was constantly reminded of Micah 6:8: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

When I decided to run for the office of AISD trustee, I was warned that engaging in politics would be a thankless task. It is a frustrating, but rewarding task. When a governing body achieves something for the common good, as imperfect as that sometimes is, the world becomes, incrementally, a better place. I have had the privilege of participating in that work, in the company of a wonderful group of people who live by their faith principles.