



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JULY 30, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

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 counseled survivors of sex trafficking since 2012. She is a survivor and has dedicated her life to helping other survivors discover their potential so they can live a life free from trauma. This presentation is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) DECORATING DAY

12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall and Sanctuary

Stay after worship and help transform our building into Hero Headquarters! Bless our children and VBS volunteers with your helping hands to decorate and prepare the classrooms for a week of learning to "do good, seek peace, and go after" God's plan. Light lunch provided.

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS

Mission Projects During Vacation Bible School (VBS)

 Our Communion Rail Offering supports mission projects during VBS. Your generosity helps children serve and learn in meaningful ways. During VBS, children will participate in hands on activities showing love to our neighbors. You can support these projects through monetary donations left at the communion rail, made online, or sent to or brought to the church office.

JULY 31-AUGUST 4
HERO CENTRAL VBS:
WE WANT YOU!



Be a Hero at this year's Vacation Bible School!

There are still spots open for you to make a difference. From greeting at the door, to handing out snacks, we have a role just right for you. Previous hero experience not necessary.

Sign up at fumcaustin.org/vbs.

9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
SANCTUARY BUILDING

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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

AUGUST

AUGUST 13, SUNDAY
APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT
SLIDE SHOW



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.

12:15 P.M.
GARRISON CHAPEL
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

13 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

10:00 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

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

Square One Coffee and Fellowship

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sidewalk

Back-to-School Blessing

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

Children's Movin' Up Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Children and Youth Classrooms

Creed: What We Believe and Why

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

New Sixth Graders Parade

9:45 a.m.

Sanctuary Front Steps

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

22 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Pride Interfaith Celebration

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

26 Saturday

Austin Pride Parade

8:00 p.m.

San Jacinto and 14th Street

27 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Book Study: Just Mercy

10:00 a.m.

Room 210, Sanctuary Building

31 Thursday

Disciple Fast Track

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

SEPTEMBER

10 Sunday

Baptism Class

12:15 p.m.

Room 108, Education Building

11 Monday

Disciple Fast Track

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

12 Tuesday

Book Study: Just Mercy

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

17 Sunday

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m.

Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

Who Are These People Called Methodists?

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

W E E K	30 Sun	Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation	10:00 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		Vacation Bible School (VBS) Decorating Day	12:00-3:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall
W E E K	31 Mon	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Building
		Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
W E E K	1 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
		Vacation Bible School (VBS)	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Building
W E E K	2 Wed	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Building
		Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
W E E K	3 Thur	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Building
	4 Fri	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW-AUGUST 13

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 Doyle. 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. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

AUGUST 20, SUNDAY

Square One Coffee and Fellowship . 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sidewalk

Come mingle and reconnect with your First Church family as we kick off the Square One Series throughout the morning in front of the Sanctuary and Education Buildings!

Back-to-School Blessing . 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

All students, teachers, and administrators will receive a blessing and a gift as a tangible reminder of God's and our congregation's love and support. Bring your backpack or any personal item to be blessed as well.

New Sixth Graders Parade . 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary Front Steps

Everyone is invited to help us cheer the class of 2024 as they move from our children's ministry all the way across the street to our youth ministry. Meet on the front steps at 9:45 a.m. (or directly following 9:00 worship).

Children's Movin' Up Sunday School . 10:00 a.m. New Classrooms

We highly encourage parents to accompany their children to their new classrooms so they can meet their child's teachers as well as other families. Look for room locations in parent email or on our website.

AUGUST 22, TUESDAY

Austin Pride Interfaith Celebration . 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Come celebrate a diversity of religious beliefs and affirm that all people, including LGBTQ and allies, are created with sacred worth. This celebration will offer a safe and centering space with an opening processional of local faith leaders, powerful speakers, inspiring music from the volunteer Celebration Choir, and original choreography from the new Celebration Dance Team. A reception with light snacks follows.

AUGUST 26, SATURDAY

Austin Pride Parade . 8:00 p.m. San Jacinto and 14 Street

Join FUMC members as we march together, proudly representing our reconciling congregation in the annual Austin Pride Parade. The parade kicks off at 8:00 p.m. from the Capitol, proceeds down Congress, and then through the Warehouse District on 4th Street/Bettie Naylor to Republic Square Park. If you plan on marching, email rmn@fumcaustin.org to be included on updates as we approach parade day.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST 19

FreeStore Third Saturday

Serving opportunities from 8:30-11:30 a.m. 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.



AUGUST 20

MLF Third Sunday



An opportunity for first timers of all ages to give our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry a try. Join the Make-Ready Team

from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (preparing the food and loading the truck) or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (delivering the food to our hungry neighbors around Austin). Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.



AUGUST 22

Feed My People Breakfast

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 have a large number of UT students serving during the school year, so we need more volunteers!

CHURCH NEWS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Tom Madison, given by Sally Watkins.

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Choir Fund in memory of Dawn Meador, mother of Pastor Taylor Fuerst, given by Ruth, Ann, and Jan Howie.
To our Manna Bag Ministry in memory of Tom Madison, given by D'An Anders and Betty Bird.

FIRST STEPS CLASS

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. This class will meet on September 10 at 12:15 p.m. in the Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or contact Trevor Harper, Director of Connections, at trevor@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Gwen Becker; Sharon Cooper; Bill Derryberry; Kathleen Jones; and Andrea Peck.

Condolences: to Charlyn Loera on the death of her grandmother, Patricia Loera.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Suzanne Barnard's grandmother, Lee Thompson; Laurie Barr's niece, Emma Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Melanie Greene's friend, Jennifer Schimke; Cindy Gunderson's friends, Chris and Debi; ; Alice Parrish's friend, D'Anne Wick; Sherry Renick's friend, Devisha Balik; Debbie Rippletote's sister, Cindy Haggard; Pat Rives' grandson, Luke Rives and friend, Susan Tyler; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' mother, Eva Revean; Alan Stephens' parents, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; Whitney Thurman's uncle, David Wilhams; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences: to the family and friends of Cornelius Walker on his death.

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.

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: August 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).

BAPTISM CLASS

Are you ready to have your child Baptized? Pastor Taylor and Lara Greene will host a class on September 17 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 108 of the Education Building. Come learn about our beliefs about Baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the baptized life. This class is required for those preparing for a child's Baptism. To sign up, indicate your interest on your Communication Card in worship or send an email to lara@fumcaustin.org. If you are interested in Adult Baptism, contact Pastor Taylor at taylor@fumcaustin.org.

FAITH IN ACTION

REACH BEYOND MISSION

By Michael Mumme



The middle school youth and adult sponsors had a great time learning about the root causes of inequality, poverty, and homelessness while serving on the Reach Beyond Mission trip in San Antonio this month. Each day they worked with organizations serving people experiencing homelessness. Some work met people's immediate needs, while other efforts aimed for long-term transformation out of poverty. Here are some youth reflections about how they put their faith in action this week and hope to do so in the future:

"I liked working at SAMM Ministries (a transitional housing facility for families). I felt like I was making the biggest impact there because I saw the people directly."

"I liked Haven for Hope (a center with services to transition people out of homelessness). I thought it was cool how they try to stop poverty at the source, rather than just feed people."

"I liked the speakers. they talked about poverty and its impact in San Antonio and the root causes and it was fun to learn about how the groups come together to work on the problem."

"I plan to volunteer more and make manna bags."

"I want us to volunteer more together as a youth group, maybe at the FreeStore."

"I want us to hold a movie night for either the Family Promise guests or people experiencing homelessness, because, this week, I felt like those people hadn't seen a movie in a while."

Our youth also considered how continuing to serve at home was living out their faith by offering compassion and seeking justice to right the inequalities they see around them. In our reflection times, they connected how Jesus served humanity and how our serving humanity is walking in Christ's way.