



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

AUGUST 6, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry



FUMC began its ESL Ministry as an initiative by a pastor for whom English was a second language, one who thought he knew English until he arrived in this country and faced a myriad of challenges with communication. Add to this dilemma the cultural differences in medical care, the condition of women in society, how to go to the grocery store, how to take a bus, how to navigate the educational system for one's children. And then there is the loneliness of being the "other."



For over a decade, individuals who find themselves in these situations have come to our ESL classes. Attendees say the difference between these classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community, the creation of a place to belong. The social hours of ESL classes are a safe place to practice a language, but also, a place to feel at home. One of the unique things about our ESL Ministry is providing childcare so mothers or fathers who care for the family can concentrate on improving their language skills.

Although the teachers are volunteers, materials, childcare, utilities for the Family Life Center, and refreshments for the social hours all cost money. Contributions to the rail offering during the month of August go to support this quiet but powerful ministry. You can contribute to the altar rail, drop your gift in the offering plate, or send or bring your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to FUMC and include a note stating that your contribution is for "ESL."

AUGUST 13 NEXT SUNDAY

SUMMER BOOK CLUB CONVERSATIONS

10:00 a.m., Great Hall
Family Life Center

Let's talk about books! Join with others who read the same book from our summer reading list. Each group will have a facilitator to guide the discussion. In order for us to prepare leaders, we need to know you are coming! Register online and indicate which book you read. Want to read this week? The list is on our website.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT 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.

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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

13 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Summer Book Club Conversations

10:00 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

ASP Slide Show

12:15 a.m.

Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

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

New Sixth Graders Parade

9:45 a.m.

Sanctuary Front Steps

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

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

Administrative Board Meeting

12:15 p.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

31 Thursday

Disciple Fast Track

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

SEPTEMBER

10 Sunday

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m.

Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

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.

Home of Pastor Michael Mumme

13 Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Room 213, Sanctuary Building

15 Friday

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Kids' Night Out

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Education Building

16 Saturday

FreeStore Third Saturday

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

17 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Manna Bag Sale

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sidewalk

Baptism Preparation Class

12:15 p.m.

Room 108, Education Building

Engage for Youth

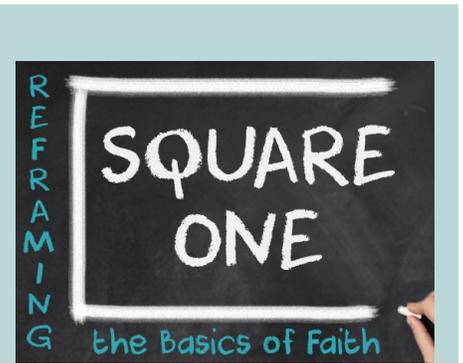
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Who Are These People Called Methodists?

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center



Come back to **Square One** with FUMC this fall as we **Reframe the Basics of Faith!** For more information about discipleship opportunities and worship, see our **Square One** insert.

WEEK
THIS

6 Sun

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

10:00 a.m.

Various Locations

7 Mon

Prodigal Sons Men's Group

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 103, Family Life Center

9 Wed

Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews

10:00 a.m.

fumcaustin.org/submissions

10 Thur

Feed My People Breakfast Worship

6:30 a.m.

Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 offers 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 east side of 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.

AUGUST 27, SUNDAY

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.

Administrative Board Meeting . 12:15 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center

The Discernment Committee About Marriage Equality presents their findings and recommendations to the Administrative Board. All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch provided for \$10 per person. Board members and guests are asked to RSVP at fumcaustin.org/adminboard by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 23. Childcare available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org.

SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY

Baptism Preparation Class . 12:15 p.m. Room 108, Education Building

Are you ready to have your child Baptized? Pastor Taylor and Lara Greene will host a class to share 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.

**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 (MLF) 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

BAPTISMS

July 30



Wilson Sealy Green

Wilson, son of Eric and Lane Green, was baptized into Christian discipleship.



Griffin Henry Gutierrez

Griffin, son of Anthony and Sarah Gutierrez, was also baptized into Christian discipleship.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

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

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 Rippletoe'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' mother, Genevieve Stephens; Whitney Thurman's uncle, David Wilhams; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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.

FEED MY PEOPLE THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who bought and prepared food and set up and cleaned up for the Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast on July 25: Sharon Doss; Aidan Dulaney; Stephen Dulaney; Judy Funke; Julie Nelson; David Nicastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; and Cecily Wright. Judy Funke also provided a sewing ministry for our guests.

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).

FAITH IN ACTION

ASP FIRST TIMERS

Each summer our high school youth travel to Appalachia to serve through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), which repairs homes for low-income families in rural areas of Central Appalachia.



"This was my first time on ASP and it was one of the best experiences I have ever had. My week involved taking down a wall and building a new one in its place. I also built a strong relationship with the two girls, Breanna and Amber. We danced, jumped on the trampoline, and played LOTS of Hide and Seek. When the week came to an end, I was sad to say goodbye, but it was nice to know I had made a difference in someone's life."

Taylor A.



"This was my first year on ASP and it was wonderful on many levels. We formed unforgettable relationship with our family and shared stories. I had a particularly fun time with a little girl in our family, Morgan. She always wanted to play or help us in our construction work. She showed us lots of love and her family welcomed us into their home despite some of their health conditions. We replaced insulation, sheet rock, and a toilet in their home. I'm so glad I had this opportunity to make their home safer and to form relationships with the family. All-in-all, it was an uplifting experience to make a difference in others' lives."

Mia Z.