



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

FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

AUGUST 13, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

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.

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.

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 at the communion 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 20 NEXT SUNDAY

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

Sidewalk

Mingle and reconnect with your church family as we kick off the Square One Series.

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

Sanctuary

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 a.m. worship).

Movin' Up Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

New Children's 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.

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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

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

Manna Bag Sale
 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 Sidewalk

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

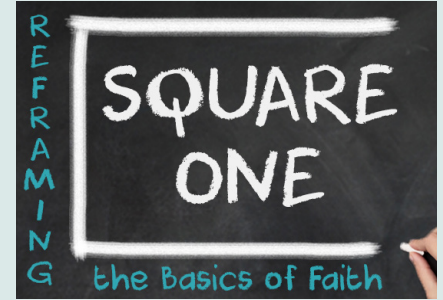
17 Sunday
Chapel Worship Service
 9:00 a.m.
 Murchison Chapel

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!**

- **Creed: What We Believe and Why**
 August 20-September 24
 10:00 a.m., Wesley Hall
Pastor Cathy Stone, leader
- **Disciple Fast Track**
 September 11-November 27
 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Pastor Cathy Stone, leader
- **Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption**
 August 27-September 24
 10:00 a.m.
Caroline Jones and Kathy Morales, leaders
 September 12-October 3
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Michael Mumme and Kathy Tullos, leaders
- **Who Are These People Called Methodist**
 September 17 and 24
 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Mark Morris, leader

For more information about these discipleship opportunities and worship, see our **Square One** insert.

THIS WEEK	13 Sun	Summer Book Club Conversations	10:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		ASP Slide Show	12:15 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	14 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	16 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	17 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	19 Sat	FreeStore Third Saturday	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

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. 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.

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.

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 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
8:30-11:30 a.m.
Memorial UMC Gym
6100 Berkman**

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.

AUGUST 20

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)
Third Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
MLF Kitchen**



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
Fourth Tuesday
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Family Life Center**

We need more volunteers! 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. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule.

CHURCH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE REFUGE

The UMW sponsored our July Fifth Sunday Mercy & Justice Presentation. Our speaker was Toni McKinley, Director of Therapeutic Services at The Refuge for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. The Refuge provides trauma-informed, long-term restoration shelter and services to girls, 11-17 years old, who have been exploited through sex trafficking. We collected \$334 for The Refuge and the work they are doing. Thank you! To learn more, visit therefugeaustin.org.

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).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bill Derryberry; Kathleen Jones; Chip Morris; Andrea Peck; and Tom Richardson.

Condolences: to Courtney Cordova on the death of her sister, Casey Cordova.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's niece, Emma Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Clay Crow; Cindy Gunderson's friends, Chris and Steve; Michael Martin and his wife, Kim; Larry Peters' friend, Carla Crisford; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' friends, Pat Fraizer and Ron Saltmarsh; Katie Stanford's friend, Lindsay; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephens; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences: to Ken and Susan Hensley on the death of their neighbor, Kay Fullerton, and to Katherine Hinton-Rosenberg on the death of her mother.

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.

WHY CAN'T WE HAVE NEW STUFF?

During ASP, one of our kids walked into another church's youth room with wide eyes and asked, "Why can't we have new stuff?" Other youth continued and asked why this room looked good and all of our stuff is mismatched hand-me-downs.

Now that we have the youth areas organized, we are trying to get the youth some new stuff. We have compiled a wish list to help with this transformation. In addition to the specific items on the list, we are going to purchase new, matching couches for the middle school and high school youth rooms.

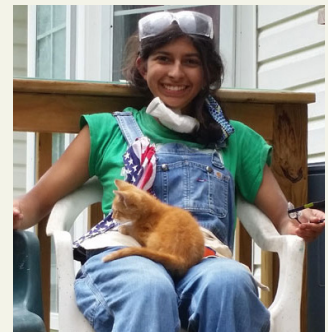
If you would like to help, you can purchase from our wish list at fumcaustin.org/youthwishlist or you can make a donation to the new couch fund. Please mark your gifts "Youth Rooms." Thank you for helping us create a comfortable spot for our youth.

FAITH IN ACTION ASP REURNING VOLUNTEERS

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.



"Every year on ASP amazes me. This year, I'm so thankful for the relationship that was built with the family I served. They showed us unconditional love and taught me so much. My week consisted of dancing, jumping on a trampoline, and many rounds of hide-and-seek. Each moment was filled with love and laughs. We also gave the little boys of the house a brand new wall that didn't allow air from the outside in. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to go on ASP and grow closer with God."
Kennedy S.



"Every year I embark on this exciting journey to ASP. I get to build and expand. I expand the number of people I know. I build new memories to carry with me for the rest of my life. This year when I embarked on ASP for a third time, I got to meet a family with adopted children. This expanded my thoughts with all the new things I was able to learn through their stories and what they are experiencing now."
Olivia G.