

FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

AUGUST 20, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

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 our Square One Series throughout the morning in front of the Sanctuary and Education Buildings.

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 directly following today's 9:00 a.m. worship.

CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Adam Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. Pastor Cathy Stone leads this six-week study.

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.

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).

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS



FUMC began its English as a Second (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.

Attendees say the difference between these classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community. The social hours are not only a place to practice a language, but also a place to feel at home.

Although the teachers are volunteers, childcare, materials, refreshments, and utilities all cost money. You may place contributions on the communion rail or in the offering plate or you may send them to or bring them by the church office. Include a note stating that your gift is for "ESL."

CALENDAR

AUGUST

AUGUST 22, TUESDAY



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.

7:00 P.M.
SANCTUARY

26 Saturday

Austin Pride Parade

6:45 p.m.

Family Life Center

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

Youth Fall Kick Off and Pool Party

4:30 p.m.

Home of Ed and Jan Berger

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

UMW Unit Meeting

12:15 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Engage for Youth and Parent Meeting

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Who Are These People Called Methodists?

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

W E E K	20 Sun	Square One Coffee and Fellowship	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sidewalk
		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 Christians Believe and Why	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
T H I S W E E K		Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
	21 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	22 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
		Pride Interfaith Celebration	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
	23 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	24 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
26 Sat	Austin Pride Parade	6:45 p.m.	Family Life Center	

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 your favorite place is not in the cards 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

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 15, FRIDAY

Kids' Night Out . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building

While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 4th graders on a first-come basis. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Make reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Family Life Center

All 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Connect for Tweens bridges children and youth ministries through building relationships, serving, and helping youth connect with one another and with God during the transitional pre-teen years.

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.

UMW Unit Meeting . 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

An opportunity to shape the mission outreach of the United Methodist Women (UMW) in 2018. This meeting includes a potluck, unit business, and planning our mission projects for the coming year. All members and friends of UMW are welcome. Childcare is available by emailing childcare@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 22, TUESDAY

Feed My People Breakfast 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.



AUGUST 26, SATURDAY

Austin Pride Parade 6:45 p.m. Family Life Center



We are heartbroken to say that due to circumstances outside of our control, First Church will not be participating in the Austin Pride parade this year. Although we will not be marching, we can still have a positive impact by passing out water and show the community that we believe every person is a beloved child of God. Feel free wear an FUMC shirt and comfortable shoes and bring signs expressing your support! If interested in helping, email rmn@fumcaustin.org to be included on updates as we approach parade day.

CHURCH NEWS

YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH

Our search for a new Youth Director has been underway for two months and is progressing nicely. 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. Interested parties should direct inquiries to Aly Eaton at aly.eaton@ministryarchitects.com. View the search committee members and the full job description at fumcaustin.org/hiring.

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; September 10, 17, and 24; and October 1, 8, 15, and 29. 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: Shirley Brooks; Chip Morris; Andrea Peck; and Tom Richardson.

Other: Jenna Stephens and all students, teachers, and administrators.

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; Bryan and Suzanne Black's family member; Sandy Bowles' granddaughter, Maddie; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Clay Crow; Cindy Gunderson's friends, Chris and Steve; Curtis and Mary Higg's friend, Phil Shaw; Michael Martin and his wife, Kim; Sallie Novinger's friends, LeRoy and Jane Horn; Larry Peters' friend, Carla Crisford; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Mary Faye Randolph's friend, Vivian Walls; Katie Stanford's friend, Lindsay; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephens; 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.

WHY CAN'T WE HAVE NEW STUFF?

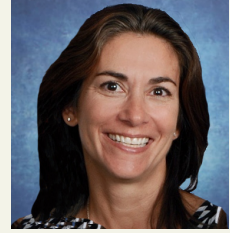
During ASP, one of our kids walked into another church's youth room with wide eyes and asked, "Why can't we have new stuff?" Other youth continued and asked why this room looked good and all of our stuff is mismatched hand-me-downs.

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 TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Catherine Waggoner



I became a Sunday School teacher because FUMC needed teachers so badly they were willing to have me. To be honest, I wanted to sign up as a substitute teacher, but as the former Christian Education Director cried that she really needed teachers, I knew I could do this. I have never regretted moving my Sunday School hour down to the children's floor.

Learning the lessons was the most difficult part for me, so I let myself stumble and learn with my children. My goal became not to teach the lesson perfectly, but to let each child feel loved and accepted by me and by our church. Over the years, learning the lessons has become easier but how I address every class is the same - this is a safe place to learn in your unique way and to be loved.

I have now been teaching over nine years. I enjoy playing on the floor with my students since my own kids think they are too old for that. If I have taught your child, I want to thank you for the commitment of bringing them each Sunday and trusting me with them as their teacher. The lessons were rarely perfect, but they were taught with love.

I know Lara Greene is always looking for new teachers and I hope you open yourself to the possibility of joining me on the children's floor.