



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

AUGUST 27, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

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 ongoing study. Drop-ins welcome.

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.

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

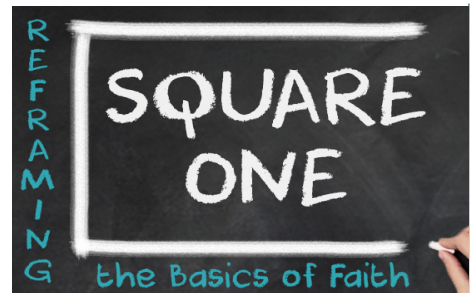
English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry



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."



JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION

This book study provides an introduction and opportunity to explore justice issues of race, poverty, and mass incarceration. This accessible book shares true stories of the potential for mercy to redeem us as well as a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice.

■ **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

To sign up and/or for more information, visit
fumcaustin.org/squareone.

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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

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' Club

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Education Building

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

Who Are These People Called Methodists?

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

26 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

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 purchasing new, matching couches for the middle school and high school youth rooms.

Thank you for all the donations from our wish list to help us create a comfortable space for our youth. We still need money for one new couch. Please mark your donations "Youth Rooms."

K	27 Sun	Book Study: Just Mercy	10:00 a.m.	Room 210, Sanctuary Building
E		Creed: What Christians Believe and Why	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
E		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
W		Administrative Board Meeting	12:15 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	28 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
S	29 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
-	30 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
H	31 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
T		Disciple Fast Track	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11-NOVEMBER 27, MONDAYS

Disciple Fast Track . 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 104, FLC

Offers a new twist on the classic Disciple Bible Study, which is an excellent overview of the entire Bible. This study meets for a total of 24 weeks, 12 weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the spring. The cost is \$30 and registration is required at fumcaustin.org/squareone. Led by Pastor Cathy Stone.

SEPTEMBER 15, FRIDAY

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC

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.

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

All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are invited to a night of faith building through games, mission projects, a movie, and pizza!

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 1st graders. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Reservations required. Make reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

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 children@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

Take this 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.

SEPTEMBER 17 AND 24, SUNDAYS

Who Are These People Called Methodist . 5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 104, FLC

What does it mean that we are called Methodists? This study explores both our Methodist origins in England and the development of Methodism in the United States. In the process, we will discuss the challenges facing Methodism today, and how we are called to move forward. Led by Mark Morris.

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

SEPTEMBER 16

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.

SEPTEMBER 17

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.

SEPTEMBER 26

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

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry in honor of Cathy Bingaman, given by Jim and Jane Bowen.
- To our Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast in memory of Tom Madison, given by Jim and Jane Bowen.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of her niece, Marilyn Celeste Morris, given by Olivia Weldon.
- To our Youth Room in memory of Pastor Taylor Fuerst's mother, Dawn Meador, given by Kimberly T. Ingram.

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: September 10, 17, and 24; October 15 and 29; November 12 and 19; and December 3, 10, and 31. Arrangement cost is \$65. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Jerry Berger; Shirley Brooks; Andrea Peck; and Jessica Wisko.

Other: Brenda Hostler's service dog, Remi, and Kisa Kostura returning to Baylor.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Meridith Albright's father, Hiram Smith; Laurie Barr's niece, Emma Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Bob Block's friend, Cody Holder, and Cody's step-mother; 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; Brenda Hostler's friend, Ann Norris; Judy Kostura's friend, Janet; 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' parents, Carl and Genevieve Stephens; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Celebration: to Addie Cavness on her 120th birthday.

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 August 22: Jeffrey Ali; Sharon Doss; Judy Funk; Charles Harrison; David Nicasastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; Alex Wheat; Cecily Wright. Judy Funke also provided a sewing ministry for our guests.

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.

FAITH IN ACTION

GROWING IN FAITH

By Peyton Ivey



The first time that I donated my hair was in summer of 2012. I was nine years old and had been obsessed with my long hair. The night before I was scheduled to get a trim for the start of school, something inside me flipped. I suddenly decided that I wanted to donate 10 inches of my hair to a charity that makes wigs for children with hair loss, Locks of Love. The next day I had chin length hair and I loved it.

When I was 12 years old, I was called to donate my hair again. This time I donated nine inches of hair to a charity called Children With Hair Loss.

As I grew out my hair again, I told myself that I wanted it stay long. However, this summer my mom asked me if I was sure about this decision. I immediately told her yes, but the idea of donating lingered. A week later, we were headed to Great Clips and my hair was once again short. I had donated 9.5 inches to Children With Hair Loss.

I know that as I grow older I will keep donating my hair because it is what I am called to do. My faith calls me to take certain paths, just like yours calls you to do the same. So when you get that gut feeling that tells you to take action, do it. It always turns out well.