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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION

10:00 a.m. Room 210, Sanctuary Building

This 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.

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

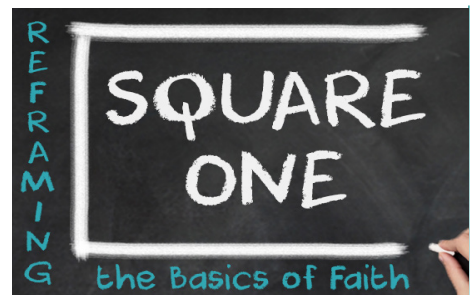
Willie Berman, Our Missionary



In 2012, FUMC began its partnership with Willie Berman, a commissioned missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church who serves in his home country of Mexico.

Willie is Director of a Mexican organization called Manos Juntas (Hands Together) and his task is to partner United Methodist volunteers from the United States with mission needs and projects in Mexico. Manos Juntas manages programs that affect the lives of thousands of people every year. A hot lunch program feeds 70 children every day and medical clinics serve 6,000 patients per year. The construction program builds homes, schools or classrooms, and worship spaces and constructs/repairs community facilities. Manos Juntas also teaches new life skills such as carpentry, sewing, welding, and piñata-making. Manitas Juntas (Little Hands Together) helps children find their missionary calling by assisting the elderly, cleaning parks, painting public schools, and organizing friendship parties at orphanages. A high school and college scholarship program helps students stay in school. In 2018 they will open a Children's Home in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. They already have the building and it will house 10 boys and 10 girls ages 5 to 15.

Your gifts to Willie Berman (mark advance #3019612) or to Manos Juntas Ministry (mark advance # 3020527) may be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to or brought by the church office.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK

■ September 11-November 27

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 104, FLC

Pastor Cathy Stone, leader

JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION

■ September 12-October 3

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Home of Michael Mumme

Pastor Michael Mumme and

Kathy Tullos, leaders

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE CALLED METHODIST

■ September 17 and 24

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 104, FLC

Mark Morris, leader

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

Q & A for Marriage Equality Resolution

10:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

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

Young Adult Gathering

6:00 p.m.

Home of Pastor Taylor Fuerst

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

Q & A for Marriage Equality Resolution

10:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

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

20 Wednesday

FUMC Around Austin

6:00 p.m., Barton Springs Pool

2201 Barton Springs Road

24 Sunday

Q & A for Marriage Equality Resolution

10:00 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Church Conference and Vote

12:15 p.m.

Sanctuary

26 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center



Want to meet more people from FUMC and hang out at Barton Springs?

Join this new group that is focused on building community in a relaxed and welcoming setting. This group is perfect for people of all ages that are new to Austin or lifelong Austinites.

September 6

7:00 p.m., Patika Coffee
2159 South Lamar Blvd.

September 20

7:00 p.m., Barton Springs Pool
2201 Barton Springs Road

October 4

6:00 p.m., Shady Grove
1624 Barton Springs Road

October 18

7:00 p.m., Radio Coffee
4204 Manchaca Road

RSVP to aprilborninjune@gmail.com or call or text April at 512-653-6504 for more information or if you struggle to locate the group.

K E E W	3 Sun	Book Study: Just Mercy	10:00 a.m.	Room 210, Sanctuary Building
		Creed: What Christians Believe and Why	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
H I S T	4 Mon	Church Office Closed	Labor Day	Have a Safe and Happy Holiday
	6 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
		FUMC Around Austin: Patika Coffee	6:00 p.m.	2159 South Lamar Blvd.
	7 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
		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.

Young Adult Gathering . 6:00 p.m. Home of Pastor Taylor Fuerst

Pastor Taylor will host a potluck dinner for adults in their 20s and 30s to gather and get to know each other! To sign up, email Lauren Perry at Imperry9@gmail.com or write a note on your Communication Card.

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

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).

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and blessed holiday! Our pastors are on call during holidays. Call 512-478-5684, press 213, and leave a message for a return call.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bill and Jerry Berger; Shirley Brooks; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rodgers; and Jessica Wisko.

Condolences: to Pastor Michael Mumme on the death of his grandmother, Irene.

Other: for all of South Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Grady Basler; and Terry Cornwell's friend, John MacDonald; Laurie Barr's niece, Emma Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Pamela Craig's son, Nicholas; Bennett Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy and family; Cindy Gunderson's friends, Chris and Steve; Brenda Hostler's friend, Ann Norris, and service dog, Remi; Dianne Render's friend, Lisa Hunt; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' parents, Carl and 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.

HOW CAN WE RESPOND TO HURRICANE HARVEY?

• Give

Give to the Rio Texas Conference Disaster Response Fund at riotexas.org/give. These gifts provide funds immediately to help those in need, as they need it.

• Flood Buckets



Join together with your family, Sunday School class, or neighbors in the pew to put together Flood Buckets filled with clean-up supplies. Instructions can be found at fumcaustin.org/flood-buckets. FUMC will receive flood buckets now through September 24.

• Early Response Team

Join our team to provide hands on help. Register for training in San Antonio on September 2 or at FUMC on October 7 at riotexas.org/early-response-team-training.

FAITH IN ACTION

By Julie Nelson

I have been asked to share my experience about the "management" aspects of Feed My People breakfasts. First of all, I got involved initially because I was curious and decided to attend the breakfast on FUMC's Fourth Tuesday sponsorship day as a volunteer. I did not think that I could get up that early on a regular basis, but once a month? Sure, I can get up before 4:00 a.m. and go down to the Family Life Center to help.

I truly got more out of this experience than I put in it. I put in three hours a month and helped feed the people who were on the streets and the working poor who are not necessarily homeless, but run out of money towards the end of the month. It really makes you appreciate all that you have and realize how blessed you are when you see these people come in for food, fellowship, a shower, toiletries, and worship or AA meetings.

Along the way, I got to know and respect lots of dedicated volunteers. I was awed to find out that some of them have been coming regularly for over 20 years!

Ann Teich asked if I would be interested in joining the Foundation for the Homeless Board of Directors a few years ago. I had served on a Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors for several years and I missed the opportunity to work with others toward a common goal. As time went by, I helped with the annual fundraisers and now have become Chair of the Foundation for the Homeless Board of Directors, which is the sponsoring organization for Feed My People.

My "management" experience with the Foundation for the Homeless and Feed My People has challenged me to do things I have never done before from organizing volunteers to hiring a new Executive Director. Working "hands on" has given me a great deal of pleasure to see the volunteers get so much out of helping "the least of these" as Jesus asked us to. The job is certainly not always easy, but the rewards are worth it.