



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

Q & A SESSION FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY RESOLUTION

10:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel, Education Building

Learn more and ask questions about the proposed Marriage Equality Resolution at FUMC.

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.

FIRST STEPS CLASS

12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card and bring it with you to class.

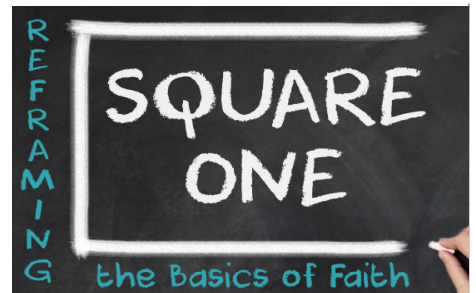
SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS

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. 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

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

7:00 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

OCTOBER

4 Wednesday

FUMC Around Austin

6:00 p.m., Shady Grove

1624 Barton Springs Road

8 Sunday

Guest Preacher Bishop Schnase

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

18 Wednesday

FUMC Around Austin

7:00 p.m., Radio Coffee

4204 Manchaca Road



Join this new group that is focused on building community in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

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.

WEEKLY

10 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

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 Mon

English as a Second Language (ESL)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Prodigal Sons Men's Group

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 103, Family Life Center

Disciple Fast Track

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

12 Tue

Book Study: Just Mercy

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Home of Pastor Michael Mumme

13 Wed

Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews

10:00 a.m.

fumcaustin.org/submissions

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Room 213, Sanctuary Building

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Balcony

FUMC Choir Rehearsal

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Choir Room, Sanctuary Building

14 Thur

Feed My People Breakfast Worship

6:30 a.m.

Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

English as a Second Language (ESL)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Disciple Fast Track

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

15 Fri

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 Sat

FreeStore Third Saturday

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

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; 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 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).

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Pickle Elementary School Fund in honor of Bergan Casey, given by Daviss King.

To our Reconciling Ministry Team in honor of Adama Brown, given by Daviss King.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Howard Allen; Bill and Jerry Berger; Andrea Peck; and Gris and George Anne Rogers.

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

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Stephanie Andrews; Teresa Baker's son, Gabriel Baker; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Kim Block's friend, Billy Carroll; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Curtis and Mary Higgs' friend, Dixie Myers; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Lee Sloan's aunt, Martha Combs; 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

DAYS OF SERVICE

By Mary Higgs



I have been a volunteer at Marbridge since 2003, so I was so happy to learn that Marbridge is a recurring site for a Day of Service a few times each year. Marbridge is a non-profit residential community, located in Manchaca, Texas, on Bliss Spillar Road, which offers lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities. Through compassion and faith, Marbridge provides residents opportunities to learn, experience, and achieve a whole new life.

At the last FUMC Day of Service at Marbridge, a group of parents and children came to help in a class on the day I was there volunteering. We were playing Bingo that day, so our group from the church spread out to sit by each resident and help them find their numbers as they were called. After the class ended and the group from the church had gone, Bill, one of the Marbridge residents said to me, "Mary, I had such a good time today helping two little boys with their Bingo cards. I had one little boy sitting on the right side of me and another little boy sitting on my left. I made sure they found all of their numbers!"

So while my friends from church thought they were just there to help, they also gave at least one resident the gift of making him feel useful, wanted, and important.