



First United  
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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

JANUARY 8, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### EPIPHANY PARTY

10:00 a.m. Family Life Center

Start the new year with joy by celebrating Christ's light in the world with your church family—all ages and stages!

### TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Alas, it is time to put away the candles, garlands, trees, and wreaths. The more hands we have, the more quickly the work can be done. Please stay after the 11:00 worship service today to help!

### JANUARY MISSION EMPHASIS: CHRISTMAS EVE BREAKFAST

For the past 18 years, FUMC has sponsored a breakfast on Christmas Eve in the Family Life Center. This year's breakfast provided hundreds of guests a hot breakfast served restaurant style with hostesses and a smiling wait staff. After breakfast, guests received gloves, soap, socks, lip balm, a one-day bus pass, and homemade cookies. Many thanks to the over 100 volunteers who helped make this breakfast an event that provides our neighbors who are homeless or the working poor with a vivid reminder that they are loved. Planning for this event takes place during the fall, and funds are needed to ensure that enough food, drink, caps, gloves, and other toiletry items can be purchased in advance. That is why we focus on the Christmas Eve Breakfast in January rather than waiting until December. You are encouraged to give what you can at the communion rail and any time during the month of January to help support and prepare for next year's breakfast. Please send or bring your donations, marked "Christmas Eve Breakfast," to the church office.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### SPIRITUALITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Join us for a video series with Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, as he discusses ways Christians can work toward racial justice. The Most Rev. Michael Curry focuses on the spiritual elements of the problem: spiritual failings that lead to racism and the ways spiritual tools are necessary to help build a more just world. He discusses racism as one of the many results of the pride that separates people from God and fighting racism as a first step toward reconciling all of humanity. Discussion will be led by Dr. Adama Brown and Pastor Cathy Stone. For more information or questions, contact Cathy at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

## JANUARY 10, 17, AND 24 Mercy & Justice Book Study

Join us as we read and discuss *Torn* by Justin Lee. More than just a memoir, *Torn* provides insightful, practical guidance for all committed Christians who wonder how to relate to gay friends or family members—or who struggle with their own sexuality. Convinced that "in a culture that sees gays and Christians as enemies, gay Christians are in a unique position to bring peace," Lee demonstrates that people of faith on both sides of the debate can respect, learn from, and love one another.

We have a Facebook group for online discussion as well as meeting in person. All are welcome to join us. Please register at [fumcaustin.org/torn](http://fumcaustin.org/torn) and read chapters 1-5 for January 10. *Torn* can be purchased on Amazon.com.

For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

6:30-7:30 P.M.  
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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

**JANUARY 16, MONDAY**  
MLK Day Community March

Grab a breakfast taco in our Family Life Center before we gather at the Capitol for the annual march and celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will join the march at 10:00 a.m. on the south steps of the Capitol for a short program and then march to Huston-Tillotson University for the Community Festival. We can arrange carpools or ride CapMetro back to the church. To participate in a carpool, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

**9:30 A.M.**  
**FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
AND CAPITOL**

## JANUARY

**15 Sunday**

Spirituality and Racial Justice Series  
10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday  
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

**16 Monday**

MLK Day Community March  
9:30 a.m.  
Family Life Center

**17 Tuesday**

Mercy & Justice Book Studay: "Torn"  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

**20 Friday**

Registration Deadline for  
"Created By God" Workshop  
[lara@fumcaustin.org](mailto:lara@fumcaustin.org)

**21 Saturday**

Women's March on Austin  
12:00-3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol

**22 Sunday**

Manna Bag Sale  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Sidewalk  
Spirituality and Racial Justice Series  
10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Hall  
First Steps Class  
12:15 p.m.  
Room 104, Family Life Center

**22-24 Sunday-Tuesday**

UMW Legislative Event  
Holiday Inn Midtown  
[texasimpact.org/UMW](http://texasimpact.org/UMW)

**24 Tuesday**

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday  
4:45-7:00 a.m.  
Family Life Center  
Mercy & Justice Book Studay: "Torn"  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

**29 Sunday**

Fifth Sunday Social Justice Presentation  
10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

**FEBRUARY 5, SUNDAY**  
**New Young Couples Class**

Calling all young couples! A new Sunday School class is forming, and we want you to join us for fellowship, friendship, and fun! Join us for our first meeting on February 5 in Room 109 of the Family Life Center. For more information, contact Kaycee Crisp at [kayceecrisp@gmail.com](mailto:kayceecrisp@gmail.com).

**9:45 A.M.**  
**ROOM 109**  
**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

W E E K	8 Sun	Epiphany Party	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Family Life Center
	9 Mon	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
		Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	6:00 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
		Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	10 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
		Mercy & Justice Book Studay: "Torn"	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
	11 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	<a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a>
		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
	12 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
		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
13 Fri	Kids' Night Out	5:30-9:00 p.m.	Education Building	
	Connect for Tweens	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Family Life Center	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 13, FRIDAY**

**Kids' Night Out . 5:30-9:00 p.m. Education Building**

While parents enjoy a grown-up evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through fourth graders on a first-come basis. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Make reservations with Pam Coronado, our childcare coordinator, at [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto: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.

**JANUARY 20, FRIDAY**

**Registration Deadline for "Created By God" Seminar**

This two-day sexuality seminar for 5th and 6th graders on February 3 and 4 offers families an opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate the fact that we have each been wonderfully created by God and are called to responsible living as sexual beings. Mail or bring completed registration and payment of \$50 to the church office. Scholarships available upon request.

**JANUARY 21, SATURDAY**

**Women's March on Austin . 12:00-3:00 p.m. State Capitol**

This is a statewide companion rally to the Women's March on Washington. Its purpose is to "stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families." Find more information about Austin plans on our Facebook event page. Come to the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. to make signs, make friends, and get ready to head to the March. Questions? Contact Darcy Hamre at [dhamre@me.com](mailto:dhamre@me.com).

**JANUARY 22-24, SUNDAY-TUESDAY**

**UMW Legislative Event . Holiday Inn Midtown**

This event is the annual three days of learning, engagement, and advocacy, sponsored by United Methodist Women from the five annual conferences in Texas. Registration is open to all women, whether members of UMW or not. The First Church's UMW unit has scholarship funds available by contacting Sandy Wilder at [swilder@texas.net](mailto:swilder@texas.net). Register at [texasimpact.org/UMW](http://texasimpact.org/UMW).

**JANUARY 29, SUNDAY**

**Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation . 10:00 a.m . Wesley Hall**

Our journey of education and awareness in areas of social justice continues. Chuck Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Equality Texas, will share information about the work of Equality Texas and the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session. We will also have a representative from Out Youth sharing ways we can support them and the work they do. Out Youth serves the Central Texas LGBTQ+ youth and their allies with programs and services to ensure these promising young people develop into happy, healthy, successful adults. Come engage in compassionate conversation about ways we can make a difference through our church and community. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

**Administrative Board/Called Charge Conference . 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall**

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. The agenda includes consideration of the 2017 budget, the re-adoption of 2017 clergy compensation, and a discussion of the Transformation Index. Board/Conference members have voting rights. Lunch is provided for \$10 per person. Those who plan to eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 noon on January 26 at [www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard](http://www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard) or contact Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare is available by emailing [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org).

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Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews  
using submission form at [fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good  
at [marilyn@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marilyn@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

## FAITH IN ACTION

9:00 SERVICE IN  
MURCHISON CHAPEL

By Jan Morris



When Reverend Kathleen Jones retired a couple of years ago, our devoted Chapel community dearly wished for this experience to continue.

With the support of the FUMC clergy and staff, Chip and I joined with Gail Dalrymple, Tom Richardson, Marilyn Good, and Dan Wood to begin planning out a worship service schedule (usually the third Sunday of every month, with occasional exceptions) and inviting church members to preach at our services. With the enduring musical talents and support of Susannah Willms, often accompanied by Evelyn Gullatt on violin, the generous provision of music selections by Tom Richardson, and the tech slides provided by Kim Block, we have become a working team helping set the stage for the Chapel community to continue worshipping together. Clergy and lay-people alike have generously given their time to preach.

Each Sunday in the Chapel continues to be a special experience, much like I imagine early churches gathered together for the purpose of caring for each other, singing, praying, reading scripture, and learning what it means to be a spiritual family. The Wesleyan quadrilateral is in play in the Chapel in a very personal way... scripture, tradition, reason, and experience weave us together.

# What We Believe

*We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.*

*We believe every person is on a journey to God, with God.*

*We freely admit that we do not have all the answers, but we believe that Jesus points the way.*

## WORSHIP

9:00 AND 11:00 A.M. SANCTUARY

January 15

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*Wade in the Water*

Matthew 3:13-17

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching

*In baptism, we find that water washes away every barrier we put between us and those we count as "other."*



January 22

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*Follow Me*

Matthew 4:12-23

Taylor Fuerst, Preaching

*Jesus invited Simon, Andrew, James, and John to "Follow me." His invitation to us hasn't changed, but...where is he going?*

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Cate George, given by Ken and Susan Hensley and the Susanna Wesley Class.

### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Christmas Offering in honor of Robbie Youngblood's 96th birthday, given by John and Jackie McIntosh.
- To our Christmas Offering in honor of Joe and Elaine Vandegriff, given by Joan Tien.
- To our Ministry Fund in memory of Debra Carman, given by David and Rosemary Snow
- To our Ministry Fund in memory of Azalee Snow, given by David and Rosemary Snow.
- To our Ministry Fund in memory of Don Snow, given by David and Rosemary Snow.
- To our Ministry Fund in memory of Ruel Snow, given by David and Rosemary Snow.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Open Door Emmaus Group, given by Pepper Huffman.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Gazelle Sump, given by the Fred Matthy's Sunday School Class.
- To our Music Memorial in memory of Clark Rector, given by Wedding Ring Sunday School Class

### JANUARY 22, SUNDAY

#### First Steps Class

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in this class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the Pastors and other members, and ask questions. The next class meets at 12:15 p.m. in Room 104 of the Family Life Center. Sign up by filling out the Communication Card during worship or by emailing Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org).

### FEBRUARY 12, SUNDAY

#### Baptism Preparation Class

Are you ready to have your child baptized? Pastor Taylor will host a class at 12:15 p.m. in Room 108 of the Education Building. Come learn 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 baptism. To sign up, simply indicate your interest on our Communication Card in worship or send an email to Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org). If you are interested in adult baptism, contact Pastor Taylor directly at [taylor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:taylor@fumcaustin.org).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Clo Bains; Gabriel Baker; Betty Berkey; Bob Block; Pat Freeman;

Jaime Goggans; Pam Jackson; Lila Matthys; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; and Virginia Wattinger.

Condolences to Nell Broadbent on the death of her son, Harold Broadbent;

Jonathan, Emily and Jake George and Lucius and Lynn Bunton on the death of Cate George; and to Howard Hartman on the death of his mother, Annabel Hartman.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's niece, Emma; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Patty Calixto's friend, Mary Kathryn Kane; Reverend Tina Carter; Peggy Davis' friend, Mary Mood; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Cindy Gunderson's friends, John Biggar and Glynie Walker; Don Hart's friend, Dana Lee Welch; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Judy Kostura's friends, Rick and Vicki Spencer; Charlotte Lyerly's niece, Tonya Harris; John and Jackie McIntosh for Robbie Youngblood; Kelly Mills' mother, Sandra Mills; Riley Nix's grandmother; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra; Larry Peters' friends, Tony Johnson and Charles Roper; Arthur Potts' grandfather. Marvin Henager; Mary Faye Randolph's aunt and Ruth Randolph's sister, Bess Gerst; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Cindy Wallingford's mother, Patricia; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.