



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JANUARY 15, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES THIRD SUNDAY

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen . Wesley Hall

This is an opportunity for first timers of all ages to give this ministry a try. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (preparing the food and loading the truck) or the Truck Team from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. (delivering the food to our hungry neighbors around Austin).

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.

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

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

1201 Lavaca Street | Austin, Texas, 78701 | 512-478-5684 | www.fumcaustin.org

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 21, SATURDAY Women's March on Austin

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.

12:00-3:00 P.M.
STATE CAPITOL

JANUARY

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

24 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Mercy & Justice Book Study: "Torn"

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

A Disciple's Heart

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Home of Karen Vannoy

29 Sunday

Fifth Sunday Social Justice Presentation

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Administrative Board/Charge Conference

12:15 p.m.

Wesley Hall

FEBRUARY

5 Sunday

New Young Couples Class

9:45 a.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

Spirituality and Racial Justice Series

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

12 Sunday

Spirituality and Racial Justice Series

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Baptism Preparation Class

12:15 a.m.

Room 108, Education Building

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR YOUTH

Want input on the church's future? Want to meet our most "vibrant" church members? You can! We are looking for more volunteers (including non-parent volunteers — the kids get tired of their parents) to help with our youth ministry. There are many ways to contribute. To volunteer or for more information, email youth@fumcaustin.org.

W E E K T H I S

15 Sun	Spirituality and Racial Justice Series	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday	4:00 and 5:00 p.m.	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
	Non-Violence Training for Women's March	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
16 Mon	MLK Day Community March	9:30 a.m.	Family Life Center
	17 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.
18 Wed	Mercy & Justice Book Study: "Torn"	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
	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
19 Thur	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	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
20 Fri	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	Registration Deadline for "Created By God"	All Day	lara@fumcaustin.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 22, SUNDAY

Manna Bag Sale . 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

Our fourth and fifth grade children show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

First Steps Class . 12:15 p.m., Room 104, Family Life Center

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. Sign up by filling out the Communication Card during worship or by emailing Marcia Houston at marcia@fumcaustin.org.

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. Register at texasimpact.org/UMW.

JANUARY 24-FEBRUARY 28, TUESDAYS

A Disciple's Heart . 7:00-8:30 p.m., Home of Karen Vannoy

In Christianity the heart is usually the heart of the matter. Through discussion and reflection we will lay foundations that strengthen faith. This class in northwest Austin is hosted by Dr. John Flowers and led by Rev. Karen Vannoy. Address provided after online registration. Fee is \$16, which covers cost of materials. Register at fumcaustin.org/heart.

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 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 or contact Marcia Houston at marcia@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare is available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 12, SUNDAY

Baptism Preparation Class . 12:15 p.m., Room 108, Education Building

Are you ready to have your child baptized? Come learn 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. If you are interested in adult baptism, contact Pastor Taylor directly at taylor@fumcaustin.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,
PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

FAITH IN ACTION

WHY WE MARCH

By Darcy Hamre, Terri Purdy,
and Whitney Thurman

“Learn to do right. See that justice is done — help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows.” (Isaiah 1:17)

As United Methodist Women, we will proudly march alongside thousands of others in the Women's March on Austin on Saturday, January 21st. We will march because Texas women continue to face an uphill climb on the road to equity. In Texas, the wage gap between men and women continues to grow and women of color earn only 87 cents to the white man's dollar. The maternal mortality rate in Texas is one of the highest in the developed world, and in 2015, 158 Texas women were killed in domestic violence incidents.

Marching with our church signifies that it is our faith that calls us to join in the fight to ensure that women's rights are regarded as human rights and that defending the marginalized is what Jesus called us to do. The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church affirm the right of women to be equal to men in “every aspect of common life,” and the UMW has worked for over 150 years to challenge social injustice across the globe.

We are committed to these principles and the continued fight against injustice, and we march on Saturday as a witness to this commitment. We hope that you will join us.

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 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?

January 29

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Michael Mumme, Preaching

FEBRUARY 5, SUNDAY

New Young Couples Class

9:45 a.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

Calling all young couples!

A new Sunday School class

is forming, and we want you

to join us for fellowship,

friendship, and fun! For more

information, contact Kaycee

Crisp at kayceecrisp@gmail.com.

CHURCH BUSINESS

MEET EMILY BUCHANAN

Children's Ministry Assistant



"I'm a third generation member of FUMC. I was married here and my three children were baptized here. Suffice it to say this church has been the

rock of my faith formation. After serving on staff in 2004-2006 as the Director of Communication, I'm excited to return to support Lara Greene and our Children's Ministry. As a mom, I know how important having a strong ministry has been for my family. I have served ten years as a VBS volunteer and two years as co-chair of the Children and Family Team. I'm excited to bring my skills in communication and organization to help us build upon our foundation for growth in the coming years."

MEET TREVOR HARPER

Director of Connections



"I am so excited to join the FUMC staff as Director of Connections. It's no secret how much I love people and enjoy making personal

connections. The stack of bulletins I forget to hand out is often evidence of how much I enjoy those conversations. I hope to draw upon my communications background and experience to help connect new and existing members to each other and to the heartbeat of this amazing church. Together we can do so much important work in our community. Here's to an exciting New Year together!"

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Betty Berkey; Bob Block; Pat Freeman; Andrea Peck; Mary Faye Randolph; and Ruth Randolph.

Condolences to Riley Nix on the death of her grandmother, Almedia Mary Riley Nix; to Ruth Randolph and Mary Faye Randolph on the death of sister and aunt, Bess Gerst; to Randy Teich on the death of his cousin, Jenna Richbourg; and to Jackie Vanderhule on the death of her mother, Evelyn Miller.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, niece, Emma; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Marilyn Bettis' brother-in-law, A. P. Patschke; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Bergan Casey family for Riley Furlong; Reverend Tina Carter; Pamela Craig; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Lauren Jackson's brother, Brady Jackson; Lake Travis Islamic Mosque; Virginia McCarroll's friend, B. J. Wolf; Ted Parson's mother, Virginia Parsons; Andrea Peck's family, Donna and Jim Franklin; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra; Larry Peters' friend, Bobbie Goodwin; Sarah Richea's friend, Earl O'Connor; Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Libby Sykora's niece, Amelia Coffman; Cindy Wallingford's mother, Patricia Cruickshank, and brother, Scott Wallingford; Cindy Walter's friend, Ron Stoup; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences to the family and friends of Whitney Carlson on her death.

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Cast all your cares on God, because God cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)