



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

OCTOBER 23, 2016

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP TODAY FOR FIRST STEPS CLASS

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out the First Steps card clipped to the pew and place it in the offering plate. The next First Steps class will be Sunday, November 6, from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Foyer

The 175th Anniversary Edition of our church directory has arrived and is available in the foyer or during the week at the church office.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

All are invited to a study of *The Grace of Giving: The Practice of Extravagant Generosity*. Through the practice of generosity, we offer material resources in a manner that supports the causes that transform life, relieve suffering, enlarge the soul, and sustain the spirit. We give back. Join us as we explore the personal side of extravagant generosity and ways we can grow in the grace of giving.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights.

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

4:00 p.m. Room 102, Family Life Center

This course provides an overview of the Bible and discusses how we should think of inspiration and the nature of scriptures. It also addresses some of the hard questions about the Bible, including how to think about passages that seem inconsistent with our understanding of God, sexuality, and purported conflicts between science and faith.

Extravagant GENEROSITY

VISIONS AND HOPES
FOR FIRST CHURCH

Throughout our Extravagant Generosity Emphasis, you are invited to share what it is you love about our church, how a person has shaped your spiritual journey, and what your visions and hopes are for FUMC. Please respond in worship and online. These cards are displayed around the church so we can share and celebrate our church.

For this week, you are invited to share your visions and hopes for First Church. Why has God put us here? What could happen in the next year because our church is living out its mission? How can we, by God's grace, change the world?

This emphasis offers an opportunity to cultivate generosity in our own lives, to grow in our perspective and in our practice of generosity. Our hope is that you will engage in this opportunity during our church-wide emphasis, Extravagant Generosity.

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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

OCTOBER 30, SUNDAY

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

From an orphaned child to a self-sustaining business owner in just three years? Come learn how FUMC is partnering with ZOE HELPS to make this happen for dozens of orphans in Liberia. Rev. Gaston Warner, the CEO of ZOE, will talk about ZOE and its successes in empowering orphans in Africa and elsewhere.

Extravagant Generosity Church-wide Celebration Picnic
12:15 p.m.
Capitol Lawn

Come celebrate our commitment and growth in generosity.

Trick or Treat for Hope
5:30-7:30 p.m.
St. John's UMC, 2140 Allandale

Our youth will join youth from St. John's UMC and University UMC for a time of fellowship, fun, and service. We will meet at St. John's for dinner and then we will Trick or Treat for nonperishable goods that benefit the Hope Food Pantry. Youth are invited to come dressed in costume or as themselves.

OCTOBER

30 Sunday

Baby Steps

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Fifth Sunday Presentation: ZOE

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Church-wide Celebration Picnic

12:15 p.m.

Capitol Lawn

Making Sense of the Bible

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

Trick or Treat for Hope

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NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday

Mercy and Justice Book Study

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

2 Wednesday

Deadline for Book Festival Barbeque

5:00 p.m.

fumcaustingrills@gmail.com

5 Saturday

Early Response Team (ERT) Training

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Westlake UMC

Book Festival Barbeque Sale

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parking Lot

6 Sunday

Candy Collecton for

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Foyer, Sanctuary/Family Life Center

Cold Weather Shelter Training

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

Book Festival Barbeque Sale

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parking Lot

First Steps

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

Making Sense of the Bible

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

11 Friday

Kids' Night Out

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Education Building

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

13 Sunday

Candy Collecton for

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Foyer and Family Life Center

Charge Conference

12:15 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Mother/Son Bowling Night

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Westgate Lanes

15 Tuesday

Mercy and Justice Book Study

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

19 Tuesday

Family Hike Day

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wild Basin Preserve

WEEK

23 Sun	<i>Baby Steps</i>	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Library, Sanctuary Building
	<i>Music Makers Rehearsal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Room 108, Education Building
	<i>#SingPraise Rehearsal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
	<i>Extravagant Generosity Sunday School</i>	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
	<i>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</i>	10:00 a.m.	Back of Sign In Book and Website
	<i>Administrative Board Meeting</i>	12:15 p.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
	<i>Listening Session</i>	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
24 Mon	<i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Room 102, Family Life Center
	<i>English as a Second Language (ESL)</i>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	<i>Prodigal Sons Men's Group</i>	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
25 Tue	<i>Just Mercy Book Study</i>	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition
	<i>Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast</i>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	<i>Crucial Conversations</i>	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
26 Wed	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	7:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
	<i>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</i>	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	<i>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</i>	10:00 a.m.	Room 213, Sanctuary Building
27 Thur	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
	<i>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</i>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	<i>Feed My People Breakfast</i>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	<i>Feed My People Breakfast Worship</i>	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	<i>English as a Second Language (ESL)</i>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1 AND 15, TUESDAYS

Mercy and Justice Book Study . 6:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
In Will Willimon's book, *Fear of the Other*, he invites readers to an on-the-ground faith that remembers the God who comes to us again and again through so-called outsiders, strangers, immigrants, and those without status. This short book includes probing questions for self-examination and general discussion. Please read Chapters 1 and 2 for November 1. For more information, contact Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

NOVEMBER 5, SATURDAY

Early Response Team Training . 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Westlake UMC
FUMC is building an Early Response Team (ERT) to work in conjunction with other United Methodist churches in our area to help victims when disasters occur. If you are interested in this initiative, register for a training session at <http://riotexas.org/early-response-team-training>. For more information, contact Ben Patterson at benandrick77@yahoo.com or 512-217-0756.

NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAY

Cold Weather Shelter Training . 10:00-10:45 a.m. Murchison Chapel
FUMC is a Tuesday night host for Cold Weather Shelter for Women, a program managed by Front Steps at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. This training includes safety and logistics, how to treat guests, how to deescalate stressful situations, and signup. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Book Festival Barbeque Sale . 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Church Parking Lot
Our Eurasia Barbeque Team will prepare and sell barbeque in our parking lot during the Book Festival. Volunteers are needed to greet, serve, and talk to the community. Pre-orders will be taken for Sunday pick-up between services or after the 11:00 a.m. service. Deadline for this is November 2 at 5:00 p.m. Place orders at fumcaustingrills@gmail.com or with Shirley Derryberry at 512-497-1852. Funds raised support Good News UMC, our partner church in Vologda, Russia.

NOVEMBER 11, 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 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.

NOVEMBER 13, SUNDAY

Mother/Son Bowling Night . 5:00-7:00 p.m. Westgate Lanes
Moms, save the date for a fellowship-fun night with your son, hosted by our Children's Team. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes shoe rentals and a lane. Watch for more information on the FUMC Facebook page and for a chance to reserve your spot.

NOVEMBER 19, FRIDAY

Family Hike Day . 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wild Basin Preserve
All are welcome to a fellowship-fun day, organized by our Children's Team.

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.

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

FAITH IN ACTION

HOSTING A
LISTENING SESSION
By Daviss King



Five weeks ago I had the honor of opening my home for one of the many "Listening Sessions" that are being held as part of the "Who We Are Project." For two hours I allowed MY space to be OUR space and, in that short time, my acquaintance with 15 fellow First Churchers deepened into relationship.

In meeting outside the church there were, of course, the anticipated benefits of lighter traffic and assured parking spaces. There was also an unexpected blessing that, where before there were 15 familiar faces at which to smile or wave on Sundays, there are now 15 FRIENDS whose stories I now know and 15 First Church neighbors I did not realize lived so close.

I wonder if this deeper kinship would have eventually evolved through regular Sunday activities or if meeting in this more personal way encouraged greater relationship and communion. I think perhaps the latter. If the comments I received from those who attended the session at my home asking, "Why don't we do this more often?" or flat out stating, "We need to do this again!" are any indication, then it seems many others also agree.

I look forward to growing these newly deepened friendships and discovering more like them amongst my fellow First Churchers and to that end I happily commit MY space to again be OUR space.

What We Believe

We believe that every human being is a beloved child of God.

We believe that each human being is on a journey toward God, with God.

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

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Adama Brown; Arnold and Ruth Buss; Bill Derryberry; Cate George and family; Lloyd Gorney; Ivan and Glenna Marks; and Andrea Peck.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, Karen, and niece, Emma; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Howard Hartman's mother, Annabel Hartman; Charlotte Lyerly's niece, Tonya Harris; Kelly Mills' mother, Sandra Mills; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.



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

CHURCH BUSINESS

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS

Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world. Together, we welcome and care for the poor, the stranger, the sojourner, the outcast.

This October, your giving to the World Communion Offering helps provide scholarships through the United Methodist Church for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. In addition, 25% of this offering will go to Refugee Services of Texas. We support the work of RST across Texas as they welcome refugees, immigrants, and other displaced people and support them in integrating and thriving in their new communities.

So far, we have collected \$2,037. Gifts may be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to or brought by the church office.

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 20, SUNDAY

Bringing Advent Home
Advent devotionals and home worship resources available.

Vital Conversations on Race and Racism
10:00 a.m., Wesley Hall

NOVEMBER 21, MONDAY

Day of Service at Marbridge
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Sign-up Required at
www.fumcaustin.org/marbridge

NOVEMBER 27, SUNDAY
Intergenerational Advent Event
9:45-10:45 a.m., Wesley Hall

DECEMBER 3, SATURDAY
Church Decorating and Holiday Stroll
4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18, SUNDAYS
Advent Sunday School Series
10:00 a.m., Wesley Hall

DECEMBER 10, SATURDAY
Kids Day Out and
10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., FUMC

Youth Service Day
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., University UMC

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Louise Bettis, given by Greg Monroe.
- To our Memorial Gifts Fund in memory of Paul Lindgren, given by Donna Olson.
- To our Music Ministry in memory of Marge Folk, given by Curtis and Mary Higgs.
- To our Reconciling Ministries in honor of the marriage of Trevor Harper and Davis Covin, given by Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos.

CANDY COLLECTION

Halloween is coming, and you are probably buying more candy than needed for Trick-or-Treaters. Donate leftover candy to our Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Ministry. Collection bins will be available in the foyer of the sanctuary and Family Life Center on November 6 and 13. You may also bring donations to the church office or the MLF kitchen in Wesley Hall.

DECEMBER 11, SUNDAY
Lessons and Carols Service
9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 18, SUNDAY
Children & Youth Choirs Present Messiah for Young Voices
9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 21, WEDNESDAY
Blue Christmas Service
7:00 p.m., Murchison Chapel

DECEMBER 24, SATURDAY
Christmas Eve Breakfast
6:30 a.m., Great Hall

Christmas Eve Breakfast Service
8:00 a.m., Garrison Chapel

Christmas Eve Noon Service
12:15 p.m., Murchison Chapel

Christmas Eve Family Service
4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services
8:00 and 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 25, SUNDAY
Christmas Service
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
No Sunday School