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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

OCTOBER 30, 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. in Room 104 of the Family Life Center.

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.

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.

CHURCH-WIDE CELEBRATION PICNIC

12:15 p.m. Capitol Lawn

Come celebrate our commitment and growth in generosity with some fellowship and fun with your church family!

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. They will meet at St. John's for dinner and then they 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 MISSION EMPHASIS

Giving to the World Communion Offering helps provide scholarships for United Methodist graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. In addition, 25% of your gifts will support the work of Refugee Services of Texas, who welcomes refugees and helps integrate them in their new communities. So far, we have collected \$2,156. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to or brought by the church office.

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL November 5 and 6

The Texas Book Festival returns to the Capitol. On Sunday, access to the church parking lot will be limited to those with accessibility needs. There will be plenty of parking available in the Trial Lawyers Association Parking Garage at 13th and Lavaca. Enter from the west or from Lavaca. For details on street closures, visit fumcaustin.org/parking.

ALL-SAINTS DAY November 6

We celebrate the "communion of the saints," both of the Church universal and our congregation. In the service of Holy Communion, we experience their mysterious presence among us, even though we do not see their faces. During the Great Thanksgiving, we will name our members who have died since last All-Saints Day: Evelyn Kisner, Wamac Soward, Ashley Eledge, Janet Ingram, Marion Elrod, Carol Nasworthy, Chet Brooks, Edward Renker, Howard Payton, Helen Payton, Bernadine Houy, Lewis McCarroll, Estelle Fancher, Dick Francis, Louise Bettis, Marjorie Folk, Paul Lindgren, and Marvin Philippus. As the congregation receives communion, they will have the opportunity to light candles in celebration of those dear to them.

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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

CANDY COLLECTION

Halloween is tomorrow, and you probably bought 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. You may also bring donations to the church office or the MLF kitchen in Wesley Hall.

NOVEMBER 6 AND 13

NOVEMBER

5 Saturday

Daylight-Saving Time Ends

At Bedtime

Set Clocks Back One Hour

6 Sunday

Candy Collecton for
Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Foyer, Sanctuary/Family Life Center

Visit Our Sukkah

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Room 110, Sanctuary Building

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

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 Saturday

Family Hike Day

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wild Basin Preserve

20 Sunday

Bringing Advent Home

Advent Devotionals and Resources
Sanctuary Foyer

Vital Conversations on Race & Racism

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

21 Monday

Day of Service at Marbridge

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

www.fumcaustin.org/marbridge

27 Sunday

Intergenerational Advent Event

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Wesley Hall

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Daylight-Saving Time ends on November 6. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5, so you will be on time Sunday for our celebration of All-Saints Day and other activities.

NOVEMBER 6

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30 Sun	<i>Baby Steps</i>	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Library, Sanctuary Building
	Music Makers Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Room 108, Education Building
	#SingPraise Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
	Fifth Sunday Presentation: ZOE	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Back of Sign In Book and Website
	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	5:30-7:30 p.m.	St. John's UMC, 2140 Allandale
31 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
1 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	Mercy and Justice Book Study	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
2 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
	Order Deadline for Book Festival Barbeque	5:00 p.m.	fumcaustingrills@gmail.com
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
3 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
5 Sat	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

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 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 6, SUNDAY

Visit Our Sukkah . 10:00-10:30 a.m. Room 110, Sanctuary Building
The fourth and fifth graders are celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot. This holiday remembers the 40 years the Hebrew people wandered in the wilderness after their escape from Egypt and celebrates the fall harvest. The children are also collecting food for Caritas, so you may bring a non-perishable food item to place in the sukkah.

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 sign-up. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

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.

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, SATURDAY

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.

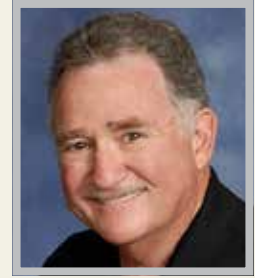
Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using [submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

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

FAITH IN ACTION

GIVING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

By Dick Young



"I believe giving is an act of worship," said Reverend Bruno Schmidt, long-tenured FUMC associate pastor, during a 1980's meeting in Wesley Hall. These words, in his slightly-German accent, were spoken with feeling after a lifetime of practice. Bruno echoed the Apostle Paul, who in 2nd Corinthians: 8-9, writes about giving.

Paul does not want giving to be an act of compulsion, but rather the acts of cheerful givers. ("Cheerful" - derived from the Greek word "hilarious.") Paul does instruct the Corinthian Church to be responsible givers. Translated to modern terms, he wants us to give for the support of the buildings, maintenance, and such - certainly, that kind of giving is necessary.

But then, say the experts, Paul motivates us to elevate giving to a transformational plane. Before this transformation, our giving is transactional - I give, I receive. Transformational giving occurs when the recipient *and* the giver are transformed (as in charitable giving, such as those acts of countless well-intentioned charities we all support). Noble giving - don't you agree?

But, the Church is not a charity! The Church, our church, is a place where we come together as a community of saints to do ministry and mission and to worship God. Paul instructs us to give in gratitude for our blessings, but most of all, to give in joy as worship.

What could we do as a church if every gift was given as a "hilarious" act?

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.

CHURCH BUSINESS

NOVEMBER 13, SUNDAY
2016 Charge Conference
12:15 p.m., Wesley Hall

Charge Conference is the church's yearly business meeting with the District Superintendent where lay leadership is elected, lay servant ministers are approved, and clergy salaries are approved for the coming year. We will also consider Adama Brown for recommendation as a candidate for ordained ministry.

All are welcome to attend Charge Conference and participate in the discussion. The voting members of the Charge Conference are members of the Administrative Board and others as specified by *The Book of Discipline*.

Lunch provided for \$10 per person. Those who plan to eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 noon on November 10 at www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard or contact Marcia Houston at marcia@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org.

WORSHIP

9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.

November 6
All-Saints Sunday
Michael Mumme, Preaching



November 13
Hunger and Homelessness
Cathy Stone, Preaching



November 20
Christ the King Sunday
Taylor Fuerst, Preaching



November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Taylor Fuerst, Preaching

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 20, SUNDAY
Bringing Advent Home
Advent Devotionals and Resources
Sanctuary Foyer

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., Wesley Hall

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

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

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

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Adama Brown; Arnold and Ruth Buss; Bill Derryberry; Cate George and family; Lloyd Gorney; Ivan and Glenna Marks; Andrea Peck and Wilton Stone.
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; the Gundeman Family; Howard Hartman's mother, Annabel Hartman; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty Helton; Chris and Jan Higgs' friend, Jimmy Hargrave; 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
Condolences to the families and friends of Harris Johnson and Arthur Willis on their deaths.

DECEMBER 11, SUNDAY
Lessons and Carols Services
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

DECEMBER 26-29
Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday