



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

AUGUST 21, 2016

THIS SUNDAY

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

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.

MOVIN' UP SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 a.m. Children and Youth Classrooms

We highly encourage parents to accompany their children to their new classrooms so they can meet their child's teachers as well as other families. Look for room locations in parent email or on our website.

NEW SIXTH GRADERS PARADE

9:45 a.m. Sanctuary Front Steps

Everyone is invited to help us cheer the class of 2023 as they move from our children's ministry all the way across the street to our youth ministry. Meet on the front steps at 9:45 a.m. (or directly following 9:00 worship).

KINDERGARTEN READING

10:00 a.m. Room 101 . Education Building

Those entering kindergarten and their parents are invited to a group reading of Audrey Penn's book, *The Kissing Hand*, and to make a special craft together to mark this important milestone.

HALF TRUTHS SUMMER STUDY

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian, like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. We will search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus.

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES THIRD SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF KITCHEN

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).

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS

FUMC began its ESL Ministry as an initiative by a pastor for whom English was a second language, one who thought he knew English until he arrived in this country and faced a myriad of challenges with communication. Add to this dilemma the cultural differences in medical care, the condition of women in society, how to go to the grocery store, how to take a bus, how to navigate the educational system for one's children. And then there is the loneliness of being the "other."

For over a decade, individuals who find themselves in these situations have come to our classes. Attendees say the difference between these classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community, a place to belong. One of the unique things about our ESL Ministry is providing childcare so mothers or fathers who care for the family can concentrate on improving their language skills.

Although the teachers are volunteers, materials, childcare, FLC utilities, and social hour refreshments cost money. Contributions may be left on the altar rail, dropped in the offering plate, or sent to or brought by the church office. Make checks payable to FUMC and include a note stating that your contribution is for "ESL."

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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

AUGUST

28 Sunday

Administrative Board Meeting
12:15 p.m.
Wesley Hall

SEPTEMBER

4-10 Sunday-Saturday

Family Promise Week
Servant Hearts Needed
Sign up at fumcaustin.org

5 Monday

Church Office Closed
for Labor Day Holiday
Have a Safe and Happy Holiday

7 Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes
10:00 a.m.
Room 213, Sanctuary Building
FUMC Choir Rehearsal Resumes
7:00 p.m.
Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
Bell Choir Rehearsal Resumes
5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Balcony

8 Thursday

English as a Second Language Resumes
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

11 Sunday

#SingPraise Rehearsals Resume
9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel
Music Makers Rehearsals Resume
9:00 a.m.
Room 108, Education Building
50th Anniversary Celebration to
Commemorate 1966 Farm Worker March
1:30 p.m.
St. Edward's University
Poking at the Patriarchy
4:00 p.m.
Room 104, Family Life Center

16 Friday

Kids' Night Out
5:30-9:00 p.m.
Education Building
Connect for Tweens
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

18 Sunday

Manna Bag Sale
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Sidewalk
Poking at the Patriarchy
4:00 p.m.
Room 104, Family Life Center

22 Thursday

Women's Bible Study Begins
7:00 p.m.
Room 102, Family Life Center

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE 1966 FARM WORKER MARCH



Let us continue the struggle of the Starr County farm workers, who led a strike in the melon fields in the summer of 1966, and then marched 400 miles, beginning on July 4, from the Valley to Austin, arriving at the Capitol on Labor Day 1966. When they arrived, 10,000 people joined the last four miles of the march from St. Edward's University to the Capitol. Their struggle for economic justice was the beginning of the United Farm Workers union in Texas and sparked the Chicano movement. They laid the foundation in the fight for justice that continues today in the struggle for a living wage. FUMC will participate in the four-mile march beginning at St. Edwards University and ending at the Capitol. The march will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by a 4:00 p.m. rally at the Capitol. For more information, visit <https://farmworkers2016.org/>.

SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY

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21 Sun	Manna Bag Sale Movin' Up Sunday School New Sixth Graders Parade Kindergarten Reading Half Truths Sunday Study Sunday School Classes for All Ages Adult Discipleship Team Meeting Trustees Meeting Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday	9:00-11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	Sidewalk Children and Youth Classrooms Sanctuary Front Steps Room 101, Education Building Wesley Hall Back of Sign In Book and Website Room 213, Sanctuary Building Library, Sanctuary Building Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
22 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
23 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast Tattoos on the Heart Book Study	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Central Market, North Lamar
24 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
25 Thur	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast Feed My People Breakfast Worship Pride Interfaith Celebration	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center Sanctuary
27 Sat	Service Day at the FreeStore Pride Parade	9:00 a.m./11:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	FreeStore, 1717 East 12th Street Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 23, TUESDAY

Feed My People Breakfast . 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center

Come experience this ministry that serves breakfast to 300 of our homeless guests. To volunteer, preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins at 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up begins at 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.

AUGUST 27, SATURDAY

Service Day at the FreeStore . 1717 East 12th Street

FUMC serves at the FreeStore on 4th Saturday. Volunteers of all ages are needed to stock the store, greet shoppers, and help customers check out. Shifts are 9:00-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to serve and to meet our neighbors.

Pride Parade . 6:45 p.m. Family Life Center

Join FUMC members as we march together, proudly representing our reconciling congregation in the Annual Austin Pride Parade. The parade kicks off at 8:00 p.m. from the Capitol, proceeds down Congress, and then through the Warehouse District on 4th Street/Bettie Naylor to Republic Square Park. If you plan to march in the parade, meet in the Family Life Center lobby at 6:45 p.m. From there, the group will walk to the parade lineup area. Those interested please email rmn@fumcaustin.org to be included on any updates.

AUGUST 28, SUNDAY

Administrative Board Meeting . 12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch will be provided for \$9 per person. Board members and guests who plan to eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 noon on August 25 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 to make reservations. Childcare reservations are not guaranteed until confirmed.

SEPTEMBER 4-10, SUNDAY-SATURDAY

Family Promise Week

Servant hearts are needed to help with Family Promise, a program providing transitional shelter for families experiencing homelessness. FUMC provides a place for families to live in the Family Life Center. Volunteers of all ages provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and host in other ways. Visit fumcaustin.org/familypromise to sign-up.

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, AND 25, SUNDAYS

Poking at the Patriarchy . 4:00-5:30 p.m. Room 104, Family Life Center

This course, led by Kathy Tullos, will center on the writings of three contemporary Christian female writers who take on the patriarchal aspects of our faith tradition. We will read short selections from Sue Monk Kidd, Anne Lamott, and Nadia Bolz-Weber and discuss the issue of patriarchy and how these pieces inform our faith journeys. This course is not intended only for women but is open to all who want to talk about the role gender plays in Christianity.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Marijo Hartman



The week of our Surf Shack Vacation Bible School (VBS) was awesome! As a member at the church for over 25 years, I cannot believe that I waited so long to volunteer.

We danced, sang, colored, glued, painted, prayed, and heard and discussed Bible stories. We made manna bags, water bottle toppers, and learned about mission. Seeing the variety of ages working together — three-year-old surfers to youth helpers, to dads and moms with their infants strapped to their bodies, to a retiree like me — made a beautiful picture of Church. Our VBS is like a well-oiled machine where you can help a day, a couple of days, or all five. A variety of jobs were available — crafts, missions, music, storytelling, or helping kids get from one place to another.

Each time we baptize a child, we make a promise to that child. I have started to do my part and it was FUN! I hope to see you at VBS next year. I will be there!

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.

WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES



The Bible is clear that journeying with God doesn't just change how we think—it changes how we live! Beyond going to church and struggling with belief and doubt, being a Christian means we are open to God's ongoing transformation in every aspect of our lives. For five weeks, we will explore how our faith shapes our lives in tangible ways. Come each week and consider how God is working in these areas of your life:

August 28

How Do I Use My Space?
2 Kings 4:8-17

September 4

How Do I Spend My Time?
Esther 4:5-17

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Condolences to the family and friends of Dick Francis on his death. A memorial service will be held on August 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Congratulations to Gwen Becker on her 93 birthday and to Gazelle Sump on her 95 birthday.
Other: Travis Bias (Medical Mission to Uganda)

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, Karen Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Kim Cousins' brother, Norman Falkenburg; Terry Cornwell's friends, Donna Cortez, Jacob Cortez, and Marilyn Ford; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce Webb Lester; Howard Hartman's mother, Annabel; Curtis and Mary Higgs' daughter-in-law, Jean Higgs; Jinks and Sue Rector; Pat Rives' friend, Jay Knuckols; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

CHURCH BUSINESS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and blessed holiday. Our pastors are on call during holidays. Call 512-478-5684, press 213, and leave a message for a return call.

CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS



Join FUMC this fall on our newly re-formed, co-ed softball team. We

will register for the Wednesday night novice league at Krieg Field Complex. Games start October 9. Adults of all ages and skill levels welcome. For more information and to sign up, contact Brandon Crisp at brandon.lee.crisp@gmail.com by September 1st. See you at the ballpark!

ACTIVITIES RESUME

FUMC CHOIR

Resumes September 7



The FUMC Choir is a dedicated ensemble of musicians who meet twice weekly to rehearse and provide musical leadership and support for our 11:00 a.m. worship service, festival services at Christmas and Easter, and special services and concerts during Advent and Lent.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room (12th and Colorado entrance) and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in advance of the 11:00 a.m. service.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this dynamic ensemble, contact Scott Davis, Director of Music, at scott@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

HANDBELL CHOIR

Resumes September 7

6:00 p.m., Sanctuary Balcony

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Resumes September 7

Jim Bowen, retired research scientist now into religious research, leads an depth exploration of Scriptural texts on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 213 of the Sanctuary Building. For more information, contact Jim at jbowen@austin.rr.com or 512-918-1072.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES

Resumes September 8

10:00 a.m., Family Life Center

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Resume September 11

Join our children's choirs on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Music Makers (Kindergarten-3rd grade) meet in Room 108 with Sallie Novinger and #SingPraise (4th-8th grades) meet in the Murchison Chapel with Wendi Olinger. For more information, contact Wendi at wendi@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 210).