



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

AUGUST 28, 2016

THIS SUNDAY

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

12:15 p.m. Wesley Hall

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch provided for \$9 per person.

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry

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 ESL classes. Attendees say the difference between these classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community, the creation of a place to belong. The social hours of ESL classes are a safe place to practice a language, but also, a place to feel at home. 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, utilities for the FLC, and refreshments for the social hours all cost money. Contributions to the rail offering during the month of August go to support this quiet but powerful ministry. You can contribute to the altar rail, drop your gift in the offering plate, or send or bring your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to FUMC and include a note stating that your contribution is for "ESL."

FLOOD RELIEF IN LOUISIANA

A special offering today will be designated toward UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) for flood relief in Louisiana. UMCOR promises that 100% of the money will be used for relief, not administrative costs. Checks should be made out to FUMC and indicate "UMCOR/Louisiana Flood Relief" in the memo section.

FAMILY PROMISE SEPTEMBER 4-10

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. To sign up, visit fumcaustin.org/familypromise.

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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

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 Begins

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

Just Mercy Book Study Begins

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

12 Monday

When God Doesn't Fit It Begins

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 102, 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

Conversations on Realities of Race & Racism

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Poking at the Patriarchy

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

Engage Kick-Off

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Room 108, Great Hall

Youth Parent Meeting

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Room 108, Family Life Center

Just Mercy Book Study

6:00-7:00 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

K E E W E S T H I S	28 Sun	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Back of Sign In Book and Website
		Administrative Board Meeting	12:15 p.m.	Wesley Hall
	29 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	30 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	31 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	1 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Just Mercy Book Study . 6:00-7:00 p.m. Room 102, Family Life Center

Pastor Cathy Stone will lead a book study of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. This book is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice. Sign up by emailing Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org. This study is also offered at other times and locations. Visit our website for details.

SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 10, MONDAYS

When God Doesn't Fix It . 6:30-8:30 p.m. Room 102, Family Life Center

This course, led by Debbie Rippetoe, will focus on a story about the worship leader and recording artist, Laura Story, and how her life took an unexpected turn when her husband, Martin, was diagnosed with a brain tumor and dreams were lost. Her study concerns how one responds to situations that God does not fix as we think he should and in our time frame. Register on our website.

SEPTEMBER 16, 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.

SEPTEMBER 18, SUNDAY

Conversations on Realities of Race and Racism . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

The General Commission on Race and Religion of The United Methodist Church created a series of Vital Conversations on Realities of Race and Racism. This series features contemporary theologians, sociologists, laity, clergy, and other thought-leaders dealing with challenges of race, culture, and oppression in the Church and world today. We continue the conversation with a video of "The Intersections of Oppression" with Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey, an ordained elder in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Engage Kick-Off . 4:00-6:00 p.m. Room 108 . Great Hall

All middle school and high school youth are invited to the Engage Kick-Off September 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come Sunday nights to engage your whole selves in discussion, prayer, worship and a lot of fun!

Youth Parent Meeting . 4:00-6:00 p.m. Room 108 . Family Life Center

Parents of middle school and high school youth are invited to our annual parent meeting. We will be going over what to expect from the youth ministry program for the school year, which includes what Sunday School and Engage will be like, as well as retreats, mission opportunities, and more.

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

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES

THIRD SUNDAY

By Whitney Thurman



My daughter, Haddie, and I recently had an opportunity to join the new Third Sunday Mobile Loaves & Fishes route. We arrived at 4:00 p.m. on a slightly rainy Sunday afternoon. While we waited for the gate to be unlocked, we met two newcomers to FUMC and two longtime members—all of us were first-timers with Mobile Loaves & Fishes. The six of us chatted and by the time we entered the kitchen, we were well acquainted.

After we entered the kitchen and received an overview of the "make-ready" process, we got right to work. Haddie elected to be the "counter," so she and I worked together to sort and count chips, cookies, fruit, juice, pudding, and socks. This gave her an opportunity to practice her kindergarten counting skills as well as to ask lots of questions about the food we were preparing and the people we would be serving. After a short prayer, we set out in the truck to deliver our wares and to meet neighbors in need.

I consider myself incredibly fortunate to belong to a church that regularly puts itself into the wider community to find the good that is out there. As my friend and truckmate Trevor so eloquently put it, "if you go out and look for the good, you will find it." I am also grateful that our church welcomes and embraces my six-year-old with her slightly messy sandwich making and her long list of questions as an equal partner in this mission of loving and serving our neighbors.

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

HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM Volunteers Needed

This team needs volunteers who visit church members in area hospitals for a couple of hours only one day per month (scheduled Monday-Friday, flexible with your schedule, no holidays). If interested in this ministry, contact Jan Ashmos at jabc1129@yahoo.com or 512-771-3422 or Amy Hurt at hurtamy@gmail.com or 512-560-8726.

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!

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. We will explore how our faith shapes our lives in tangible ways. Come and consider how God is working in these areas of your life:

September 4

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

September 11

Bishop Joel Martinez Preaching
50th Anniversary Celebration
to Commemorate 1966
Farm Worker Strike and March

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).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Ruth Buss and Tabatha Stephens.
Condolences to Bob and Marge Folk on the death of their son, Mark.
Other: Travis Bias (Medical Mission to Uganda).

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, Karen Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Howard Hartman's mother, Annabel; Mack Hicks' and Julie Nelson's friend, Mary Brady Meckla; Curtis and Mary Higgs' daughter-in-law, Jean Higgs; Gary Martin; Julie Nelson's friend, Dennis Mungall; Pat Rives' friend, Jay Knuckols; 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)

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).