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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING



#### Our Missionary, Willie Berman

In 2012, FUMC began its partnership with Willie Berman, a commissioned missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church who serves in his home country of Mexico.

Willie is the Director of a Mexican organization called Manos Juntas (Hands Together). His task is to partner United Methodist volunteers from the United States with mission needs and projects in Mexico. Willie comments, "When we partner, everyone gets the benefit of being part of a more holistic ministry for the community."

From its headquarters in Rio Bravo, Manos Juntas manages programs that affect the lives of thousands of people every year. A hot lunch program feeds 70 children every day and medical clinics serve 6,000 patients per year. The construction program builds homes for families, worship spaces for congregations, schools or classrooms, and constructs/repairs community facilities. Manos Juntas also teaches new life skills such as carpentry, sewing, welding, and piñata-making.

Manitas Juntas (Little Hands Together) helps children find their missionary calling by assisting the elderly, cleaning parks, painting public schools, and organizing friendship parties at orphanages. A high school and college scholarship program helps students stay in school. A new building in Nuevo Progreso will be used as an auditorium for 300 people for concerts, educational conferences, movies, and plays. The roof is being finished this month and the building will open in November.

The Vamos Tamaulipas Community Center, coordinated by Veronica Berman, offers pre-school and elementary school education and long-term services to help families break the cycle of poverty. In 2015 they coordinated the work of 48 mission teams and they are expecting to finish this year with 52 mission teams working in México.

Willie believes that his role as a missionary is "to be in the middle of the Church and the volunteers, to help all of them understand what their roles are when we partner with God on his mission on the Mexican border. We use all of our programs as the excuse to show the love of Christ to all."

Your gifts to Willie Berman (mark advance #3019612) or to Manos Juntas Ministry (mark advance # 3020527) may be dropped in the offering plate anytime during September or mailed to or brought by the church office.

## FAMILY PROMISE WEEK Today-September 10



Servant hearts are needed to help with Family Promise, a shelter program of Foundation for the Homeless that provides transitional shelter for families experiencing homelessness.

FUMC provides a place for families to live in our Family Life Center. Volunteers of all ages provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and host in other ways. This is a great way for a family, kids and all, to serve together or for individuals to get plugged into ministry at our church.

To sign up, visit [fumcaustin.org/familypromise](http://fumcaustin.org/familypromise). For more information, contact Marilyn Good at [marilyn@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marilyn@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

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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

**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 Fix 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 and 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.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

Youth Parent Meeting

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Room 108, Family Life Center

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

4:00-5:00 p.m./5:00-6:30 p.m.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

Just Mercy Book Study

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

**19 Monday**

When God Doesn't Fix It

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

**22 Thursday**

New Women's Book/Bible Study Begins

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

**25 Sunday**

Poking at the Patriarchy

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

Just Mercy Book Study

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

Making Sense of the Bible Begins

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

**27 Tuesday**

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

**WEEK THIS**

<b>4 Sun</b>	Sunday School Classes for All Ages Family Promise	10:00 a.m. All Day	Back of Sign In Book and Website Family Life Center
<b>5 Mon</b>	Church Office Closed Family Promise	Labor Day 5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.	Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Family Life Center
<b>6 Tue</b>	Feed My People Breakfast Family Promise	4:45-7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Family Life Center
<b>7 Wed</b>	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes Family Promise Handbell Choir Resumes FUMC Choir Rehearsal Resumes	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions Room 213, Sanctuary Building Family Life Center Sanctuary Balcony Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
<b>8 Thur</b>	Feed My People Breakfast Feed My People Breakfast Worship English as a Second Language (ESL) Family Promise	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center Family Life Center Family Life Center
<b>9 Fri</b>	Family Promise	5:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
<b>10 Sat</b>	Family Promise	All Day	Family Life Center

# 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE 1966 STARR COUNTY FARM WORKER MARCH

SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY



In our worship services, Bishop Martinez will preach about his firsthand recollection of this march and the importance of advocating for justice for marginalized persons.

Bishop Martinez's faith, life experience, and heritage led him into a ministry of accompaniment of the poorest of workers in our state. As pastor of El Buen Pastor UMC in San Antonio, he helped organize the gathering of food, clothing, and funds for the families of the marchers. Bishop Martinez marched in Kenedy, San Antonio, and Austin on that sunny Labor Day of September 1966 and with 15,000 others up Congress Avenue to Capitol.

"What I remember about the workers I met was their faith and hope in the future. Many were grandmothers and grandfathers who wanted a new future for their grandchildren and their future great-grandchildren. I marched in 1966 in honor and remembrance of generations of my family, in faithfulness to the Gospel, and solidarity with humble workers whose faith and hope helped to change me and my generation."

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

### March to the Capitol

Meet in church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. to carpool to St. Edwards University. The march is 3.5 miles. Dress appropriately.

### Rally at the Capitol

Meet on the South Capitol lawn at 4:00 p.m. Speakers, including Bishop Martinez, recall the importance of the march and its relevance today. Dress appropriately.

### Host the Water and Rest Station at the Family Life Center

Host a rest station in the Family Life Center from 3:30-6:00 p.m. for those awaiting a bus/ride or those seeking to cool off from the march and rally. Sign up online at [tiny.cc/WaterRest](http://tiny.cc/WaterRest).

## ABOUT THE 1966 FARM WORKER MARCH



On June 1, 1966, Rio Grande City farm workers launched a strike for better pay. They were paid as little as 40 cents an hour, about a third of what sanitation workers of the era made. Strikers bore the brunt of intimidation and abuse from law enforcement, including the Texas Rangers. With little planning, the farm workers launched into a strike that morphed into a 490-mile march, with detours along the way, from Rio Grande City to the Texas Capitol. The goal was a state minimum wage law that would apply to farmworkers. The march began on Independence Day and culminated, cinematically, in a cascade of humanity more than 10,000 strong up Congress Avenue.

Although the goal of a living wage for farm workers has yet to be achieved, the march yielded several other important results. Farm workers eventually won a minimum wage and other protections in Texas. The Supreme Court decision in *Medrano vs. Allee* effectively ended the use of taxpayer-funded law officers to wage war against labor unions. The anti-picketing laws became a dead letter, cementing First Amendment rights for all of us. The strike and march is recognized by many as the beginnings of the Chicano Movement in Texas.

In 2016, we have more work to do. Fifty years since the march, the fight for a living wage is as pitched as ever, farmworker housing remains atrocious in some quarters, with little enforcement of the law, and Latinos do not exploit their full potential strength at the polls.

*Content by Ed Sills, director of communications at the Texas AFL-CIO*

*Learn more: [www.farmworkers2016.org](http://www.farmworkers2016.org)*

# Who We Are Project



I want to know who **you** are.  
I want to know who **we** are.  
I am listening.

Dear Church Family,

My priority this fall is to get to know the people of the church, including you! I want to know who you are, where your roots lie, and how you made your way to FUMC. I'm interested in how God has impacted your life through the ministry of the church. I want you to tell me who you are. I also believe it's time for a good conversation about who we are as a church! FUMC is deeply rooted, with a long history of ministry in Downtown Austin; at the same time, you have noticed changes in the church over the years. It's healthy for a church to step back periodically to ask, "Why has God put us here?" and "Who are we becoming, by God's grace?"

Beginning in September, I am asking FUMC to engage in these conversations. I want to invite the church into living rooms to gather and share stories about who we are and who we are becoming. I'm calling these meetings "**Listening Sessions.**" We'll also have a few sessions at the church with childcare provided. These Listening Sessions will form the first step in a process of re-imagining our church's mission, vision, and core values—the key words we use to give shape to our identity as a church. Listening Sessions will begin early September and run through the beginning of November. My hope is to have our church mission, vision, and core values by early 2017.

Please accept this personal invitation to attend a Listening Session and choose from the dates selected that best fit your schedule. Not only do I want to meet you, but FUMC also needs your voice in this important conversation!

Thank you for joining me on this journey to define **Who We Are.** I am listening.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taylor".

Pastor Taylor Fuerst

## What is a Listening Session?

A Listening Session is an interactive conversation led by Pastor Taylor Fuerst that will explore who we are as a church and who God has called us to be. The Listening Sessions will be held in church members homes and at the church. Childcare is available for the Listening Sessions at the church with rsvp to [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org)

## How will you use our feedback?

Throughout the course of twenty-one Listening Sessions, scribes will be assigned to listen, observe, and record key insights and consistencies. These insights will get consolidated and reviewed to help FUMC develop its mission, vision, and core values—the key words we use to give shape to our identity as a church. Once developed, the new messaging will be shared broadly with the congregation and then to the Administrative Board for consideration. We hope to do that by early 2017.

## We've done processes like this before. Why are we doing this again?

The church has continued to grow and change over the last several years. FUMC has engaged in similar processes around 2005-2006 and 2011. It's healthy to go back and ask these questions again every few years, to name what God has been doing lately and where God seems to be leading us. The process is particularly helpful following a pastoral transition.

## Are we developing a strategic plan?

No. This process is focused on identity—Who are we? What is our God-given purpose? What do we value most in our ministry and life together? Our plans for ministry are the way this identity gets lived out—it's essential that we begin with the core identity questions first.

## Are you trying to change everything?

No way! The church has an identity already; we simply want to put words to it, and we want the whole church's input to do that. God has been at work in and through FUMC for 176 years, shaping us into the community of faith we have become. I am excited and anticipate that God will continue to shape and mold us as we move into future ministry in downtown Austin. This process will provide clear language, helping to guide us and build enthusiasm for a new season of ministry.

## Do I need to register for the Listening Sessions?

Yes, online registration is required at [fumcaustin.org/whoweare](http://fumcaustin.org/whoweare). For engaging conversations to be effective, we plan to have a maximum of 15 people at each session. Your registration will help us manage our group sizes. Contact Mary Heckmann at [mary@fumcaustin.org](mailto:mary@fumcaustin.org) with any registration questions.

## Listening Session Dates and Locations

Registration required online: [fumcaustin.org/whoweare](http://fumcaustin.org/whoweare).  
Address provided after registration.

### NORTH AUSTIN

Friday, September 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Daviss King's Home (78759)

Friday, September 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
H.W. Perry and Meme Drumwright's Home (78731)

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Pete & Jerri Meeker's Home (78757)

Friday, October 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Noble and Sharon Doss' Home (78731)

Monday, October 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Chris and Leslie Story's Home (78759)

### WEST AUSTIN

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Curt and Debbie Shaw's Home (78746)

Thursday, September 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Ed and Jan Berger's Home (78746)

Monday, October 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos' Home (78746)

### EAST AUSTIN

Monday, October 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Adama Brown's Home (78723)

### CENTRAL AUSTIN

Saturday, September 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
Brandon and Kaycee Crisp's Home (78704)

Tuesday, September 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Len Reese and Rebecca Yohe's Home (78703)

Thursday, September 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Brooks and Heather Schuelke's Home (78703)

Thursday, October 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Billy and Sherry McHale's Home (78704)

### CHURCH

Available to those living outside of Austin.  
Childcare available with rsvp to [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org).

Sunday, September 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Church Parlor, Hosted by Nancy and Bob Leeper

Sunday, October 16, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Murchison Chapel, Hosted by Dick and Ann Young

Sunday, October 23, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Murchison Chapel, Hosted by Bob Garrett

### SOUTH AUSTIN

Thursday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Scott and Deborah Wilder's Home (78749)

Monday, September 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Justin and Erin Scarth's Home (78748)

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Malcolm and Karen Flournoy's Home (78745)

Friday, October 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Rob and Leslie Ivey's Home (78739)

Monday, November 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Butch and Debbie Grote's Home (78735)

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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.

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, AND 25, SUNDAYS

### *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. 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.

SEPTEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAYS

### *Making Sense of the Bible*

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

This course, led by Pastor Michael Mumme, provides an overview of the Bible and discusses how we should think of inspiration and the nature of the 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. The course will be based on *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton and will use companion videos as part of the discussion. While purchasing and reading the book is not necessary to benefiting from this course, it will greatly enhance your experience.

OCTOBER 9, 16, 23, AND 30, SUNDAYS

### *Baby Steps: Spiritual Development in the First Five Years*

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

This parenting class, led by Lara Greene, equips parents and guardians with practical tools to help them engage spiritually with their child in their first five years of life. This resource, written by Jeremy Steele, helps parents understand how children develop, provides tools to help them grow spiritually, and includes a panel of veteran parents offering advice on multiple topics.

## ONGOING STUDIES

### *Monday Prodigal Sons Men's Group*

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 103, Family Life Center

This men's group began almost 30 years ago and continues to meet, studying a variety of works on the Bible, theology, faith as it relates to character, faith as it relates to the world, faith as it relates to science, and more.

### *Wednesday Morning Bible Study*

10:00 a.m.

Room 213, Sanctuary Building

Jim Bowen, retired research scientist now into religious research, leads an in depth exploration of scriptural texts. For more information, contact Jim at [jbowen@austin.rr.com](mailto:jbowen@austin.rr.com) or 512-918-1072.

### *Thursday Women's Book/Bible Study*

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

Join us for a newly formed women's book/Bible study. This group will allow women of all ages to meet, discuss, laugh, and share. We begin by reading *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, an unforgettable look at compassion in the pursuit of true justice. The first meeting will be September 22. For more information, contact Kaycee Crisp at [kayceecrisp@gmail.com](mailto:kayceecrisp@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY

#### Children's Choirs Resume . 9:00 a.m. Education Building

Join our children's choirs! 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](mailto:wendi@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 210).

### 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](mailto: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 & 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.

#### Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday . MLF 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). Sign up today on our website.

#### Engage Kick-Off . 4:00-6:00 p.m. Great Hall . Family Life Center

All middle school and high school youth are invited to the Engage Kick-Off 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 go over what to expect from our youth ministry for the school year, which includes what Sunday School and Engage will be like, as well as retreats, mission opportunities, and more.

### SEPTEMBER 27, TUESDAY

#### Feed My People Fourth Tuesday . 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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://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](mailto:marilyn@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

## FAITH IN ACTION

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



*Jim and Jane Bowen have devoted untold hours to Christian faith formation through education at FUMC—Jane with children and Jim teaching a Sunday School class and a Wednesday morning Bible study. Jim shares the story of how that Bible study class came about.*

The Wednesday Bible Study began several years ago as a casual suggestion. At one of our evening seminars, someone said that what our church needed was a program of study for people who didn't drive at night. As the idea developed, several church members supported the idea and agreed to attend. Wednesday morning was chosen as our "test day." The plan was that those attending would bring their favorite Bible and the format would be to take turns reading passages, followed by discussion by the entire group. We began with about a dozen church FUMC members reading the letters of Paul. As the years have passed, we have read together all the books of the New Testament and several books of the Old Testament. Members of other United Methodist churches and other denominations have joined our group of about 20 regulars. The joy of reading the Bible aloud and of hearing the Scriptures read has been a special blessing for our group. The class is open to everyone.

# 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

### GIFTS TO FUMC

• To our Reconciling Ministries Ministry in memory of Dick Francis, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley; Peter and Laurie Combe; Curtis Fuelberg and Susan Griffith; Ruth, Ann, and Jan Howie; Raymond and Susann Johnson; Tami Kellberg; Shel, Keith and Kevin Kinkade; Gregg and Nancy Magers; John and Jackie McIntosh; Eugene and Maryanna Rhemann; Joy Robert; Sally Watkins; and Craig Witt and Kyle Witt.

• To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Lewis McCarroll, given by Herbert and Mary Saegert.

• To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Fay Brown for all she does, given by Sally Watkins.

• To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Daviss King for all he does, given by Sally Watkins.

## 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 11

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

#### September 18

How Do I Care For Myself?  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### Church Office Data Entry

Our church office is in need of a data entry person for Sunday School and worship attendance. This position requires coming in once a week either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 1 to 1 ½ hours. If you are interested, contact Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200) or Laurie Barr at [laurie@fumcaustin.org](mailto:laurie@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 202).

#### Hospital Visitation Team

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](mailto:jabc1129@yahoo.com) or 512-771-3422 or Amy Hurt at [hurtamy@gmail.com](mailto:hurtamy@gmail.com) or 512-560-8726.

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Cate George and Tabatha Stephens.

Condolences to Curtis Higgs on the death of his cousin, Betty Tanner.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, Karen Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Jason Citrone's grandmother, Mae McQueen; Curtis and Mary Higgs' daughter-in-law, Jean Higgs; Kelly Mills mother, Sandra Mills; Delia Peters' friends, Abel Patino, Jovita Patino, and Mary Perez; 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)*

### WHAT IS CHURCH LIFE?

*Church Life* is a secure cloud-based church management software system that allows members to access the church calendar, review their contact information, schedule one-time or recurring giving, view giving history and pledge commitment, and access a church directory. *Church Life* is also available in a mobile app so you can have this information at your fingertips. To sign up, go to [fumcaustin.org/churchlife](http://fumcaustin.org/churchlife) and click "Need a login?"

### RECEIVING FUMC ENEWS?

Church news and events are published weekly in both our printed FUMC Weekly and digital FUMC eNews. It is easy to sign up for FUMC eNews at [www.fumcaustin.org/emailsignup](http://www.fumcaustin.org/emailsignup) where you have the option to subscribe to our FUMC eNews and/or our Family Updates for families with children (infants-11 years).