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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

SEPTEMBER 18, 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.

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes 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).

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 MISSION EMPHASIS: Willie Berman

Willie Berman, a commissioned missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, 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.

Manos Juntas manages programs that affect the lives of thousands every year. A hot lunch program feeds 70 children every day and medical clinics serve 6,000 patients per year. A construction program builds homes for families, worship spaces for congregations, schools or classrooms, and constructs/repairs community facilities. Manos Juntas also teaches 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.

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

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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

25 Sunday

Acolyte Training

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall and Sanctuary

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

OCTOBER

1 Saturday

Community First! Village

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

2 Sunday

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

9 Sunday

FUMPreschool Book Fair

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Baby Steps Begins

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

14 Sunday

Kid's Night Out

5:30-9:00 p.m.

Education Building

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

16 Sunday

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

23 Sunday

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

FREESTORE AUSTIN TEMPORARILY CLOSING

FreeStore Austin, a cooperative ministry of the Capital District and mission partner of FUMC, has been open for more than three years at 1717 East 12th Street. Each month, approximately 1,000 people have been served at the store's current location. The FreeStore will undergo a transformation as it leaves this location for a facility that can keep up with its growth and impact. Please pray for new opportunities to serve in the community and thank you to all who have made donations and to the many volunteers who have made deliveries to the store. We will have more information about the new location in the near future.

We will not be accepting donations for the FreeStore at the church during this time. We look forward to new opportunities to serve and be in ministry with our community.

WEEKLY

18 Sun	<i>Manna Bag Sale</i>	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	<i>Music Makers Rehearsal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Room 108, Education Building
	<i>#SingPraise Rehearsal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
	<i>Conversations on Realities of Race & Racism</i>	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	<i>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</i>	10:00 a.m.	Back of Sign In Book and Website
	<i>Engage Kick-Off</i>	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	<i>Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday</i>	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
	<i>Poking at the Patriarchy</i>	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
	<i>Youth Parent Meeting</i>	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Room 108, Family Life Center
	<i>Just Mercy Book Study</i>	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 102, Family Life Center
19 Mon	<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
	<i>When God Doesn't Fix It</i>	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 102, Family Life Center
20 Tue	<i>Feed My People Breakfast</i>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	7:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
21 Wed	<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
	<i>Handbell Choir</i>	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
	<i>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</i>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
22 Thur	<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
	<i>TILT Performance: The 39 Steps</i>	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	<i>New Women's Bible Study Begins</i>	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 102, Family Life Center
23 Fri	<i>TILT Performance: The 39 Steps</i>	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 22, TUESDAY

Women's Book/Bible Study . 7:00 p.m. Room 102, Family Life Center
This women's book/Bible 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.

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

TILT Performance . 7:30 p.m. Garrison Chapel . Family Life Center
TILT Performance Group is a theatre company sponsored by the Epiphany Sunday School Class. Come see these young actors perform in *The 39 Steps*, a comedy-murder mystery, and your heart will be warmed. Purchase tickets (FUMC members get discounts) and get more information on our website

SEPTEMBER 25, SUNDAY

Acolyte Training . 12:15-2:00 p.m. Wesley Hall and Sanctuary
ALL children and youth second grade and up are invited to this interactive and fun training to serve as acolytes, crucifers, communion servers, and scripture readers. We begin with lunch in Wesley Hall and conclude in the Sanctuary where trainees will be commissioned and receive their own acolyte cross. Sign up or RSVP to Lara Greene at lara@fumcaustin.org by Friday, September 23.

SEPTEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAYS

Making Sense of the Bible . 4:00 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.

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.

OCTOBER 1, SATURDAY

Community First! Village . 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9301 Hog Eye Road
Join us for a day of service for all ages at Community First! Village, a 27-acre master-planned community that provides affordable, sustainable housing, and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless in Central Texas. Limited spots are available, sign up on our website by September 27.

OCTOBER 2, 9, 16 AND 23, SUNDAYS

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School Series . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall
Join us for a study of *The Grace of Giving: The Practice of Extravagant Generosity*. Through the practice of generosity, we offer our material resources in a manner that supports the causes that transform life, relieve suffering, enlarge the soul, and sustain the spirit. We give back. Come explore the personal side of extravagant generosity and ways we can grow in the grace of giving.

OCTOBER 9, 16, 23, AND 30, SUNDAYS

Baby Steps . 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.

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

PRIDE INTERFAITH SERVICE

By Sally Watkins



A coworker. A client. A church member. A friend's son. A friend. Over the past 25+ years, many LGBT persons have appeared in my life. But my raised-consciousness began with Jim Smith, a fellow Methodist and former seminary student who was in Downtowners Class briefly before he died of AIDS in 1988. I remember sitting at Jim's memorial service in the FUMC sanctuary and seeing Jim's father put his arm around Jim's male partner, and thinking that in spite of how strange it all must have been to the father, there he was loving and caring for his dead son's partner.

I thought of Jim and his father during the PRIDE Interfaith Service in our sanctuary on August 25. As Pastor Taylor has mentioned, there was a strong feeling of healing in that room. Very much appreciated were these comments from Joy Butler, RMN head for the Rio Texas Conference: "What stood out for me was the naturalness of FUMC's hospitality. It felt evident that LGBTQ inclusiveness wasn't something new, because you can tell when a group is trying too hard to "prove" that they are inclusive. Y'all just were."

I'm grateful to be seen as a safe and welcoming "straight but not narrow" ally to the LGBTQ community. I strongly felt and continue to feel "in the right place at the right time" to offer that haven. And FUMC is likewise "in the right place at the right time" and living into that ministry.

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 in memory of Dick Francis, given by Lawrence Aldridge; Paul and Arline Beagan; Ed and Jan Berger; Jim and Jane Bowen; Anna Cross; Bryon and Barbara Dearixon; R. F. and Martha Keating; David and Janet Luft; Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos; Luann Serres; and The Travis Ladies Lunch Group.

•To our English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry in honor of the ESL Teachers, given by Nancy Haines.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers care for people dealing with convalescence, divorce, financial struggles, grief, hospitalization, job loss, loneliness, terminal illness, and other life difficulties. If you are dealing with some type of crisis or difficulty in life, email stephenministry@fumcaustin.org and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.

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 25

How Do I Love Others?
1 John 4:11-21
No 9:00 Service
Sunday School as usual
11:00 Service as usual

October 2

World Communion Sunday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 or 512-771-3422 or Amy Hurt at hurtamy@gmail.com or 512-560-8726.

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200) or Laurie Barr at laurie@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 202).

SEPTEMBER 25



No 9:00 a.m. Service
Sunday School as Usual
11:00 a.m. Service as Usual

Parking only in the garage, except handicap parking adjacent to the church will be available.

This year's route comes south on Lavaca, turns right on 13th Street, turns right on Colorado, and turns left on 11th Street going around the east side of our property and blocking access to our parking lot between 7:15 and 10:00 a.m. All of Congress from Barton Springs to 15th Street will be closed at various times, so if you are coming from the east, go to MLK (north) or Riverside (south) to get from the east side to the west. For more details, visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/event/susan-g-komen-race-cure-0>.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Ruth Buss; Cindy Gunderson; and Ruth Nix.
Condolences to Jim and Jane Bowen on the death of Jean Eastlake.
Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, Karen Acock; Marilyn Bettis' friend, Marlene; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Melanie Greene's friend, P. A.; Charlotte Lyerly's niece, Tonya Harris; Kelly Mills' mother, Sandra Mills; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; Kathy Tullos' friend, Caroline Legette; Virginia Wattering's friend, Sue Hearn; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.



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