



First United  
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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### 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 in Wesley Hall for lunch and conclude in the Sanctuary where trainees will be commissioned and receive their own acolyte cross.

### 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 MISSION EMPHASIS

Willie Berman and Manos Juntas

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.

FreeStore  
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.

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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

**FEED MY PEOPLE  
FOURTH TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

Come experience this ministry that serves breakfast to 300 of our homeless guests in our Family Life Center. 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.

**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27**

## OCTOBER

<b>1 Saturday</b> Community First! Village 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon 9301 Hog Eye Road
<b>2 Sunday</b> Extravagant Generosity Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
<b>3 Monday</b> Just Mercy Book Study 7:00-8:00 p.m. Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition
<b>4 Tuesday</b> Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

<b>6 Thursday</b> FUM Preschool Book Fair 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
<b>7 Friday</b> FUM Preschool Book Fair 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
<b>9 Sunday</b> <i>Baby Steps Begins</i> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Library, Sanctuary Building FUM Preschool Book Fair 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building Extravagant Generosity Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
<b>11 Tuesday</b> Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
<b>14-16 Friday-Sunday</b> Middle School Fall Retreat Camp Tejas, Giddings, Texas michelle@fumcaustin.org
<b>16 Sunday</b> <i>Baby Steps</i> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Library, Sanctuary Building Extravagant Generosity Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

<b>17 Monday</b> Just Mercy Book Study 7:00-8:00 p.m. Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition
<b>18 Tuesday</b> Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
<b>21 Friday</b> Connect for Tweens 6:00-9:00 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center
<b>23 Sunday</b> <i>Baby Steps</i> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Library, Sanctuary Building Extravagant Generosity Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
<b>24 Monday</b> Just Mercy Book Study 7:00-8:00 p.m. Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition
<b>25 Tuesday</b> Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane
<b>30 Sunday</b> <i>Baby Steps</i> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Library, Sanctuary Building Fifth Sunday Presentation: ZOE 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

<b>WEEKLY THINGS</b>	<b>25 Sun</b>	<i>Music Makers Rehearsal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Room 108, Education Building
		<i>#SingPraise Rehearsal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
		<i>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</i>	10:00 a.m.	Back of Sign In Book and Website
		<i>Acolyte Training</i>	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall and Sanctuary
		<i>Making Sense of the Bible Begins</i>	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Room 109, Family Life Center
		<i>Poking at the Patriarchy</i>	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
	<b>26 Mon</b>	<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
	<b>27 Tue</b>	<i>Feed My People Fourth Tuesday 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	
<b>28 Wed</b>	<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 Rehearsal</i>	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony	
	<i>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</i>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building	
<b>29 Thur</b>	<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>Women's Bible Study</i>	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 102, Family Life Center	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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 3, 17, AND 24, MONDAYS

**Just Mercy Book Study . 7:00 p.m. Tarrytown UMC . 2601 Exposition**  
Pastor Cathy Stone and Rachel Wright will lead a study of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, 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 [rwright@tumc.church](mailto:rwright@tumc.church).

### OCTOBER 4, 11, 18 AND 25, TUESDAYS

**Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice . 6:30 p.m. La Madeline**  
Come explore racial justice through articles and short videos. We have a Facebook group for online discussion as well as meeting in person. All are welcome to join us online and/or in person at La Madeline at 5493 Brodie Lane. Discussions led by Dr. Adama Brown and Pastor Cathy Stone.

### OCTOBER 9, 16, 23, AND 30, SUNDAYS

**Baby Steps . 9:00-10:00 a.m. Library**  
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.

### OCTOBER 14-16, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**Middle School Fall Retreat . Camp Tejas . Giddings, Texas**  
Get away from the routine of every day. This is a wonderful time when we join with youth from University UMC and Saint John's UMC for fellowship and fun. To register or for more information, contact Michelle Cato at [michelle@fumcaustin.org](mailto:michelle@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 214).

### OCTOBER 16, SUNDAY

**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 on our website.

### OCTOBER 21, FRIDAY

**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.

### OCTOBER 30, SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday Presentation: ZOE . 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 the West African Country of Liberia. Rev. Gaston Warner, the CEO of ZOE, will talk about ZOE and its amazing successes in empowering orphans in Africa and elsewhere.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
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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

### SERVICE DAY AT MARBRIDGE

By Amelia Gates



The thing I love most about this church is the vast and abundant plethora of service opportunities available. For example, this summer a group from FUMC had the opportunity to serve our community by volunteering at Marbridge, a vibrant, clean, welcoming community that serves mentally challenged adults. As a former special education teacher, I know firsthand how incredibly loving and fun this demographic of people can be, and was excited to share that experience with my kids. While some of the volunteer youth were initially nervous about what to expect, what they might see, and how to behave, those worries quickly dissipated when we met the smiling faces on the Marbridge campus.

While one group of volunteers played a game of balloon volleyball with the residents, another bunch assisted residents in making fun costumes. My 9-year-old daughter and I had a ball chatting with gregarious people, who were all too happy to tell us their stories, and wanted to hear about ours as well. I could see my daughter becoming more and more comfortable as the afternoon progressed and sensed that her idea of "mentally challenged adults" was changing. Those we encountered were happy, friendly, capable, and grateful.

On the drive home, my kids and I discussed the idea of serving with joyful obedience, as I think it's very important to talk about the FUN that one can have while serving others. Marbridge was a perfect example of just that. Yes, we were helping others that are less fortunate, but we also had a blast doing it!

Our next day of service at Marbridge is Monday, November 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All ages are invited to join us!

# 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** 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.  
OCTOBER 2  
World Communion Sunday

## *Extravagant* **GENEROSITY**

**OCTOBER 9**  
“Established in Gratitude”  
Exodus 16  
*Heart Card:*  
*Things I Love About My Church*

**OCTOBER 16**  
“Rooted In Love”  
John 13:34-35 and Deuteronomy 6:4-6  
*Heart Card:*  
*People Who Impacted My Spiritual Life*

**OCTOBER 23**  
“Inspired by Vision”  
Matthew 14:13-21  
*Heart Card:*  
*Visions and Hopes for My Church*

**OCTOBER 30**  
“Driven by Commitment”  
Genesis 12:1-4  
Commitment Sunday

### 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. Need help? Contact Mary Heckmann at [mary@fumcaustin.org](mailto:mary@fumcaustin.org).

## PRAYER

**WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION**  
Health: Cheryl Bias and Ruth Nix.  
Condolences to the families and friends of Louise Bettis and Marjorie Folk on their deaths.  
Other: Travis Bias’ medical mission to Uganda.

**BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION**  
Laurie Barr’s sister, Karen Acock; Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Bergan Casey’s friend, Ben; Judy Funke’s friend, Tammy Hall; Charlotte Lyerly’s niece, Tonya Harris; Kelly Mills’ mother, Sandra Mills; Arthur Potts’ grandfather, Marvin Henager; Chloe Potts’ coworker; Jana Davison; Cindy Reidland’s friend, Diane, and Diane’s sister, Debbie; Yvette Savoy; 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)*

## CHURCH BUSINESS

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

### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Organ Fund in memory of Mark Folk, given by Curtis and Mary Higgs.
- To our Reconciling Ministries in honor of Reverend Karen Vannoy, given by her Walk to Emmaus Reunion Group.
- To our Reconciling Ministries in memory of Dick Francis, given by Bob Garrett and Tina Hester; Stephanie Hampton; Robert and Jennifer Henning; John and Dorothy Kenney; Daviss King; Mike and Frances Smith; John Sucich and William E. Villa; and Olivia Weldon.