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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

OCTOBER 2, 2016

THIS SUNDAY

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

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

All are invited to participate in a study of *The Grace of Giving: The Practice of Extravagant Generosity* led by Pastor Cathy Stone and Cindy Walter. 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. Join us as we explore the personal side of extravagant generosity and ways we can grow in the grace of giving.

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.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS

World Communion Sunday and Refugee Services of Texas

Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world. Together, we welcome and care for the poor, the stranger, the sojourner, the outcast.

On World Communion Sunday, your giving helps to provide scholarships through the United Methodist Church for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries.

This October, 25% of our World Communion Offering will go to Refugee Services of Texas. We support the work of RST across Texas as they welcome refugees, immigrants, and other displaced people and supports them in integrating and thriving in their new communities. Gifts may be dropped in the offering plate anytime during October or mailed to or brought by the church office.

BABY STEPS

Begins October 9

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. *Baby Steps: Spiritual Development in the First Five Years*, 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.

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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

OCTOBER

9 Sunday

Baby Steps Begins

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

FUMPreschool Book Fair

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

10 Monday

When God Doesn't Fix It

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

11 Tuesday

Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

14-16 Friday-Sunday

Middle School Fall Retreat

Camp Tejas, Giddings, Texas

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16 Sunday

Baby Steps

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Making Sense of the Bible Begins

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

17 Monday

Just Mercy Book Study

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition

18 Tuesday

Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

21 Friday

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

23 Sunday

Baby Steps

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Making Sense of the Bible Begins

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

24 Monday

Just Mercy Book Study

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition

25 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice

6:30-7:30 p.m.

La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

30 Sunday

Baby Steps

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Fifth Sunday Presentation: ZOE

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Extravagant Generosity

Church-wide Celebration Picnic

12:15 p.m.

Capitol Lawn

Making Sense of the Bible Begins

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 109, Family Life Center

K E E W S T H I S	2 Sun	<i>Music Makers Rehearsal</i> <i>#SingPraise Rehearsal</i> Extravagant Generosity Sunday School Sunday School Classes for All Ages <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Room 108, Education Building Murchison Chapel Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building Back of Sign In Book and Website Room 109, Family Life Center
	3 Mon	English as a Second Language (ESL) Prodigal Sons Men's Group <i>When God Doesn't Fix It</i> <i>Just Mercy Book Study</i>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Family Life Center Room 103, Family Life Center Room 102, Family Life Center Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition
	4 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast Crucial Conversations About Racial Justice Boy Scouts	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
	5 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews Wednesday Morning Bible Study Handbell Choir Rehearsal FUMC Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions Room 213, Sanctuary Building Sanctuary Balcony Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	6 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Feed My People Breakfast Worship FUM Preschool Book Fair English as a Second Language (ESL) Women's Bible Study	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 9:00-11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building Family Life Center Room 102, Family Life Center
	7 Fri	FUM Preschool Book Fair	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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 6, 7, AND 9, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SUNDAY

FUM Preschool Book Fair: Young Bookaneers . Wesley Hall
Yo Ho Ho! Come browse hundreds of great books while shopping for birthday gifts, holiday gifts, and more. Hours are: Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring gently used or new books from home to donate to Pickle Elementary School. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Find out more at fumcaustin.org/preschool.

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 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 25, 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 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.

**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

CALLED TO MARCH

By Robbie Ausley



Why did I feel called to walk in the Farm Workers March on September 11th with our clergy and other members of FUMC?

I am embarrassed and saddened to admit that Tom and I actually lived in Austin 50 years ago, yet we do not remember the South Texas farm workers marching 400 miles on that Labor Day in 1966, as they fought for just wages and improved working conditions. I was proud to learn that our own retired Methodist Bishop Joel Martinez marched as a young pastor with 15,000 other marchers from St. Edward's to the Capitol. I was inspired by the Bishop's perspective about that day, "Those marchers were heeding the prophet Micah's words to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God."

In addition, witnessing my parents and brother as cotton farmers in the Texas Panhandle as they acted justly in their encounter with an undocumented farm worker and his family in the 1970's gave me another perspective on the issue of the poor and disenfranchised seeking opportunities. Socorro and his wife Carmen came from Mexico with their daughter, looking for honest work. I believe my family's response and call to provide them with a home, fair wages, and good working conditions, probably came out of their Christian perspective, remembering the words from Deuteronomy 10:18, "He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing."

No doubt these personal experiences and witnesses, along with Martin Luther King's moral principle that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," were weighing on Tom's and my heart and inspired us to walk on that September 11th commemorative Farm Workers March with our Christian brothers and sisters.

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.

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

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Cheryl Bias; Cate George; and Lloyd Gorney.

Other: Travis Bias’ medical mission to Uganda.

Condolences to the families and friends of Marvin Philippus and Virginia Weber on their deaths.

Congratulations to Jeanie Beckham on the birth of her granddaughter, Charlotte Kate, and to Dick and Ann Young on the birth of an extended family member, James Daniel Guinn.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr’s sister, Karen Acock; Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Charlotte Lyerly’s niece, Tonya Harris; Kelly Mills’ mother, Sandra Mills; Alan Stephens’ mother, Genevieve Stephen; Gary Thomas; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.



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

CHURCH BUSINESS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

• In memory of Louise Bettis, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

• In memory of Louise Bettis, given by Sally Watkins.

• In memory of Marjorie Folk, given by Sally Watkins.

GIFTS TO FUMC

• To our Reconciling Ministries in memory of Dick Francis, given by Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores; Ted and Ann Hamilton; and Dorothy Whitfield and David Whitfield.

To our Ministry Plan in memory of Louise Bettis, given by Marlene Anderson; Ennis Bogle; Thomas and Kay Bonner; Critical Connection, Inc; Dean and Mollie Davis; Larry and Terry Gregory; Ruth, Ann, and Jan Howie; Ronald and Mary Reynolds; and Jeffrey Turner.

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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 and click “Need a login?”

FREESTORE IS CLOSING

FreeStore Austin, a cooperative ministry of the Capital District and mission partner of FUMC, has been open over 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. Thank you to all who have made donations and to the many volunteers who have made deliveries to the store.

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.