



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

OCTOBER 9, 2016

THIS SUNDAY

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

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. *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.

FUM PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wesley Hall

Yo Ho Ho! Come browse hundreds of great books at the Bookaneer Book Fair, where books are the treasure! Shop for birthday gifts, holiday gifts, and more. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

All are invited to 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 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.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) TEAM MEETING

12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

High school youth and parents who are going on the 2017 ASP Trip need to be at this meeting. We will go over details of what to expect on the trip as well as what will be expected of the youth to prepare for the trip. A \$50 deposit is due for each youth participating. Lunch provided.

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

4:00 p.m. Room 102, 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.

Extravagant GENEROSITY

THINGS I LOVE
ABOUT MY CHURCH

Throughout our Extravagant Generosity Emphasis, you are invited to share what it is you love about our church, how a person has shaped your spiritual journey, and what your visions and hopes are for FUMC. We will pose a new question each week on "Heart Cards" and ask you to respond in worship and online. The youth and children are invited to participate in writing these cards. The "Heart Cards" will be displayed at places around the church so we can share and celebrate our church.

For this week, write down what you love most about First Church. Maybe it is your Sunday School class, reunion group, or worship. It might be a particular service opportunity or mission. We want to hear from you!

This emphasis offers us an opportunity to cultivate generosity in our own lives, to grow in our perspective and our practice of generosity. Our hope is that you will engage in this opportunity during our church-wide emphasis, Extravagant Generosity.

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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

16 Sunday

Baby Steps

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Manna Bag Sale

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sidewalk

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Making Sense of the Bible

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 102, 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

19 Wednesday

Knit Wits

12:00 p.m.

Room 210, Sanctuary Building

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

Administrative Board Meeting

12:15 p.m.

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Making Sense of the Bible

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

24 Monday

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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

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 102, Family Life Center

Trick or Treat for Hope

5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's UMC, 2140 Allandale

NOVEMBER

6 Sunday

Candy Collecton for

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Foyer, Sanctuary/Family Life Center

First Steps

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Room 104, Family Life Center

13 Sunday

Candy Collecton for

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Foyer and Family Life Center

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9 Sun

Baby Steps Begins

Music Makers Rehearsal

#SingPraise Rehearsal

FUM Preschool Book Fair

Extravagant Generosity Sunday School

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Making Sense of the Bible

9:00-10:00 a.m.

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9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Library, Sanctuary Building

Room 108, Education Building

Murchison Chapel

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building

Back of Sign In Book and Website

Room 102, Family Life Center

10 Mon

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Prodigal Sons Men's Group

When God Doesn't Fix It

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Room 103, Family Life Center

Room 102, Family Life Center

11 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

12 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.

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Room 213, Sanctuary Building

Sanctuary Balcony

Choir Room, Sanctuary Building

13 Thur

Feed My People Breakfast

Feed My People Breakfast Worship

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Women's Bible Study

4:45-7:00 a.m.

6:30 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

Family Life Center

Room 102, Family Life Center

14 Fri

Middle School Fall Retreat

Camp Tejas

Giddings, Texas

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 16, SUNDAY

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.

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 23, SUNDAY

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 \$10 per person. Those who plan to eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 noon on October 20 at www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard or contact Marcia Houston at marcia@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare is available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org.

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 Liberia. Rev. Gaston Warner, the CEO of ZOE, will talk about ZOE and its successes in empowering orphans in Africa and elsewhere.

Trick or Treat for Hope . 5:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's UMC

Our youth will join youth from St. John's UMC and University UMC for a time of fellowship, fun, and service. We will meet at St. John's for dinner and then we will Trick or Treat for nonperishable goods that benefit the Hope Food Pantry. Youth are invited to come dressed in costume or as themselves.

NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAY

First Steps . 12:15 p.m. Room 104, Family Life Center

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out the First Steps card clipped to the pew and place it in the offering plate. You are invited to attend this First Steps session.

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

WHY I LOVE FIRST CHURCH

By Josh Houston



During the 84th Legislative Session, around 300 Texans who are Muslim participated in Texas Muslim Capitol Day on the south steps of the Capitol. It was a lobby day just like hundreds of others that occur every session such as lobby days for doctors, realtors, or the United Methodist Women. Most of the participants were school children on a civics field trip just like thousands of other school children that come to the Capitol each year.

Unlike the doctors, realtors, or United Methodist Women, however, this lobby day was crashed by roughly 25 protestors. They showed up with signs that read "I serve a RISEN SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!" while yelling things at 12-year-old school girls that cannot be written in a church newsletter. Some of these young Texans were scared to the point of tears to be at their state Capitol.

First Church opened its doors to our fellow Texans so they could have lunch, lobby training, and mid-day prayers in our Family Life Center. The protestors dissipated after all the lobby day participants were safely inside. Presumably, the protestors did not want to draw attention to a church offering hospitality to Muslims. I was proud to be a member of this congregation that countered a false witness of hate with an authentic witness of love.

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 AND 11:00 A.M.

Extravagant GENEROSITY

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; Arnold and Ruth Buss; Katie Cooley; and Cate George.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

Condolences to Larry and Dee Peters on the death of Geneva Parker and to Conneen Sanders on the death of her son, Paul Wesley Lindgren.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Laurie Barr's sister, Karen Acock; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Richard and Marilyn Bettis' friend, Ronney Reynolds; Reverend Tina Carter; Marijo Hartman's great-niece, Harper; Maggie Kahn's sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Bailey Hyden; Charlotte Lyerly's niece, Tonya Harris; Kelly Mills' mother, Sandra Mills; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra; Alan Stephens' mother, Genevieve Stephen; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

CHURCH BUSINESS

GIFTS TO FUMC

•To our Reconciling Ministries in memory of Dick Francis, given by Roger and Karlene Cusick; John and Marilyn Finke; Scott and Mary Murray; and John Scheider.

•To our Ministry Plan in memory of Louise Bettis, given by John and Elaine Atkinson; Karon Guenther; and Eleanor Hurst.

CANDY COLLECTION

Halloween is coming, and you are probably buying more candy than needed for Trick-or-Treaters. Donate leftover candy to our Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Ministry. Collection bins will be available in the foyer of the sanctuary and Family Life Center on November 6 and 13. You may also bring donations to the church office or the MLF kitchen in Wesley Hall.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS

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.

This October, your giving to the World Communion Offering helps provide scholarships through the United Methodist Church for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. In addition, 25% of this 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.

So far, we have collected \$1,692. Gifts may be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to or brought by the church office.

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.

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