



First United  
Methodist Church  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

OCTOBER 16, 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.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Foyer

The 175th Anniversary Edition of our church directory has arrived! If your picture was taken by LifeTouch last fall, then you will receive a complimentary directory. Even if your picture wasn't taken, we will have some extras to give out. Directories are available in the foyer or during the week at the church office during business hours.

### 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*. 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.

### MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

4:00 p.m. Room 102, Family Life Center

This course provides an overview of the Bible and discusses how we should think of inspiration and the nature of 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.

### 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).

## Extravagant GENEROSITY

PEOPLE WHO MADE  
A DIFFERENCE IN  
YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Throughout our Extravagant Generosity Emphasis, you are invited to share 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. These cards will be displayed around the church so we can share and celebrate our church.

*For this week, you are invited to share people or groups of people within the church who have inspired you.* Is there someone in the church whom you feel is changing the world - one small step at a time? Is there someone in the church who has guided you through hard spiritual questions or helped you connect with God? Is there someone in the church who has opened your eyes to an injustice, a new way of thinking, or new questions?

This emphasis offers 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

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch will be 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](http://www.fumcaustin.org/adminboard) or contact Marcia Houston at [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 200). Childcare is available by emailing [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org).

OCTOBER 23, SUNDAY  
12:15 P.M. WESLEY HALL

## OCTOBER

- 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**  
*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*  
 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  
 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**  
**1 Tuesday**  
*Mercy and Justice Book Study*  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

**2 Wednesday**  
 Deadline for Book Festival Barbeque  
 5:00 p.m.  
[fumcaustingrills@gmail.com](mailto:fumcaustingrills@gmail.com)

**5 Saturday**  
 Early Response Team (ERT) Training  
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Westlake UMC  
 Book Festival Barbeque Sale  
 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Parking Lot

**6 Sunday**  
 Candy Collecton for  
 Mobile Loaves & Fishes  
 Foyer, Sanctuary/Family Life Center  
 Book Festival Barbeque Sale  
 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Parking Lot  
 First Steps  
 12:15-2:00 p.m.  
 Room 104, Family Life Center  
*Making Sense of the Bible*  
 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
 Room 102, Family Life Center

**13 Sunday**  
 Candy Collecton for  
 Mobile Loaves & Fishes  
 Foyer and Family Life Center  
 Mother/Son Bowling Night  
 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
 Westgate Lanes

**15 Tuesday**  
*Mercy and Justice Book Study*  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

## WEEK

<b>16 Sun</b>	<i>Baby Steps</i> Manna Bag Sale Music Makers Rehearsal #SingPraise Rehearsal Extravagant Generosity Sunday School Sunday School Classes for All Ages <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i> Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday	9:00-10:00 a.m. 9:00-11:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	Library, Sanctuary Building Sidewalk Room 108, Education Building Murchison Chapel Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building Back of Sign In Book and Website Room 102, Family Life Center Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
<b>17 Mon</b>	English as a Second Language (ESL) Prodigal Sons Men's Group <i>Just Mercy Book Study</i>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Family Life Center Room 103, Family Life Center Tarrytown UMC, 2601 Exposition
<b>18 Tue</b>	<i>Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast</i> Crucial Conversations 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
<b>19 Wed</b>	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews Wednesday Morning Bible Study Knit Wits Handbell Choir Rehearsal FUMC Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	<a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a> Room 213, Sanctuary Building Room 210, Sanctuary Building Sanctuary Balcony Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
<b>20 Thur</b>	<i>Feed My People Breakfast</i> <i>Feed My People Breakfast Worship</i> 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
<b>21 Fri</b>	Connect for Tweens	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 18 AND 25, TUESDAYS

#### Crucial Conversations . 6:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

Join us for Crucial Conversations: Spirituality and Racial Justice as we work together to deepen our understanding of racial justice through conversation. Discussions led by Dr. Adama Brown and Pastor Cathy Stone. For more information, contact Cathy at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

### 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, 2140 Allandale

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 1 AND 15, TUESDAYS

#### Mercy and Justice Book Study . 6:30 p.m. La Madeline, 5493 Brodie Lane

In Will Willimon's book, *Fear of the Other*, he invites readers to an on-the-ground faith that remembers the God who comes to us again and again through so-called outsiders, strangers, immigrants, and those without status. This short book, grounded in scripture and Wesleyan tradition, includes probing questions for self-examination and general discussion. Please read Chapters 1 and 2 for November 1. For more information, contact Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

### NOVEMBER 5, SATURDAY

#### Early Response Team Training . 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Westlake UMC

FUMC is building an Early Response Team (ERT) to work in conjunction with other United Methodist churches in our area to help victims when disasters occur. If you are interested in this initiative, register for a training session at <http://riotexas.org/early-response-team-training>. For more information, contact Ben Patterson at [benandrick77@yahoo.com](mailto:benandrick77@yahoo.com) or 512-217-0756.

### NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

#### Book Festival Barbeque Sale . 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Church Parking Lot

Our Eurasia Barbeque Team will prepare and sell barbeque in our parking lot during the Book Festival. Volunteers are needed to greet, serve, and talk to the community. Pre-orders will be taken for Sunday pick-up between services or after the 11:00 a.m. service. Deadline for this is November 2 at 5:00 p.m. Place orders at [fumcaustingrills@gmail.com](mailto:fumcaustingrills@gmail.com) or with Shirley Derryberry at 512-497-1852. Funds raised support Good News UMC, our partner church in Vologda, Russia.

### 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,  
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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

### PRIDE PARADE 2016

*Leslie Story shares with us a time when First Church helped her family experience a real life demonstration of one of the basic principles of the Christian faith.*



On Saturday, August 27, my husband Chris and I loaded our kids, Thomas (7) and Stella (4), into the car to go to dinner with other members of our Sunday School class. This dinner was more than just a time to catch up with friends, it was a meeting place for members of Modern Families who planned to walk in the 2016 Pride Parade. Eight families from our class walked in this year's parade along with their kids, relatives, and friends.

Even though the event kept us out well past bedtime, Chris and I wanted our kids to be part of an event that supports a key belief of our church – that all are welcome at FUMC Austin. We explained to the kids that we were at the parade to support members of our church and to show others in Austin that there was a place for them to come and worship.

Waiting for the parade to start, we enjoyed fellowship with members of our congregation that we had not met before. During the parade, Stella enjoyed chatting with those riding on the trailer while Thomas high-fived anyone he could reach. Watching my family interact with the crowd during the parade I felt the power of the message "We are ALL brothers and sisters in Christ" in a new way.

# 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.*

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Adama Brown; Arnold and Ruth Buss; Bill Derryberry; Cate George; Mary Higgs; and Andrea Peck.

Other: Travis Bias' medical mission to Uganda.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Reverend Tina Carter; Ann Fields' brother, Charlie Brown; Marijo Hartman's great-niece, Harper; Cassie Helton's mother, Betty; 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.



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

## SAVE THE DATE

**NOVEMBER 13, SUNDAY**  
**Mother/Son Bowling Night**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Westgate Lanes

**NOVEMBER 17, THURSDAY**  
**Weekday Meeting of United Methodist Women**  
10:00 a.m.  
Home of Elizabeth Lerner

**NOVEMBER 19, SATURDAY**  
**Family Hike Day**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Wild Basin Preserve

**NOVEMBER 19, SATURDAY**  
**Giving Thanks for Our Neighbors Benefit Dinner**  
6:30 p.m. Reception/7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Family Life Center

**NOVEMBER 20, SUNDAY**  
**Bringing Advent Home**  
Advent devotionals and home worship resources available

**NOVEMBER 21, MONDAY**  
**Day of Service at Marbridge**  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Sign-up Required at  
[www.fumcaustin.org/marbridge](http://www.fumcaustin.org/marbridge)

**NOVEMBER 27, SUNDAY**  
**Intergenerational Advent Event**  
9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Marvin Philippus, given by Sally Watkins.

### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Louise Bettis, given by Olivia Weldon.
- To our Reconciling Ministries in memory of Dick Francis, given by Phillip and Pamela Briggs and T. Millar Bryce.
- To Refugee Services of Texas in honor of Sara Sharp, given by her Walk to Emmaus Reunion Group.

### 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.

## LISTENING SESSIONS

Registration required online at [fumcaustin.org/whowear](http://fumcaustin.org/whowear).

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

**Church**  
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

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

**South Austin (78739 / 78735)**  
Friday, October 28  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Rob and Leslie Ivey's Home

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

Contact Mary Heckmann at [mary@fumcaustin.org](mailto:mary@fumcaustin.org) with any registration questions.

## 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 \$1,904. Gifts may be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to or brought by the church office.