



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

DECEMBER 17, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

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

COOKIE AND SOCK COLLECTIONS

Foyer and Family Life Center

Place cookie and sock donations for our Christmas Breakfast for the Homeless in the collection bins.

ADVENT STUDY: LISTENING WITH HOPE

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Moving toward the longest night of the year, the light diminishes and we enter the season of waiting. We must listen in the darkness as we hope for a sign of the returning light and joy. Join Pastor Cathy Stone and Amy Wink in exploring the season of Advent through song and conversation as we listen with hope for the sounds of God with us.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTATION

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Our Children's Choirs will perform "Come to the Manger: A Service of Lessons and Carols during the Sunday School hour. Come be blessed by their singing.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

12:15 p.m. Balcony, Sanctuary

Help lead worship by serving on this team. Learn how to run the slide presentation and sound for worship. Familiarity with PowerPoint and experience with sound systems or setting up microphones is helpful.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER STUDY

12:15-2:00 p.m. Room 212, Sanctuary Building

Does the holiday season leave you frazzled and longing for some quiet space to connect with God's Spirit? Come learn about and "practice" contemplative prayer and explore Richard Rohr's *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*. This study is led by Reverend Mimi Raper, retired clergy and former associate pastor at FUMC.

YOUTH ENGAGE: CHRISTMAS PARTY

4:00-7:00 p.m. Family Life Center

All youth will celebrate at our last Engage of the year. There will be food, games, music, and a white elephant exchange. Bring a gift for \$10 or less.



Each year we remember that Advent is a season of anticipation. We anticipate the coming celebration of Christ's birth, and we anticipate Christ's return—the time when God will restore all things through God's own loving presence. In Christmas, we remember that God chooses to be with us, and that God's presence truly changes lives. We get to join God in changing lives each year through our Christmas Offering.

This year, led by Bishop Robert Schnase and joining with the Rio Texas Conference, we have chosen to change the lives of young people in one of the poorest regions of our state by giving to the Lydia Patterson Institute. Your gifts, marked "Christmas Offering," may be left at the communion rail, dropped in the offering plate, mailed to or brought by the church office, made online at fumcaustin.org/christmasoffering, or text FUMCAUSTIN to 73256.

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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

DECEMBER

24 Sunday

Christmas Eve Morning Service

11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Family Service

4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

8:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

25-1 Monday-Monday

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Reopens on January 2

26 Tuesday

Christmas Breakfast for the Homeless

6:30 a.m.
Great Hall, Family Life Center

End of Year Giving Hours

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ring bell at North Entrance

27 Wednesday

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10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ring bell at North Entrance

28 Thursday

End of Year Giving Hours

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ring bell at North Entrance

29 Friday

End of Year Giving Hours

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Ring bell at North Entrance

31 Sunday

Weekly Worship Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Service Projects Sunday

10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

JANUARY

7 Sunday

Epiphany Party

10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

22 Monday

Registration and Payment Deadline for Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop

fumcaustin.org/preteenworkshop

26 Friday

Women's Slumber Party

7:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

DECEMBER 21, THURSDAY



How come I don't feel it? In the midst of the wonder and expectation of Advent, many of us might feel out of step with the joy and excitement of Christmas. Some of us have lost loved ones or face the "happy" holidays feeling blue with grief or depression. Come to this special worship service on the "longest night" to acknowledge our grief and longing for hope.

7:00 P.M.
MURCHISON CHAPEL

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17 Sun	Advent Study: Listening with Hope	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	Children's Choir Presentation	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	Audio/Visual Team	12:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
	Contemplative Prayer Study	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Room 212, Sanctuary Building
20 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Room 213, Sanctuary Building
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
21 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	Church Office Closes	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Holiday
	Blue Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
23 Sat	Prep for Christmas Breakfast	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center

THE POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED BY...

Galen, David, Jessie, and Damon Adams

In memory of Marie Adams

John Adams and Mary Alice Lopez

In honor of Mack Adams

In memory of Martha Adams

Mack Adams

In honor of John, Ann, Molly, Harrison, and Nicholas Adams

In memory of Martha Adams

Frances Allen

In honor of the FUMC pastors

Tom and Robbie Ausley

In honor of Mary Lee Ausley

In honor of Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores

In appreciation of the FUMC pastors and staff

In celebration of Brenda Marie Hostler's baptism

Grady Basler and Terry Cornwell

In memory of their parents, Frank and Maxine Basler and Jack and Iona Cornwell

Craig Blome and Tamra Golden

In memory of Chet and Alice Blome and Paul Gilbert Carter

In memory of George and Bea Freeman, Paul and Mary Golden, and Bill and Irma Imhoff

Tom and Fay Brown

In honor of the FUMC pastors and staff

Tom and Kathy Calnan

In honor of Bobby Celeste Stephenson Calnan

In memory of Mary Jo McCullough Bruce

Stan, Bergan, and Peyton Casey

In memory of their grandparents, the Andersons and the Pickles

In honor of Mary Heckmann and Tami Kellberg

Doug and Judy Chambers

In honor of their children and grandchildren: Jennifer Chambers; Spencer, Meredith, Phillip and Braden Chambers; and Stacey, Jacob, Jack, and Clive Pearson

In memory of Stan and Laura Chambers

In memory of Victoria Johnson-Arthur

In memory of Robert Johnson

Earl and Sarah Crane

In honor of their parents

In honor of their children

Barrett and Carly Criscoe

In memory of Jarrod Criscoe

Peggy Davis

In memory of Ollie and Margaret Davis



Ron and Felicia Dodd

In honor of her parents, Woodrow and Ruby Deal
In memory of his parents, Tom and Pauline Dodd

Molly Drazic

In honor of her 25th wedding anniversary to George Drazic (December 19, 1992)

Teresa Edwards and Taylor Edwards

In memory of father and grandfather, Wayne Edwards
In honor of mother and grandmother, Fern Edwards

Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores

In honor of Mary Lee Ausley
In honor of Tom and Robbie Ausley

Brad and Taylor Fuerst

In memory of Dawn Meador

Bob Garrett and Tina Hester

In memory of Myrta Ann Garrett
In memory of Billie Hester

Homer and Anne Garrison

In honor of Thomas, Charles, and Monroe Garrison
In honor of Megan McWilliams
In honor of Rick, Tiffany, and Richard Parker
In memory of Homer and Mary Nell Garrison
In memory of Alton and Fay Toombs

George and Merianne Gaston

In honor of Katherine Blanton
In honor of Robyn Riojas
In honor of Libby Sykora
In memory of Louise Reaves
In memory of Betty Zou White

John and Sara Hathaway

In honor of J. B. Hathaway
In memory of Laura Ann Hathaway
In memory of Bill and Martha Reeves

Mary Heckmann

In honor of Leah and Kyle Heckmann

Ken and Susan Hensley

In honor of Jamie, Trinity, Wesley, and Kelly Hensley
In honor of their grandchildren, Tripp, Brandt, Hannah, and Hudson
In memory of their parents, Lewis and Lonita Hensley and Billy and Geneva Willard

Mack Hicks and Julie Nelson

In memory of their parents, R. R. and Maurine Hicks and Glen and Mary Nelson

Maitland and Pepper Huffman

In honor of their grandchildren, Hannah, Emily, Georgia, and Maitland Huffman and Erin, Seth, Nick, and Avery Murchison and great-grandchildren, Kate, Cole, and Matt Cernosec



Terry and Maggie Kahn

In memory of Max and Floy Kahn and Bowman and Beverly Snider
In honor of the FUMC English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and students

Tami Kellberg

In honor of Nell Broadbent
In honor of Mary Heckmann
In honor of Olivia Weldon

Glenn and Suzanne Karisch

In honor of Isao, Julia (Karisch), and Harriet Jonas
In honor of Augustus Karisch and Olivia Wilks
In honor of Cooper Karisch
In honor of Jack Karisch

Bob and Nancy Leeper

In memory of Harold and Michelle Leeper
In memory of John and Kiz Stevenson

Virginia McCarroll

In memory of Lewis McCarroll

Pete and Jerri Meeker

In honor of Garrett, Courtney, Rebecca, and John Meeker
In honor of Tanua Snyder
In memory of Peggy Meeker Boltz
In memory of Bob and Barbara Meeker
In memory of Gerald Snyder

Lisa Owens

In memory of William Owens

Andrea Peck

In memory of her parents, Herbert and Nora Hargis

Elizabeth and Lisa Pittman

In memory of Laurence Pittman and Beatrice Oros

Arthur and Chloe Potts

In memory of Dorothy Jane Daniel Potts
In memory of Georgia Sue Turner

Brenda Prothro

In memory of Carol Ferguson

Ken and Marlene Santos

In honor of Gussie Fallin and their children and grandchildren

Justin, Erin, James, and Nicholas Scarth

In memory of Cate George
In honor of James and Nicholas Scarth

Donna Shands

In memory of Margaret Jolley
In memory of Laura Taylor



Cathy Stone

In honor of her father, Wilton Stone
In memory of her mother, Billye Stone

Libby Sykora

In gratitude for the Congregation Care Team

Steve and Pam Tackett

In honor of their daughter, Cara C. Tackett
In honor of their son, Ross J. Tackett, and his family: Melissa, William, Austin, and Ellie
In memory of her parents, Woodrow W. and Christine C. Brandes
In memory of his brother, Richard L. Tackett, and his brother's partner, Mark Helwig
In memory of his mother, Christene C. Tackett

Randy and Ann Teich

In honor Brooks Schuelke, Mark Morris, Terry Sohn Purdy, Cathy Stone, and Kathy Tullos
In memory of Pat and Eva Hardeman, Charles Teich, and Iris Teich Carpenter

Melanie Torre

In memory of Joel Garcia

Bill and Jana Turner

In honor of Jaden Pires-Turner
In honor of Samuel Manuel Pires-Turner

George and Jackie Vanderhule

In memory of their parents, Evelyn Miller and George and Juanita Vanderhule

Kevin and Catherine Waggoner

In honor of Marie Gillen
In memory of Choc Gillen
In memory of Catherine Warner

Sally Watkins

In honor of the FUMC pastors
In honor of the FUMC staff

Willie and Jessica Wisko

In memory of Frank and Dorothy Gallaway, Wallace and Dorothy Graves, Richard MacBeth, and Willie and Ruth Wisko

Women's Open Door Sunday School Class

In memory of Roselyn Bustin
In memory of Hellen Sullivan

Cecily Wright

In memory of her father, Charles Alan Wright

Dick and Ann Young

In memory of his parents, Fred and Myrl Young, and brother, Garner Young
In memory of Albert and Nocy Gore



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 26, TUESDAY

Christmas Breakfast for the Homeless . 6:30-8:30 a.m. Great Hall

Our guests enjoy coffee and music beginning at 6:30 a.m. and breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m. Spaces fill fast, so sign up at fumcaustin.org/christmasbreakfast.

DECEMBER 31, SUNDAY

Service Projects Sunday . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Let us end the year caring for our neighbors! All ages and stages are invited to gather for conversation and projects that will make a difference in the world.

JANUARY 7, SUNDAY

Epiphany Party . 10:00-10:45 a.m. Family Life Center

Start the new year with joy by celebrating Christ's light in the world with your church family—all ages and stages! Children and youth will not have regular Sunday School classes that day, so bring the whole family to the party. Want to get involved? Bring some breakfast food items to share or bake special Epiphany muffins. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/epiphany.

JANUARY 22, MONDAY

Registration and Payment Deadline for Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop



All children ages 10, 11, and 12 and their parents are invited to our Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop: *Wonderfully Made* on February 2 and 3. The preteen years are tough. Changes are happening to bodies, minds, and emotions which make it hard to know exactly what is going on. This workshop, led by Reverend Tanya Campen, co-author of the book *Wonderfully Made*, provides the opportunity to ask questions about growing up and get faith-based answers. The curriculum covers physical development and spiritual connection while helping pre-teens establish a foundation for their life in Christ. The cost is \$50. Register online at www.fumcaustin.org/preteenworkshop.

JANUARY 26, FRIDAY AND JANUARY 27, SATURDAY

Women's Slumber Party . 7:00 p.m. Family Life Center



All women (ages 18 and older and out of high school) are invited to spend a fun evening chatting, eating, playing games, and watching chick-flicks! We will spend the night and then share a simple breakfast on Saturday morning, followed by a short worship service and Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet all the great women you see on Sundays singing in the choir, sitting near you at worship, and teaching Sunday School.

Register online at www.fumcaustin.org/slumberparty. If you are interested in helping organize this event in development, contact Ann Young at annyoung73@gmail.com or 512-517-2212.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,
PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.

Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good
at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

DECEMBER 24, SUNDAY



Morning Service

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

For those who are ready to celebrate the birth of Christ early in the day, this traditional service features carols, choral offerings by the FUMC Choir, scripture reading, Holy Communion, and two Baptisms! *Childcare provided.*

Family Service

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

For the young and young at heart, this 45-minute service is a wonderful way for families with young children to worship together and enjoy the holiness and excitement of the Christ child's arrival.

Childcare provided.

Candlelight Services

8:00 & 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary

These traditional services feature carols, choral offerings, scripture, Holy Communion, and candle lighting to celebrate Christ's birth. *Childcare provided at the 8:00 p.m. service only.*

DECEMBER 25, MONDAY



Merry Christmas!

Have a safe and merry holiday!

CHURCH NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VISITATION TEAM

This team is seeking new members who would be willing to visit and stay in touch with a member who is unable to attend church. To sign up or for more information, contact Libby Sykora at libby@fumcustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 203).

SIGN UP FOR 2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flower dates for 2018 are being filled, so now is the time to sign up. Honor someone you love and appreciate, remember a departed loved one, or celebrate special days or events in your life or the life of the church. The arrangement cost is \$65. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Bill Berger; Laura Carpenter; Karen Flournoy; Bob Folk; Pat Freeman; Marijo Hartman; Tom and Pam Jackson; Andrea Peck; Ruth Randolph; Gris and George Anne Rogers; Irma Dean Soward; Bill Thurman; and Sally Watkins.

Condolences: to the families and friends of Anna Sneed on her death.

Other: Pastors and Deacons.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Molly Drazic's cousin, Dorothy Heacock Butler; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Ann Fields' sister-in-law, Cindy Brown; George and Marianne Gaston's daughter, Robyn Riojas; Cindy Gunderson's mother, Avis Gunderson, and cousin, Elliott Napp; John and Fara McMullen's friend, Dale Van Horne; Jan Morris' parents, Lane and Marian Moore; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Kathy Tullos' friends, Alexis, Weezie, and family of Larry Wright; Carol Walker's in-laws, the Piccione family; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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.

END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDER

Our church office will be closed December 22-January 1, but Tom Mays and Laurie Barr are available to accept year-end gifts on December 26, 27, and 28 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and on December 29 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ring the bell at the preschool entrance to let them know you are in the parking lot.

Please note that IRS regulations require that contributions for 2017 must be mailed and postmarked no later than December 31, 2017. Contributions received on January 1 or in the mail and postmarked in 2018 will be considered 2018 gifts regardless.

FAITH IN ACTION

THE LOVE MOTIVE

By Cindy Walter



If you happen to study our church's calendar, you may notice occasional reservations for the board of the half Helen Foundation, a start-up non-profit founded by Chelsea Elliott, a young social entrepreneur. hHF is committed to improving school-age children's vision and hearing through innovative, cost-effective screening and dedicated advocacy. hH works with families and schools to provide crucial vision and hearing screenings for free, in turn improving children's academic success and social and emotional development. I joined the board a few years ago because I was ready to devote more of my time, energy, and attention to a worthy cause. The profit motive that drives so much of the decisions of the multi-national corporation I work for is very effective at providing jobs and paychecks to thousands of people and computers and products that are essential to society. However, after 30+ years of daily immersion in the profit motive, I enjoy devoting more time to the "love motive"!

I love knowing that our church opens its doors to many groups, including hHF. By providing these spaces, we strengthen the fabric of God's kingdom. Alan Graham opens his book *Welcome Homeless* with these words; "Together, human lives are woven into a fabric made stronger and more useful than its individual parts. When the threads of each individual life come together, they become a thing that derives its strength and resilience from the structured collection of its parts."

Isn't it wonderful that the "love motive" of First Church, half Helen Foundation, and many other organizations in Austin are being interwoven, and supporting and strengthening the work of all of us?!