

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

DECEMBER 31, 2017

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### SERVICE PROJECT 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.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Lydia Patterson Institute

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 (LPI). Your gifts, marked "Christmas Offering," may be left at the communion rail or dropped in the offering plate.

## NEXT 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](http://fumcaustin.org/epiphany).

### JANUARY 9, 16, & 23, TUESDAYS BOOK STUDY: WHY WE CAN'T WAIT

Join us as we read and discuss this book by Martin Luther King, Jr. Often applauded as King's most incisive and eloquent book, *Why We Can't Wait* recounts the Birmingham campaign in vivid detail, while underscoring why 1963 was such a crucial year for the civil rights movement.

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. Register at [fumcaustin.org/mlkbookstudy](http://fumcaustin.org/mlkbookstudy).

For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

6:30-7:30 P. M.  
CAFE EXPRESS  
2418 NORTH LAMAR

# CALENDAR

## JANUARY

7 Sunday

### Epiphany Party

10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

9 Tuesday

### Book Study: *Why We Can't Wait*

6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Cafe Express, 3418 North Lamar

14 Sunday

### Movie Night: *Selma*

5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

15 Monday

### Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Have a safe holiday

### MLK Day Community March

9:30 a.m.  
Family Life Center

### VBS Happy Hour

4:30-6:30 p.m.  
7500 Rialto Blvd., Building 2

### Financial Peace University Begins

6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

16 Tuesday

### Book Study: *Why We Can't Wait*

6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Cafe Express, 3418 North Lamar

19 Friday

### Kids' Club and Kids' Night Out

6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Education Building

20 Saturday

### FreeStore Third Saturday

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

21 Sunday

### Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.  
Murchison Chapel

### Manna Bag Sale

9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Sidewalk

### Faith at Home

10:00-10:45 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

### Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen

22 Monday

### Registration and Payment Deadline for Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop

fumcaustin.org/preteenworkshop

23 Tuesday

### Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.  
Family Life Center

### What Is the Bible? Begins

6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Room 104, Family Life Center

### Book Study: *Why We Can't Wait*

6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Cafe Express, 3418 North Lamar

26 Friday

### Women's Slumber Party

7:00 p.m.  
Wesley Hall

28 Sunday

### Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m.  
Murchison Chapel

JANUARY 14, SUNDAY

### Movie Night: *Selma* 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Our Mercy & Justice Team and youth invite you to watch this film and discuss the lasting impact of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year our FUMC community participates in the Annual Community March celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy while uplifting diversity and multi-culturalism in our city. In support of this March the following day, we will collect canned goods and/or non-perishable food items to be donated to the Central Texas Food Bank.

Register at [fumcaustin.org/selma](http://fumcaustin.org/selma). Childcare is available by emailing [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org).

JANUARY 15, MONDAY

### MLK Day Community March 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center

Grab a breakfast taco before we gather at the Capitol for the city's annual march and celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will join the March at 10:00 a.m. on the south steps of the State Capitol for a short program and then march on to Huston-Tillotson University for the Community Festival. We can arrange carpools or ride CapMetro back to the church. For more information or to participate in a carpool, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

THIS WEEK

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|--------|------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 31 Sun | Service Project Sunday             | 10:00 a.m.     | Wesley Hall  |
|        | Sunday School Classes for Adults   | 10:00 a.m.     | Various Locations  |
| 1 Mon  | Church Office Closed               | New Year's Day | Have a safe and happy holiday  |
| 3 Wed  | Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews | 10:00 a.m.     | <a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a> |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 15-MARCH 12, MONDAYS

**Financial Peace University. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Garrison Chapel, FLC**

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you had an emergency fund, were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions for your family's future? Impossible? It's not! With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. Freedom from debt is part of being free to follow Christ. Join Arthur and Chloe Potts and Pastor Michael Mumme for this personal finance class with a faith perspective.

JANUARY 21, SUNDAY

**Faith at Home . 10:00-10:45 a.m. Wesley Hall**

Faith is about more than Sundays. Faith formation happens beyond the church walls. Growing your faith at home doesn't have to involve hours of reading the Bible or meditating. Spiritual growth for families and individuals can begin with baby steps. This series is designed to provide space for you to explore ideas and walk away with practical ways to turn everyday moments into opportunities for you and your child or youth to grow closer to God.

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 at [www.fumcaustin.org/preteenworkshop](http://www.fumcaustin.org/preteenworkshop).

JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 13, TUESDAYS

**What Is the Bible? . 6:30-8:30 p.m. Room 104, FLC**

Join Curt Ashmos in a discussion-based study of this book by Rob Bell. This study goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined—and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way. Books are available at local book stores and Amazon. Register at [fumcaustin.org/what-is-the-bible](http://fumcaustin.org/what-is-the-bible). For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

JANUARY 26, FRIDAY

**Women's Slumber Party . 7:00 p.m. Wesley Hall**

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 at [www.fumcaustin.org/slumberparty](http://www.fumcaustin.org/slumberparty). If you are interested in helping organize this event in development, contact Ann Young at [anngyoung73@gmail.com](mailto:anngyoung73@gmail.com) or 512-517-2212.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

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

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews  
using submission form at [fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY 15, MONDAY

**VBS Happy Hour**

**4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**7500 Rialto Blvd., Building 2**

Come to our Vacation Bible School (VBS) brainstorming happy hour to get the creativity flowing for this year's Rolling River Rampage the week of July 23-27. For more information, contact Sarah Whitley at [sarah@sarahwhitley.com](mailto:sarah@sarahwhitley.com).

JANUARY 20

**FreeStore Third Saturday**

**8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Memorial UMC Gym**

**6100 Berkman**

Serving opportunities include sorting, organizing, and shelving donated items; assisting shoppers; bagging items; providing hospitality; and sharing stories over a cup of coffee. Something for everyone to do! There is currently no sign up, so just show up and serve.

JANUARY 21

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)**

**Third Sunday**

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

**MLF Kitchen**

An opportunity for first timers of all ages to give our Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Ministry a try. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (preparing the food and loading the truck) or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (delivering the food to our hungry neighbors around Austin). Sign up at [fumcaustin.org/mlf](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

JANUARY 23

**Feed My People**

**Fourth Tuesday**

**4:45-7:00 a.m.**

**Family Life Center**

We need volunteers! Come help serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors. To volunteer, preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins by 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up is finished by 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule.

## CHURCH NEWS

### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

- In memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Tami Kellberg.
- In memory of Jerry Berger, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

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### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Christmas Offering in honor of Penny Appleby, given by Judith A. Rutledge.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Anna Sneed, given by Alpha Paving Industries, LLC; Tom and Robbie Ausley; Amanda Beck; The Brown County Abstract Co., Inc; Judy Trabulsi; Andrew and Amy Hampton; Jessika Melancon; Nancy Merritt; John and Rosa Randolph; Jack Roberts; Jan S. Scurlock; Roy and Mary Spence, Jr; and Helen Youngblood.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of David Allen, given by Kathleen Jones.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Noble and Sharon Doss, given by Kathleen Jones.
- To our Music Memorial Fund in memory of Jerry Berger, given by Robert Ables; David and Dena Baltimore; Terrell Blodgett; Doug and Judy Chambers; Bill and Shirley Derryberry; Noble and Sharon Doss; Linda Gorzycki; Carl and Joyce McClendon; and William and Bonnie Whyte.

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### 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](mailto:libby@fumcustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 203).

### 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](mailto:stephenministry@fumcaustin.org) and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.

### 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. Arrangement cost is \$65. Available dates for the next several months are: January 7, 14, and 21 and February 4, 11, and 18. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### JANUARY 7, SUNDAY New Worship Series Begins



If you prefer the sweet, eight-pound-six-ounce baby Jesus, then prepare to have your world rocked. Jesus grew up to be the biggest headline-maker of his day, setting off controversy with his words and actions alike.

Starting January 7, join us for this six-week worship series and discover the Jesus who challenged the way people thought, both in his time and ours.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Marilyn Good



Stephen Ministers undergo 50 hours of training and role playing in preparation for being active listeners for our care receivers. But nothing fully prepares you for some events that lead to spiritual growth in unexpected ways. Praying aloud with another was a challenge for this contemplative, but I learned at our first meeting it was important to my new care receiver. The fact that our first meeting took place in a Starbucks was challenging. The fact that the man at the next table decided to hit on my care receiver was even more challenging. Let's just say women of a certain age don't expect that sort of thing at the coffee shop. Nonplussed, I suggested we take our coffee to go and we adjourned to stand under a tree in the parking lot. Not knowing what else to do I just set my purse down on the ground, took her hands, took a deep breath and waited for the Spirit to bring me some words. The Spirit did not let me down. Months later, as we were ending our caregiving relationship, she told me that was one of the best introductions we could have had and how it had brought her a chuckle in the midst of her life's challenges to think of me just plopping down my purse and praying there in the parking lot. I'm more comfortable praying with another now, and I'm certainly more trusting that the Spirit will give me words when my own fail—unexpected gifts of service.