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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

JANUARY 21, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP FOR 2018 AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK

Outside on Sidewalk

The Austin CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, February 25, at Camp Mabry. Registration opens at 2:00 p.m. with the Step-Off at 2:30 p.m. This is the longest tenured mission project of our congregation. Our participation in this community interfaith event raises awareness and funds for hungry people both in Austin and across the globe. Be part of the FUMC Team! Sign up following worship or online at fumcaustin.org/crop.

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 MISSION EMPHASIS

Christmas Breakfast for the Homeless

For the past 19 years, FUMC has sponsored a Christmas Breakfast in the Family Life Center. Each year, we provide a hot breakfast served restaurant style with greeters and a smiling wait staff. After breakfast, guests receive caps, gloves, socks, lip balm, a one-day bus pass, and homemade cookies. Many thanks to the over 75 volunteers who helped make this breakfast an event that provides our neighbors who are homeless or the working poor with a vivid reminder that they are loved. Planning for this event takes place during the fall, and funds are needed to ensure that enough food, drinks, caps, gloves, and other toiletry items can be purchased in advance. You are encouraged to give what you can at the communion rail and any time during the month of January to help support and prepare for next year's breakfast. Please send or bring your donations, marked "Christmas Breakfast," to the church office.

JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 13

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library
of Poems, Letters, and
Stories Can Transform
the Way You Think and
Feel About Everything

Join Curt Ashmos on Tuesdays 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. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

6:30-8:30 P. M.
ROOM 104
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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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

JANUARY

28 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel

2018 FUMC Leadership Kickoff

12:00 p.m.
Great Hall, Family Life Center

TILT Performance: *The Giver*

2:00-3:00 p.m.
Murchison Chapel

FEBRUARY

2 Friday

Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop

6:00-9:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

3 Saturday

Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

4 Sunday

Intergenerational Conversation on Racial Justice

10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

First Steps Class

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

9 Friday

Kids' Club and Kids' Night Out

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

10 Saturday

Feed My People Experience

8:00-9:30 a.m.
Great Hall, Family Life Center

11 Sunday

UMW Unit Meeting

12:15-2:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Sensing God During Lent Begins

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

14 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services

7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Ashes To Go

8:00 a.m.
Church Parking Lot

17 Saturday

FreeStore Third Saturday

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

Father Daughter Dance

5:00-8:30 p.m.
Wesley Hall

18 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel

Manna Bag Sale

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

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

25 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m.
Murchison Chapel

27 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

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

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21 Sun	Manna Bag Sale	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	Sign Up for 2018 CROP Hunger Walk	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	Faith at Home	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	Sunday School Classes for Adults	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	Children's Choir Rehearsal	12:15 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	Mobile Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
	Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
22 Mon	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	Financial Peace University	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
23 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	Book Study: <i>Why We Can't Wait</i>	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Cafe Express, 3418 North Lamar
	<i>What Is the Bible?</i> Begins	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
24 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
25 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
26 Fri	TILT Performance: <i>The Giver</i>	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 26-28, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

TILT Performance: *The Giver* . 7:30-8:30 p.m. Murchison Chapel

TILT Performance Group, a theater company sponsored by our Epiphany Class, will perform an exciting, heart-warming adaptation of this book by Lois Lowry. Audiences will go on an interactive journey through a world that is equal parts adventure and science fiction. The discounted cost for FUMC members is \$10 and you may purchase tickets at fumcaustin.org/tilt. (The Sunday performance is from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 4, SUNDAY

Intergenerational Conversation on Racial Justice . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

All are invited to join our youth for a timely conversation on one of our nation's most important discussions—race. Our students have been learning about the history of Civil Rights and the fight for racial justice and exploring what it means for us to be Christians tasked with unity and restoration in a nation founded on division. We hope you will join us! For more information, contact Devon Bailey, Director of Youth Ministries, at devon@fumcaustin.org or Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 10, SATURDAY

Feed My People Experience . 8:00-9:30 a.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center

Come experience our “Feed My People” (FMP) breakfast and learn about the impact of this ministry in our community. Enjoy a typical FMP breakfast including scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage patties, gravy, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and fellowship. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m., followed by a program of speakers. Ticket prices (adults \$35, children under 12 \$5) will raise funds to pay for food, disposables, and utility costs to support the FMP breakfast along with FFH programs that prevent homelessness. Purchase your tickets at fumcaustin.org/fmp by February 8.

FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY

United Methodist Women Unit Meeting . 12:15-2:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Join us to learn more about the ways in which public policies are shaped, particularly policies that affect women and children, and ways in which members of United Methodist Women can make their voices heard in this process. The state legislature is not meeting this year, so now is our opportunity to learn and prepare! The meeting will feature a panel presentation and plenty of time for Q&A. All members and friends of UMW are welcome. Childcare is available with advance reservation to childcare@fumcaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 25, SUNDAYS

Sensing God During Lent . 12:15-2:00 p.m. Room 212, Sanctuary Building

Lent is naturally a time for preparation and contemplation, but what does it mean to sit in silence and listen to God? What effects can it have on our connection with God, ourselves, and the world? A study of Laurence Freeman's *Sensing God: Learning to Meditate During Lent* provides the opportunity for those interested in mindfulness meditation and contemplative prayer to begin or enhance this life-changing practice. Mimi Raper, former Associate Pastor at FUMC, will lead the sessions, which will include discussion of the book and a period of silence to practice contemplative prayer. Participants will need to register at fumcaustin.org/sensing-god and secure a copy of the book.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY 23, TUESDAY

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.



FEBRUARY 17, SATURDAY

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 signup, so just show up and serve.



FEBRUARY 18, SUNDAY

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.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISM



Simon Mark Schumacher

Simon, son of Craig and Christine Schumacher, was baptized into Christian discipleship on January 14.

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@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 203).

HOSTS NEEDED FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Are you interested in hosting or leading a Lenten in-home small group? We will be using Adam Hamilton's study, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophets* as a church-wide study. To say "Yes!" or for more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

SIGN UP FOR 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. The available dates for the next several months are: February 4 and 18; and March 4, 11, and 18. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Katy Civins; Michael Crowe; Karen Flournoy; Bob Folk; Pat Freeman; Tom and Pam Jackson; Carol Kay Johnson; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Andrea Peck; Ruth Randolph; and Gris and George Anne Rogers.
Condolences to: the family and friends of Mertice Wilson on her death.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Suzanne Black's grandmother, Virginia Myers; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Robbie Cripe's sister, Leigh Ann Proctor; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Lucio Gonzales, Jr.; Cindy Gunderson's mother, Avis, and friend, Kelly; Summer Hoff's friends, the Young and Roeder families; Brenda Hostler's friends; Katie Kaighlin's friend, Russell Hayden; Miranda McCage's friends, Shannon Stone and Amy Wise; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' friend, Pam Friday; Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore; Arthur Potts' grandparents, Faye and Marvin Henager; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' mother, Eva Reneau; Stephen Spears', Rebecca Leonard's, and Pearl's friend, Don Perry; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Ann Venno's family friend, Rob Heskels; Sandy Wilder's neighbor, Jim Potts; 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.

FAITH IN ACTION INVITATION TO SHARE

Each week during worship, we are asked to consider what God is calling us to do in response to our faith. Sometimes it is hard to imagine what that response may look like.

That is one reason why each week in this space we tell stories of how people of FUMC are putting their Faith in Action in the world. Sometimes that action is in the church and sometimes it is with our church-sponsored non-profit partners, but putting our faith into action in the world doesn't have to be connected to either. Sometimes our most effective witness comes unexpectedly, when a co-worker is having a life crisis or just a hard day or when we answer a harsh word with a compassionate response. Sometimes our hearts are touched by a story in the news or an appeal by a non-profit. And then there is Facebook. We never know when an opportunity will present itself.

One is reminded of the story of the virgins awaiting the bridegroom which is usually related to the last coming of Christ, but has more to do with being awake and ready every day to see what God is doing around me and listening to hear what our part is in God's actions. We hope sharing our stories about ways we have found to put our faith in action will provide others with the tools or inspiration to be awake to those opportunities in their own lives.

We invite you to share your story, or recommend some else's story, by contacting Marilyn Good at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).