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FUMC Weekly

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JANUARY 28, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP FOR 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. Our participation in this event raises awareness and funds for hungry people both in Austin and across the globe. Be part of our FUMC Team

by walking or by making a contribution. Sign up today! For more information, visit fumcaustin.org/crop.

CHURCH CONFERENCE AND 2018 LEADERSHIP KICKOFF

12:15 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center

We will eat lunch, learn some key information about serving in leadership at FUMC, and divide into ministry teams to plan and set goals for the coming year. This meeting also includes approval of the FUMC 2018 budget. All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights.

TILT PERFORMANCE: *THE GIVER*

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

TILT Performance Group, a theater company sponsored by our Epiphany Class, perform an exciting, heart-warming adaptation of this book by Lois Lowry. The audiences goes on an interactive journey through a world that is equal parts adventure and science fiction. Discounted tickets for FUMC members are \$10 and they can be purchased at fumcaustin.org/tilt.

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.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR LENTEN 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* for this church-wide study. To say "Yes!" or for more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Intergenerational Conversation on Racial Justice

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 that you will join us in Wesley Hall at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Devon Bailey, Director of Youth Ministries, at devon@fumcaustin.org or Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

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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

FEBRUARY

- 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
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- 9 Friday**
Connect for Tweens
 6:00-9:00 p.m. Room 202, Family Life Center
Kids' Club and Kids' Night Out
 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building
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- 10 Saturday**
Feed My People Experience
 8:00-9:30 a.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center
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- 11 Sunday**
Long-Term Disaster Recovery Information Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall
United Methodist Women (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
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- 14 Wednesday**
Ash Wednesday Services
 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Ashes To Go
 8:00-9:30 a.m. Church Parking Lot
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- 17 Saturday**
FreeStore Third Saturday
 8:30-11:30 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
Sweetheart Dance
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center

- 18 Sunday**
Chapel Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Manna Bag Sale
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
Lenten Study: "Moses" Begins
 10:00-10:45 a.m. Wesley Hall
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen
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- 25 Sunday**
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
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- 27 Tuesday**
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday
 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center

LENT IS COMING...

Start making plans for observing the season of Lent, a 40-day season of spiritual practice and preparation for the Festival of Easter! This year in worship, we will study the book of Exodus, journeying with the Israelites on their way to freedom. As a complement, all are invited to study Adam Hamilton's *Moses* throughout this six week season. Small groups will form throughout Austin for this six-week study, so plan now to join a group. Sign up begins next Sunday, February 4

WEEK

28 Sun	Sign Up for 2018 CROP Hunger Walk	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	Sunday School Classes for Adults	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	Charge Conference/Leadership Kickoff	12:15 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
	Children's Choir Rehearsal	12:15 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	TILT Performance: <i>The Giver</i>	2:00-3:00 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
	Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
29 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
	Prodigal Sons	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
30 Tue	<i>What Is the Bible?</i>	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
31 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
1 Thur	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
2 Fri	English as a Second Language (ESL)	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
3 Sat	Pre-teen Sexuality Workshop	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9, 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.

Kids' Club. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building

All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are invited to a night of faith building through games, mission projects, a movie, and pizza!

Kids' Night Out . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building

While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 1st graders. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Reservations required. Make reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

FEBRUARY 10, SATURDAY

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

Come experience our Feed My People Breakfast and learn about the impact of this ministry in our community. Enjoy a typical 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 for food, disposables, and utility costs to support this breakfast. Purchase tickets at fumcaustin.org/fmp by February 8.

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 the ways members of United Methodist Women (UMW) can make their voices heard in this process. This meeting will feature a panel presentation and plenty of time for Q&A. All members and friends of UMW are welcome. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available with advance reservation to childcare@fumcaustin.org. For more information, visit fumcaustin.org/umw.

FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 25, SUNDAYS

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

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 will lead these sessions, which include discussion of the book and a period of silence to practice contemplative prayer. Register at fumcaustin.org/sensing-god and then purchase a copy of the book.

FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship Services . 7:00 a.m., 12:10p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

We begin our Lenten journey by confronting our own sin and mortality. Ashes remind us that we are going to die; however, they are marked on us in the sign of the cross to assure us of God's love for us.

Ashes to Go . 8:00-9:30 a.m. Church Parking Lot

For those whose schedule prevents them from attending the later services, and as a public witness to passers-by, pastors will be outside of the church marking people with ashes.

FEBRUARY 17, SATURDAY

Sweetheart Dance . 6:30-8:00 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends, escort your children or other sweethearts out for a fun evening together. All ages! Door prizes, selfie photo booth, snacks, and memory-making included. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, contact Dan Kilday at danielkilday@hotmail.com.

**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](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY

Long-Term Disaster Recovery Information Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

As we watched the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, many were unsure how to help. Opportunities to serve have grown with the task of rebuilding. In response, FUMC plans to send mission teams to help with long-term recovery. To learn more, come to this information meeting. Regardless of age or experience, we can come together and help.

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.

FEBRUARY 27, 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.

CHURCH NEWS

FEED MY PEOPLE THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who bought and prepared food and set up and cleaned up for the Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast on January 23: Sharon Doss; Judy Funke; Michael George; Jonathan George; Charles Harrison; Julie Nelson; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; and Cecily Wright. Judy Funke also provided a sewing ministry for our guests.

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 25. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: D'An Anders; Michael Crowe; Karen Flournoy; Bob Folk; Pat Freeman; Tom and Pam Jackson; Carol Kay Johnson; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Rick Ortiz; Connie Payne; Andrea Peck; Ruth Randolph; Gris and George Anne Rogers; Bruce Venno; and Tim Walter.
Other: Christian Martine.
Condolences to: Mark Steves on the death of his sister-in-law, Suzanne Steves.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

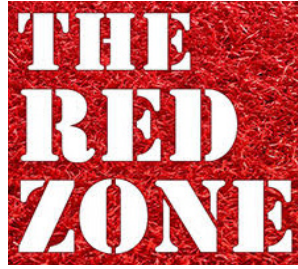
Suzanne Barnard's grandmother, Lee Thompson; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Reverend Tina Carter; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Ken Craig; Melanie Greene's friend, Cathy Lamb; Lucio Gonzales, Jr.; Ron Hall's friend, Jeff; Brad Hamer's mother, Kathy Hamer; Sydney Head's brothers, Justin and Brandon Head; Brenda Hostler's friends; Virginia McCarroll's nephew, Parker Birdwell; Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore; Delia Peters' cousin, Paula Avila, and friend, Jan Scott; Jerry Rightmer's grandmother, Betty Rohmer; Merry Rightmer's mother, Maribel Rozendal; Debbie Rippletote's friend, Karolyn Booth; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' mother, Eva Reneau; Lee Sloan's aunt, Martha Combs; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Brandon Tate; Jamie Turner's friends, the Dombeck family; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.
Condolences to: Janie Basham on the death of her father, John Schwab, and to the family and friends of Jim Alvis and Michael Brunner on their deaths.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN "STANDS IN THE RED ZONE"



"Standing in the Red Zone" is the theme of United Methodist Women's 2018 Intercept Human Trafficking action. This year's effort will mark the end of a decade-long anti-human trafficking initiative on Super Bowl Sunday.

UMW shifts their mission priority efforts and resources to climate justice, economic inequality, maternal and child health and mass incarceration/criminalization of communities of color for the coming quadrennium.

For more information, visit unitedmethodistwomen.org.

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

- In honor of the Downtowners Sunday School Class, given by Raymond Lewis.
- In honor of Nancy Lewis' 80th birthday on January 28, given by Raymond Lewis.
- In honor of the staff of First United Methodist Church, given by Raymond Lewis.
- In memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Bruce and Christine Anderson; Bob and Debbie Block; and Gussie Fallin.
- In memory of Anna Beth Phillips, given by Ken and Susan Hensley.
- In memory of Mertice Wilson, given by Kathleen Jones and Sally Watkins.

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Ministry Plan in honor of Brenda Hostler given in love and appreciation for her presence in our congregation, given by an anonymous donor.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Joyce Askins; Ed and Jan Berger; Cue and Dorothy Boykin; Stan and Bergan Casey; Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores; William and Beverly Halbert; Raymond Lewis; Judy Morris; Don and Sue Norris; Noelke, Maples, St. Leger, & Bryant LLP; Sunya Alexander; and Dan Wood and Marilyn Good.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Frances Colby on the 100th anniversary of her birth, given by her daughter Carol Holmgreen.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Anna Tutt Sneed, given by John Romanek and Donald Sumner;
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes in memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Noble and Sharon Doss.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes in memory of Barbara Kotrola, given by Olivia Weldon.