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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

FEBRUARY 4, 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. Our participation 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. For more information, visit [fumcaustin.org/crop](http://fumcaustin.org/crop).

### INTERGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION ON RACIAL JUSTICE

#### 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Join us for a timely conversation on one of our nation's most important discussions—race. Our youth 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.

### CELEBRATORY SENDOFF

#### 12:00 p.m. Parlor

The Epiphany Class invites the congregation to a celebratory sendoff for Brenda Hostler, who is moving to Missouri to be closer to family.

### FIRST STEPS CLASS

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

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

### BOLDER THAN THE STATE OF TEXAS WORKSHOP

#### 2:30-4:30 p.m. Room 104, Family Life Center

This workshop for our autobiographical project offers an overview of the project as well as writing prompts focusing on FUMC's complicated relationship with racial justice and effecting change in the community. Bring your writing materials and your stories. Questions? Contact Caroline Jones and Amy Wink at [bolderthantexas@gmail.com](mailto:bolderthantexas@gmail.com).

### FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS

#### Feed My People Breakfast Program

FUMC hosts this program of the non-profit organization Foundation for the Homeless, Inc. (FFH) each Tuesday and Thursday, every week of the year. Guests receive a hot breakfast, fellowship, toiletries, and showers. As you can imagine, a lot of plates, cups, napkins, cutlery, cleaning supplies, electricity, and water are used. In addition to hosting all the breakfasts, FUMC buys the food and drink for the breakfast on the fourth Tuesday of each month. You are invited to help by donating funds for its operation or by volunteering on fourth Tuesdays. Donations may be left at the altar rail or sent to or brought by the church office.

## FEBRUARY 10, SATURDAY FEED MY PEOPLE EXPERIENCE

Come experience our Feed My People Breakfast and learn about the impact this ministry has in our community. Enjoy a typical breakfast of 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 costs (adults \$35, children under 12 \$5) will raise funds to support this breakfast. Purchase tickets at [fumcaustin.org/fmp](http://fumcaustin.org/fmp) by February 8.

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Great Hall, Family Life Center

## FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY LONG-TERM DISASTER RECOVERY

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.

10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

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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

- 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 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary  
**Ashes To Go**  
 8:00-9:30 a.m. Church Parking Lot
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- 15 Thursday**  
**Lenten Study Small Group Begins - Central Austin**  
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Home of Christie Wilson  
**Lenten Study Small Group Begins - West Austin**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Home of Mark Morris/Kathy Tullos
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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
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- 18 Sunday**  
**Chapel Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Manna Bag Sale**  
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

- Lenten Sunday School Class 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  
**Lenten Study Small Group Begins - East Austin**  
 5:00 p.m. Home of Steven Spears/Rebecca Leonard

- 20 Tuesday**  
**Lenten Study Small Group Begins - Manor**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Homes of Bias' and Hartman's  
**Lenten Study Small Group Begins - South Austin**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Home of Scott and Deborah Wilder

- 21 Wednesday**  
**Lenten Study Small Group Begins - Northwest Austin**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Home of Cindy Gunderson

- 25 Sunday**  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**CROP Hunger Walk**  
 2:00 p.m. Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street

- 27 Tuesday**  
**Feed My People Fourth Tuesday**  
 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center

## MARCH

- 6 Tuesday**  
**Book Study: White Rage Begins**  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

## WEEK

4 Sun	<b>Sign Up for 2018 CROP Hunger Walk</b>	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
	<b>Intergenerational Conversation</b>	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
	<b>Sunday School Classes for Adults</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
	<b>First Steps Class</b>	12:15 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	<b>Bolder Than Texas Writing Workshop</b>	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
	<b>Engage for Youth</b>	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
5 Mon	<b>Prodigal Sons</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
6 Tue	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	<b>What Is the Bible?</b>	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
7 Wed	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b>	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	<b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>	10:00 a.m.	Room 213, Sanctuary Building
	<b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b>	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
	<b>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
8 Thur	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	<b>Feed My People Breakfast Worship</b>	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
9 Fri	<b>Connect for Tweens</b>	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Room 202, Family Life Center
	<b>Kids' Club and Kids' Night Out</b>	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Education Building
10 Sat	<b>Feed My People Experience</b>	8:00-9:30 a.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 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.

**FEBRUARY 18, SUNDAY**

**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. Bags contain nutritious snacks, a pair of socks, and a note with God's blessing. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

**FEBRUARY 25, SUNDAY**

**Contemplative Worship Service . 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel**

Contemplative prayer can provide a welcome respite, a place to find the inner resources to actively serve a chaotic world from a place of strength and peace. These services are offered to beginners or experienced practitioners of mindfulness meditation. The service typically lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

**MARCH 6-20, TUESDAYS**

**Book Study: *White Rage* . 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie**

Join us as we read and discuss *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson, Ph.D. As Ferguson, Missouri, erupted in August 2014, and media commentators across the ideological spectrum referred to the angry response of African Americans as "black rage," historian Carol Anderson wrote a remarkable op-ed in the *Washington Post* showing that this was, instead, "white rage" at work. "With so much attention on the flames," she wrote, "everyone had ignored the kindling." 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 at La Madeleine. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

**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

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

**FEBRUARY 27, TUESDAY**

**Feed My People**

**Fourth Tuesday**

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

**Family Life Center**



We need more 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. On-the-job training is available.

## CHURCH NEWS

### BAPTISM



#### Hayes Curtis Crisp

Hayes, son of Brandon and Kaycee Crisp and brother of Caroline and Violet, was baptized into Christian discipleship on January 28.

#### FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

- In memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Michael Levy.
- In memory of Robbie Youngblood, given by Tami Kellberg and Sally Watkins.

#### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Lucius and Lynn Bunton and Jimmie Sue Francis.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Robbie Youngblood, given by the Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class.

#### SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flower dates 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: February 18; March 4, 11, and 25; and April 1, 15, 22, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING CELEBRATION

We celebrate the incredible generosity of FUMC members and guests who participated in the 2017 Christmas Offering, which supports the life changing ministry of Lydia Patterson Institute. Our gift of \$30,164 will go to the Capital Campaign to rebuild and renew their aging facilities so that generations of students can benefit from a strong academic and spiritual foundation at "La Lydia." Thank you for giving your gifts to change the lives of others!

#### COMMUNITY AUTOBIOGRAPHY PROJECT

FUMC is launching our community autobiography project, *Bolder than The State of Texas: Stories and Conversations on Living Faith*.

Drawing on our congregational value of storytelling, this project will gather narratives of the people of FUMC. We hope to explore our community's life-story, how we, by the grace of God, grow out of our past into our present. All are invited to share their story and start a conversation about how we live out our faith.

For more information, visit [fumcaustin.org/stories](http://fumcaustin.org/stories).

#### 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.

### PRAYER

#### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

D'An Anders  
Michael Crowe  
Gussie Fallin  
Karen Flournoy  
Bob Folk  
Pat Freeman  
Brenda Hostler  
Tom and Pam Jackson  
Carol Kay Johnson  
Gene and Charlotte Lyerly  
Connie Payne  
Andrea Peck  
Ruth Randolph  
Gris and George Anne Rogers  
Bruce Venno  
Condolences to: the family and friends of Robbie Youngblood on her death.

#### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren  
Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene  
Altenburg  
Reverend Tina Carter  
Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy  
Denise Fischer's friends, Pam and Vanessa  
Bob and Wyatt Garrett's and Tina Hester's friend, Yemi Afolabi  
Lucio Gonzales, Jr.  
Mary Heckmann's uncle, Frank Tyler  
Brenda Hostler's friends  
Miranda McCage's cousins, Luke and Tujba McCage  
Christal McDonald's cousin, Art Balderas  
Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore  
Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' friends, the Kidd family  
Scott Ricks' friend, Derek  
Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley  
Jen Stuart's friend, Whitney Stopp  
Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson  
Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens  
Ann Venno's friend, Rob Heskels  
Kevin and Catherine Waggoner's family member, Mike Gerber  
Ashley Winger's father  
Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink  
Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young