



First United  
Methodist Church  
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# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

FEBRUARY 11, 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).

### 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.


### 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.

### MATERNAL HEALTH INITIATIVE LUNCH AND LEARN

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



Healthcare for women and children is at the heart of United Methodist Women (UMW) today, and has been since the organization was founded in the 1800's. Last year, the UMW at FUMC made a commitment to help address the poor state of maternal health in Texas. This event is intended to empower all who are interested in being effective advocates at the state policy level. Come and learn the most effective ways to engage with state policymakers around the very important issue of maternal health and see a calendar of advocacy events and opportunities. First Church's own Ms. Cassie Gresham, a partner at Braun & Gresham Attorneys at Law will moderate the bi-partisan, all female panel of Texas health policy experts. The panelists include: Carrie Simmons, a lobbyist with Texas Lobby Group and former Executive Director of the Texas House Republican Caucus; Heather Fleming, Senior Health and Human Services Advisor for Speaker of the House Joe Straus; and Denise Davis of Davis Kaufman PLLC, who has extensive legislative experience including serving as Chief of Staff to Speaker Joe Straus, serving as House Parliamentarian and Special Counsel to the Texas House of Representatives, and as General Counsel to former Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff. All are welcome. Lunch provided for \$10.

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

FEBRUARY 14  
Ash Wednesday Services

FEBRUARY 15, 18, AND 20  
Church-Wide Study: *Moses*  
Sign up today!

FEBRUARY 18  
Lenten Worship: *Exodus*

For more information,  
see our Lenten insert.

## FEBRUARY 17, SATURDAY SWEETHEART DANCE



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](mailto:danielkilday@hotmail.com).

6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Great Hall, 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

## FEBRUARY

- 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
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- 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
- Lenten Study Small Group Begins - Northwest Austin**  
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Home of Chip and Jan Morris

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

- 26 Monday**  
**Prodigal Sons New Study: *The Last Week***  
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 103, Family Life Center

- 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

- 11 Sunday**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
 Spring Forward!

## WEEK THIS

<b>11 Sun</b>	<b>Sign Up for 2018 CROP Hunger Walk</b> <b>Long-Term Disaster Recovery Meeting</b> <b>Sunday School Classes for Adults</b> <b>Children's Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>Sensing God During Lent Begins</b> <b>Maternal Health Initiative Lunch and Learn</b> <b>Engage for Youth</b>	9:00-11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15-2:00 p.m. 12:15-2:00 p.m. 4:30-7:00 p.m.	Sidewalk Wesley Hall Various Locations Choir Room, Sanctuary Building Room 212, Sanctuary Building Wesley Hall Family Life Center
<b>12 Mon</b>	<b>Prodigal Sons</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
<b>13 Tue</b>	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b> <b>What Is the Bible?</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Family Life Center Room 104, Family Life Center
<b>14 Wed</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> <b>Ashes To Go</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> <b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b> <b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	7:00 a.m. 8:00-9:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Church Parking Lot Sanctuary fumcaustin.org/submissions Room 213, Sanctuary Building Sanctuary
<b>15 Thur</b>	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b> <b>Feed My People Breakfast Worship</b> <b>Lenten Small Group - Central Austin</b> <b>Lenten Small Group - West Austin</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Family Life Center Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center Home of Christie Wilson Home of Mark Morris/Kathy Tullos
<b>17 Sat</b>	<b>FreeStore Third Saturday</b> <b>Sweetheart Dance</b>	8:30-11:30 a.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman Great Hall, Family Life Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**FEBRUARY 26, MONDAY**

**Prodigal Sons New Study . 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 103, Family Life Center**

All men are welcome to a book study of *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crosson. This book is an exposition of the week from Palm Sunday to Easter by two of the most prominent progressive New Testament scholars of recent years.

**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 events in 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](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

### REGISTER FOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL



Looking for a high-quality, part-time preschool for your child? First United Methodist Preschool is registering children two months to five years of age for the 2018-2019 school year. Our preschool is proud to be featured as a "Best Preschool" by *Austin Monthly Magazine*, accredited by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education

Programs, and certified by Texas Rising Star. For more information, visit [fumcaustin.org/preschool](http://fumcaustin.org/preschool) or call 512-478-5709.

**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 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.

**MARCH 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.

## CHURCH NEWS

### FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS:

#### FEED MY PEOPLE BREAKFAST MINISTRY



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.

#### GIFTS TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Arnold and Ruth Buss and John and Fara McMullen.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Robbie Youngblood, given by John and Fara McMullen.
- To our Music Memorial Fund in memory of Jerry Berger, given by John and Fara McMullen.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Mary Lee Ausley, given by Martha Jones.

#### 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).

#### 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).

#### 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

#### Health

D'An Anders  
Tom and Pam Jackson  
Ben Patterson  
Connie Payne  
Andrea Peck  
Gris and George Anne Rogers  
Bruce Venno

#### Other

James Guerra

#### Congratulations

To Ben and Kim Battle on the birth of their son, Blake Hunter Battle.

#### Condolences

To Earl Crane on the death of his grandmother, Marcia Fertig; and to Cindy Gunderson on the death of her mother, Avis Gunderson.

### 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  
Brad Hamer's mother,  
Kathy Hamer  
Susan Hensley's neighbors,  
Betty and Bobby Taylor  
Chris and Jan Higgs' friends,  
Betty Kurio and Robbie Greig  
Christal McDonald's cousin,  
Art Balderas  
Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore  
Tom Polk and Judy Kostura's niece,  
Erin Perry  
Chloe Potts' grandmother,  
Jean Finch  
Justin and Erin Scarth's friend,  
Lisa Whatley  
Leslie Story's father,  
Neel Richardson  
Alan Stephens' father,  
Carl Stephens  
Dick Young's nephew,  
Jeff Young