



First United  
Methodist Church  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

FEBRUARY 18, 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. Be part of our FUMC Team by walking or by making a contribution. For more information, visit [fumcaustin.org/crop](http://fumcaustin.org/crop).

### 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. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

### LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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

Unable to join one of our Lenten small groups? Come to an abbreviated study of Adam Hamilton's book, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. This class is led by Pastor Cathy Stone.

### BAPTISM CLASS

#### 12:15 p.m. Room 108, Education Building

Come learn our beliefs about baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the baptized life. This class is required for those preparing for baptism.

### 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.

### MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES 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).

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY AND FEBRUARY 20  
Church-Wide Study: *Moses*

TODAY-MARCH 25  
Lenten Worship: *Exodus*

For more information,  
see our Lenten insert.

## FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS



First Church hosts the Feed My People Program of the non-profit organization

Foundation for the Homeless, Inc. 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 on the fourth Tuesday of each month. You are invited to help by donating funds or by volunteering on fourth Tuesdays. Donations may be left at the altar rail or sent to or brought by the church office.

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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

**25 Sunday**  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**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

**4 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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

**11 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

**17 Saturday**  
**FreeStore Third Saturday**  
 8:30-11:30 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

**18 Sunday**  
**Chapel Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

**Manna Bag Sale**  
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk  
**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

**24 Saturday**  
**Kids' Day Out**  
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Education Building

**25 Sunday**  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Palm/Passion Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

**27 Tuesday**  
**Feed My People Fourth Tuesday**  
 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center  
**Confirmation Course Begins**  
 7:00 p.m. Room 201, Family Life Center

**29 Thursday**  
**Maundy Thursday Services**  
 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

**30 Friday**  
**Good Friday Family Service**  
 10:30 a.m. Wesley Hall  
**Good Friday Services**  
 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

**31 Saturday**  
**Easter Egg Festival**  
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol Grounds

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>18 Sun</b>	<b>Manna Bag Sale</b>	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		<b>Sign Up for 2018 CROP Hunger Walk</b>	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		<b>Lenten Sunday School Class</b>	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		<b>Sunday School Classes for Adults</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		<b>Children's Choir Rehearsal</b>	12:15 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
		<b>Sensing God During Lent</b>	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Room 212, Sanctuary Building
		<b>High School Youth Overnight</b>	12:15 p.m.	Family Life Center
		<b>Mobile Loaves &amp; Fishes Third Sunday</b>	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	MLF Kitchen
		<b>Lenten Study Small Group - East Austin</b>	5:00 p.m.	Home of Spears and Leonard
		<b>19 Mon</b>	<b>Prodigal Sons</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.
<b>WEEK</b>	<b>20 Tue</b>	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
		<b>Lenten Study Small Group - Manor</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Homes of Bias' and Hartman's
		<b>Lenten Study Small Group - South Austin</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Scott and Deborah Wilder
		<b>Lenten Study Small Group - Northwest Austin</b>	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Home of Chip and Jan Morris
<b>WEEK</b>	<b>21 Wed</b>	<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
<b>WEEK</b>	<b>22 Thur</b>	<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
		<b>Lenten Small Group - Central Austin</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Home of Christie Wilson
		<b>Lenten Small Group - West Austin</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Mark Morris/Kathy Tullos

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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. This service is offered to the practitioners of mindfulness meditation.

**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.

**FEBRUARY 27-MAY 15, TUESDAYS**

**Confirmation Course . 7:00-8:30 p.m. Room 201, Family Life Center**

Any interested 8th graders are invited to participate in our Confirmation Course. Students will learn about deepening, professing, and living out their faith. For more information, visit [fumcaustin.org/confirmation](http://fumcaustin.org/confirmation).

**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).

**MARCH 24, SATURDAY**

**Kids' Day Out . 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Education Building**

While parents enjoy a morning out, children play, make crafts, watch a movie, and eat pizza with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through fourth graders on a first-come basis. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Make reservations at [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org) no later than March 21.



### REGISTER FOR FUM PRESCHOOL

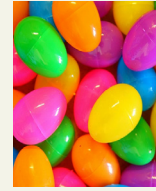
Looking for a high-quality, part-time preschool for your child? First United Methodist Preschool is registering children two months to five years of age for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, visit [fumcaustin.org/preschool](http://fumcaustin.org/preschool) or call 512-478-5709.

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).

## EASTER BUNNY NEEDS HELP



We are accepting donations to ensure there are plenty of treats for the children at our Easter Egg Festival on March 31. Donations of candy and egg-sized plastic toys or stickers are most helpful. Recommended candy choices are individually wrapped Lifesavers, small Nerds boxes, Starbursts, and small wrapped bubble gum. *All candy should be nut free and fit inside an egg.* Place donations in the bunny barrels found near the entrances of the children's Sunday School wing and the sanctuary. To help stuff eggs or volunteer for the Egg Festival, email [children@fumcaustin.org](mailto:children@fumcaustin.org).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**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

### BAPTISM



#### **Parker Thomas Beattie**

Parker, son of Tom and Anna Beattie and brother of Lola and Lucille was baptized into Christian discipleship on February 11.

### 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: March 4, 11, and 25; April 1, 15, and 22; and May 6, 13, 20 and 27. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### PRAYER

#### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

D'an Anders  
Noble Doss  
Tom and Pam Jackson  
Ben Patterson  
Connie Payne  
Andrea Peck  
Gris and George Anne Rogers  
Congratulations: to Gussie Fallin for her 99th birthday on February 15.

### NEW MEMBERS: HERE WE GROW AGAIN!



#### **Judy Breckbill**

Joined by transfer from another United Methodist church.



#### **Anna Jobe**

Joined by transfer from another United Methodist church.



#### **Taylor Rush and Melanie Torre**

Joined by profession of faith and vows of membership.



#### **Paul Viebrock**

Joined by transfer from another United Methodist church.



#### **Mary John Coats and Kristi Kevern**

Mary John joined by profession of faith and vows of membership and Kristi joined by transfer from another United Methodist church.



#### **Stuart Ferris and Scott Reid**

Stuart joined by profession of faith and vows of membership and Scott joined by transfer from another United Methodist church.



#### **Ben and Lindsay Liggett**

Joined by transfer from another United Methodist church. Also pictured are their children, Jackson and Dean.



#### **Tim and Leta Deithloff**

Joined by transfer from another United Methodist church. Also pictured are their children, Tyler and Avery.



#### **Michael and Molly George**

Joined by profession of faith and vows of membership. Also pictured is their son, Caleb.

*We give thanks that these person have responded to the call to join God's team here at First Church. As committed disciples, they will actively participate in the church's ministries with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We believe that our church will be a stronger team because of them.*

#### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren Fay Brown's sister,  
Jo Rene Altenburg  
Reverend Tina Carter  
Molly Drazic's mother,  
Janet Custer  
Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend,  
Dev Reddy  
Lucio Gonzales  
Melissa Hall's friend, Anika  
Ron Hall's friend, Jeff  
Christal McDonald's cousin,  
Art Balderas  
Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore  
Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' friends, the Pettinos Family  
Chloe Potts' grandmother,  
Jean Finch  
Justin and Erin Scarth's friend,  
Lisa Whatley  
Lee Sloan's aunt, Martha Combs  
Leslie Story's father,  
Neel Richardson  
Alan Stephens' father,  
Carl Stephens  
Laura Torres' mother, Pilar  
Jackie Vanderhule's cousin,  
Jennifer Klepac  
Cindy Walter's friend,  
Pam Keeler  
Dick Young's nephew,  
Jeff Young

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