



First United
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

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.

AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK

2:00 p.m. Registration / 2:30 p.m. Step Off . Camp Mabry



FUMC members and friends are encouraged to give their support to today's Austin CROP Hunger Walk. A strong team from our church has taken shape and funds raised benefit local hunger organizations and international hunger ministries of Church World Service.

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 27 FEED MY PEOPLE FOURTH TUESDAY

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. Arrive and leave to meet your schedule.

4:45-7:00 A.M.
GREAT HALL
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

FEBRUARY 27-MAY 15 CONFIRMATION COURSE

Any interested 8th graders are invited to participate in our Confirmation Course on Tuesday evenings. Students will learn about deepening, professing, and living out their faith. For more information, visit fumcaustin.org/confirmation.

7:00-8:30 P.M.
ROOM 201
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

MARCH

- 4** Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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- 6** Tuesday
Book Study: White Rage Begins
 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
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- 11** Pajama Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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- 17** Saturday
FreeStore Third Saturday
 8:30-11:30 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
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- 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
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- 24** Saturday
Kids' Day Out
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Education Building
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- 25** Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Palm/Passion Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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- 26** Monday
Walk the Labyrinth
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

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Feed My People Fourth Tuesday
 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center
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- 29** Thursday
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 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
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 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
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 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Murchison Chapel
Good Friday Family Service
 10:30 a.m. Wesley Hall
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 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
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- 31** Saturday
Walk the Labyrinth
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
Easter Egg Festival
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol Grounds

APRIL

- 1** Sunday
Easter Sunday Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Walk the Labyrinth
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
Butterfly Release
 10:00 a.m. West Capitol Lawn

WEEKLY

25 Sun	Lenten Sunday School Class	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
	CROP Hunger Walk	2:00 p.m.	Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street
	Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	Lenten Study Small Group - East Austin	5:00 p.m.	Home of Spears and Leonard
26 Mon	Prodigal Sons	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
27 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	Lenten Study Small Group - Manor	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Homes of Bias' and Hartman's
	Lenten Study Small Group - South Austin	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Scott and Deborah Wilder
	Lenten Study Small Group - Northwest Austin	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Home of Chip and Jan Morris
28 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
	Confirmation Class Begins	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Room 201, Family Life Center
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
1 Thur	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	Lenten Small Group - Central Austin	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Home of Christie Wilson
	Lenten Small Group - West Austin	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Home of Mark Morris/Kathy Tullos

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. To sign up, contact Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org. For more information, visit 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. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

MARCH 11, SUNDAY

Pajama Sunday . 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

We spring forward with Daylight Savings, so we know this is a difficult Sunday to get everyone up and ready for church. To make it easier, we are inviting everyone to wear pajamas to church! You may be a little sleepy, but it will still be a great day to worship together!

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 no later than March 21.



MARCH 26-APRIL 1, HOLY WEEK

Walk the Labyrinth . Murchison Chapel

During Holy Week, a labyrinth, an ancient pattern for prayer, meditation, and contemplation, will be available for walking. Hours are: Monday-Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.; and Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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.

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25, SUNDAY

Palm/Passion Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

We wave palms as the people welcome Jesus and then we somberly begin our walk with Jesus to the cross.

MARCH 29, THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Services

12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

We celebrate the Holy Meal which Jesus began in the Upper Room on the night before his crucifixion.

MARCH 30, FRIDAY

Good Friday Family Service

10:30 a.m. Wesley Hall

We help children experience the passion stories leading up to Easter in age-appropriate prayer stations, stories, and activities.

Good Friday Services

12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

We experience Christ's crucifixion through scripture, prayer, and hymns.

MARCH 31, SATURDAY

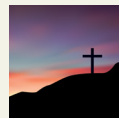
Easter Egg Festival

9:30-11:00 a.m.

West Capitol Lawn

We join the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt/roll. Breakfast tacos, hot dogs, and sausage available for sale.

EASTER



APRIL 1, SUNDAY

Easter Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

We celebrate God's victory over the powers of sin, oppression, and death. We find new life and shout “Alleluia!” Pastor Taylor Fuerst will preach on “The Unfinished Story.”

Butterfly Release

10:00 a.m.

Capitol, West Lawn

We enjoy the beauty of resurrection and new life as we release butterflies.

CHURCH NEWS

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our CROP Hunger Walk in memory of Don Snow, given by the Downtowners Sunday School Class.
- To our Emergency Assistance Fund in honor of Brenda Hostler, given by Randolph and Cheryl Bias.
- To our Feed My People Breakfast Ministry in honor of David Nicastro for his dedication, given by an anonymous donor.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Anna Faye Peterson, given by William and Kathryn Bragan.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Robbie Youngblood, given by Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores; Ruth Nicks; and Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Robbie Youngblood, given by Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores and Tom and Robbie Ausley.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

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 cost is \$65 and the 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. Contact Tami Kellberg at 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 and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.

FIRST STEPS CLASS



Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. This class meets on April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center. To sign up, contact Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217).

JOIN THE EASTER CHOIR

Calling all interested singers who wish to participate in our festive Easter services by singing in the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, March 14, 21, and 28, from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. All three rehearsals are required. Contact Scott Davis at scott@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health
D'An Anders
Tom and Pam Jackson
Connie Payne
Andrea Peck
Gris and George Anne Rogers

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren
Fay Brown's sister,
Jo Rene Altenburg
Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend,
Dev Reddy
Virginia McCarroll's great nephew,
Parker Birdwell
Jan Morris' father,
Lane Moore
Paul Prescott
Terri Purdy's father
Justin and Erin Scarth's friend,
Lisa Whatley
Leslie Story's father,
Neel Richardson
Alan Stephens' father,
Carl Stephens
Brandon Tate's grandfather,
Gerald Boring
Dick Young's nephew,
Jeff Young

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

HOP UP AND HELP OUT

We need at least 6,000 eggs and lots of volunteers for the 400+ community children we expect at this year's Easter Egg Festival.

How to help:

- Donate individually wrapped nut-free candy (Lifesavers, small Nerds boxes, Starbursts, and small wrapped bubble gum) and plastic eggs in the bunny barrels.
- Donate money in the offering plate or on our website and note "Egg Festival Supplies" on your donation.
- Stuff eggs at home or in your Sunday School class or small group. Contact Cassie Gresham at clwillif@hotmail.com for supplies.
- Sign up for an Egg Festival shift (or more). From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you. Contact children@fumcaustin.org.

MARCH 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. 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.