



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

MARCH 11, 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

Join Pastor Cathy Stone for an abbreviated study of Adam Hamilton's *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING AND MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

UMCOR UMCOR is present in times of crisis and disaster around the world, acting as the hands of Christ in the most difficult or tragic times. This organization is able to provide fast and meaningful relief in the aftermath of disasters, thanks in large part to the UMCOR Sunday Offering collected by local congregations every year. When we contribute to this offering, we help pay for the general operating costs of UMCOR. Because of this offering, UMCOR is able to direct 100% of other donations directly to specific disaster relief. Your donations, marked "UMCOR," may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate today or any Sunday in March. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.

THIS MONTH

QUESTIONS NEEDED FOR "I HAVE A QUESTION" SERMON SERIES



Everyone has questions about God and faith—everyone! While we believe that these questions don't have easy answers, we believe that church is a place where we should openly explore and struggle with those questions. Starting April 8, we will begin a worship series called, "I have a question..." Each Sunday, our worship services will focus on a question raised from the congregation about God, the Bible, or faith. So...we need your questions! Please write down your questions on the cards provided in the sanctuary or Family Life Center foyers and drop them in the labeled box or submit your questions online at www.fumcaustin.org/question. Then, join us in worship during April and May as we explore your tough questions of faith!

MARCH 17, SATURDAY

Family Bowling

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Westgate Lanes

2701 William Cannon

Join us for a fun night of bowling on St. Patrick's Day! The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, contact Liz Kilday at liz1301@yahoo.com.

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!

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.

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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

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

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4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

21 Wednesday

Easter Choir Rehearsal

7:00-7:45 p.m. Choir Room

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

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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12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

30 Friday

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Murchison Chapel

Good Friday Family Service

10:30 a.m. Murchison Chapel

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12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

31 Saturday

Walk the Labyrinth

9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

Easter Egg Festival

9:30-11:00 a.m. West 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

2 Monday

Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Have a safe and blessed holiday.

8 Sunday

Faith at Home: Sacred Moments

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

K	11 Sun	Lenten Sunday School Class	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
E	12 Mon	Prodigal Sons	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	13 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
W	14 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
S	15 Thur	Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
		Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
H	17 Sat	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
		FreeStore Third Saturday	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
T		Family Bowling	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Westgate Lanes, 2701 William Cannon

UPCOMING EVENTS

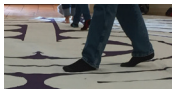
MARCH 24, SATURDAY

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.

APRIL 8, SUNDAY

Faith at Home: Sacred Moments . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Want to help your child feel closer to God, but life is just too busy to sit down for a devotional? Join Lara Greene, Director of Children and Family Ministries, and other parents, grandparents, and care-takers of children and/or youth to discuss ways to cultivate sacred moments amidst our everyday events.

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND/OR SPORTS CAMP

JULY 23-27

Vacation Bible School

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sanctuary



Rolling River Rampage invites rafters aged 4 years through completed 5th grade on a white-water adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! The cost is \$30 before June 1 and then \$40 until registration cut-off on July 9. Registration is now open at fumcaustin.org/vbs.

JULY 23-26

Triumph Sports Camp

12:30-4:30 p.m.

Family Life Center



A multi-sport camp for ages 5-12 consisting of fun games like Dodgeball, Kickball, Capture the Flag, and other games revolving around classic sports like Basketball, Flag Football, and Soccer. The cost is \$85 before June 1st and \$95 after June 1. Register through Triumph Sports at TriumphSports.com/FUMCAustin.

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 we celebrate the coming King, Jesus.

MARCH 29, THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Services

12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

We gather with Jesus and his friends in the Upper Room to celebrate the Holy Meal and experience the washing of feet.

MARCH 30, FRIDAY

Good Friday Family Service

10:30 a.m.

Murchison Chapel

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

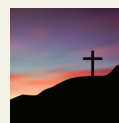
Easter Egg Festival

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 in two identical services with communion and full choir. 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.

CHURCH NEWS

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).

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 25; April 15 and 22; May 6 and 27; and June 10 and 24. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: D'An Anders; Randolph Bias; Melissa Biegert; Tom Calnan; Ivan Marks; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; and Bruce Venno.
Condolences: to Lee Sloan on the death of his aunt, Martha Combs.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Molly Drazic's mother, Janet Cluster; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Judy Funke's father, Robert Luckenbaugh; Ron Hall's friend, Thom; Marijo Hartman's aunt, Barbara Chapman; Jerry Heare's friend, Alan Barbee; Chip Morris' cousin, Bill; Judy Kostura's friend, Anne Greenway; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Ann Venno's friend, Mary Rose Hecksel; Cecily Wright's friend, Quinn Cowan; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.
Condolences: to the family and friends of Grace Foster on her death and to Brandon Tate on the death of his grandfather, Papa Gerald.

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.

2018 CROP HUNGER WALK: A WORLD OF THANKS

By Howard Hartman



First Church members and friends offered generous support for the 2018 Austin CROP Hunger Walk at Camp Mabry on February 25. Our 23 walkers have raised \$3,172 so far, with additional support expected to help reach \$4,300. Gifts, marked "2018 CROP Walk," may be left at the church office or in the offering plate. Citywide, 500 participants—walkers and volunteers—have raised over \$50,000. A world of thanks for making a difference in the lives of hungry people in Austin and around the world.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER BUNNY NEEDS HELP

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, 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 at www.fumcaustin.org/eggfestival. From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you.

HANDS ON HOUSING

iACT's Hands on Housing utilizes volunteers and skilled professionals to repair the homes of senior citizens and disabled individuals who are living in deep poverty. The goal is to keep homeowners safe and help them remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love. Join us for the Spring Blitz event on Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We will help repair and paint a home. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/HOH.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For a safe and fun River Rampage VBS the week of July 23-17, we need over 50 adult and youth volunteers! Come join the fun from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We can help you find the perfect spot to serve. Free childcare is provided for volunteers with children under four years old. To sign up or for more information, contact Sarah Whitley at sarah@sarahwhitley.com.