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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
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MARCH 18, 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*.

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 this 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).

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 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 25, SUNDAY

Palm/Passion Services

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

We wave palms as we celebrate the coming King, Jesus.

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.

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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

25 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

Palm Sunday Services

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

26 Monday

Walk the Labyrinth

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

27 Tuesday

Walk the Labyrinth

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center

28 Wednesday

Walk the Labyrinth

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

Easter Choir Rehearsal

7:00-7:45 p.m. Choir Room, Sanctuary Building

29 Thursday

Walk the Labyrinth

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

Maundy Thursday Services

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

30 Friday

Walk the Labyrinth

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

Good Friday Family Service

10:30 a.m. Murchison Chapel

Good Friday Services

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

8 Sunday

Faith at Home: Sacred Moments

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

15 Sunday

Young Adult Lunch

12:15 p.m. Front Steps, Sanctuary Building

"We Are Blood" Donation Drive

9:00 -11:30 a.m. Bloodmobile, Parking Lot

First Steps Class

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

MARCH 27, TUESDAY

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday . Family Life Center

Come serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors. 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.

K E E W S H T	18 Sun	Manna Bag Sale	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		Lenten Sunday School Class	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	12:15 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	19 Mon	Prodigal Sons	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	20 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	21 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
		Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00-7:45 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
	22 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
	24 Sat	Kids' Day Out	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Education Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Easter 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.

APRIL 15, SUNDAY

“We Are Blood” Donation Drive . 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bloodmobile, Parking Lot



Blood donations have long been considered one of the easiest volunteer actions a person could make. Where else can you lay back for a few minutes and make a huge difference for others and receive juice and cookies for your efforts? Schedule an appointment at fumcaustin.org/blood or call Craig Wellborn at 512-206-1316.

Young Adult Lunch . 12:15 p.m. Front Steps, Sanctuary Building

Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to meet for lunch together once a month. This group will walk or carpool someplace nearby to eat. For more information, contact Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org.

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 rafting 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 1 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 29, THURSDAY

Maudy 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 purchase.

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

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

- In memory of J. B. Hathaway, Jr., given by Raymond and Nancy Lewis.
- To our Endowment Fund in memory of Pam Jackson, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley; Curtis and Mary Higgs; Daviss King; Raymond and Nancy Lewis; and Bonnie Tobin.

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 arrangement cost is \$65 and the available dates for the next several months are April 15 and 22; May 6 and 27; June 10 and 24; and July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: D'An Anders; Randolph Bias; Tom Calnan; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; and Bruce Venno.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Robbie Cripe's in-laws, Jack and Lori Cripe; Molly Drazic's mother, Janet Cluster; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Judy Funke's father, Robert Luckenbaugh; Bob Garrett's sister-in-law, Nancy Hughes Garrett; Cindy Gunderson's family and friend, Joe; Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore; Mimi Raper; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; David Strong's cousin, Kaye Strong; Ben Thoma's parents, Garry and Margery Thoma, and sister, Heidi Thoma; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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.

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 23-27, 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.