



First United
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

MARCH 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

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!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

For information about our Holy Week Services, Easter Egg Festival, Easter Sunday Services, and Easter Offering, see the enclosed insert.

MARCH 26-APRIL 1 WALK THE LABYRINTH



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.

Murchison Chapel

MARCH 27, TUESDAY FEED MY PEOPLE FOURTH TUESDAY



Come help 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.

Family Life Center

1201 Lavaca Street | Austin, Texas, 78701 | 512-478-5684 | www.fumcaustin.org

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

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
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- 2 Monday**
Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday
 Have a safe and blessed holiday
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- 7 Saturday**
Hands on Housing Spring Blitz
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Family Hike at Mayfield Park
 10:30 a.m. 3505 West 35th Street
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- 8 Sunday**
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Faith at Home: Sacred Moments
 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall
Bolder Than Texas Writing Workshop
 2:00-3:30 p.m. Room 104, Family Life Center
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- 14 Saturday**
Family Service Day: Keep Austin Beautiful
 9:00-11:00 a.m.
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- 15 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
"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
Young Adult Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Front Steps, Sanctuary Building
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

- 20 Friday**
Connect for Tweens
 6:00-9:00 p.m. Room 202, Family Life Center
Kids' Club and Kids' Night Out
 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building
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- 21 Saturday**
FreeStore Third Saturday
 8:30-11:30 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
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- 22 Sunday**
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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- 24 Tuesday**
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday
 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center
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- 29 UMW Sunday**
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation: UMW
 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

K	25 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	26 Mon	Walk the Labyrinth	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
		Prodigal Sons	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
E	27 Tue	Walk the Labyrinth	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
		Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
W	28 Wed	Walk the Labyrinth	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
		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	29 Thur	Easter Choir Rehearsal	7:00-7:45 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
		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
		Walk the Labyrinth	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
H	30 Fri	Maundy Thursday Services	12:10 and 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
		Walk the Labyrinth	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Murchison Chapel
		Good Friday Family Service	10:30 a.m.	Murchison Chapel
T	31 Sat	Good Friday Services	12:10 and 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
		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

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 7, SATURDAY

Family Hike at Mayfield Park. 10:30 a.m. 3505 West 35th Street

Join our Children's Ministry Team for a family-friendly hike and picnic lunch. For questions, contact children@fumcaustin.org. For park information, visit mayfieldpark.org.

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 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.

Bolder Than Texas Writing Workshop . 2:00-3:30 p.m. Room 104, FLC

This workshop focuses on creative expressions of faith: poetry, music, and art as prayer and praise; claiming a creative Christian identity; and encountering God through our creative gifts. Bring your writing materials and your stories. For more information visit fumcaustin.org/writing.

APRIL 15, 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.

"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 while receiving juice and cookies for your efforts? Schedule an appointment at fumcaustin.org/blood.

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.

APRIL 20, FRIDAY

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Family Life Center

All 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Connect for Tweens bridges children and youth ministries through building relationships, serving, and helping youth connect with one another and with God during the transitional pre-teen years.

Kids' Club. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building

All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are invited to a night of faith building through games, mission projects, a movie, and pizza!

Kids' Night Out . 6:00-9:00 p.m. Education Building

While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 1st graders. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Reservations required. Make reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

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.

EVENT REGISTRATION

APRIL 7, SATURDAY

Hands on Housing Spring Blitz 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

iACT's Hands on Housing uses volunteers and 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 this Spring Blitz event. We will help repair and paint a home. Register at fumcaustin.org/HOH.

JULY 23-27

Vacation Bible School 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sanctuary



Rolling River Rampafe invites rafters aged 4 years through completed fifth 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. Register 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 at TriumphSports.com/FUMCAustin.

CHURCH NEWS

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Judy Morris, given by her Reunion Group.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministries in memory of Robbie Youngblood, given by Bob and Debbie Block.
- To our ZOE Project in honor of Jan Berger, given by her Reunion Group.

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).

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 Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center. Register at fumcaustin.org/firststeps or contact Trevor Harper, Director of Connections, at trevor@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217).

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 2, in observance of the Easter holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and blessed Easter! Our pastors are on call during holidays. Call 512-478-5684, press 213, and leave a message for a return call.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

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

Other: Prayers for our city and for those affected by the recent bomb attacks and for safe travels for Felicia Dodd, her sister, Sarah, and her granddaughter, Annalise, on their mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Judy Funke's father, Robert Luckenbaugh; Lucio Gonzales and girlfriend; Ron Hall's friend, Jeff; Mike McDonald's cousin, Pamela Henicke; Kelly Mills' mother, Sandra Mills and sister, Toni Repass; Jan Morris' father, Lane Moore; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' friends, Sarah and Christinia; Andrea Peck's daughter, Jennifer Peck; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Buenette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Ann Venno's friend, Mary Rose Hecksel; 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

APRIL 14, SATURDAY

**Family Service Day:
Keep Austin Beautiful
9:00-11:00 a.m.**

FUMC families are invited to help clean two neighborhoods: North at 7500 Blessing Avenue, 78752 and South at 1100 Cumberland Road, 78704. A volunteer appreciation party follows at Huston-Tillotson University. Questions? Contact Terri Purdy at terri.sohn@gmail.com.

APRIL 15, 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.

APRIL 21, 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.

APRIL 24, TUESDAY

**Feed My People
Fourth Tuesday
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Family Life Center**

We need 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.