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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

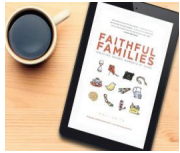
APRIL 8, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

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's 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, Family Life Center

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 MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

Sanctuary Elevator/Accessibility Improvements



Your gifts will support a renovation of our sanctuary elevator and other accessibility improvements. Donations, marked "Sanctuary Elevator/Accessibility," may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.

REGISTER FOR 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. The next class is Sunday, April 15, at 12:15 p.m. in the Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

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; May 6 and 27; June 24; and July 1, 8, 22, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

APRIL 14, SATURDAY FAMILY SERVICE DAY

Our families are invited to help clean two neighborhoods as part of Keep Austin Beautiful Day: North at 7500 Blessing Avenue, 78752 and South at 1100 Cumberland Road, 78704. An appreciation party follows at Huston-Tillotson University. Questions? Contact Terri Purdy at terri.sohn@gmail.com.

9:00-11:00 a.m.
Two Locations

APRIL 15, SUNDAY "WE ARE BLOOD" DONATION DRIVE

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

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

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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

APRIL

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

Children’s Teacher Appreciation
9:30-11:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

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

21 Saturday

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

22 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

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

4th and 5th Grade Play: Courageous Esther
10:15 a.m. Wesley Hall

24 Tuesday

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

29 UMW Sunday

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

Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation
10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women has transformed the lives of women, youth, and children locally and globally through prayer, direct service, financial support, and advocacy efforts. On this Sunday, we will celebrate our UMW during the worship services with “Why a Separate Women’s Organization?” All are also encouraged to attend the Fifth Sunday Social Justice Presentation to learn about and participate in advocating for better maternal care in Texas.

Conference Safety Training
1:00-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

K E E W	8 Sun	Faith at Home: Sacred Moments	10:00 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
		Bolder Than Texas Writing Workshop	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Room 104, Family Life Center
		Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
S I H T	9 Mon	Prodigal Sons	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	10 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	11 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
12 Thu	FUMC 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	
14 Sat	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center	
	Family Service Day: Keep Austin Beautiful	9:00-11:00 a.m.	North Location and South Location	

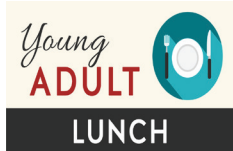
UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 15, SUNDAY

Manna Bag Sale . 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

Our 4th and 5th graders 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.

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217).

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.

APRIL 22, 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. These services are offered to beginners and experienced practitioners of mindfulness meditation. The service typically lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

4th and 5th Grade Play: Courageous Esther . 10:15 a.m. Wesley Hall

Our 4th and 5th graders will present the story of Esther. All are invited to come be blessed by their performance.

MAY 8, 15, AND 22, TUESDAYS

Book Study: *Jesus and the Disinherited* . 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us as we read and discuss this book by Howard Thurman. In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower—it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail. 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, 5493 Brodie Lane. Register at fumcaustin.org/bookstudy. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

EVENT REGISTRATION

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. 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 sports like basketball, flag football, and soccer. The cost is \$85 before June 1 and \$95 after June 1. Register at TriumphSports.com/FUMCAustin.

MAY 6, SUNDAY

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Work Day
12:00-3:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall**

Come help paint decorations for this year's VBS. Lunch provided with registration at fumcaustin.org/vbs-work-day. Childcare provided with RSVP to childcare@fumcaustin.org. Back by popular demand: our Amazon wishlist! If you would like to donate supplies or materials, visit <http://a.co/3FzGutc>.

MAY 11-12, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

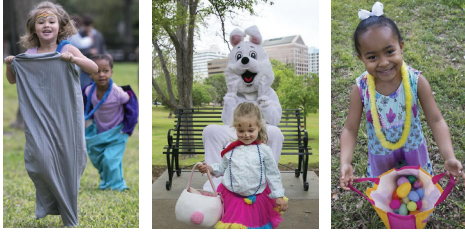
**Pre-teen Retreat:
Love In Action
Family Life Center**

Calling all 4th, 5th and 6th graders! Spend Friday night at church playing games, cooking dinner, participating in small groups, and preparing to serve and love our neighbors on Saturday morning at Community First Village! Drop-off and pick-up will be at the Family Life Center. Cost is \$40. Register at fumcaustin.org/loveinaction.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,
PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.

CHURCH NEWS

EGG FESTIVAL THANK YOU



Thank you FUMC for your time and energy at this year's Egg Festival and in the weeks leading up to it. We asked for help preparing 6,000 eggs and you gave 8,000 in response — Sunday School classes, administrative teams, families, and individuals gave. We asked for 50 volunteers and you showed up — more than 75 volunteers and staff.

Together, we shared fellowship, games, community, and eggs with nearly 600 children and their families. That is 150 more kids than last year! This has truly become a church-wide effort to share the love of God with the Austin community during Easter weekend.

Thank you to the Egg Festival Team and everyone who answered the call.

APRIL 29, SUNDAY Conference Safety Training



A new Rio Texas Conference Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policy will go into effect in

June. To be in compliance, all FUMC ministry staff and volunteers who work with these groups must be certified through a three-step process. The first two steps are available online at safegatherings.com. The final step may be completed on Sunday, April 29, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Registration is required at riotexas.org/safetrainings. Other training dates are also listed at this site. For more information, or to determine if you are required to be certified, contact Emily Buchanan at emily@fumcaustin.org.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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 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). 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.

JULY 23-27
River Rampage
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

For a safe and fun VBS, we need over 50 adult and youth volunteers! We can help you find the perfect spot to serve, so come join the fun! 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.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

D'An Anders; Gabriel Baker; Randolph Bias; Brenda Hostler; Mary Morris; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; and Kate Stephens.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Ann Byrd's friend, Wyatt; Blake Carter; Gary Cox; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Denise Fischer's friends, Scott McMahon and Margaret McMahon; Julie Jary; Mary Kathryn and Patty Kane's sister, Jerrilynn Baker; Mike McDonald's cousins, Art Balderas and Pamela Henicke; Miranda McCage's grandmother; Kelly Mills' mother, Sandra Mills, and sister, Toni Repass; Julie Nelson's friend, Rosalie Sargraves; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra, and cousin, Paula Avila; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' daughter, June, and mother, Edie; Steven Spears' and Rebecca Leonard's friends, the Don Perry family; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Wally Tingley's mother, Jean Tingley; Ann Venno's friend, Mary Rose Hecksel; Carol Walker's friends, the Guant family; Tom Ward's friend, Martha Rees; 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.