



First United  
Methodist Church  
A U S T I N

# FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,  
Making a Difference

APRIL 15, 2018

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### "WE ARE BLOOD" DONATION DRIVE

9:00-11:30 a.m. **Bloodmobile, Family Life Center**



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? Walk-ins welcome.

### MANNA BAG SALE

9:30-11:00 a.m. **Sidewalk**

Our 4th and 5th grade children 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.

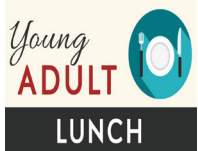
### FIRST STEPS CLASS

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

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

### 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](mailto:devon@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 217).

### 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).

## APRIL 22, SUNDAY CHILDREN'S PLAY: COURAGEOUS ESTHER

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

10:15 a.m.  
Wesley Hall

## APRIL 28, SATURDAY CHURCH WORK DAY: SIGN UP NOW!



Be part of making room for new ministry. Throughout the day, help

carry out items for donation or recycling, reorganize spaces, relocate items, and clean the chairs in the Family Life Center. Bring your family, group, or Sunday School class. Register at [fumcaustin.org/workday](http://fumcaustin.org/workday) or sign up in the foyer.

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
FUMC Campus

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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

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.

**Con Confianza Safety Training**

1:00-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

**Church Work Day**

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. FUMC Campus

## MAY

6 Sunday

**Sunday Services**

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

**Administrative Board Meeting**

12:15 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center

**Vacation Bible School Work Day**

12:15-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

8 Tuesday

**Book Study: *Jesus and the Disinherited***

6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

11 Friday

**Pre-teen Retreat: Love In Action**

6:30 p.m. Family Life Center

13 Sunday

**Sanctuary Worship Services**

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

**Young Adult Lunch**

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

19 Saturday

**Family Service Day: Community First! Village**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9301 Hog Eye Road

K E E W	15 Sun	<b>“We Are Blood” Donation Drive</b>	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Bloodmobile, Parking Lot
		<b>Children and Youth Teacher Appreciation</b>	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		<b>Manna Bag Sale</b>	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		<b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		<b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</b>	12:15 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
		<b>First Steps Class</b>	12:15 p.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
		<b>Young Adult Lunch</b>	12:15 p.m.	Front Steps, Sanctuary Building
S I H T		<b>Mobile Loaves &amp; Fishes Third Sunday</b>	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	MLF Kitchen
		<b>Engage for Youth</b>	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
	16 Mon	<b>Prodigal Sons</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	17 Tue	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	18 Wed	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b>	10:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	<b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>	10:00 a.m.	Room 213, Sanctuary Building	
	<b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b>	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony	
	<b>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building	
	19 Thu	<b>Feed My People Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
		<b>Feed My People Breakfast Worship</b>	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
	20 Fri	<b>Connect for Tweens</b>	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Room 202, Family Life Center
		<b>Kids’ Club and Kids’ Night Out</b>	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Education Building
	21 Sat	<b>FreeStore Third Saturday</b>	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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](mailto: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.

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:emily@fumcaustin.org).

MAY 6, SUNDAY

### Vacation Bible School Work Day . 12:15-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Come help paint decorations for this year's VBS. Lunch provided with registration at [fumcaustin.org/vbs-work-day](http://fumcaustin.org/vbs-work-day). Childcare provided with RSVP to [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto: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 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](http://fumcaustin.org/bookstudy). For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

## EVENT REGISTRATION

JULY 23-27, MONDAY-FRIDAY  
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](http://fumcaustin.org/vbs).

JULY 23-26, MONDAY-THURSDAY  
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](http://TriumphSports.com/FUMCAustin).

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](http://fumcaustin.org/loveinaction). Registration deadline is May 4.



## CHURCH NEWS

### APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING



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. Join us as we make FUMC more welcoming to all people.

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

### JOIN OUR WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

Calling all interested women who wish to sing in our Women's Ensemble at the 11:00 worship service on UMW Sunday, April 29. Rehearsal is at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room (Colorado 3 Entrance). To say you will be singing and for more information, contact Wendi Olinger at [wolinger@gmail.com](mailto:wolinger@gmail.com) or 512-769-3421.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Do you know someone who is celebrating or struggling? Someone who would be comforted by knowing that people who care are praying for them? A group of skilled and dedicated knitters here at First Church has produced a collection of beautiful prayer shawls. They are available by request in the church office. These free shawls carry the assurances of prayer.

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Francis Allen; D'An Anders; Gabriel Baker; Randolph Bias; Nell Broadbent; Brenda Hostler; Ruth Howie; Pepper Huffman; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; and Bruce Venno.

Condolences to the family and friends of Bill Berger on his death.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Arthur Asika's friend, Wale Ogunseqha; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; John Hathaway's son, Jack, and daughter, Katie; Jan Morris' mother, Mariam Moore; Judy Kostura's friend, Bob Crawford; Delia Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra, and cousin, Paula Avila; Mary Rogerson's son, Clint Rogerson; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' daughter, June, and mother, Eva; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Ann Venno's friend, Mary Rose Hecksel; Carol Walker's friends, the Gaunt family; 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](mailto:stephenministry@fumcaustin.org) and ask about speaking with a Stephen Minister. All contacts are completely confidential.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**MAY 19, SATURDAY**  
**Family Service Day at**  
**Community First! Village**  
**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**9301 Hog Eye Road**

Community First! Village provides affordable, sustainable housing, and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless. A typical service day entails harvesting the gardens, laying pathways, tending the chicken coop or goats, dry landscaping yards for micro-homes, beautifying the property, etc. Sign up at [fumcaustin.org/cfv](http://fumcaustin.org/cfv).

**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](mailto:sarah@sarahwhitley.com).