



**First United
Methodist Church**
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

APRIL 22, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

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.

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

NEXT SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) SUNDAY



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

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?"

Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

All are encouraged to attend the Fifth Sunday Mercy & Justice Presentation to learn about and participate in advocating for better maternal care in Texas.

APRIL 24, 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.

APRIL 28, SATURDAY CHURCH WORKDAY: SIGN UP NOW!



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

carry out items for donation or recycling, relocate items, reorganize spaces, and clean the chairs in the Family Life Center. Bring your family, group, or Sunday School class. Register at 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

28 Saturday
Church Workday
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. FUMC Campus

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

MAY

4 Friday
Deadline to Register for Pre-teen Retreat
fumcaustin.org/loveinaction

6 Sunday
ASP Stock Sale Begins
 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sidewalk
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Administrative Board Meeting
 12:15 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center
Vacation Bible School Workday
 12:15-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

7 Monday
Deadline to Order Alternative Gifts for Mother's Day
fumcaustin.org/mothers

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

18 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

19 Saturday
Family Service Day: Community First! Village
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9301 Hog Eye Road
FreeStore Third Saturday
 8:30-11:30 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

20 Pentecost Sunday
Chapel Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Manna Bag Sale
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

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

27 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

K E E W	22 Sun	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		4th and 5th Grade Play: Courageous Esther	10:15 a.m.	Wesley Hall
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	12:15 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building
		Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
S I H T	23 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	24 Tue	Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
	25 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	
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Room, Sanctuary Building	
	26 Thu	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
	28 Sat	Church Workday	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	FUMC Campus

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 29, SUNDAY

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



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 this Sunday. 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.

MAY 6, SUNDAY

ASP Stock Sale Begins . 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sidewalk

FUMC's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team is raising funds for this year's mission trip to Magoffin County, Kentucky, June 15-26. Stop by to learn more about ASP, meet team members, and purchase stock in our ASP trip and the youth of our church.

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

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch provided for \$10 per person. Board members and guests who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2. Register at fumcaustin.org/adminboard. Childcare available by making reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org.

Vacation Bible School Workday . 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. 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 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).

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.

EVENT REGISTRATION

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. Registration deadline is May 4.

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.

JULY 23-26, MONDAY-THURSDAY

Triumph Sports Camp

12:30-4:30 p.m.

6:30 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.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISM



Lane Robert Kelner

Lane, son of Robin and Caroline Kelner, was baptized into Christian discipleship on April 15.

RECOGNIZING GRADUATING SENIORS

Graduation is an exciting milestone—at any age! We want to recognize all graduating seniors—high school, college, or graduate school—in our FUMC Weekly on May 20. Please provide as soon as possible a picture of the graduate, name, school graduated from, degree(s) received, and future plans. Email information by May 13 to Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Frances Allen; Randolph Bias; Sandy Bowles; Gary Diehl; Merianne Gaston; Brenda Hostler; Ruth Howie; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; Beverly Silas; and Bruce Venno.

Congratulations: to Curtis and Mary Higgs on the birth of their great-grandson, Parker Allister Higgs.

Other: Chuck and Debbie Watt's upcoming move to Louisville, Kentucky.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Suzanne Barnard's grandmother, Augusta Jansen; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Melissa Biegert's friends, the Flores family; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Pamela Craig; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Amy Morehouse's brother-in-law, Clint Ray; Jan Morris' mother, Mariam Moore; Mary Rogerson's son, Clint Rogerson; Justin and Erin Scarth's friend, Lisa Whatley and Chad Burnette; the Brooks Schuelke family for the Wells and Kramer families; Donna Shands' daughter, June; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Kathy Tullos' friend, Joanne Hopkins; 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.

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Bill Berger, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley and Tami Kellberg.
- To our Ministry Plan in honor of the Deithloff Family, given by Stephen and Becky Hamrick.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 19, SATURDAY

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

Sort, organize, and shelf donated items; assist shoppers; bag items; provide hospitality; and share stories over a cup of coffee. Something for everyone, so just show up and serve.

Family Service Day at Community First! Village (CFV)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

9301 Hog Eye Road

CFV provides housing and a supportive community for the disabled and chronically homeless. Come harvest gardens, lay pathways, tend the chicken coop or goats, dry landscape yards, etc. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/cfv.

MAY 20, 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 food and loading truck) and/or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (delivering food around Austin). Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

MAY 22, TUESDAY

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

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.

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, contact Sarah Whitley at sarah@sarahwhitley.com