



**First United
Methodist Church**
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FUMC Weekly

Making Disciples,
Making a Difference

APRIL 29, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

MERCY & JUSTICE FIFTH SUNDAY PRESENTATION

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

All are encouraged to attend this presentation by our United Methodist Women 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



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 is hosted today.

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.

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).

MAY 6
NEXT 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 the table to learn about ASP, meet team members, and purchase stock.

Administrative Board Meeting

12:15 p.m. Great Hall, FLC

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 eat are asked to RSVP by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, to fumcaustin.org/adminboard. Childcare provided with RSVP to childcare@fumcaustin.org.

VBS Workday

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

Come help paint decorations for this year's River Rampage Vacation Bible School (VBS). Lunch provided with registration at fumcaustin.org/vbs-work-day. Childcare provided with RSVP to childcare@fumcaustin.org.

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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

MAY

- 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
Graduating Senior Brunch
 10:00 a.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center
Administrative Board Meeting
 12:15 p.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center
Vacation Bible School Workday
 12:15-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
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- 7 Monday**
Deadline to Order Alternative Gifts for Mother's Day
fumcaustin.org/mothers
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- 8 Tuesday**
Book Study: *Jesus and the Disinherited*
 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
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- 11 Friday**
Pre-teen Retreat: Love In Action
 6:30 p.m. Family Life Center
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- 13 Sunday**
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Meeting for Coastal Mission Trip
 10:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Young Adult Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Front Steps, Sanctuary Building
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- 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
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- 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
Children's Choir Musical: Oh, Jonah!
 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall, Sanctuary Building
Confirmation Brunch
 10:00 a.m. Great Hall, Family Life Center
Churchwide Pentecost Picnic
 12:15 p.m. West Capitol Lawn
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen
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- 22 Tuesday**
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday
 4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center
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- 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	29 Sun	Youth Visioning Summit	9:45 a.m.	Great Hall, Family Life Center
		Mercy & Justice Fifth Sunday Presentation	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
		Con Confianza Safety Training	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall
S	30 Mon	Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center
		Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
S - H T	1 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
		Endowment Board Meeting	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library, Sanctuary Building
		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
-	2 Wed	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Balcony
		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
H	3 Thu	Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center
		Finance Team Meeting	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Library, Sanctuary Building
T	4 Fri	Deadline to Register for Pre-teen Retreat		fumcaustin.org/loveinaction

UPCOMING EVENTS

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).

MAY 13, SUNDAY

Meeting for Coastal Mission Trip . 10:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

Numerous families in the Crossroads and Coastal Bend Districts remain displaced from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. FUMC is sending mission teams to aid with the long-term recovery. Volunteers, including youth ages 14 and up, are invited to travel to Sinton (near Corpus Christi) to help with the rebuilding effort. Our first trip is planned for July 15-18. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

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).

MAY 18, 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.

MAY 20, SUNDAY

Children's Choir Musical: Oh, Jonah! . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Join our Children's Choir for a fun-filled musical based on the Old Testament story of Jonah that carries a serious message about responsibility. Come be blessed by their performance.

Churchwide Pentecost Picnic . 12:15 p.m. West Capitol Lawn



We will celebrate Pentecost (the birth of the church) and our newest confirmands as we gather for fellowship and fun! Bring picnic blankets and come prepared to purchase lunch from local food trucks. Feel free to bring outdoor activities—bubbles, frisbees, washers, etc. In order to prepare our food vendors with an estimated head count, register your attendance by May 13 at fumcaustin.org/picnic.

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

EVENT REGISTRATION

MAY 11-12, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Pre-teen Retreat:

Love In Action

6:30 p.m. 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 Rampa 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.

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

MINISTRY OF SPACE

FUMC is pleased to host the Austin Gathering of *The Liturgists* on May 25 and 26. Gatherings are a spinoff from the immensely popular podcast that provides a place for the spiritually homeless and frustrated to explore issues of faith, science, and art. The gathering at our church will be the first time *The Liturgists* have visited Texas and FUMC welcomes the opportunity to host this diverse and exciting group of spiritual seekers. For more information, visit thelituristsgathering.com.

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 6. Please provide as soon as possible a picture of the graduate, name, school graduated from, degree(s) received, and future plans. Email information by April 30 to Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Frances Allen; Randolph Bias; Gary Diehl; Merianne Gaston;

Ruth Howie; Andrea Peck; Gris and George Anne Rogers; Beverly Silas; and Bruce Venno.

Congratulations: to Beth Rider on the birth of her granddaughter, Olivia Johnston.

Other: Donna Shands and Stephen Spears.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Cindy Gunderson's friend, Tony Granett; Mary Heckmann's uncle, Frank Tyler; Crystal McDonald's cousin, Pamela Henicke; Julie Nelson's cousin's husband, Owen Zimmermann; Larry and Delia's friend, Charles Roper; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Donna Shands' daughter, June; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Alan Stephens' father, Carl Stephens; Sandy Swain's aunt, Brenda McDonald; Ben Thoma's family, Gary, Margery and Heidi; Ann Venno's friend, Mary Rose Hecksel; Debra Wilder's friend, Barbara Sandberg; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences: to Delia Peters on the death of her cousin, Paula Arilla.

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.

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

- To our Endowment Fund in memory of Bill Berger, given by Alan and Tracey Stephens.

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Easter Offering in memory of Bill Berger, given by Joe, Kelly, Jeanae, and Hunter Flores.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Bill Berger, given by Doug and Judy Chambers.
- To our Music Memorial Fund in memory of Bill Berger, given by Ralph and Gail Rash and Carrie Rea.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Michael Mumme, given by Olivia Weldon.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 19, SATURDAY

FreeStore Third Saturday
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Memorial UMC Gym
6100 Berkman

Sort, organize, and shelve 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