



First United
Methodist Church
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

JULY 8, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP FOR TABLE FOR 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Foyer



Table for 8 is a fun and exciting way to connect with people from First Church in a casual and relaxed atmosphere! Singles, couples, and families of all ages are welcome.

Sign up today or online! Then you will be placed with others in your geographical area and a dining group will be formed. Our intent is to mix you up so that new relationships develop and grow while sharing a meal. From this group of 8, an initial "Lead Host" will contact all the other members to decide the date and time of your first gathering. Tables will meet three times in the fall and three in the spring. The group can meet at a home, restaurant, park...it is up to you! Questions? Visit our FAQ at fumcaustin.org/tablefor8 or email Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS

Mission Projects During Vacation Bible School (VBS)

During VBS, children participate in hands-on activities showing love to neighbors. They learn about and contribute to our main ministries with the hungry and homeless in the Austin community assembling Manna Bags for the congregation to distribute and Hygiene Kits for distribution at the Feed My People Breakfast. By the end of the week, the children will have a deeper appreciation of these ministries, the people we serve, and why these ministries are so important.

How can you help? Monetary donations may be left at the communion rail, made online, or sent to or brought by the church office. Please indicate "VBS Mission Projects" on your gifts. In addition to monetary donations, we are collecting items for the Hygiene Kits. We need 300 of each of the following items: **Full Size**-Chapstick; Combs; Disposable Razors; Feminine Hygiene Items; Stick Deodorant; and Toothbrushes. **Travel Size**-Bar Soap; Conditioner; Hand Sanitizer; Lotion; Shampoo; and Toothpaste. Bring donations by Sunday, July 22. Donation bins are located in the sanctuary foyer and Family Life Center. We are thankful to have such generous members and the opportunity to serve our children and our community.



DO YOU WISH YOU KNEW MORE OF THE BIBLE?

FUMC is journeying together through the Bible in this summer series. We start in Genesis—inviting everyone to open up the Bible and read a little bit each day—and end in Revelation in August. Our worship each Sunday focuses on the passages we read the week before.

GROUP DISCUSSION

All are invited to Wesley Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

DAILY READINGS

Bookmarks with daily readings are available in the foyer and at fumcaustin.org/storyofgod.

CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

Quotes, Bible trivia, links and more are posted at facebook.com/groups/FUMCAustin.

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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

JULY

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

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

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

21 Saturday

FreeStore Third Saturday

8:45-11:00 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

Young Adult Lunch

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

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Decorating Day

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

Vacation Bible School (VS) New Volunteer Training

12:15 p.m. Room 111, Sanctuary Building

23-27 Monday-Friday

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School (VBS)

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sanctuary

23-26 Monday-Thursday

Triumph Sports Camp

12:30-4:30 p.m. Family Life Center

24 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m. Family Life Center

29 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

Fifth Sunday Presentation on Mental Health

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Slide Show

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

AUGUST

5 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

9 Thursday

Service Day at Community Kitchen at Caritas

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 611 Neches Street

12 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

Back-to-School Pool Party

6:00-8:00 p.m. Balcones Woods Pool

18 Saturday

ERT Basic Training

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

SIGN UP TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Prayerfully consider how you can support our children and youth through teaching and mentoring them in their Christian faith formation. We give regular teachers the summer off, so we count on parents and other church members to teach. Curriculum is provided and rooms are prepared. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/teachers.

K	8 Sun	Sign Up for "Table for 8"	9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Foyer
E		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
E		"The Story of God" Group Discussion	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
W	9 Mon	Deadline to Register for VBS	5:00 p.m.	fumcaustin.org/vbs
		Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
S	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
H	12 Thu	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
T		Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 9, MONDAY

Deadline to Register for Vacation Bible School (VBS)



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! Join us the week of July 23-27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$40. Register at fumcaustin.org/vbs.

JULY 22, SUNDAY

VBS Decorating Day . 12:15-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Decorate and help with final prep for Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School. Childcare provided with registration at childcare@fumcaustin.org.

JULY 29, SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday Presentation on Mental Health . 10:00 am. Wesley Hall

One in five adults will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime. However, everyone is affected or impacted by mental illness through friends and family. "In Our Own Voice" is a program developed by the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI). This presentation by individuals living with mental health conditions serves to educate the public, support the individual's wellness and empowerment while dispelling the stigma of mental illness. This relevant and important conversation is hosted by our Mercy & Justice Team.

ASP Slide Show . 12:15 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center=

All are invited to a slide show of this year's Appalachia Service Project trip to Magoffin County, Kentucky. Come hear stories from our high school youth about the trip, the people they met, and the experiences shared. We will also celebrate Gordon Wesley and his 25 years of leading this trip! A light lunch and ice cream will be served.

AUGUST 12, SUNDAY

Pool Party . 6:00-8:00 p.m. Balcones Woods Pool



Families of all ages are invited to join us for a fun Back-to-School Pool Party. Calendars and information about fall children's ministry programming will be available, plus a sign-up for Children's Choir. For more information, contact children@fumcaustin.org.

AUGUST 18, SATURDAY

ERT Basic Training . 8:00 am.-5:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

The Disaster Response Team of the Rio Texas Conference has always been ready to assist at any time when disasters are beyond the resources of a local community or beyond that of the district. FUMC is building an Early Response Team (ERT) to work in conjunction with other United Methodist churches in our area to help victims when disasters occur. For more information, visit fumcaustin.org/ert or contact Ben Patterson at rickandben77@gmail.com or 512-217-0756.

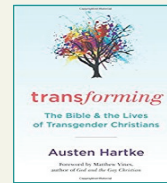
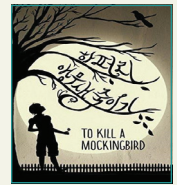
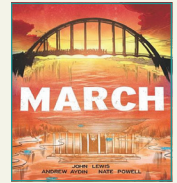
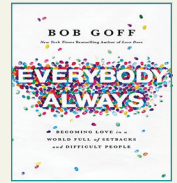
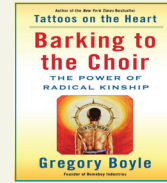
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Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

NOW-AUGUST 19

Summer Book Club

Our Summer Book Club is as easy as 1, 2, 3!



1. Pick your book.
2. Read your book.
3. Bring your book and discuss.

Books to choose from: (1) *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle; (2) *Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People* by Bob Goff; (3) *Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places* by Kaitlin B. Curtice; (4) *March Trilogy* (graphic novel) by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin; (5) *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans; (6) *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee; and (7) *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke.

Gather with other summer readers to discuss books on August 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

CHURCH NEWS

GIFT TO FUMC

To our Children's Ministries in memory of Ruth Randolph, given by Dick and Ann Young.

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. Cost is \$65 and available dates for the next several months are July 29; September 9, 16, 23, and 30; and October 7, 14, 21, and 28. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Francis Allen; Randolph Bias; Melissa Biegert; Gary Diehl; Merianne Gaston; Lucio Gonzales; Pat Martin; Michael Render; Pearl Spears; and Bruce Venno.

Congratulations: to Scott Heare on his appointment to Lake Travis UMC.

Condolences: to Tom Jackson on the death of his son, Tom, Jr.

Other: Daviss King; and travel mercies to Africa for Henriette Iwanyibuka and Donna Shands.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Robbie Ausley's sister-in-law, Sue Holt; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Curtis Fuelberg and Susan Griffith's friend, Ron Rogers; Dixie Fulp's granddaughter; Chip and Jan Morris' daughter, Vanessa; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' neighbor, Warren Pettinos; Jim and Ruby Parker for Shirley Kethley; Larry and Delia Peters' aunt, Marie Simmons; Mary Beth Randolph's friend, Rokli; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; David Strong for refugees; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences: to the family and friends of Malcolm St. Romain on his death.

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.

ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS

JULY 15 AND 22, SUNDAYS

Returning Volunteers Packet Pickup Children's Hallway Education Building

A packet with all relevant materials, such as schedules, rotations, and parking information will be available for returning volunteers ONLY. If you have already completed your Safe Gatherings certification and/or background check, no additional training is required.

JULY 22, SUNDAY

New Volunteer Training 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Room 111, Sanctuary Building

New volunteers should plan to attend this brief training before helping with set-up on decorating day.

All volunteers must be Safe Gatherings certified and/or background checked, depending on your level of participation for the week. If you're not sure which is required of you or if you need to attend the training, please contact Sarah Whitley at sarah@sarahwhitley.com or Melanie Dow at mdow722@gmail.com.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 15, SUNDAY

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

MLF Kitchen

MLF serves daily, but this day is for families and individuals who want to try face-to-face service with experienced volunteers. 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.

JULY 21, SATURDAY

FreeStore Third Saturday

8:45-11:00 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.

JULY 23-27, MONDAY-FRIDAY

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteering

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

For a safe and fun Rolling River Rampage VBS, we need over 50 adult and youth volunteers! We can help you find a place to serve. Contact contact Sarah Whitley at sarah@sarahwhitley.com.

JULY 24, TUESDAY

Feed My People

Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Prepare and serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors. Without our regular supply of UT student volunteers, we need extra help during the summer. 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.