



First United
Methodist Church
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

AUGUST 5, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

PRIDE INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

4:00 p.m. JCC Austin, 7300 Hart Lane

All are welcome to this annual LGBTQiA+ inclusive faith celebration with featured speaker Kat Macías and the outstanding Celebration Choir. Reception immediately following.

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry



FUMC began its ESL Ministry as an initiative by a pastor for whom English was a second language, one who thought he knew English until he arrived in this country and faced a myriad of challenges with communication. Add to this dilemma the cultural differences in medical care, the condition of women in society, how to go to the grocery store, how to take a bus, and how to navigate the educational system for one's children. And then there is the loneliness of being the "other."

For over a decade, individuals who find themselves in these situations have come to our ESL classes. Attendees say the difference between these classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community, the creation of a place to belong. The social hours of ESL classes are a safe place to practice a language, but also a place to feel at home. One of the unique things about our ESL Ministry is providing childcare so mothers or fathers who care for the family can concentrate on improving their language skills.

Although the teachers are volunteers, materials, childcare, utilities for the Family Life Center, and refreshments for the social hours all cost money. Contributions to the rail offering during the month of August go to support this quiet but powerful ministry. You can contribute on the altar rail, drop your gift in the offering plate, or send or bring your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to FUMC and include a note stating that your contribution is for "ESL."



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

AUGUST

12 Sunday

Chapel Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

Kindergartners Gathering

10:00 and 10:45 a.m. Room 101, Education Building

Back-to-School Pool Party

6:00-8:00 p.m. Balcones Woods Pool, 1204 Alhambra

14 Tuesday

Book Study: I'm Still Here

6:30-7:30 p.m. Room 103, Family Life Center

18 Saturday

ERT Basic Training

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

FreeStore Third Saturday

8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

19 Sunday

Back-to-School Blessing

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

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

Manna Bag Sale

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

New Sixth Graders Parade

9:45 a.m. Sanctuary Front Steps

Children's Movin' Up Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Children and Youth Classrooms

Summer Book Club

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Children's Choir Rehearsal Begins

12:15-1:00 p.m. Choir Room, Sanctuary Building

Children's and Youth Leadership Summit

12:15-2:30 p.m. Garrison Chapel, Family Life Center

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday

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

21 Tuesday

Book Study: I'm Still Here

6:30-7:30 p.m. Room 103, Family Life Center

26 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel

Sanctuary Worship Services

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

Unafraid Series Begins

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Administrative Board Meeting

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

28 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

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

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 Murchison Chapel. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

W E E K T H I S	5 Sun	Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		PRIDE Interfaith Celebration	4:00 p.m.	JCC Austin, 7300 Hart Lane
	6 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	7 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	Family Life Center
		Book Study: I'm Still Here	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Room 103, Family Life Center
	8 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	9:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
	9 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
		Service Day at Caritas Community Kitchen	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	611 Neches Street
	10 Fri	Kids' Night Out	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Education Building
	11 Sat	Austin PRIDE Festival	11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Jesse E. Segovia
Austin PRIDE Parade		7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center	

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 10, FRIDAY

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 4th 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.

AUGUST 11, SATURDAY

Austin PRIDE Festival . 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Fiesta Gardens

Join five reconciling United Methodist churches in presenting an affirming witness by helping to host a booth at the PRIDE festival. Help let the LGBTQIA+ community know that FUMC is an affirming church. Sign up for shifts at fumcaustin.org/pridesignup. For more information, email rnm@fumcaustin.org.

Austin PRIDE Parade . 7:00 p.m. Family Life Center

Ride or walk with the FUMC float in the 2018 PRIDE Parade. We will walk to our starting position at 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 18, SATURDAY

ERT Basic Training . 8:00 a.m.-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.

AUGUST 19, SUNDAY

"Bolder Than Texas" Information Session . 10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

Wondering about this Bolder Than the State of Texas Project? What is this business about community autobiography? Come learn about the project that will record our past and present, as well as our hopes for the future. We will discuss the project's scope, answer questions, and offer practical advice and how-to's for generating and recording the stories of our living faith. For more information, visit fumcaustin.org/bolder-than-texas or contact Amy Wink and Caroline Jones at bolderthantexas@gmail.com.

Children's Choir . 12:15-1:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

If your child (ages Kindergarten-5th grade) is ready to have fun learning music, leading in worship, and performing a musical this school year, then our Children's Choir is a great place to be! Meet Director Roxie Garza at the Back-to-School Pool Party on August 12 or on the first day of practice. To register or for more information, contact Roxie at roxie@fumcaustin.org.

AUGUST 26, SUNDAY

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, August 22. Register at fumcaustin.org/adminboard. Childcare available by making reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org.

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

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

AUGUST 12, SUNDAY

Kindergartners Gathering

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Room 101, Education Building

New Kindergartners and their parents are invited to this special fellowship. We will enjoy the traditional reading of *The Kissing Hand* and a family craft. This is a great time to meet other parents and to learn more about how to help foster your child's faith formation during this milestone.

Back-to-School Pool Party

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Balcones Woods Pool

Families of all ages are invited to this fun party at 11204 Alhambra! 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 19, SUNDAY

Back-to-School Blessing

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

All students, teachers, and administrators receive a blessing and a gift as a tangible reminder of God's and our congregation's love and support. Bring your backpack or any personal item to be blessed as well.

New Sixth Graders Parade

9:45 a.m.

Sanctuary Front Steps

Everyone is invited to cheer the class of 2025 as they move from our children's ministry all the way across the street to our youth ministry. Meet on the front steps at 9:45 a.m. (or directly following 9:00 a.m. worship).

Movin' Up Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

New Classrooms

We highly encourage parents to accompany their children to their new classrooms so they can meet their child's teachers as well as other families. Look for room locations in parent email or on our website.

CHURCH NEWS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Anna Sneed, given by Rodney Land.

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Bell Choir Fund in memory of Ruth Randolph, given by Nancy Haines and Rodney Land.

To our Emergency Response Team in honor of Michael Render celebrating his 66th birthday, given by Shellye Arnold and Tina Sabuco.

To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in honor of Michael Render celebrating his 66th birthday, given by Shellye Arnold and Tina Sabuco.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR DRIVE: SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER



The United Methodist Women (UMW) outreach center in San Marcos has been in continuous operation and service since 1927. Our FUMC Joy Circle toured the Southside Community Center in April and discovered the need to supply the San Marcos ISD with new children's underwear. Many children attending area schools have limited resources and no extras. The school nurses give children new underwear when they have accidents or become ill at school. The need is great! Please contribute new clean (preferably packaged) underwear for ages 5-12. A collection bin is located in the Sanctuary Foyer.

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: September 9, 16, 23, and 30; October 7, 14, 21, and 28; and November 11, 18, and 25. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health: Francis Allen; Judy Breckbill; Randolph Bias; Gerry Carroll; Sarah Crane; Gary Diehl; Merianne Gaston; Marijo Hartman; Ken and Susan Hensley; Brenda Hostler; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Alice Parrish; Andrea Peck; Joanne Sanders; Pearl Spears; Mary Gordon Spence; Bruce Venno; and Tom Watkins.

Congratulations: to Carol Walker on the birth of her great grandson, James Winston Brown.

Condolences: to Clayton Kelly on the death of his father, Carl Kelly.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Robbie Ausley's sister-in-law, Sue Holt; Laurie Barr's son-in-law, Ray Morgan; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Craig Blome's and Tamara Golden's parents, Paul and Carol Golden; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel's friend, Dev Reddy; Alan Franklin's friend, Michael Denoskey; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce Lester, and brother, Ted Lester; Cindy Gunderson's neighbor, Barbara White; Laura Jackson's brother, Brady Jackson; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly's friend, Charlie Foley; Julie Nelson's neighbors, Leslie and Scot; Reverend Sheldon Johnson; Judy Kostura's friends, Dan and Donna Perkins; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' neighbor, Warren Pettinos; Connie Payne's brother, John; Michael Render's friend, David Paul; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Randy Teich's sister-in-law, Pam Teich; Sydney Townsend; Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young; and travel mercies for Dr. Karen Smith on mission trip to El Salvador.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST 9, THURSDAY

Service Day at
Caritas Community Kitchen
9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
611 Neches Street

Adults and youth (12+) are invited to serve. Caritas of Austin provides a free, nutritious lunch—no questions asked—to over 300 individuals Monday through Friday. We have 10 spots reserved to serve in this primarily volunteer-operated kitchen. Individuals and families must register at fumcaustin.org.

AUGUST 18, 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.

AUGUST 19, 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.

AUGUST 28, 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. 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.