



First United
Methodist Church
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

AUGUST 12, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

NEW KINDERGARTNERS AND PARENTS GATHERING

10:00-10:45 a.m. EDU Room 101

Come 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, 11204 Alhambra

Families of all ages are invited to this fun party. Calendars and information about fall children's ministry programming will be available, plus a sign-up for Children's Choir.

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



FUMC began it's 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 our classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community, the creation of a place to belong. Although the teachers are volunteers, materials, childcare, utilities for the Family Life Center, and refreshments for the social hours all cost money. Your contributions during August go to support this quiet but powerful ministry. You may place gifts, marked "ESL," on the altar rail or in the offering plate. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR DRIVE



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.

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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

19 Sunday

Back-to-School Blessing

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

Sanctuary Worship Services: "This Is My Story"

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

"Bolder Than Texas" Information Session

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Children's Movin' Up Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Children and Youth Classrooms

Summer Book Club

10:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

Children's Choir Rehearsal Begins

12:15-1:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Children's and Youth Leadership Summit

12:15-2:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

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. FLC Room 103

26 Sunday

Acolyte Training and Registration

9:00 a.m. SAN Room 110

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

Sanctuary Worship Services: "This Is My Story"

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

Study and Discussion of *Unafraid* Begins

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Administrative Board Meeting

12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall

28 Tuesday

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday

4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC

SEPTEMBER

2 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services: "This Is My Story"

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

3 Monday

Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Have a blessed and safe holiday

9 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services: "This Is My Story"

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

"Faith at Home" Parenting Class

10:00 a.m. SAN 215

First Steps Class

12:15 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Practicing Christian Mindfulness Begins

12:30 and 2:00 p.m. SAN Room 212

16 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services: "This Is My Story"

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

Manna Bag Sale

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

17 Monday

Disciple 2 Fast Track Begins

6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 104

Financial Peace University Begins

6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

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| K E E W S I H T | 12 Sun | New Kindergartners and Parents Gathering | 10:00-10:45 a.m. | EDU Room 101 |
| | | Sunday School Classes for All Ages | 10:00 a.m. | Various Locations |
| | | Back-to-School Pool Party | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Balcones Woods Pool, 1204 Alhambra |
| | 13 Mon | Prodigal Sons Men's Group | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | FLC Room 103 |
| | 14 Tue | Feed My People Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | FLC |
| | | Book Study: <i>I'm Still Here</i> | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | FLC Room 103 |
| | 15 Wed | Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews | 9:00 a.m. | fumcaustin.org/submissions |
| | 16 Thu | Feed My People Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | FLC |
| | | Feed My People Breakfast Worship | 6:30 a.m. | FLC Garrison Chapel |
| | 18 Sat | ERT Basic Training | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | SAN Wesley Hall |
| | | FreeStore Third Saturday | 8:45-11:00 a.m. | Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman |

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18, SATURDAY

ERT Basic Training . 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. SAN 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 26, SUNDAY

Acolyte Training and Registration . 9:00 a.m. SAN Room 110

This training is for parents and children or youth who are in 2nd grade and older who want to commit to assisting with worship. Both new and seasoned acolytes will increase their understanding of responsibilities and sharpen skills. Acolytes support both clergy and laity, ensuring that the behind-the-scenes tasks and logistics of worship flow smoothly. These tasks may include bringing the light of Christ into and out of worship, serving Communion, preparing the worship space, assisting with the worship slides from the balcony, and ushering and greeting. From 9:30-10:00 a.m. parents and children learn the basics and sign up. From 10:00-10:45 a.m. children engage in games and activities to help practice skills and learn about the sanctuary and worship.

Contemplative Worship Service . 9:30-10:45 a.m. EDU 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.

Back-to-School Party Barge . 2:30-8:15 p.m. 16107 FM 2769, Leander

All middle and high school youth are invited to a four-hour tour of Lake Travis to celebrate the start of a new school year! Food and water toys provided. We will carpool from FUMC at 2:30 p.m. to our Marina for a 3:30-7:30 p.m. boat time and return to FUMC to 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes dinner. Youth are invited to bring two new friends at \$10 per friend—that's three people for \$30. We have a capacity of 70 people on the barge, so be sure to register your crew as soon as possible. Register at fumcaustin.org/barge.

Administrative Board Meeting . 12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall

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.

SEPTEMBER 9, SUNDAY

“Faith at Home” Parenting Class . 10:00 a.m. SAN 215

At a “Faith at Home” session, participants learn and try out spiritual practices that are “do-able”, adaptable, fun, and meaningful. These activities can be used by households of all shapes and sizes. This class focuses on exploring the practice of prayer and touch on some practical ideas to enhance the worship experience for you and your child.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

FLC

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.

CHURCH NEWS

GIFTS TO FUMC

To our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team in honor of Kathy Tullos, given by Robert Walls.

To our Emergency Assistance Fund in honor of Mark Morris, given by Robert Walls.

To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of D'An Anders, given by Eugene and Beth Hattaway.

SEPTEMBER 30, SUNDAY

Baptism Class

12:15 p.m. EDU 108



Are you ready to have your child Baptized? Pastor Taylor Fuerst and Lara Greene host this class to learn about our beliefs about Baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the baptized life. This class is required for those preparing for a child's Baptism. To register, indicate your interest on the Connections Card in worship or email Lara at lara@fumcaustin.org. If you are interested in adult Baptism, email Pastor Taylor at taylor@fumcaustin.org.

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 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

Health

Randolph Bias; Gary Diehl; Merianne Gaston; Curtis Higgs; Jan Higgs; Andrea Peck; Pearl Spears; and Bruce Venno.

Congratulations

To Carol Walker on the birth of her great grandson, Trey Brown.

Condolences

To Lisa Owens on the death of her stepfather, Richard D. Hendrickson and to the family and friends of Terri Miles on her death.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Sarah Austin's mother, Linda Hopper; Robbie Ausley's sister-in-law, Sue Holt; 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; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce Lester, and brother, Ted Lester; Cindy Gunderson's neighbor, Barbara White; Reverend Sheldon Johnson; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' neighbor, Warren Pettinos; Connie Payne's brother, John; Pat Rives' friend, Barbara Hall; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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