

**SEPTEMBER 17,  
NEXT MONDAY**



**Gather  
& Grow**

**DISCIPLE FAST TRACK**

**FLC Room 104**

**6:30-8:00 p.m., Mondays**

**September 17-December 10**

This 24-week study led by Pastor Cathy Stone immerses you in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. *Disciple* helps readers deepen their understanding of Scripture and make connections between what they already know and what they are reading. Each week you encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are, and how you can engage those disciplines. Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks, 12 weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the spring. Daily preparation is manageable, with 3-5 chapters of the Bible to read each day. The cost is \$30 for two study manuals. Register at [fumcaustin.org/disciple](http://fumcaustin.org/disciple).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

**FLC Garrison Chapel**

**6:30-8:00 p.m., Mondays**

**September 17-November 19**

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you had an emergency fund, were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions for your family's future? Sound impossible? It's not! With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class, you CAN take control of your money. Freedom from debt is part of being free to follow Christ. Join Pastor Michael Mumme for this personal finance class with a faith perspective. Register at [fumcaustin.org/peace](http://fumcaustin.org/peace).

**SEPTEMBER 18, NEXT TUESDAY**

**"IMMIGRANT STORY"**

**6:30 p.m. Westlake UMC, 1460 Redbud Trail**

Many of us are, sadly, familiar with a part of the story. Reports of parents being separated from children, children being kept in cages, and other circumstances of utter desperation have been brought to the forefront of our media and consciousness. However, the reports are just part of the story, and, the story is far from over. All are invited to attend Immigrant Story where we will hear presentations from acclaimed Austin Immigration Attorney Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch and Sofia Casini, Immigrant Rights Organizer at Grassroots Leadership. Both of these courageous women have worked on, and continue to work on, the front lines of the immigration story right here in Austin. Perhaps there's something that all of us can do to help. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org).

**SEPTEMBER 23, NEXT SUNDAY**

**CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9:00 a.m. 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.

**"THIS IS MY SONG"**

**9:00 and 1100 a.m. Sanctuary**

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.* (Psalm 92:1) During worship we conclude the "This Is My Story" series with services of celebration and dedication lifting up the many musicians in our church who weekly give their time and talents to glorify God through musical offerings and leadership in our worship services. Our music ministry provides a crucial element of worship, enabling so many to connect with God and receive the love and grace God offers. The FUMC Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Ensemble will participate in the 11:00 a.m. service, with Soloists and Handbells at the 9:00 a.m. service. A special offering, over and above regular giving, will be taken to provide additional budget support for the things that make our music ministry extraordinary, including our choral scholars and instrumentalists for special services. You may also send or bring your contribution to the church office. Please mark gifts with "This Is My Song."

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SEPTEMBER 25, TUESDAY

**Feed My People**

**Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**

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

**FLC Great Hall**



We need more volunteers! 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. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.



OCTOBER 20, SATURDAY

**FreeStore Third Saturday**

**8:45-11:00 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.



OCTOBER 21, SUNDAY

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)**

**Third Sunday**

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

**SAN MLF Kitchen**



MLF serves daily, but this day is for individuals and families who want to try face-to-face service working

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](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

## FALL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SEPTEMBER 29, SATURDAY

**NAMIWalks . 9:00 a.m. Long Center, 701 West Riverside Drive**



Join our team for this year's NAMI Walks event! First Church is walking to support the work of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as we promote education and awareness and work to end the stigma associated with mental illness. Come walk with us or support our team with a donation through our NAMIWalks team page at [fumcaustin.org/nami-walks](http://fumcaustin.org/nami-walks).

OCTOBER 5-8, FRIDAY-MONDAY

**Disaster Recovery Mission Trip . Sinton, Texas**



First Church is sending a mission team (ages 14 and up) to this coastal bend region to help with long-term recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey one year ago. Volunteers must complete a background check process. No other training is required. The cost is \$125 and work days are Saturday and Sunday. Register at [fumcaustin.org/harvey](http://fumcaustin.org/harvey). Contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) to complete background check process or for more information.

OCTOBER 20, SATURDAY

**Hands on Housing Raise the Roof . 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**



iACT's Hands on Housing utilizes volunteers and skilled professionals to repair the homes of senior citizens and disabled individuals who are living in deep poverty. Come join us for the Fall Raise the Roof event, and help repair and paint a home. Register at [fumcaustin.org/hoh](http://fumcaustin.org/hoh).