



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

OCTOBER 7, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

CONVERSATIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE

4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Join us as we work together toward racial justice, seeking to undo racism in ourselves and recognize systemic racism, while working for and supporting work being done to end racial oppression. This group meets on first Sundays to discuss and learn more about racial oppression, issues of whiteness and racism, and other topics through videos, podcasts, and short articles.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING World Communion Sunday and Casa Marianella

Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world. Together, we welcome and care for the poor, the stranger, the sojourner, the outcast.

The World Communion Offering equips disciples like Mary Grace Galapon to serve in Jesus' name. As a small child, Mary Grace labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference to pursue an education that is changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified youth and young adults face financial obstacles that hinder their preparation for their God-given vocations. For ethnic students who will be the first generation to attend college, or for people of color who haven't historically had access to higher education, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. World Communion Sunday is a time to join with Christians all over the world to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries.

Your giving helps provide scholarships through the United Methodist Church for national and international graduate students whom God has called to learn and to serve. This October, 25% of our World Communion Offering will go to Casa Marianella, an organization that welcomes displaced immigrants and promotes self-sufficiency by providing shelter and support services. In addition to shelter, Casa offers access to legal and medical resources, food, clothing, English classes, and other resources. Gifts, marked "World Communion," may be dropped in the offering plate anytime during October or mailed to or brought by the church office.

NOW-OCTOBER 28



LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

WORSHIP SERIES

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

Do you feel stuck, wishing you could become more generous or more open to God's leading? Jesus said that he came in order for our lives to change—to become more abundant. He didn't expect that anyone listening had already arrived at the full measure of abundance; he came in order to make it possible. So what does abundance look like on the ground? What is the fulfillment we really long for, and how does God help us get there? Join us for this series as we take steps toward the abundant life Jesus promises.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

10:00 a.m., SAN Wesley Hall

Want to explore practical ways to live out the Abundant Life? Join our pastors for study and practical discussion in conjunction with our worship series. Study and discussion guides are available at fumcaustin.org/generosity for Sunday School classes who wish to participate in their own setting.

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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

OCTOBER

14 Sunday

- Sanctuary Services: Celebrate! Living the Abundant Life**
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- Sunday School Series: Celebrate! Living the Abundant Life**
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
- Administrative Board Meeting**
12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall
- CPR and First Aid Class**
2:00-4:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

16 Tuesday

- Book Study: transforming Begins**
6:30-7:30 p.m. La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane

19 Friday

- Family Fall Party**
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

20 Saturday

- FreeStore Third Saturday**
8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
- Hands on Housing Raise the Roof**
Register at fumcaustin.org/hoh

21 Sunday

- Chapel Service**
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
- Sunday School Series: Celebrate! Living the Abundant Life**
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- Manna Bag Sale**
9:30-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

Sunday School Series: Celebrate! Living the Abundant Life

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Churchwide Celebration Picnic

12:15 p.m. Capitol Lawn

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday

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

23 Tuesday

- Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC

28 Sunday

- Contemplative Worship Service**
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
- Sanctuary Services: Commitment Sunday**
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- Sunday School Series: Celebrate! Living the Abundant Life**
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

OCTOBER 28

Commitment Sunday

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

We will place our Commitment Cards in the offering plate as an act of worship. Completing and returning a Commitment Card expresses your intent and affirms your desire to honor God with your financial generosity. Your financial generosity enables all of our ministries to answer God's call effectively.

K E E	7 Sun	Sunday School Series: Celebrate!	10:00 a.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	12:15 p.m.	SAN Room 110
		Conversations on Racial Justice	4:30-6:00 p.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
		Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	FLC Great Hall
W	8 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	9 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
S I	10 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	9:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
		Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 213
		Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:15-7:15 p.m.	SAN Balcony
		FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room
H T	11 Thu	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
H T	12 Fri	Connect for Tweens	6:00-9:00 p.m.	FLC Great Hall
		Kids' Club	6:00-9:00 p.m.	FLC First Floor
		Kids' Night Out	6:00-9:00 p.m.	FLC First Floor

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 12, FRIDAY

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

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. FLC First Floor

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. FLC First Floor

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.

OCTOBER 14, SUNDAY

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, October 10. Register at fumcaustin.org/adminboard. Childcare available by making reservations at childcare@fumcaustin.org.

CPR and First Aid Class . 2:00-4:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

CPR Resources Inc. is providing this class for \$25. This class is a requirement for our childcare staff, but it is also very helpful for moms and dads, grandparents, nannies, babysitters, as well as those who volunteer to serve with children or youth or in emergency situations. Upon completion, you will receive certification cards for CPR and First Aid that are valid for two years. Registration and more information is available at cpr-resources.com/calendar.

OCTOBER 19, FRIDAY

Family Fall Party . 6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

Preschoolers and elementary-aged children are invited to bring their parents to this party hosted by the Children's Ministry Team. Activities will include a bounce house, face painting, a prize walk, and other games. Halloween costumes are encouraged! Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. In lieu of an admission fee, bring a non-perishable food item for the Caritas of Austin. To volunteer or donate items, visit fumcaustin.org/family-fall-party.

OCTOBER 21, SUNDAY

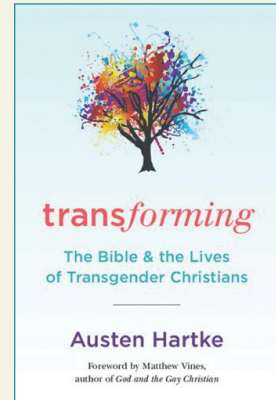
Churchwide Celebration Picnic . 12:15 p.m., Capitol Lawn



Bring your blankets and games—washers, kickball, frisbees, etc.—as we gather for fellowship and fun! This year we will have advance purchase lunch options from Central Market and one taco food truck for onsite lunch purchases. Registration requested by Thursday, October 18, at fumcaustin.org/picnic.

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

OCTOBER 16, 23, AND 30
Book Study: *transforming*
6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays
La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane



Join us as we read and discuss *transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke.

This book provides access into an underrepresented and misunderstood community and will change the way readers think about transgender people, faith, and the future of Christianity. By introducing transgender issues and language and providing stories of both biblical characters and real-life narratives from transgender Christians living today, Hartke helps readers visualize a more inclusive Christianity, equipping them with the confidence and tools to change both the church and the world.

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. Please purchase your book at a local bookstore or through Amazon.

Register at fumcaustin.org/book-study-transforming. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

CHURCH NEWS

FEED MY PEOPLE THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who bought and prepared food and set up and cleaned up for the Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast on September 25: Sharon Doss; Denise Fischer; Judy Funke; David Nicastro; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; and Cecily Wright.

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 rest of the year are: October 28 and December 2, 9, 16, and 23. It is also not too early to sign for dates in 2019. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Tom Calnan; Hadley Fuerst; Curtis Higgs; Brenda Hostler; Nancy Lewis; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Andrea Peck; Pearl Spears; Jenna Stephens; and Bruce Venno.

Condolences

To Peggy Davis on the death of her aunt, Virgie Sorrels; to Linda Deason on the death of her father, Gary Spengler; and to Merry Rightmer on the death of her mother, Maribel Rozendal.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Craig Blome's and Tamra Golden's parents, Paul and Carol Golden; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Molly Drazic's cousin, Dorothy Heacock Butler; Grace Drew's parents, Jim and Jana Drew; Dixie Exatt's niece, Charlotte; Curtis Fuelberg's friend, Holland Lester; Cindy Gunderson's friends, Alexia, Conner, and Mary Ann; Marijo Hartman's friend, Rose O'Neal; Summer Hoff's son, Max; Elizabeth Lerner's daughter, Katherine; Mark Morris' and Kathy Tullos' son-in-law, J. J. Moffitt, and neighbor, Warren Pettinos; Connie Payne's brother, John; Larry and Delia Peters' friends, Randy Mair and Charles Roper; Rick Russell's cousin, James Winborn; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Janice Walker and her family; and Dick Young's nephew Jeff Young.

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Wilton and Billye Stone, given by Charlie Ruff.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Noble and Sharon Doss; Ken and Susan Hensley; Tami Kellberg; and Tom Mays.
- To our "This is My Song" Special Choir Offering in honor of Penny Appleby, given by the Downtowners Sunday School Class.
- To our "This is My Song" Special Choir Offering in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Jimmie Sue Francis.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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. There is something for everyone, so show up and serve.

Hands on Housing

Raise the Roof
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

iACT's Hands on Housing uses 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.

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.

OCTOBER 23, TUESDAY

Feed My People
Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m.
FLC Great Hall

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.