



First United
Methodist Church
A U S T I N

FUMC Weekly

OCTOBER 14, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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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

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

Cold Weather Shelter Training

10:00-10:45 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

OCTOBER 21, SUNDAY Churchwide Celebration Picnic



Bring your blankets and games—washers, kickball, frisbees, etc.—as we gather for fellowship and fun!

This year we 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.

**12:15 P.M.
CAPITOL LAWN**

K E E	14 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
		Administrative Board Meeting	12:15 p.m.	FLC Great Hall
		CPR and First Aid Class	2:00-4:00 p.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
W S		Engage for Youth	4:30-7:00 p.m.	FLC Great Hall
	15 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	16 Tue	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		Book Study: transforming Begins	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
S T	17 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
T H	18 Thu	Feed My People Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		Feed My People Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
19 Fri	Family Fall Party	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Great Hall	
T	20 Sat	FreeStore Third Saturday	8:45-11:00 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
		Hands on Housing Raise the Roof	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Register at fumcaustin.org/hoh

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 19, FRIDAY



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 Caritas of Austin. To volunteer or donate items, visit fumcaustin.org/family-fall-party.

OCTOBER 28, SUNDAY

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.

Cold Weather Shelter Training . 10:00-10:45 a.m. Murchison Chapel

FUMC is a Tuesday night host for Cold Weather Shelter for Women, a program managed by Front Steps at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. This training includes an overview of the ministry, safety and logistics, ways to welcome and interact with our guests, Q&A, and signup. Please contact Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org with any questions.

NOVEMBER 2, FRIDAY

Spirit of Compassion Awards Luncheon . 11:30 a.m-1:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

Join us at this luncheon to honor Tim League of Alamo Drafthouse for his inspiring contribution to community organizations ECHO, Front Steps, and Community First! Village. The keynote speaker is Chris Del Conte, Vice President and Athletic Director at The University of Texas at Austin. For sponsorship or ticket information, email Lydia Chambers at lchambers@foundationhomeless.org, call 512-576-1343, or visit www.foundationhomeless.org/soca-2018.

NOVEMBER 10, SATURDAY

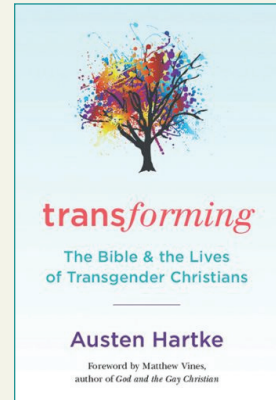
God in Transition . 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

If you are interested in learning about how you, individually, and our congregation, collectively, can support transgender (trans) and non-binary people and their loved ones, come join us for a day-long event of education and community building. With featured plenary speaker, Reverend M. Barclay, a non-binary trans minister in The United Methodist Church, you will be invited to grow in understanding of what it means to be trans today, learn how the Christian faith can support people in their transitions, deepen your understanding of gender, and walk away with practical tools for celebrating people of all genders. Come with an open heart and mind. Cost is \$20 and lunch is provided. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/barclay.

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

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using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

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

NOVEMBER 4, SUNDAY

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To register, fill out the Connections Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps.

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. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Marilyn Bettis; Tom Calnan; Hadley Fuerst; Nancy Lewis; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Andrea Peck; and Bruce Venno.

Other

Our nation for empathy and love.

Condolences

To Tamra Golden on the death of her father, Paul E. Golden; to Larry and Delia Peters on the death of their friend, Clifton "Buster" Spillar; and to Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos on the death of their friend, Warren Pettinos.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Jeff Jackson's friend, Bill Depew; Elizabeth Lerner's daughter, Katherine; Connie Payne's brother, John; Pat Rives' friend, Judith Moyers; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; and Dick Young's brother, Garner Young, and nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences

To Jack Wagner on the death of his brother, Jay Wagner.

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Diane Dwight.
- To our Emergency Assistance Fund in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Randy and Ann Teich and Sally Watkins.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Joe Flores and Kelly Ausley-Flores; Daviss King; Michael and Christal McDonald; and Carrie Spillers.
- To our Ministry Plan in honor of the FUMC church staff, given by Cathy Stone.
- To our "This Is My Song" Special Choir Offering in memory of Chuck McCullough, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.
- To our "This Is My Song" Special Choir Offering in honor of Scott Davis, Roxie Garza, Shirley Derryberry, and those who dedicate their time and musical gifts to FUMC, given by the Gratitude Posse.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 20, 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. 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.