



First United
Methodist Church
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FUMC Weekly

OCTOBER 28, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

TRAINING FOR COLD WEATHER SHELTER FOR WOMEN

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

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

VISIT OUR SUKKAH

10:00-10:30 a.m. SAN Room 110

The 4th and 5th graders are celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot and they are inviting you to come visit their Sukkah. This holiday remembers the 40 years the Hebrew people wandered in the wilderness after their escape from Egypt and celebrates the fall harvest. The children are also collecting food donations for Caritas of Austin, so please bring a non-perishable food item to place in the Sukkah.

DEMYSTIFYING HOMELESSNESS IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN

10:00 a.m. Wesley Hall

As we kick off Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, Pastor Cathy Stone will share some of what she has learned about causes of homelessness, current Austin data, resources and challenges individuals face. Come learn about our neighbors on the streets, what we are already doing, and ways we can make a deeper impact in downtown Austin.

FIRST STEPS CLASS

12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to come to this 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.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE

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

Join us as we work together on 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. Register at fumcaustin.org/conversations.

NOVEMBER 6, 13, AND 27 BOOK STUDY: EVICTED



This November we are highlighting issues affected by hunger and homelessness. Join us as we read and discuss *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. This book transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible. We have a Facebook group for online discussion as well as meeting in person. Please purchase your book at a local bookstore or through Amazon. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

7:00-8:00 P.M.
FLC ROOM 103

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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

NOVEMBER

4 Sunday
Candy Collection for Mobile Loaves & Fishes Begins
 Collection Bins, Foyers of Sanctuary and FLC
Food Drive for Caritas Begins
 Collection Bins, Foyers of Chapel, Sanctuary, and FLC
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Demystifying Homelessness in Downtown Austin
 10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Visit Our Sukkah
 10:00-10:30 a.m. SAN Room 110
First Steps Class
 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Conversations on Racial Justice
 4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

6 Tuesday
Book Study: Evicted
 7:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

9 Friday
Connect for Tweens
 6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall
Kids' Club
 6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 108
Kids' Night Out
 6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 102

10 Saturday
God in Transition
 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Justice For Our Neighbors Gala: Families Belong Together
 5:30 p.m. Crowne Plaza Ballroom, 6121 North IH 35

11 Sunday
Candy Collection for Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ends
 Collection Boxes, Sanctuary Foyer and FLC
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Conversation with Reverend M Barclay
 10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Third Grade Play
 10:15-10:45 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Wedding Reception for Michael and Betsy
 12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall
Circle Up Postcard Party
 3:00-5:00 p.m. FLC Wesley Hall

13 Tuesday
Book Study: Evicted
 7:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

14 Wednesday
Square One Thanksgiving Luncheon
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church

17 Saturday
FreeStore Third Saturday
 8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
Day of Service: Community First! Village
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9301 Hog Eye Road

18 Sunday
Chapel Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Manna Bag Sale
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
"A Way Forward" Briefing
 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Celebration
 San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest Avenue
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen

21 Wednesday
Church Closes for Thanksgiving Holiday
 1:00 p.m.

22 Thursday
Church Office Closed
 Happy Thanksgiving!

25 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Intergenerational Advent Party
 10:00-10:45 a.m. FLC Great Hall

27 Tuesday
"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
Book Study: Evicted
 7:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

W E E K	28 Sun	Training for Cold Weather Shelter for Women	10:00-10:45 a.m.	EDU Murchison Chapel
		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 Wesley Hall
W E E K	29 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	30 Tue	"Feed My People" Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
W E E K		Book Study: transforming	6:30-7:30 p.m.	La Madeleine, 5493 Brodie Lane
	31 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
W E E K		FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room
	1 Thu	"Feed My People" Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		"Feed My People" Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
W E E K	2 Fri	Spirit of Compassion Awards Luncheon	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	FLC Great Hall
	3 Sat	Daylight-Saving Time Ends	At Bedtime	Set Clocks Back One Hour

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2, FRIDAY

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

Come 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 9, 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. EDU 108

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. EDU 102

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.

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. Register at fumcaustin.org/barclay. Childcare is available with reservations made by emailing our Childcare Coordinator, Pam Coronado, at childcare@fumcaustin.org by Wednesday, November 7. Reservations are not final until confirmed.

Justice For Our Neighbors Gala: Families Belong Together . 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Immigrant families face hostility in our land today and research shows most immigrants without legal representation in court face deportation. Join us at this family-friendly gala as our honored guest, Reverend Laura Merrill, shares her experience leading worship in the Tornillo detention center for minors and reflects on the need to reunite families and keep children from being housed in tent cities. Purchase tickets at www.jfonaustin.org/gala. This gala will be held in the Crowne Plaza Ballroom located at 6121 North IH 35.

NOVEMBER 11, SUNDAY

Circle Up Postcard Party . 3:00-5:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Want to make an impact on maternal health in Texas? Circle Up: Methodist Women for Moms, a circle of UMW, is dedicated to doing just that and they would love for you to join them to fill out postcards to send to Texas State Senators and House Representatives as well as participating in a guided discussion about maternal mortality. Light refreshments will be provided and childcare is available with reservations made by emailing our Childcare Coordinator, Pam Coronado, at childcare@fumcaustin.org by Wednesday, November 8. Reservations are not final until confirmed.

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER 14, WEDNESDAY

Square One

Thanksgiving Luncheon Central Presbyterian Church 200 East 8th Street

iACT Refugee Services will host this luncheon for their ESL students, with help from The Soup Peddler, St. John's UMC, and FUMC. You are invited to set up tables/decorations, provide desserts, plates, utensils, and cups, and serve a delicious turkey luncheon. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and donations can be dropped off before the luncheon. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/thanksgiving+.

NOVEMBER 17, 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.

Service Day for Community First! Village

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

9301 Hog Eye Road

Community First! Village provides affordable, sustainable housing, and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless in Central Texas. A typical service day could entail beautifying the property, dry landscaping yards for micro-homes, harvesting the gardens, laying pathways, tending the chicken coop or goats, etc. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/serviceday. All volunteers must also complete a waiver directly with Community First! Village.

NOVEMBER 18, 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 those who want to try face-to-face service working with experienced volunteers. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and/or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISM



Liam Atlas Irving

Liam, son of Ben and Heather Irving, was baptized into Christian discipleship on October 21.

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

Your giving helps to provide scholarships through the United Methodist Church for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. This October, 25% of our World Communion Offering will go to Casa Marianella. Casa Marianella 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 may be dropped in the offering plate anytime during October or mailed to or brought by the church office.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

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

Condolences

To the families and friends and of Joe Ireland and Will Richardson on their deaths; to David Nicastro on the death of his father; to Zac Whitley on the death of his grandfather, Bud Smith; and to Dick Young on the death of his brother, Garner Young.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Craig Blome's and Tamra Golden's grandmother, Dorothy Carter; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Tina Hester's father, David Hester; Mary Higgs' friend, Lillian Coil; Lauren Jackson's brother, Brady, and friend, Mike Taylor; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Delia Peters' brother, Robert Ybarra; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Janice Williams; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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 October 23: Sharon Doss; Denise Fischer; Judy Funke, who also provided a sewing ministry; Charles Harrison; David Nicastro; Karen Smith; Ann Teich; Randy Teich; and Cecily Wright.

NOVEMBER 11, SUNDAY Wedding Reception for Michael and Betsy 12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall



Pastor Michael is getting married to the love of his life, Betsy Richards, on Saturday, November 3. The happy couple has been dating for four years and even spent six weeks trekking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. (That takes commitment!) Join us as we celebrate the newlyweds!

CANDY COLLECTION



Halloween is coming, and you are probably buying more candy than needed for Trick-or-Treaters. Donate leftover candy to our Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Ministry. Collection bins will be available in the foyers of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center on Sundays, November 4 and 11. You may also bring donations to the church office or the MLF Kitchen in Wesley Hall.

FOOD DRIVE FOR CARITAS

Help fight hunger by bringing canned goods to church throughout November. All contributions will be donated to Caritas of Austin, a local nonprofit working toward preventing and ending homelessness in Austin. With your help, the Caritas Pantry provides take-home groceries to families as they are transitioning out of homelessness. Together with their other services, food assistance builds a strong foundation as people work toward their life goals.

We are collecting some of their most needed items:

- Canned Ham
- Canned Spinach
- Cooking Oil (12 oz)
- Dry Cereals
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Salt (24 oz)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Sugar (2 lb)

Thank you for taking action in the fight against hunger. Together we can ensure people have healthy food as they rebuild their lives. Donations may be left in the collection bins located in the foyers of the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Family Life Center.