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# FUMC Weekly

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### CANDY COLLECTION FOR MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES

Collection Bins . Foyers, Sanctuary and FLC

Thank you for your candy donations. If you did not bring your candy to church today, you may bring it next Sunday.

### FOOD DRIVE FOR CARITAS OF AUSTIN

Collection Bins . Foyers, Murchison Chapel, Sanctuary, and FLC

Thank you for your food donations. If you did not bring food items today, you may bring them any Sunday in November. See insert for needed items.

### 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 invite you to come visit their Sukkah.

### DEMYSTIFYING HOMELESSNESS IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

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 pastors and other members, and ask questions. If you did not register in advance, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

### 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. No preparation needed.

### NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)

The Mobile Loaves & Fishes' downtown Austin truck, based at FUMC, goes out nearly every day of the year to provide meals, clothing, and hygiene products to the homeless and working poor in our community. You may leave gifts, marked "MLF," at the communion rail or you may send them to or bring them by the church office.

## NOVEMBER 10, SATURDAY GOD IN TRANSITION



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. The cost is \$20 and lunch is provided. Register at [fumcaustin.org/barclay](http://fumcaustin.org/barclay). Childcare is available with reservations made at [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org) by Wednesday, November 7. Reservations are not final until confirmed.

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.  
SANCTUARY

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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

- 11 Sunday**  
**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**  
 3:30-5:00 p.m. FLC Wesley Hall
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- 13 Tuesday**  
**Book Study: Evicted**  
 7:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103
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- 14 Wednesday**  
**Square One Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church
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- 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
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- 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 Office 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

K E E W	4 Sun	<b>Candy Collection for Mobile Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> <b>Food Drive for Caritas</b> <b>Demystifying Homelessness in Downtown Austin</b> <b>Visit Our Sukkah</b> <b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b> <b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>First Steps Class</b> <b>Conversations on Racial Justice</b> <b>Engage for Youth: Pumpkinfest</b>	Collection Bins Collection Bins 10:00-10:45 a.m. 10:00-10:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:30-6:00 p.m. 4:30-7:00 p.m.	Foyers of Sanctuary and FLC Foyers of Sanctuary and FLC SAN Wesley Hall SAN Room 110 Various Locations SAN Wesley Hall FLC Garrison Chapel FLC Garrison Chapel FLC
	5 Mon	<b>Prodigal Sons Men’s Group</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	6 Tue	<b>“Feed My People” Breakfast</b> <b>Book Study: Evicted</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m.	FLC FLC Room 103
	7 Wed	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b> <b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b> <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:45-7:15 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions SAN Room 213 SAN Balcony SAN Choir Room
S I H	8 Thu	<b>“Feed My People” Breakfast</b> <b>“Feed My People” Breakfast Worship</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m.	FLC FLC Garrison Chapel
	9 Fri	<b>Connect for Tweens</b> <b>Kids’ Club</b> <b>Kids’ Night Out</b>	6:00-9:00 p.m. 6:00-9:00 p.m. 6:00-9:00 p.m.	FLC Great Hall EDU Room 108 EDU Room 102
T	10 Sat	<b>God in Transition</b> <b>Justice For Our Neighbors Gala</b>	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Crowne Plaza, 6121 North IH 35

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org) no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

NOVEMBER 10, SATURDAY

### 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 [jfonaustin.org/gala](http://jfonaustin.org/gala). This gala will be held in the Crowne Plaza Ballroom located at 6121 North IH 35.

NOVEMBER 11, SUNDAY

### 3rd Grade Play . 10:15 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

Come watch our 3rd Grade Class perform stories from the Old Testament. Enacting these faith stories is a fun and engaging way for our students to learn and they would love to have a supportive audience.

### Wedding Reception . 12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall



Pastor Michael married the love of his life, Betsy Richards, on Saturday, November 3. The happy couple dated 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!

### Circle Up Postcard Party . 3:30-5:00 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 provided. Register at [fumcaustin.org/postcardparty](http://fumcaustin.org/postcardparty). Childcare is available with reservations to our Childcare Coordinator, Pam Coronado, at [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org) by Wednesday, November 8. Reservations are not final until confirmed.

NOVEMBER 18, SUNDAY

### "A Way Forward" Briefing 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Pastor Michael Mumme will give a status update on "A Way Forward," the process our denomination is considering at the February 2019 Called General Conference. This briefing includes factual updates about the process as well as some limited interpretation about the efforts to organize in support of the One Church Plan and ongoing developments.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 4:00-6:30 p.m.

For the past 33 years, iACT has had the great joy and privilege of bringing this service to the Austin Community. This is a unique opportunity for Austinites of all faith backgrounds to come together to give thanks as one community. We invite you to come hear prayers and practices from all of Austin's faith communities and share in a reception after the service. This year's service will be held at San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest Avenue.

NOVEMBER 25, SUNDAY

### Advent Party 10:00-10:45 a.m. FLC Great Hall

Deepen your experience of Advent and enjoy a fun morning with your church family. Bring any family staying at your house, too! We will have food (of course!) and games and activities designed to prepare our hearts for the holy season of Advent. This is a great opportunity to bridge generational lines and connect with people of all ages in new and fun ways. Pick up some special spiritual practice aids and service opportunities you can do at home! Breakfast foods are needed for this event. To register or to volunteer to bring breakfast items, visit [fumcaustin.org/adventparty](http://fumcaustin.org/adventparty).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

## CHURCH NEWS

### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Mercy & Justice Ministries in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Kim and Candice Stone.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Marijo Hartman's father, Joe Rector, given by Sally Watkins.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Wilton Stone, given by Mark Morris and Kathy Tullos.

### 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. Contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS



Vacation Bible School week is July 22-26, 2019! We will go to Mars and Beyond this year. Adult and youth volunteers, please mark your calendars so you can join us for the ride. Registration and more info and will be released in December.

### CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, and will be closed Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a safe and blessed holiday! We will reopen on Monday, November 26, at 9:00 a.m. Our pastors are on call during holidays. Call 512-478-5684, press 213, and leave a message for a return call.

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

#### Health

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

#### Concolences

To Anthony Gutierrez on the death of his grandmother, Genoveva Salas Gandara.

#### Other

Tree of Life Synagogue

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Craig Blome's and Tamra Golden's grandmother, Dorothy Carter; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg, and niece, Jada Seppanon; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Jimmie Sue Francis' friends, Travis Brown and Dale Nelson; Nancy Gillett's son, Brendan; Tina Hester's father, David Hester; Mary Higgs' friend, Lillian Coil; Lauren Jackson's brother, Brady Jackson, and friend, Mike Taylor; Jazmin Kent-Loera's mother, Giselle, and grandmother, Nilda; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly's friend, Ben Pickler; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Danielle Thoma's sister, Laura Weiss; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER 8, THURSDAY

**Pickle Elementary Needs Judges for Literacy Day**  
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Come to Pickle Elementary any time during the event to meet students and review their book reports and beautiful artwork. Sign up to help with Bergan Casey at [bergan.casey@gmail.com](mailto:bergan.casey@gmail.com).

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 FUMC, St. John's UMC, and The Soup Peddler. You are invited to set up tables/decorations, provide desserts, plates, utensils, and cups, and serve a 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](http://fumcaustin.org/thanksgiving).

DECEMBER 1, SATURDAY

**Decorating and Holiday Stroll**  
4:00-9:00 p.m.

**SAN Wesley Hall**

Kick off your holiday by decorating spaces around the church and then offering hospitality to Austinites of all ages heading to and coming from the Holiday Stroll. We begin with decorating the Sanctuary, Murchison Chapel, Family Life Center, and outdoor spaces. Afterward, volunteers share a meal and then welcome event attendees with music on the front steps, hot chocolate and cookies, and a welcome family-friendly pit stop. Sign up for our decorating team and/or hospitality team at [fumcaustin.org/stroll](http://fumcaustin.org/stroll).