

FUMC Weekly

NOVEMBER 11, 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.

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 FOR MICHAEL AND BETSY

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 welcome Betsy and celebrate the newly weds.

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. 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.

CONVERSATION WITH REVEREND M BARCLAY



Saturday we hosted "God in Transition: A day of faith formation" led by Reverend M Barclay and invite you to join the conversation this morning.

Rev M Barclay is bisexual, non-binary trans, and a deacon in The United Methodist Church. They have extensive experience in leading preaching, teaching, and facilitating workshops on matters of faith and justice, with a specialty in LGBTQ matters. They are passionate about the Holy, the Strange, and our collective calling to broaden and deepen our understanding of what it means to be human together.

10:00 A.M.
SAN WESLEY HALL

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

1 **Decorating and Holiday Stroll**

4:00-9:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

2 **Sanctuary Worship Services**

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

Advent Sunday School Study Begins

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

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. The cost is \$65. Sign up now for those important dates in 2019. Contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

K E E W	11 Sun	Candy Collection for Mobile Loaves & Fishes Food Drive for Caritas Conversation with Reverend M Barclay Third Grade Play Sunday School Classes for All Ages Children’s Choir Rehearsal Wedding Reception for Michael and Betsy Circle Up Postcard Party Engage for Youth	Collection Bins Collection Bins 10:00-10:45 a.m. 10:15-10:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 3:30-5:00 p.m. 4:30-7:00 p.m.	Foyers of Sanctuary and FLC Foyers of Sanctuary and FLC SAN Wesley Hall EDU Murchison Chapel Various Locations SAN Wesley Hall FLC Great Hall SAN Wesley Hall FLC	
	12 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men’s Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103	
	13 Tue	“Feed My People” Breakfast Book Study: <i>Evicted</i>	4:45-7:00 a.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m.	FLC FLC Room 103	
	S I	14 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews Square One Thanksgiving Luncheon Wednesday Morning Bible Study Handbell Choir Rehearsal FUMC Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:45-7:15 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions Central Presbyterian Church SAN Room 213 SAN Balcony SAN Choir Room
		15 Thu	“Feed My People” Breakfast “Feed My People” Breakfast Worship	4:45-7:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m.	FLC FLC Garrison Chapel
		17 Sat	FreeStore Third Saturday Day of Service: Community First! Village	8:45-11:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Memorial UMC, 6100 Berkman 9301 Hog Eye Road

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 18, SUNDAY

Manna Bag Sale . 9:30-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

Our 4th and 5th graders show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

“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

Contemplative Service . 9:30 a.m. EDU 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. This 30 to 40 minute service is offered to beginners and experienced practitioners of mindfulness meditation.

Intergenerational 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.

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, AND 23, SUNDAY

Advent Sunday School Study . 10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Pastor Cathy Stone leads a four-week Advent study of *Home for Christmas: Tales of Hope & Second Chances* which brings inspiring stories of hope and second chances into the Advent season. Author and pastor Justin Coleman matches real life stories of struggle and triumph to the Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace to show how the light of Christmas shines brightly even in hard times. Throughout the study, Coleman captures the stories of formerly incarcerated men and women as they find work and opportunity through Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. These men and women share memories and experiences in light of the hope and new life they have experienced at Homeboy. Join us to explore ways to be on the lookout for hope and second chances this Advent season. Register at fumcaustin.org/adventstudy.

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 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.

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.

DECEMBER 2, SUNDAY

Christmas Caroling with Children’s Choir Assisted Living Facility

All voices—young and old—are invited to spread Christmas cheer through song! Join our Children’s Choir in singing Christmas carols and visiting with residents. This is a great opportunity for families. We will practice right before we go to visit with residents. Song sheets provided. Dress holiday festive! For more information, contact Roxie Garza at roxie@fumcaustin.org.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

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.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Marilyn Bettis; Hadley Fuerst; Nancy Lewis; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Andrea Peck; Carsen Russell; Bruce Venno; Jessica Wisko; and Dan Wood.

Concolences

To Teresa Baker on the death of her mother, Barbara Baker and to Steve Tackett on the death of friend, Kent Buesing

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Craig Blome's and Tamra Golden's grandmother, Dorothy Carter; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Janet Camp's sister, Nancy; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Dixie Evatt's cousin, Darla Schultz, and friends, Johnnie and DeDe Demoss; Jimmie Sue Francis' friend, Donna Hawkins; George Gaston's friend, Ginny White; Tina Hester's father, David Hester; Mary Higgs' friend, Lillian Coil; Patty Kane's cousin, Toni Carbone Batten; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Sue Norris' aunt, Charlotte Wilson; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Delia Peters' brother, Robert Ybarra; Joe Sachritz' co-worker, Janet Sanchez; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Tabatha Stephens' daughter, Shiloh Stephens; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Patrick Thoma's friend, Marco; Laura Velez' friend, Sue Jane Smith; Ann Venno's niece, Stacy Workman; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.



We all know the main characters—Jesus, Mary, Joseph, a donkey—but what about the lesser-known characters of the Christmas story? You know, the ones standing outside the stable—who are they and how does their journey of waiting, struggling, and proclaiming speak to us as we, too, await the birth of hope in a dark time? Join us in worship this Advent as we sidle up with the supporting cast and watch what God is about to do.

December 2: Caesar Augustus

December 9: Zechariah

December 16: The Angels

December 23: The Innkeeper
Preacher: Reverend John McMullen

December 24: The Shepherds

December 30: Simeon

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars now for these opportunities to gather with your church family.

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

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4:00 p.m., SAN Wesley Hall

DECEMBER 2-23, SUNDAYS
Advent Sunday School Study
10:00 a.m., SAN Wesley Hall

DECEMBER 2, SUNDAY
Christmas Caroling with Children's Choir

DECEMBER 8, SATURDAY
Kids' Day Out
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., EDU Room 102

DECEMBER 16, SUNDAY
FUMC Choir Presentation
9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Children's Choir Presentation
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Christmas Party
4:30-7:00 p.m., FLC

DECEMBER 20, THURSDAY
Blue Christmas Service
7:00 p.m., EDU Murchison Chapel

DECEMBER 24, MONDAY
Feed My People Christmas Breakfast
6:30 a.m., FLC Great Hall

Feed My People Christmas Eve Worship
8:00 a.m., FLC Garrison Chapel

Christmas Eve Noon Service
12:00 p.m., EDU Murchison Chapel

Christmas Eve Family Service
4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
6:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary