

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS AT FUMC



National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 10-18, is sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless. During the month of November, FUMC is working to raise awareness about the pressing problem of hunger and homelessness with educational and service opportunities.

NOVEMBER 13 AND 27

Book Study: *Evicted*

7:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

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). Register at fumcaustin.org/evicted.

NOVEMBER 17, SATURDAY

Service Day at 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. All volunteers must also complete a waiver directly with Community First! Village. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/serviceday.

NOVEMBER 18, SUNDAY

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Third Sunday

Teams prepare sandwiches in our kitchen and take them to hungry people in Austin. Each third Sunday, we have a team open to first-timers of all ages to give this ministry a try. Volunteers may serve on the Make-Ready Team (4:00 to 5:00 p.m.), the Truck Team (5:00 to 6:30 p.m.), or both! Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

Manna Bag Sale

Our 4th and 5th graders show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. These bags are filled with a nutritious meal, a new pair of socks, and a note asking for God's blessing on the recipient. You may purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

NOVEMBER 27, TUESDAY

Feed My People Breakfast

Come experience this ministry that serves breakfast to 250 of our homeless guests. To volunteer, preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins at 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up begins before 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.

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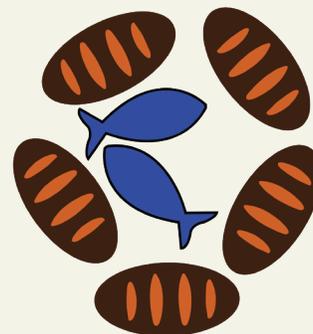
Cold Weather Shelter for Women

During the winter months, FUMC provides shelter for up to 25 women on Tuesday nights when the predicted overnight low is expected to be 35 degrees and wet or 32 degrees and dry. We have shifts to welcome and greet our guests, provide/serve dinner, and act as overnight hosts. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/cold-weather-shelter.

NOVEMBER

MISSION EMPHASIS

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)



Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month is a time for us to reflect on what we are thankful for, a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, and to work toward a world where no one has to experience hunger or homelessness.

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. Each year, our downtown truck provides over 26,000 hearty meals with the help of more than 350 dedicated volunteers. It will cost over \$67,000 to fund this ministry for the next 365 days.

Please give generously as we try to make a difference for our friends living on the streets. You may leave gifts, marked "MLF," at the communion rail or you may send them to or bring them by the church office. For more information, contact Scott Wilder at swilder21@gmail.com or 512-971-1525.

NOW-NOVEMBER 25
Food Drive for Caritas



Caritas of Austin

Ending Homelessness Together.

Help fight hunger by bringing canned goods to church! 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 people are transitioning out of homelessness. Together with their other services, food assistance builds a strong foundation as people work toward their life goals. When you are struggling to make ends meet and must choose between putting food on the table and paying the electric bill, weekly groceries bring great relief to families. We are collecting some of their most needed items throughout November:

- Canned Ham
- Canned Spinach
- Cooking Oil (12 oz)
- Dry Cereals
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Salt (24 oz)
- Oatmeal
- 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 Murchison Chapel, Sanctuary, and Family Life Center.

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS AROUND AUSTIN

NOVEMBER 11, SUNDAY

Red, White, and Blues 512

4:00-8:00 p.m. Stubb's Waller Creek Amphitheater

Red, White, and Blues 512: House Our Heroes Blues Festival, a fundraiser created to help veterans experiencing homelessness, was founded by a small group of friends who were inspired by the collaborative efforts happening in Austin to end veteran homelessness. This year's event features The Nightowls, Black Pumas, Shinyribs, and Samantha Fish.

NOVEMBER 14, WEDNESDAY

Community Conversation: Ending Youth Homelessness

12:00-1:00 p.m. Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane

Austin is ready to end youth homelessness together! Come learn about this innovative new program at this Community Conversation and be part of the community-wide strategy to end youth homelessness. Speakers from Caritas of Austin, LifeWorks, and SAFE Alliance will share information about Austin's Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness, answer your questions, and help you find ways to get involved. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so RSVP at fumcaustin.org/communityconversation.

NOVEMBER 18, SUNDAY

26th Annual Homeless Memorial Sunrise Service

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We will read the names of all the homeless people who died in Austin over the past year at this one hour service. The Homeless Memorial is located at South First Street and Riverside Drive, 75 yards west of the Fanny Davis Gazebo and about 75 yards east of the Stevie Ray Vaughn statue. There should be plenty of parking at the parking area which you can access from 900 Riverside Drive. Once you park, simply walk to the river and turn left. You will see us gathering on the right at the Homeless Memorial.

NOVEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY

ThunderCloud Subs Turkey Trot

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Long Center

Join ThunderCloud Subs and thousands of participants for Austin's favorite Thanksgiving tradition. The ThunderCloud Subs Turkey Trot features a five-mile run, one-mile walk, and a Kids K. One hundred percent of the proceeds are donated to Caritas of Austin. Sign up to volunteer or participate at <http://www.caritasofaustin.org/events/turkey-trot/>.

JANUARY 26, SATURDAY

Point in Time Count

Each year, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) plans and leads the Point in Time Count, an annual census of people experiencing homelessness. Data from this census contribute to local and national efforts to end homelessness. Over 500 Point in Time Count General Volunteers will cover all of the Travis County geographic area at a single point in time to talk with persons experiencing homelessness to conduct a survey that helps ECHO better understand the scope of unsheltered homelessness in our community. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old. ECHO is a coalition of stakeholders that plans, develops, prioritizes, and implements systemic, community-wide strategies to end homelessness in Austin and Travis County. Let's join ECHO in this critical activity for understanding and planning homeless services in Austin and Travis County. Together, we can end homelessness in our community! Registration now open at <http://www.austinecho.org/pointintime/>. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).