

# FUMC Weekly

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### 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 to the church office before the end of November.

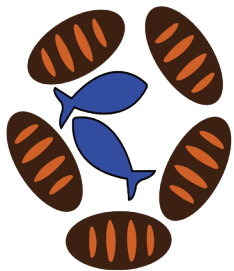
### INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT PARTY

**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!

### 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](mailto:swilder21@gmail.com) or 512-971-1525.

## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

**DECEMBER 1,  
NEXT SATURDAY**

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

**DECEMBER 2,  
NEXT SUNDAY**

**Advent Sermon Series:  
"Waiting in the Wings" Begins  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Advent Sunday School Study:  
"Home for Christmas" Begins  
10:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Caroling with  
Children's Choir  
12:45 p.m.**

*For more information about these  
and other Advent opportunities,  
see the enclosed insert.*

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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

## DECEMBER

- 1 Decorating and Holiday Stroll**  
4:00-9:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
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- 2 Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Collection Bins  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Advent Sunday School Study**  
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall  
**Christmas Caroling with Children's Choir**  
12:45 p.m. Brookdale Senior Living Facility  
**Conversations on Racial Justice**  
4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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- 3 Charge Conference**  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Church, 4001 Speedway
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- 8 Kids' Day Out**  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EDU Room 102
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- 9 Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Collection Bins  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**"We Are Blood" Donation Drive**  
9:00-11:30 a.m. Bloodmobile, Parking Lot  
**Advent Sunday School Study**  
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall  
**Social Media 101**  
12:30-2:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
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- 15 FreeStore Third Saturday**  
8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
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- 16 Cookie Collection for Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Collection Bins  
**Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Collection Bins  
**Sanctuary Worship Services with FUMC Choir Presentation**  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Manna Bag Sale**  
9:30-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk

- Advent Sunday School Study**  
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall  
**Children's Choir Presentation**  
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen  
**Engage Christmas Party**  
4:30-7:00 p.m. FLC

- 20 Blue Christmas Service**  
7:00 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

- 23 Cookie Collection for Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Collection Bins  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Advent Sunday School Study**  
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

- 24 "Feed My People" Christmas Eve Breakfast**  
6:30 a.m. FLC  
**"Feed My People" Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
8:00 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel  
**Christmas Eve Noon Worship Service**  
12:00 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Church Office Closes for Christmas Holiday**  
1:00 p.m.  
**Christmas Eve Family Worship Service**  
4:00 p.m. Sanctuary  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services**  
6:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m. Sanctuary

- 25 Church Office Closed**  
Merry Christmas!

- 26 Church Office Closed**  
Christmas Holiday

- 27 Church Office Closed**  
Christmas Holiday

<b>WEEK THIS</b>	<b>25 Sun</b>	<b>Food Drive for Caritas</b> <b>Intergenerational Advent Party</b> <b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>	Collection Bins 10:00-10:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary and FLC FLC Great Hall Various Locations
	<b>26 Mon</b>	<b>Prodigal Sons Men's Group</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	<b>27 Tue</b>	<b>"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast</b> <b>Book Study: Evicted</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m.	FLC FLC Room 103
	<b>28 Wed</b>	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b> <b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b> <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>FUMC Christmas 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
	<b>29 Thu</b>	<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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW-DECEMBER 9

### Books Needed for Pickle Elementary

Our next Book Sale is Friday, December 14 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Clean off shelves in time for Christmas and donate gently used or new books to FUMC's 25-cent sale. Kids love dinosaurs, animals and insects, monsters, fairytale, adventure, mystery, sports, and exploration books. Only current titles or popular classics please. Spanish language books especially appreciated. Donations of books may be left in SAN Room 217 located behind the Library or in bins off the foyer. Consider donating gift cards from Savers. To sort or sell for an hour or two contact Bergan Casey at [bergan.casey@gmail.com](mailto:bergan.casey@gmail.com).

DECEMBER 2, SUNDAY

### 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. For December 2,

we are listening to two episodes from *Scene on Radio Podcast's* "Seeing White" Series on our own and then we will discuss together. Listen to and come prepared to discuss Episodes 33 and 34 (Part 3 and 4 at [www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white](http://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white)). For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org). Register at [fumcaustin.org/conversations](http://fumcaustin.org/conversations). Reserve childcare at [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org) by Thursday, November 29.

DECEMBER 3, MONDAY

### Charge Conference . 7:00 p.m. Trinity Church, 4001 Speedway

This annual business meeting of the church will be shared with Life in the City, St. John's, St. Luke's, University, and hosted by Trinity Church. Church leadership is expected to attend to approve the key action items (Nominations, Clergy Compensation, and various reports) and then spend time with the District Superintendent in learning and conversation.

DECEMBER 9, SUNDAY

### Blood Donation Drive . 9:00-11:30 a.m. Bloodmobile, Parking Lot



Blood donations have long been considered one of the easiest volunteer actions a person could make. Where else can you lay back for a few minutes and make a huge difference for others and receive juice and cookies for your efforts? The holiday season is a critical time for blood donations and it would be great to get a big response from our church family. Schedule an

appointment at [fumcaustin.org/blood](http://fumcaustin.org/blood) or call Craig at 512-206-1316.

### Social Media 101 . 12:30-2:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter...these social media tools kids use as second nature but, for many of us, social media can be intimidating. Learn how to use Facebook and Instagram with hands on help. Bring a brown bag and a smartphone. Presented by Trevor Harper and Bergan Casey.

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

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews  
using submission form at [fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WHEN NEEDED

### Cold Weather Shelter for Women Tuesday Nights FLC

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 overnight hosts. Sign up at [fumcaustin.org/cold-weather-shelter](http://fumcaustin.org/cold-weather-shelter).

NOVEMBER 27, 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.

DECEMBER 15, SATURDAY

### FreeStore Third Saturday 8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym 6100 Berkman

Sort, organize, and shelf 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.

DECEMBER 16, 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](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

## CHURCH NEWS

### GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our Mercy & Justice Ministry in memory of Cathy Stone's father, Wilton Stone, given by William and Bonnie Bennett.
- To our Ministry Plan in memory of Marijo Hartman's father, Joe Rector, given by Sally Watkins.
- To our Reconciling Ministry in memory of Tina Hester's father, David Hester, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

### 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](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR

**7:00-8:30 p.m. FUMC Choir Room, Colorado 3 Street Entrance**

Have you thought about singing with our FUMC Choir but were not sure how to get started? Have we got a deal for you! Join us for our Christmas music season! Come to three rehearsals on Wednesdays, November 28 and December 5 and 12, and then be part of the Christmas music program at both services on Sunday, December 16. To participate in this music program, you must attend all three of the rehearsals. Come join the fun and make a joyful noise with us!

## SAVE THE DATE

**JANUARY 27-29**

### Texas Legislative Event

Sponsored by all five Conference United Methodist Women organizations in the State of Texas, this 31st Annual Legislative Event is open to anyone, whether a member of UMW or not, who wants to learn about and participate in public policy. The program includes speakers on key issues, breakout sessions by congressional district, workshops, and legislative visits to the Capitol. For information contact, Sandy Wilder at [swilder@texas.net](mailto:swilder@texas.net).

**FEBRUARY 8**

### Women's Slumber Party

Women of the church and our guests will share dinner, fellowship, fun, games, good conversation, movies, snacks, and maybe sleep. Registration will begin after January 1, 2019, but please mark your calendars now! Also, if you would be interested in helping with planning, contact Ann Young at [annyoung73@gmail.com](mailto:annyoung73@gmail.com) or 512-517-2212.

**JULY 22-26**

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We will go to Mars and Beyond this year. Adult and youth volunteers, please mark your calendars so you can join us for this awesome ride. Registration and more information coming soon.

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

#### *Health*

Marilyn Bettis; Gussie Fallon; Hadley Fuerst; Nancy Lewis; Elizabeth Lerner; Gene and Charlotte Lyerly; Andrea Peck Bruce Venno; and Dan Wood.

#### *Condolences*

To Delia Peters on the death of her brother, Robert Ybarra.

#### *Other*

California wildfires and travel mercies for all who are traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday.

### 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 Willet; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Sue Norris' aunt, Charlotte Wilson; Joy Paluska's friend, Cartlin; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Lee Sloan's friend, Melvin Granke; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Kathy Tullos' friend, Anne Smith; Ann Thurman's granddaughter, Angela; Christie Wilson's friend, Carlena; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink, and brother, Marc Wink; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.