

FUMC Weekly

DECEMBER 2, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

SOCK DRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE BREAKFAST

Foyer and Family Life Center

Place sock donations for our Christmas Eve Breakfast in the collection bins. We are collecting socks through December 16.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

12:45 p.m. Brookdale Senior 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 at 4401 Spicewood Springs Road. We will practice right before we go to visit with residents.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Pastor Cathy Stone leads a 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.

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 to discuss and learn more about racial oppression, issues of whiteness and racism, and other topics through videos, podcasts, and short articles.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We get to join God in changing lives each year through our Christmas Offering, a gift to which we contribute, beyond our regular giving. This year, our offering will go toward two efforts—one local and the other global. First, we will contribute locally toward the work of Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON), a hospitality ministry of the United Methodist Church that welcomes immigrants by providing free or low-cost, expert immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Second, we will contribute globally through our apportionments, the gift we make to support the wider ministry of the United Methodist Church. For more information, see the enclosed insert.

DECEMBER 9, SUNDAY
"WE ARE BLOOD"
DONATION DRIVE



Sign up today!

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 or call Craig at 512-206-1316.

9:00-11:30 a.m.
Bloodmobile, Parking Lot

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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

- 9 Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Breakfast**
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
Deadline to Order Christmas Poinsettias
12:00 p.m. tami@fumcaustin.org
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 Breakfast**
Collection Bins
Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Breakfast
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 Breakfast**
Collection Bins
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Advent Sunday School Study
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
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- 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
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- 25 Church Office Closed**
Merry Christmas!
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- 26 Church Office Closed**
Christmas Holiday
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- 27 Church Office Closed**
Christmas Holiday
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- 30 Sanctuary Worship Services**
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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| K E E W | 2 Sun | Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Breakfast | Collection Bins | Sanctuary and FLC |
| | | Advent Sunday School Study | 10:00 a.m. | SAN Wesley Hall |
| | | Sunday School Classes for All Ages | 10:00 a.m. | Various Locations |
| | | Christmas Caroling with Children’s Choir | 12:45 p.m. | Brookdale Senior Living Facility |
| W S I H | 3 Mon | Prodigal Sons Men’s Group | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | FLC Room 103 |
| | | Charge Conference | 7:00 p.m. | Trinity Church, 4001 Speedway |
| | 4 Tue | “Feed My People” Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | FLC |
| | 5 Wed | Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews | 9:00 a.m. | fumcaustin.org/submissions |
| S I H | | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. | SAN Room 213 |
| | | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 5:45-7:15 p.m. | SAN Balcony |
| | | FUMC Christmas Choir Rehearsal | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | SAN Choir Room |
| H T | 6 Thu | “Feed My People” Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | FLC |
| | | “Feed My People” Breakfast Worship | 6:30 a.m. | FLC Garrison Chapel |
| | 8 Sat | Kids’ Day Out | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | EDU Room 102 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 8, SATURDAY

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

While parents enjoy a morning out, children play, eat pizza, make holiday crafts, decorate gingerbread houses, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through fourth graders on a first-come basis. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Make reservations at fumcaustin.org/kids-day-out no later than December 5.

DECEMBER 9, SUNDAY

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. Just in time to post holiday photos, learn how to use Facebook and Instagram with hands on help. Bring a brown bag lunch and a smartphone. Presented by Trevor Harper and Bergan Casey.

DECEMBER 16, SUNDAY

FUMC Choir Presentation . 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Christmas is coming and music is in the air! Come sing praise to God and celebrate through the gifts of others through a special musical offering by our FUMC Choir. You will be blessed!

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

Through dramatic role playing and traditional Christmas carols, we will celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Engage Christmas Party . 4:30-7:00 p.m. Family Life Center

All youth are invited to come celebrate together for our last Engage of the year. There will be food, games, music, and a white elephant exchange. Bring a gift that costs \$10 or less.

DECEMBER 20, THURSDAY

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

How come I don't feel it? In the midst of the wonder and expectation of Advent, many of us might feel out of step with the joy and excitement of Christmas. Some of us have lost loved ones or face the "happy" holidays feeling blue with grief or depression. Senior Pastor Taylor Fuerst leads this special worship service on the longest night to acknowledge our grief and longing for hope.

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

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using submission form at 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 30 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.

DECEMBER 15, 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.

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.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISM



Branson Edgar Hornsby, son of Chris and Veronica Hornsby, was baptized into Christian discipleship on Sunday, November 18.

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED

Want to be a greeter or usher? Join our team that continues to make FUMC one of the most welcoming congregations in Austin. Serving as an usher or greeter is an excellent opportunity to meet other members, make new friends, and welcome visitors to FUMC. Your commitment would only be one Sunday a month at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service from January-June 2019. To sign up or for more information, contact Richard Bettis at richard.bettis44@gmail.com or 512-343-2361.

NOW-DECEMBER 9

Books Needed for Pickle Elementary Book Sale

Our next Book Sale is Friday, December 14, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donate gently used or new books. 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.

NOW-JANUARY 6

Children's Christmas Giving

In the spirit of Christmas giving, our Children's Ministry Team invites children to bring a small to medium new or gently used stuffed animal to church to be given to the residents of The Villa at Marbridge. Donations can be placed at the Children's Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary Foyer now through January 6. A date to deliver the stuffed animals and enjoy fellowship with the residents of The Villa at Marbridge will be scheduled in the new year. For more information, contact Erin Scarth at erin.scarth@gmail.com.

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).

FUMC IS HIRING

With Tom Mays retiring in early 2019, FUMC is looking for a new Director of Finance to help us fulfill our mission. Perhaps you know someone with Accounting and HR expertise who would be a great fit! Candidates can find information about the position at fumcaustin.org/hiring.

NEW MEMBERS



Kevin and Suzin Healy and Jonathan, Isabelle, and Alexa Polenz joined on Sunday, November 25.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

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

Congratulations

To Zac and Sarah Whitley on the birth of David Phillip Whitley.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Gene Lyerly on his death.

Other

California wildfires and college and high school students in finals.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Sammy Huffaker's friend, Bill Shults; Don Mayfield's cousin-in-law, Laura Webb, and her baby, Larson; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Chip Morris' cousin, Ruth Bennett, and friend, Joe Long; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler; Barbara Ruth's mother, Jewel Ruth; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whitley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Bill Pampe on his death.