

WELCOME

Join us in the life of the church



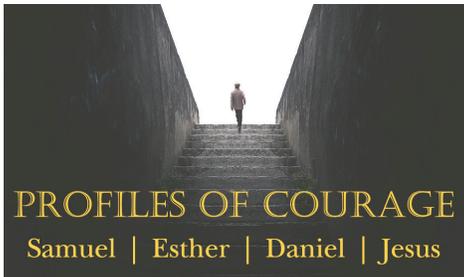
DECEMBER 24, 2018

We are thankful you have chosen to worship with us on Christmas Eve and pray that you experience the presence of Emmanuel, God with us! Below are opportunities to get involved.

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

Sermons are biblically centered, seeking to uplift, inform, and challenge us to be faithful disciples who make a difference in our world. Reverend Taylor Fuerst is the principal preacher, where United Methodist tradition is in dialogue with contemporary issues. Holy Communion is celebrated every week at the 9:00 a.m. worship service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Childcare is provided for children five and under and a Family Room is available for parents to attend to their infant or toddler needs while still participating in worship.

Worship Series Begins January 13



PROFILES OF COURAGE
Samuel | Esther | Daniel | Jesus

J. R. R. Tolkien taught us that “courage is found in unlikely places.” In the coming new year, with a legislative session looming at the State Capitol, a watershed General Conference on the docket for the United Methodist Church, and countless other moments of high stakes and crucial decisions before each of us, how do we find

courage? Is it within us? Join us for worship in January as we reflect on stories of courageous people in both the Bible and modern history, drawing from their faithful example to find our way through challenging times.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES . 10:00 a.m.

Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Most are a mixture of single and married people.

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YOUTH

Our program provides worship, trips, retreats, fun nights, and Bible studies for youth grades 6th-12th. During Sunday School, our students participate in discussions about the Bible and current events. On Sunday evenings from 4:30-7:00 p.m. we gather for Engage, a night of activities, games, songs, and conversation followed by a meal.

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CHILDREN

Our program nurtures and guides children in community with God, their families, and their peers by providing a safe environment for them to learn God’s love and share it with others to make the world a better place. Our key activities next year include: Kids’ Night Out (Fridays, 6:00-9:00 p.m., January 11, February 8, April 12, and May 10); Children’s Choir (Sundays, 12:15-1:00 p.m., beginning January 6; Easter Egg Festival (April 20, 9:30-11:00 a.m.); and Vacation Bible School (July 22-26, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

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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.

You can make your donation anytime between now and the end of the year by marking your gift “Christmas Offering” and dropping it in the offering plate or going online at fumcaustin.org/christmasoffering.

JANUARY 6, SUNDAY

Epiphany Party

10:00 a.m.

FLC Great Hall



Start the new year by celebrating Christ's light in the world with your church family—all ages and stages! Children and youth will not have regular Sunday School classes so bring the whole family. Want to get involved? Bring breakfast food items to share or bake Epiphany muffins. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/epiphany.

JANUARY 13-FEBRUARY 3

Baby Steps

Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

SAN Room 215

Baby Steps is a four-week series of discussion-based classes designed to equip parents/guardians with practical tools to help them engage spiritually with children in their first five years of life. This parenting class is led by our own Lara Greene, Director of Children's Ministries. Register at fumcaustin.org/babysteps.

JANUARY 15-FEBRUARY 26

The Heart of Christianity

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FLC Room 103

Join Curt Ashmos in a discussion-based study of this book by Marcus Borg. Borg offers a practical guide to thinking about God, Jesus, the Bible, faith, and Christian practice. He shows how faith in God and Jesus has never really been about believing certain propositions but rather about a dynamic relationship. He shows that being "born again" is at the center of Christian life and that the "kingdom of God" is a matter of transforming society into real world values of justice and love. And that the Christian life is essentially about opening one's heart—to God and to others. *The Heart of Christianity* may be purchased on Amazon or at BookPeople. Register at fumcaustin.org/heart-of-christianity.

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An invitation to upcoming events

JANUARY 20, SUNDAY

Financial Peace University Information Session

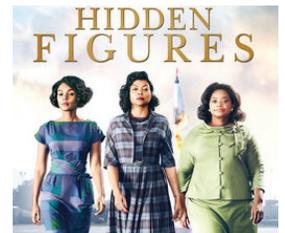
12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Come learn about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, watch an introductory video, and pick up your materials for class beginning on Tuesday, January 22.

Hidden Figures Movie Night and Discussion

5:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary

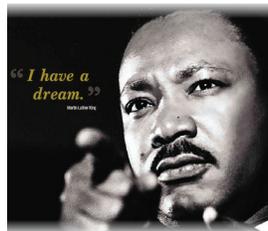
Our Mercy & Justice Team and youth invite you to watch this film about some lesser known heroes of the Civil Rights Era. In support of the upcoming MLK March the following day, we will collect canned goods and/or non-perishable food items to be donated to the Central Texas Food Bank. Childcare is available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org. To register or for more information visit fumcaustin.org/movienight.



JANUARY 21, MONDAY

MLK Day Community March

9:00 a.m. MLK Statue, UT Campus



The Annual Community March celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy while uplifting diversity and multi-culturalism in our city. Following a short program at the MLK Statue, we will march to the historic Huston-Tillotson University, where exciting activities are planned. We can arrange carpools. Contact Terri Purdy at terri.sohn@gmail.com or Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org.

JANUARY 22-MARCH 19, TUESDAYS

Financial Peace University

6:30-8:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

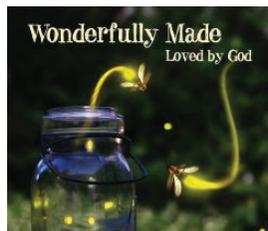
What if you had an emergency fund, were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions for your family's future? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. Freedom from debt is part of being free to follow Christ. Join Pastor Michael Mumme for this personal finance class with a faith perspective. Register at fumcaustin.org/financial-peace-university.



FEBRUARY 2-3, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Pre-Teen Sexuality Workshop: *Wonderfully Made*

FLC Great Hall



The pre-teen years are tough. Changes are happening to bodies, minds, and emotions which make it hard to know exactly what is going on. And what hard topics to try and discuss with Mom and Dad. *Wonderfully Made* provides kids ages 10-12 the opportunity to ask questions about growing up and get faith-based answers. The curriculum covers physical development and spiritual connection while helping pre-teens establish a foundation for their life in Christ. Register online at fumcaustin.org/preteenworkshop.