

# FUMC Weekly

DECEMBER 9, 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.

### "WE ARE 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? Walk-ins welcome.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

**16 Cookie and Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Breakfast**  
Collection Bins  
**Chapel Worship Service**  
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**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  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Advent Sunday School Study**  
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

**24 Church Office Closed**  
Christmas Holiday  
**"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  
**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!

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Christmas Holiday

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Christmas Holiday

**30 Sanctuary Worship Services**  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Service Project Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

## JANUARY

**1 Church Office Closed**  
Happy New Year!

### SIGN UP FOR 2019 ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flower dates for 2019 are being filled, so now is the time to sign up. 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. Contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

K E E W	9 Sun	<b>Sock Collection for Christmas Eve Breakfast</b>	Collection Bins	Sanctuary and FLC
		<b>"We Are Blood" Donation Drive</b>	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Bloodmobile, Parking Lot
		<b>Advent Sunday School Study</b>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		<b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		<b>Deadline to Order Christmas Poinsettias</b>	12:00 p.m.	<a href="mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org">tami@fumcaustin.org</a>
		<b>Social Media 101</b>	12:30-2:00 p.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
	10 Mon	<b>Prodigal Sons Men's Group</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	11 Tue	<b>"Feed My People" Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
S I H	12 Wed	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b>	9:00 a.m.	<a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a>
		<b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 213
		<b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b>	5:45-7:15 p.m.	SAN Balcony
		<b>FUMC Christmas Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room
	13 Thu	<b>"Feed My People" Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		<b>"Feed My People" Breakfast Worship</b>	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
T	15 Sat	<b>FreeStore Third Saturday</b>	8:45-11:00 a.m.	Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 16, 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.

**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.

DECEMBER 23, SUNDAY

**Contemplative Worship Service . 9:00 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.

DECEMBER 24, MONDAY

**"Feed My People" Christmas Eve Breakfast . 6:30 a.m. FLC**

Our guests enjoy coffee and Christmas music beginning at 6:30 a.m., breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Many in our congregation have made this volunteer opportunity a significant part of their Christmas season. Spaces fill fast, so sign up now at [fumcaustin.org/christmasevebreakfast](http://fumcaustin.org/christmasevebreakfast).

**"Feed My People" Christmas Eve Service . 8:00 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel**

All are welcome to gather for an early morning Christmas Eve Service immediately following the Breakfast. This casual service is a great way to celebrate Christ's birth through hymns, a short message with conversation, and Holy Communion.

DECEMBER 30, SUNDAY

**Service Project Sunday . 10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall**

Let us end the year caring for our neighbors! All ages and stages are invited to gather for conversation and projects that will make a difference in the world.

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

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

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](http://fumcaustin.org/cold-weather-shelter).

## CHURCH NEWS

### 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](mailto:richard.bettis44@gmail.com) or 512-343-2361.

### END-OF-YEAR GIVING REMINDER

Our church office will be closed December 24-28, but we will be open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on December 31 to accept year-end gifts. Please note that IRS regulations require that contributions for 2018 must be mailed and postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. Contributions received after January 1 or in the mail and postmarked in 2019 will be recorded as 2019 gifts.

### THE GIFT OF MUSIC



Our FUMC Sanctuary Bells performed carols at the Dell Children's Blood and Tissue Center Christmas Party on December 3. According to Shirley Derryberry, "There was a little distraction. The Grinch was warded off by Ann Teich. One of the sweetest moments was the bells ringing the accompaniment to *Silent Night* while singing the melody and seeing the audience joining in. What a joyous day."

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

#### Health

Madison Austin; Melissa Biegert; Debbie Block; Jeanne Craig; Gussie Fallon; Hadley Fuerst; Nancy Lewis; Elizabeth Lerner; Charlotte Lyerly; Melanie Miller; Alleen Muenzler; Andrea Peck; Bruce Venno; and Dan Wood.

#### Congratulations

To Jerry and Merry Rightmer's son, Justin Rightmer, on his marriage to Catlie Downs.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Judy Funke's friend, Diane Hambrook; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce, and brother, Ted; Melanie Greene's friends, the Stephens family; Sydney Head's cousin, Jennifer Merrill; Gilbert Hernandez' aunts, Irma and Rosie; Sammy Huffaker's friend, Bill Shults; Charlyn Loera's sister-in-law, Jovlin Serna, and brother-in-law, Sam Serna; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Julie Nelson's sister-in-law, Barbara Burchart; Alice Parrish's son, Max, and friend, Serena Wink; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Merry Rightmer's father, David Rozendal; Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler; Barbara Ruth's mother, Jewel Ruth; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; Tabatha Stephens's friends, the Ocana family; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

## DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

### 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](mailto:erin.scarth@gmail.com).

### DECEMBER 16

#### Sock Collection

We are collecting new, white, adult-sized tube socks to give to our homeless neighbors at our annual Christmas Eve Breakfast. As you are out and about shopping, consider picking up a bag or two of socks. You may place donations in the collection bins located in the foyers of the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Family Life Center on December 16. You may also bring your donations to the church office Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER 16 AND 23

#### Cookie Collection

Cookie bakers are needed to provide guests at the Christmas Eve Breakfast with a treat. Our goal is 300 zipped bags with six cookies each! Make your chocolate chip cookies (NO NUTS) and package six per bag in zipped plastic baggies. We will take a dozen or six dozen! Happy baking! Bring cookies to the church on Sundays, December 16 and 23. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).