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Methodist Church

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FUMC Weekly

DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

COOKIE AND SOCK COLLECTIONS

Foyer and Family Life Center

Place cookie and sock donations for our "Feed My People" Christmas Eve Breakfast in the collection bins.

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. Bags contain nutritious snacks, a pair of socks, and a note with God's blessing. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

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.

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 gift exchange. Bring a gift that costs \$10 or less.

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES THIRD SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. MLF Kitchen

An opportunity for first timers of all ages to give this ministry a try. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (preparing the food and loading the truck) or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (delivering the food to our hungry neighbors around Austin).

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.

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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 20, THURSDAY

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

In the midst of the wonder and expectation of Advent, many might feel out of step with the joy and excitement of Christmas. Some have lost loved ones or face the “happy” holidays feeling blue with grief or depression. Pastor Taylor Fuerst leads this worship service on the longest night to acknowledge grief and longing for hope.

DECEMBER

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

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!

6 Sanctuary Worship Services

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

Epiphany Party

10:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall

Conversations on Racial Justice

4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

11 Friday

Connect for Tweens

6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

Kids’ Club

6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 108

Kids’ Night Out

6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 102

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Cold Weather Shelter for Women When Needed . 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.

K E E W	16 Sun	Cookie and Sock Collection	Collection Bins	Sanctuary and FLC
		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
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	SAN MLF Kitchen
		Engage Christmas Party	4:30-7:00 p.m.	FLC
	17 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men’s Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	18 Tue	“Feed My People” Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
S I	19 Wed	Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	9:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
		Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 213
		FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room
H T	20 Thu	“Feed My People” Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		“Feed My People” Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
		Blue Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.	EDU Murchison Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

“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

All ages and stages are invited to gather for conversation and projects about welcoming others. United Methodist-related Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville welcomes refugees released from detention centers overnight before they continue on their journey. We are collecting belts of all sizes and shoestrings on December 30 to replace those taken when detained, a small token of welcome to our migrant neighbors. All Sunday School classes are invited to participate. There will be no regular Sunday School for children and youth.

JANUARY 6, SUNDAY

Epiphany Party . 10:00 a.m. FLC

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 some breakfast food items to share or bake special Epiphany muffins. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/epiphany.

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. Register at fumcaustin.org/conversations.

JANUARY 11, FRIDAY

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

All 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Connect for Tweens bridges children and youth ministries through building relationships, serving, and helping youth connect with one another and with God during the transitional pre-teen years.

Kids’ Club . 6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU 108

All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are invited to a night of faith building through games, mission projects, a movie, and pizza!

Kids’ Night Out . 6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU 102

While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 1st graders. Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$8 for siblings. Reservations required at childcare@fumcaustin.org no later than the Wednesday prior to the event.

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



Noon Worship Service

12:00 p.m.

EDU Murchison Chapel

For those who are ready to celebrate the birth of Christ early in the day, this traditional service features carols, scripture reading, and Holy Communion. This service is for those who do not want to drive at night and for those whose plans make it impossible to participate in our later services.



Family Worship Service

4:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Experience the traditions of Christmas carols, the Nativity story, Holy Communion, and a candlelit *Silent Night* in this 45-minute worship service designed especially for families with young children. Toward the end of the service, children are invited to enjoy a special treat in Wesley Hall while parents experience time for quiet reflection in the Sanctuary. *Childcare provided.*



Candlelight Worship Services

6:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

These traditional services feature carols, choral offerings, scripture, Holy Communion, and candle lighting to celebrate Christ’s birth. *Childcare provided at the 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. services only.*

CHURCH NEWS

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To our "Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast in memory of David Nicastró's father, given by Noble and Sharon Doss.
- To our Mercy & Justice Ministry in memory of Cathy Stone's father, Wilton Stone, given by James and Joyce Stone.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Cathy Stone's father, Wilton Stone, given by Ed and Jan Berger.
- To our Ministry Plan in honor of Scott Krell, given by Kathleen Malaspina.

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Gabriel Baker; Teresa Baker; Melissa Biegert; Debbie Block; Jeanne Craig; Hadley Fuerst; Nancy Lewis; Charlotte Lyerly; Melanie Miller; Alleen Muenzler; Bruce Venno; and Dan Wood.

Congratulations

To Travis Bias on his marriage to Ashley Ramirez.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Andrea Peck on her death.

Other

The Ben Thoma family for family dog, Wallace; travel mercies for college students returning for the holiday; and the people of Anchorage, Alaska, recovering from an earthquake.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Laurie Barr's friend, Tisha Darey; Randolph and Cheryl Bias' son, Drew, and daughter-in-law, Emily; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Janet Camp's sister, Nancy Willet; Sherry Clark's friend, Monnie Hightower; Peggy Davis' aunt, Mary Lou Ellison; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; Meme Drumwright's colleague, Lucy Atkinson; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce, and brother, Ted; Mack Hicks and Julie Nelson's niece's husband, Lee Trusty; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; Connie Payne's brother, John Bellinghausen; Merry Rightmer's father, David Rozendal; Barbara Ruth's mother, Jewel Ruth; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Sally Taylor's brother, Michael Taylor; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

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.

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.

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.

NOW-DECEMBER 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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).



**THE POINSETTIAS
ARE PLACED BY...**



Mack Adams

In honor of John, Ann, and Mary Alice Adams
In memory of Martha Adams

Tom and Robbie Ausley

In honor of Joe, Kelly, Jenae, and Hunter Flores
In memory of Mary Lee Ausley

Grady Basler and Terry Cornwell

In memory of their parents, Frank and Maxine Basler and Jack and Iona Cornwell

Ed and Jan Berger

In honor of their children: Greg and Jennelle Berger; Emily and Brad Buchanan; and Meredith and Spencer Chambers
In honor of their grandchildren: Carson and Trent Berger; Abby, Will, and Ava Buchanan; and Phillip and Braden Chambers
In memory of Bill and Jerry Berger and Walter and Kathryn Cherry

Betty Bird

In honor of Ruth Howie

Judy Breckbill

In memory of her parents, Balford and Phyllis Breckbill and Ruben and Norma Schapeler

Stan, Bergan, and Peyton Casey

In honor the wonderful church staff
In honor the wonderful preschool staff

Doug and Judy Chambers

In memory of Jan and Vicky Arthur
In memory of Stan and Laura Chambers
In memory of Robert Johnson

Jyl Cole

In honor of Carol Dickerson
In memory of Bob and Donna Flowers

Cooley, Richardson, and Loocke Families

In memory of Charles Edward Cooley and Mary Louise Allen Cooley

Brandon and Kaycee Crisp

In memory of Jim Crisp
In memory of Carole Taylor

Peggy Davis

In memory of Ollie and Margaret Davis

Russell and Linda Deason

In honor of the FUMC choirs
In memory of their grandmothers

Bill and Shirley Derryberry

In honor of the FUMC Choir
In honor of the the Sanctuary Bells
In memory of I. D. and Laura Derryberry and Dave and Delta Ohlhausen



Pete and Jerri Meeker

In honor of Austin and Alexandra Meeker
In honor of Garrett, Courtney, Rebecca, and John Meeker
In honor of Tanua Snyder
In memory of Bob and Barbara Meeker
In memory of Peggy Meeker Boltz
In memory of Charles and Gerald Snyder

Open Door Sunday School Class

In memory of Roselyn Bustin
In memory of Andrea Peck
In memory of Hellen Sullivan

Gary Peck and Family

In memory of Andrea Rose Peck

The Peck Family

In memory of Nora Leta Hargis

Arthur and Chloe Potts

In memory of Dorothy Jane Daniel Potts
In memory of Georgia Sue Turner

Richard and Camille Raycraft

In memory of John and Mildred Pratt and Graham and Bonnie Raycraft

Melanie and Taylor Rush

In memory of their grandmother, Carolyn Friess
In memory of their uncle, Kenneth Johnson

Shirley Sanders

In memory of Ana F. Janer

Ken and Marlene Santos

In honor of Gussie Fallin

Justin and Erin Scarth

In memory of James and Virginia Nickel
In memory of Elvis Parker
In memory of Phillip and Veronica Pohlman
In memory of Jack and Ruth Scarth
In memory of Shana Scarth
In honor of James and Nicholas Scarth

Curt and Debbie Shaw

In memory of Louis and Berniece Berger
In memory of Ken and Ruth Shaw

Kay Sterling

In honor of Scott, Suann, Travis, and Carson Shoemaker

Cathy Stone

In memory of her parents, Wilton and Billye Stone

The Strandwitz Family

In memory of Susan Martin
In memory of Tom Strandwitz, Sr.





Randy and Ann Teich

In honor of the FUMC pastors and staff

In memory of Pat and Eva Hardeman, Charles Teich, and Iris Teich Carpenter

Jan Thompson

In honor and in memory of our veterans

Tucker, Whitney, Haddie, and Charlie Thurman

In honor of Steve and Debbie Brown

In honor of Dee and Linda Monge

In memory of John and Joan Fulton, Dan and Gloria Monge, Mel and Jean Thurman, and Amos and Eunice Williams

In memory of Tim Thurman

George and Jackie Vanderhule

In memory of their parents, Evelyn Miller and George and Juanita Vanderhule

Laura Velez

In memory of her father, Vernon A. Townes, Jr.

In memory of her husband, John M. Velez, Jr.

Suzanne Wacha

In honor of her parents, George and Peggy Wacha

In honor of her precious boys, Breck and Hart Black

The Waggoner Family

In memory of Choc and Marie Gillen

In memory of Catherine Warner

Sally Watkins

In honor of Susan Lorenson and David, Jack, and Adam Watkins

Amy L. Wink

In honor of her father, Weldon E. Wink

In memory of her mother, Winifred Wise Wink

Willie and Jessica Wisko

In memory of Frank and Dorothy Gallaway, Wallace and Dorothy Graves, and Richard MacBeth

In memory of Willie and Ruth Wisko

Cecily Wright

In memory of her father, Charles Alan Wright

Reverend John Wright and Reverend Barbara Ruth

In honor of Jewel Ruth and Jack, Esme, and Teddy Stafford

In memory of John Ruth and Jack and Merlene Wright

Dick and Ann Young

In honor of their 3rd Sunday Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Team

In memory of his brother, Garner Young

In memory of Albert and Nocy Gore

