

FUMC Weekly

DECEMBER 23, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

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

COOKIE COLLECTION

Foyer and Family Life Center

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

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.

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

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.

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

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

JANUARY

1 Tuesday
Church Office Closed
 Happy New Year!

6 Sunday
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

13 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Baby Steps Begins
 10:00 a.m. SAN Room 215

15 Tuesday
The Heart of Christianity Begins
 6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

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

20 Sunday
Chapel Service
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Manna Bag Sale
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Financial Peace University Information Session
 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
Hidden Figures Movie Night and Discussion
 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary

21 Monday
Church Office Closed
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
MLK Day Community March
 9:00 a.m. MLK Statue, UT Campus

22 Tuesday
"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
Financial Peace University Begins
 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

27 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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.

W E E K	23 Sun	Cookie Collection	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
W E E K	24 Mon	Church Office Closed	All Day	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	6:00/8:00/11:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
T H I S	25 Tue	Church Office Closed	All Day	Merry Christmas!
	26 Wed	Church Office Closed	All Day	Christmas Holiday
	27 Thu	Church Office Closed	All Day	Christmas Holiday

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.

“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.

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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.*

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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

BAPTISM



Isabelle Ann Polenz, daughter of Jonathan and Alexa Polenz, was baptized into Christian discipleship on Sunday, December 16.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY CLEANUP

Ever wonder about the nooks and crannies of the FUMC building?

Your chance to experience them firsthand comes on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, when, following the 11:00 a.m. service, we return our beautiful Christmas decorations to their resting places until Advent of 2019.

To help us make the task efficient, you can register at fumcaustin.org/epiphanycleanup to be assigned to a team or just show up and you will be welcomed. All ages welcome. Many hands make light work.

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.

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.

FUM PRESCHOOL RECRUITING NEW FAMILIES

FUMP is currently recruiting new families for the spring semester. We can use your help spreading the word.

FUMP's hours of operation are 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and we have placements for the following age groups:

- M-F, M-W-F, T-TH
Openings for Two's Class
- T-TH
Openings for Three's-Fives Classes

For more information about current openings, refer families to fumcaustin.org/preschool or email preschool@fumcaustin.org.

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

Melissa Biegert; Debbie Block; Jeanne Craig; Hadley Fuerst; Charlotte Lyerly; Melanie Miller; Bruce Venno; and Dan Wood.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Nancy Lewis on her death; to Merry Rightmer on the death of her father, David Rozendal; and to Peggy Davis on the death of her aunt, Mary Lou Ellison.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Laurie Barr's friend, Tisha Darey; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Janet Camp's sister, Nancy Willet; Shirley Derryberry's sister, Marcia Ohlhausen; April Ferrino's mother, Sara Ferrino, and friend, Gloria Hernandez; Nancy Gillett's mother, Joyce, and brother, Ted; Doise Miers' father, Jack Chew; 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 Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Dale Van Horne; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.