

# FUMC Weekly

DECEMBER 30, 2018

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### 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. All Sunday School classes are invited to participate. There will be no regular Sunday School for children and youth.

## NEXT 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](http://fumcaustin.org/epiphany).

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY CLEANUP

Following 11:00 a.m. Worship Service . Sanctuary Main Floor

Ever wonder about the nooks and crannies of the FUMC building? Your chance to experience them firsthand comes today when we return our beautiful Christmas decorations to their resting places until Advent of 2019. To help make the task efficient, register at [fumcaustin.org/epiphanycleanup](http://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.

### 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](http://fumcaustin.org/conversations).

## 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](http://fumcaustin.org/christmasoffering).

# CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 6 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Epiphany Party**  
 10:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall  
**Epiphany Sunday Cleanup**  
 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Main Floor  
**Conversations on Racial Justice**  
 4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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- 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
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- 13 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Baby Steps Begins**  
 10:00 a.m. SAN Room 215
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- 15 Tuesday**  
**The Heart of Christianity Begins**  
 6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103
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- 19 Saturday**  
**FreeStore Third Saturday**  
 8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman
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- 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
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- 21 Monday**  
**Church Office Closed**  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
**MLK Day Community March**  
 9:00 a.m. MLK Statue, UT Campus
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- 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
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- 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](http://fumcaustin.org/cold-weather-shelter).

<b>K</b>	<b>30 Sun</b>	<b>Service Project Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		<b>Sunday School Classes for Adults</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
<b>E</b>	<b>31 Mon</b>	<b>End-of-Year Giving</b>	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Church Office
<b>W</b>	<b>1 Tue</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	All Day	Happy New Year!
<b>H</b>	<b>2 Wed</b>	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b>	9:00 a.m.	<a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a>
<b>I</b>	<b>3 Thu</b>	<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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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! Register at [fumcaustin.org/kno](http://fumcaustin.org/kno) the Wednesday prior to the event.

### 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. Register at [fumcaustin.org/kno](http://fumcaustin.org/kno) the Wednesday prior to the event.

JANUARY 13-FEBRUARY 3, SUNDAYS

### Baby Steps . 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 Lara Greene, Director of Children's Ministries. Register at [fumcaustin.org/babysteps](http://fumcaustin.org/babysteps).

JANUARY 15-FEBRUARY 26, TUESDAYS

### The Heart of Christianity . 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](http://fumcaustin.org/heart-of-christianity).

JANUARY 20, SUNDAY

### Financial Peace University Information Session . 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison

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.

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](http://fumcaustin.org/financial-peace-university).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
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JANUARY 20, SUNDAY

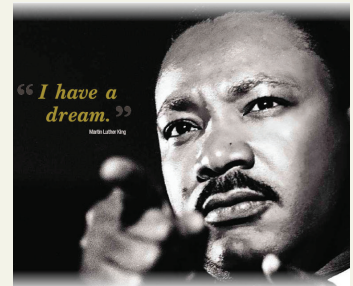
### Hidden Figures Movie Night and Discussion 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary



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 non-perishable food items to be donated to the Central Texas Food Bank. Childcare is available by emailing [childcare@fumcaustin.org](mailto:childcare@fumcaustin.org). To register or for more information visit [fumcaustin.org/movienight](http://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](mailto:terri.sohn@gmail.com) or Devon Bailey at [devon@fumcaustin.org](mailto:devon@fumcaustin.org).

## CHURCH NEWS

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### 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).

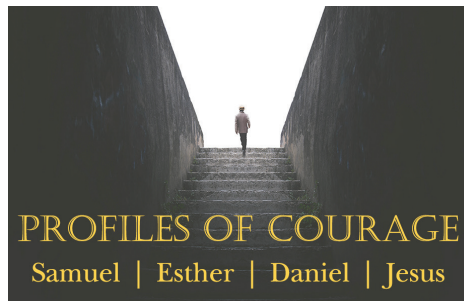
#### SIGN UP FOR 2019 ALTAR FLOWERS

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).

#### END-OF-YEAR GIVING REMINDER

Our church office 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.

#### JANUARY 13, SUNDAY Worship Series Begins



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.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**JANUARY 19, 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.

**JANUARY 20, 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).

**JANUARY 22, TUESDAY**  
**Feed My People**  
**Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**  
**4:45-7:00 a.m.**  
**FLC Great Hall**



We need more volunteers! Come help serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors. Preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins by 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up is finished by 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.