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FUMC Weekly

JANUARY 27, 2019

THIS SUNDAY

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

EXPERIENCES AT THE BROWNSVILLE BORDER

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Marianela Ramirez Watson is a member of the United Methodist Women and has been a long-term aide through the United Methodist-related Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville. She will share first-hand experiences of working with asylum seekers at the border over the last few years and how the experiences have changed, based on needs, changing governmental requirements, etc. We will also hear from FUMC member Noble Doss who traveled to Brownsville for "Courts and Ports" with Texas Impact. This group visited Good Neighbor Settlement House, observed immigration court, and crossed the border into Matamoros, Mexico.

SIGN UP FOR 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 and the available dates for the next several months are February 17 and 24; March 3, 10, 24, and 31; and April 7, 14, and 28. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

FreeStore The FreeStore connects people who need and people who need to give through weekly opportunities to shop for free clothing and small household items. It is a place where people from all walks of life have an opportunity to build relationships. The foundations of this intentionally cross-cultural, multi-racial community lie in the affirmation of God's love for all people. You are invited to support this ministry by donating funds to help with its operation, by donating gently used or new clothing and household items, or by serving anytime it is open. Monetary donations, marked "FreeStore," may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate any Sunday in January. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office. Item donations are received Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00-11:00 p.m. FUMC members serve together each third Saturday, but they would love volunteers on any Wednesday as well. There is something for everyone—children, youth, individuals, and families. The FreeStore is open for shopping on Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00-11:00 a.m. For more information, visit freestoreaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 8-9



REGISTER NOW!

Women of the church and guests share conversation, dinner, fun, games, movies, snacks, and maybe sleep. Bring a sleeping bag and a pillow, air mattress is optional. Dinner and continental breakfast provided. Feel free to bring a traditional slumber party board game and snack. Register at fumcaustin.org/slumberparty.

For those who wish to come for Friday evening only, free childcare is available. Make childcare reservations at fumcaustin.org/kno and note you are attending the slumber party. Also, if you are interested in helping with planning, contact Ann Young at annyoung73@gmail.com or 512-517-2212.

6:00 P.M.-9:30 A.M.
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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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

FEBRUARY

- 3** Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Leadership Kickoff and Charge Conference
 12:15-3:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall
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- 5** Tuesday
Book Study: *White Fragility Begins*
 6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 103
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- 8-9** Friday
Women's Slumber Party
 6:00 p.m.-9:30 a.m. FLC
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- 9** Friday
Connect for Tweens
 6:00-9:00 p.m. SAN Wesley 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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- 10** Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Conversations on Racial Justice
 4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
First Steps Class
 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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- 16** Saturday
FreeStore Third Saturday
 8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

- 17** 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
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
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- 23** Saturday
Sweetheart Dance
 6:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall
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- 24** Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Austin CROP Hunger Walk
 2:00 p.m. Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street
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- 26** Tuesday
"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC

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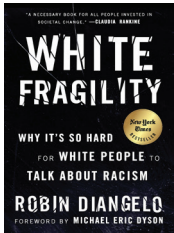
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 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Baptism Class
 12:15 p.m. EDU 108

K	27 Sun	<i>Baby Steps</i>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 215
		Experiences at the Brownsville Border	10:00 a.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
E	28 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
		29 Tue	"Feed My People" Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.
W	30 Wed	<i>The Heart of Christianity</i>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
		Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews	9:00 a.m.	fumcaustin.org/submissions
S	31 Thu	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 215
		Handbell Choir Rehearsal	5:45-7:15 p.m.	SAN Balcony
		FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room
H	1 Fri	"Feed My People" Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		"Feed My People" Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel
T	2 Sat	Pre-Teen Sexuality Workshop: <i>Wonderfully Made</i>		FLC Great Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 5, 12, AND 19

Book Study: *White Fragility* . 6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 103



Join us on Tuesdays as we read and discuss *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. In this “vital, necessary, and beautiful book” (Michael Eric Dyson), antiracist educator DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and “allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to ‘bad people’” (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that

white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. Register at fumcaustin.org/whitefragility.

FEBRUARY 8, FRIDAY

Connect for Tweens . 6:00-9:00 p.m. SAN Wesley 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 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 the Wednesday prior to the event.

FEBRUARY 10, SUNDAY

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.

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

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews
using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

Reserve meeting space and AV equipment by contacting Marilyn Good
at marilyn@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

FEBRUARY 23, SATURDAY



6:00-8:00 p.m.

FLC Great Hall

Celebrate the loving relationships in your life with a fun evening of dancing and fellowship. DJ, door prizes, selfie photo booth, snacks, and memory-making included. Friends, spouses, partners and partners-in-crime, parents, grandparents, and children—all are welcome. Special prizes for most-years-together, best-dressed couple or group, and more. Cost is \$5 per person, with a \$20 maximum per family. For more information or to volunteer to bring sweet treats, contact the Scarths at erin.scarth@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 24, SUNDAY



2:00 p.m. Registration

2:30 Step-off

Camp Mabry

2200 West 35th Street

This family-friendly interfaith community event raises funds for hungry people around the world and here in Austin. This year the CROP Hunger Walk is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first Walk. FUMC was a pioneer in organizing the first Walk in Austin. This is the longest tenured mission project of the congregation. The tradition continues in 2019! Sign up at fumcaustin.org/crop.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISM



Barrett Crisco and his daughter, Charlotte, were baptized into Christian discipleship on Sunday, January 20. They are pictured with his wife, Carly, and son, Cash.

MARCH 3, SUNDAY

Baptism Class

12:15 p.m. EDU 108

Are you ready to have your child Baptized? Pastor Taylor Fuerst and Lara Greene host this class to learn about our beliefs about Baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the Baptized life. This class is required for those preparing for a child's Baptism. To register, indicate your interest on the Connections Card during worship or online at fumcaustin.org/baptismclass. Questions? Email Lara at lara@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Grady Basler; Gussie Fallon; Melanie Miller; Kathy Morales; and Bruce Venno.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Frances Allen on her death.

Other

Federal employees during the government shutdown.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Kathy Calnan's nephew's son, Ronin; Pamela Craig; April Ferrino's mother, Sara; Mary Higgs' friend, Tanua Snyder; Katrina Morales' family; Larry and Della Peters' mother, Ruby Ybarra, and friend, Lucienda Watson; Mimi Raper's friend, Charlyn; Crispin Ruiz's sister-in-law, Gloria; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Greg Trosclair's father, George Trosclair; Dorothy Whitfield's sister, Mary Connell; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

FEBRUARY 3, SUNDAY

Leadership Kickoff Event and Charge Conference

12:15-3:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

During this meeting, we will share lunch, learn some key information about serving in leadership at FUMC, and divide into ministry teams to plan and set goals for the coming year. This meeting also includes approval of our 2019 budget, clergy compensation, and the establishment of a Long-Term Capital Project Fund. Register at fumcaustin.org/chargeconference.

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

- In memory of Nancy Lewis, given by Stan and Bergan Casey; Joe and Kelly Ausley-Flores; Ken and Susan Hensley; and Virginia McCarroll.

GIFTS TO FUMC

- To the CROP Hunger Walk in memory of Wilma Barr, First Church pioneer for Austin CROP Hunger Walk in 1970, given by Howard and Marijo Hartman.
- To the CROP Hunger Walk in honor of Reverend Scott Somers, First Church pioneer for Austin CROP Hunger Walk in 1970, given by Howard and Marijo Hartman.
- To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Ministry in honor of Denise Foster, given by Curtis and Mary Higgs.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

TUTORS NEEDED

Pickle Elementary students need tutors to help finish classroom and homework assignments across subjects. Most of the students are children of Spanish speaking parents who are unable to help because of language and education barriers. If you have 30 minutes each week anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., sign up with Bergan Casey at bergan.casey@gmail.com or 512-656-2515. The school will match you with a student and we will confirm the schedule.

FEBRUARY 16, 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.

FEBRUARY 17, 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.