

FUMC Weekly

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

THIS SUNDAY

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

SIGN UP FOR AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK

Sanctuary Foyer

The Austin CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, February 24, at Camp Mabry. Our participation raises awareness and funds for hungry people both in Austin and across the globe. Be part of our FUMC Team by walking or by making a contribution. For more information, visit fumcaustin.org/crop.

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).

MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

"Feed My People" Breakfast Ministry



FUMC hosts this program of the non-profit organization Foundation for the Homeless, Inc. (FFH) each Tuesday and Thursday, every week of the year. Guests are served a hot breakfast and have the opportunity to shower. As you can imagine, a lot of plates, cups, napkins, cutlery, cleaning supplies, electricity, and water are used. In addition to hosting all the breakfasts, FUMC buys the food and drink for the breakfast on the fourth Tuesday of each month. You are invited to help by donating funds for its operation or by volunteering on fourth Tuesdays. Donations may be left at the altar rail or sent to or brought by the church office.



FEBRUARY 23, SATURDAY

SWEETHEART DANCE

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. Prizes awarded for most-years-together, best-dressed couple/group, and more. First 50 guests will receive a special gift. Cost is \$5 per person, with a \$20 maximum per family. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors. For more information or to volunteer to bring sweet treats, contact the Scarths at erin.scarth@gmail.com.

6:00-8:00 P.M.
FLC GREAT HALL

1201 Lavaca Street | Austin, Texas, 78701 | 512-478-5684 | www.fumcaustin.org

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

24 Sunday

Contemplative Worship Service

9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

Manna Bag Sale

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

Sanctuary Worship Services: Family I Circus

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Austin CROP Hunger Walk

2:00 p.m. Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street

26 Tuesday

“Feed My People” Fourth Tuesday Breakfast

4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC

MARCH

3 Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Services: Family I Circus

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

Baptism Class

12:15 p.m. EDU 108

Conversations on Racial Justice

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

6 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

7:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Ashes To Go

8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot

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12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

10 Sunday

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

Churchwide Lenten Book Study Begins

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

16 Saturday

FreeStore Third Saturday

8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman

Habitat Methodist Build

fumcaustin.org/habitat

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Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday Presentation

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

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| W E E K | 17 Sun | Sunday School Classes for All Ages | 10:00 a.m. | Various Locations |
| | | Children’s Choir Rehearsal | 12:15 p.m. | SAN Room 110 |
| | | Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday | 4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m. | SAN MLF Kitchen |
| W E E K | 18 Mon | Prodigal Sons Men’s Group | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | FLC Room 103 |
| | 19 Tue | “Feed My People” Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | FLC |
| W E E K | 20 Wed | Book Study: <i>White Fragility</i> | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | FLC Room 103 |
| | | Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews | 9:00 a.m. | fumcaustin.org/submissions |
| | | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. | SAN Room 213 |
| | | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 5:45-7:15 p.m. | SAN Balcony |
| T H I S | 21 Thu | FUMC Choir Rehearsal | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | SAN Choir Room |
| | | “Feed My People” Breakfast | 4:45-7:00 a.m. | FLC |
| T H I S | 23 Sat | “Feed My People” Breakfast Worship | 6:30 a.m. | FLC Garrison Chapel |
| | | Sweetheart Dance | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | FLC Great Hall |

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 24, SUNDAY

Contemplative 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.

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.

CROP Hunger Walk . 2:00 p.m. 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 our congregation. The tradition continues in 2019! Sign up or make a donation at the table in the foyer or at fumcaustin.org/crop.

MARCH 3, SUNDAY

Baptism Class . 12:15 p.m. EDU 108

Are you ready to have your child Baptized? Lara Greene, Director of Children's Ministries, and Taylor Fuerst, Senior Pastor, host this class to learn about our beliefs about Baptism, 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 at fumcaustin.org/baptismclass. Questions? Contact Lara at lara@fumcaustin.org.

MARCH 17, SUNDAY

Assemble UMCOR Relief Kits . 10:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the UMC's disaster response agency. When disasters occur, UMCOR is often the first in and last out following a natural disaster. All ages and stages are invited to gather and help assemble UMCOR cleaning and hygiene kits. These

kits assist families and Emergency Response Teams by providing cleaning materials to make homes safe, clean, and habitable following a disaster, and also by providing families who are displaced with necessary toiletries. All Sunday School classes are invited to participate. There will be no regular Sunday School for children and youth. **Please support this opportunity by purchasing one or more of the required items for the relief kits by Sunday, March 10, only using our Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/it1YUAX>. Items will be delivered directly to the church.** Questions? Contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FEBRUARY 26, TUESDAY

Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast 4:45-7:00 a.m.

FLC Great Hall

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.

MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY

Habitat Methodist Build



FUMC will join area Methodist churches for the 2019 Habitat Methodist Build at 7220 Boyle Drive (east Austin off Johnny Morris Road). Our commitment includes a fundraising goal of \$7,500, along with providing ten volunteers for each of the following Saturdays: March 16, April 13, and May 4. If you would like to put your faith into action, sign up at fumcaustin.org/habitat. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (marked "Habitat Build") or made online at fumcaustin.org. For more information, contact Terri Purdy at terri.sohn@gmail.com.

MARCH 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.

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS



Conley and McCall Green, daughters of Eric and Lane Green and sisters of Wilson Green, were baptized into Christian discipleship on Sunday, February 10.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flower dates are being filled, so sign up now. 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 March 3, 10, 24, and 31; April 7 and 28; and May 5, 19, and 26. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Grady Basler; Pamela Craig; Gussie Fallon; Joseph Miers; Melanie Miller; Kathy Morales; and George Smith.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Melissa Biegert's father, Travis Langley; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Herb Canada's daughter, Rita Canada; April Ferrino's mother, Sara Ferrino; Ann Fields' sister-in-law, Cindy Brown; Emily George's friend, Shauna Autry; Nancy Gillett's brother, Ted Lester; Marijo Hartman's friend, Cil; Reverend Earle Lewis' sister, Mary Bost; April Mitchell's friend, Katie Post; Jan Morris' mother, Marian Moore; Mimi Raper's friend, Charlyn Freehill; Larry and Delia Peters' friend, Ron Shorter; Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler; Barbara Ruth's mother, Jewell Ruth; Justin and Erin Scarth's friends, Lisa Whatley and Chad Burnette; Tabatha Stephens' mother, Marilyn Hoisington; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Dorothy Whitfield's sister, Mary Connell; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

TOM MAYS' RETIREMENT



Business Administrator Tom Mays will retire February 28. We celebrate his service of more than four and a half years to First Church. Tom has led us in transparent, accurate financial reporting, adhering to the highest standards of accuracy and privacy in our individual giving, and ensuring the funding of our ministry priorities throughout seasons of growth and celebration.

Help celebrate Tom's ministry by sending a note of thanks or by giving a love offering. Gifts and notes can be given directly to Tom or through FUMC marked "Tom's Gift" and placed in the offering plate, sent to the church office, or given online. (Please note that this type of gift is not considered tax deductible.)

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday Services
7:00 a.m. and 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

We begin our Lenten journey by confronting our own sin and mortality. Ashes remind us that we are going to die; however, they are marked on us in the sign of the cross to assure us of God's love for us.

Ashes to Go
8:00-10:00 a.m.
Church Parking Lot

For those whose schedule prevents them from attending the Sanctuary services, and as a public witness to passers-by, pastors will be outside of the church marking people with ashes.

MARCH 10-APRIL 14

Churchwide Lenten Book Study
10:00 a.m.
Wesley Hall

We will be hosting a churchwide study of *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. The author explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. Register at fumcaustin.org/lentstudy.

Geographic small groups around town will be another option for this study. Registration and more information will be available next week.

Books will be available to purchase for \$15 in the foyer on Sundays, February 24 and March 3.