

# FUMC Weekly

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### 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.

### AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK

**2:00 p.m. Registration / 2:30 p.m. Step Off . Camp Mabry**



FUMC members and friends are encouraged to give their support to today's Austin CROP Hunger Walk. A strong team from our church has taken shape and funds raised benefit local hunger organizations and international hunger ministries of Church World Service.

### 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 or by volunteering on fourth Tuesdays. Donations may be left at the altar rail or sent to or brought by the church office.

## FEBRUARY 26, TUESDAY "FEED MY PEOPLE" FOURTH TUESDAY

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.

**4:45-7:00 A.M.  
FLC GREAT HALL**

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**MARCH 6  
Ash Wednesday Services**

**MARCH 10, 11, AND 12  
Churchwide Lenten Study Begins**  
Sign up today!

**MARCH 10  
Book Study: *Sensing God* Begins**  
Sign up today!

**MARCH 10  
Lenten Worship Series**

*For more information,  
see our Lenten insert.*

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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

## 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  
**New Ministry Opportunity**  
 12:15 p.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Conversations on Racial Justice**  
 4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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- 6 Wednesday**  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
 7:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Ashes To Go**  
 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Services**  
 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
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- 10 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Churchwide Lenten Study**  
 10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall  
**Churchwide Lenten Study-Parents of Young Children**  
 10:00 a.m. SAN Room 215  
**Churchwide Lenten Study-Young Adults**  
 10:00 a.m. FLC 102  
**Book Study: *Sensing God***  
 12:15-1:45 p.m. SAN Room 212
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- 11 Monday**  
**Churchwide Lenten Study-Manor**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Home of the Hartman's  
**Churchwide Lenten Study-Southwest Austin**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Home of the Wilder's
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- 12 Tuesday**  
**Churchwide Lenten Study-Northwest Austin**  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Home of the Morris'

- 16 Saturday**  
**FreeStore Third Saturday**  
 8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman  
**Habitat Methodist Build**  
[fumcaustin.org/habitat](http://fumcaustin.org/habitat)
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- 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  
**Assemble UMCOR Relief Kits**  
 10:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall  
**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
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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
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- 26 Tuesday**  
**"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**  
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
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- 31 Sunday**  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday Presentation**  
 10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall  
**Con Confianza Safety Training**  
 1:00-3:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

K E E W	24 Sun	<b>Manna Bag Sale</b>	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Sidewalk
		<b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		<b>Austin CROP Hunger Walk</b>	2:00 p.m.	Camp Mabry, 2200 West 35th Street
		<b>Engage for Youth</b>	4:30-7:00 p.m.	FLC
S H I T	25 Mon	<b>Prodigal Sons Men's Group</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	26 Tue	<b>"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
	27 Wed	<b>Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews</b>	9:00 a.m.	<a href="http://fumcaustin.org/submissions">fumcaustin.org/submissions</a>
		<b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 213
		<b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b>	5:45-7:15 p.m.	SAN Balcony
28 Thu	<b>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room	
	<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

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](http://fumcaustin.org/baptismclass).

### New Ministry Opportunity . 12:15 p.m. Murchison Chapel

We are launching a new ministry on Thursday mornings with women experiencing homelessness. We will create a safe and welcoming environment away from the streets for a few hours with showers, resources, and more. Come learn more about our vision, volunteer opportunities, and ways you can support this new ministry. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

### 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 about racial oppression, issues of whiteness and racism, and other topics through videos, podcasts, and articles. Register at [fumcaustin.org/conversations](http://fumcaustin.org/conversations).

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. 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.**

MARCH 31, SUNDAY

### Con Confianza Safety Training . 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

The Rio Texas Conference requires all volunteers with youth, children, and vulnerable adults be certified through a 3-step Safe Gatherings process. This certification is required to teach summer Sunday School, participate in youth retreats or mission trips, and lead Vacation Bible School, among other service opportunities. FUMC will host an online training session to complete step 3. We encourage participants to attend in person because there will be opportunities to discuss training topics pertinent to our church. However, if you are unable to attend in person, you can attend online. If you plan to attend in person, visit <https://fumcaustin.org/conference-safety-training/> to register, NOT the Conference website. If you plan to take the course online from a different location, register online at <https://riotexas.org/safetrainings> for the March 31 online session. If this day/time don't work for you, select another time listed on the website to fulfill the requirement. Questions? Contact FUMC Safety Policy Administrator Emily Buchanan at [emily@fumcaustin.org](mailto:emily@fumcaustin.org).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS,  
PLEASE VISIT [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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](http://fumcaustin.org/habitat). Donations may be placed in the offering plate (marked "Habitat Build") or made online at [fumcaustin.org](http://fumcaustin.org). For more information, contact Terri Purdy at [terri.sohn@gmail.com](mailto:terri.sohn@gmail.com).

MARCH 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. Sign up at [fumcaustin.org/mlf](http://fumcaustin.org/mlf).

## CHURCH NEWS

### 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 28; and May 5, 19, and 26. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Taylor and Pastor Michael will attend the 2019 Special Session of General Conference, occurring Saturday, February 23, through Tuesday, February 26, in St. Louis, Missouri. Pray for the 864 delegates from across the globe who will receive the Way Forward report and consider legislation enacting one of four plans that address the church's ministry to and with LGBTQIA persons.

### 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.)

### WOMAN'S SLUMBER PARTY



Thank you to the 55 women who attended the (what we hope will be) annual FUMC Women's Slumber Party. Despite falling "graupele," attendees were treated to a "mocktail" hour and delicious dinner by Shirley Derryberry and the Bell Choir. Reverend Karen Vannoy led us in a thoughtful after-dinner program, after which we rocked the FLC with games and laughter. Many thanks to the supportive church staff and everyone who helped decorate and clean up. See you next year!

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

#### *Health*

Grady Basler; Sandy Bowles; Pamela Craig; Joseph Miers; Melanie Miller; Kathy Morales; George Smith; and Brandon Tate.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Arthur Asika's friend, Moses Ayiku; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Melissa Biegert's father, Travis Langley; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Janet Camp's sister, Nancy Willet; Herb Canada's daughter, Rita Canada; April Ferrino's mother, Sara Ferrino; Ann Fields' sister-in-law, Cindy Brown; Bob Garrett's father, James Leo Garrett, Jr.; Emily George's friend, Shauna Autry; Nancy Gillett's brother, Ted Lester; Andy and Melanie Greene's friend, Dan Foster; Marijo Hartman's friend, Cil; Mack Hicks' friend, Karen Moore; Reverend Earle Lewis' sister, Mary Bost, and niece, Glenda Lewis Pfeiffer; 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, Chad Burnette and Lisa Whatley; Tabatha Stephens' mother, Marilyn Hoisington; Cathy Stone's sister, Jen Norwood, brother, Rod Stone, and nephew, Jake Norwood; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Dorothy Whitfield's sister, Mary Connell; Amy Wink's father, Weldon Wink; John Wright's and Barbara Ruth's daughter, Lizzie Wright; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.