THIS SUNDAY
A complete schedule of today’s events is in “This Week” section on Calendar page.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DEBRIEFING
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Pastor Taylor and Pastor Michael will lead a debriefing about General Conference and what this means for FUMC Austin.

BAPTISM CLASS
12:15 p.m. EDU Room 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.

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.

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.

MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
UMCOR is present in times of crisis and disaster around the world, acting as the hands of Christ in the most difficult or tragic times. This organization is able to provide fast and meaningful relief in the aftermath of disasters thanks in large part to the UMCOR Sunday Offering collected by local congregations every year. When we contribute to this offering, we help pay for the general operating costs of UMCOR. Because of this offering, UMCOR is able to designate 100% of other donations directly to specific disaster relief. Your donations, marked “UMCOR,” may be left at the communion rail or placed in the offering plate today or any Sunday in March. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6
Worship 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 marked as a cross remind us that we will die, and yet we will always belong to God.

Ashes to Go
8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot
For those who cannot attend our Sanctuary services, and as a public witness to passers-by, pastors will be outside marking people with ashes.

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

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

For more information about these and other offerings, see our Lenten insert.
**Sanctuary Worship Services**
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

**Assemble UMCOR Relief Kits**
10:00 a.m. FLC 102

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday**
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen

**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

**Youth IMAX Night**
3:45 p.m. Bob Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress

**SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS**
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 10 and 31; April 28; and May 5, 19, and 26. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).
UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 10, SUNDAY

Youth IMAX Night . 3:45 p.m. Bob Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress

All 5th-12th grade FUMC youth are invited to a movie night to see the new movie, “Captain Marvel.” Since it is opening weekend for this film, please purchase your tickets beforehand on the Bob Bullock website. Youth should arrive by 3:45 p.m. to get seats together before the show starts at 4:15 p.m. The movie will run until 6:30 p.m. “Captain Marvel” is rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi violence and action and brief suggestive language. This is our Engage gathering for the evening. We will not meet at the FLC.

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 to 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 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 riotexas.org/safetrainings for the March 31 online session. If this day/time does not 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.

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.

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. 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 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.
NEW MEMBERS

Chase and Jessica Cardwell with Catherine
Seth Wagenblast and Claire Kinchen with Ella and Jackson
Alexandria Da Ponte
Glen and Sandy Wilkerson
Jeff and Carol Fegan
Matthew Schmidt
Colleen Lantzy
Tim and Taylor Taliaferro
Annemarie Potts
Adeline Day Potts, daughter of Arthur and Chloe Potts

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and share with them how First Church has enriched your life.

PRAYER
WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health
Grady Basler; Sandy Bowles; Gussie Fallon; Melanie Miller; and Kathy Morales.

Thanksgiving
For the love and support by FUMC for this year’s CROP Hunger Walk.

Other
James Guerra and John and Ann Haller.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren; Melissa Biegert’s father, Travis Langley; Sandy Bowles’ daughter, Carla Bowles; Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Michelle Brown; April Ferrino’s friends, Julie and Isabel; Ann Fields’ sister-in-law, Cindy Brown; Melanie Greene’s neighbor, Dan Foster; Larry and Della Peters’ friends, Maura Self and Ron Shortes; Catherine Ingels-Reyes; Barbara Ruth’s mother, Jewell Ruth; Justin and Erin Scarth’s friends, Chad Burnett and Lisa Whatley; Leslie Story’s father, Neel Richardson; Amy Wink’s father, Weldon Wink; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.