

## CHURCH NEWS

### 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 31; May 5, 19, and 26; and June 9, 16, 23, and 30. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

### EASTER BUNNY NEEDS YOUR HELP



- We are accepting donations to ensure there are plenty of treats for the children at our Easter Egg Festival on April 20. Donations of candy and egg-sized plastic toys or stickers are most helpful. Recommended candy choices are individually wrapped Lifesavers, small Nerds boxes, Starbursts, and small wrapped bubble gum. All candy should be nut free and fit inside an egg. Place donations in the bunny barrels found near the entrances of the children's Sunday School wing and the Sanctuary. To help stuff eggs, contact Dustin Goss at [dustingoss@yahoo.com](mailto:dustingoss@yahoo.com).
- Sign up for an Easter Egg Festival shift (or more) at [fumcaustin.org/easter-egg-festival](http://fumcaustin.org/easter-egg-festival). From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you.

### APRIL 28, SUNDAY

#### First Steps Class

#### 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to come to this class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate, go online at [fumcaustin.org/firststeps](http://fumcaustin.org/firststeps), or email Trevor Harper at [trevor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org).

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE DEBRIEF AND FAQ RESPONSE

Pastor Michael Mumme responds with an FAQ to the questions you submitted following the General Conference Debrief on March 3. Read his responses to your questions and watch a video of the debrief at [fumcaustin.org/generalconference2019](http://fumcaustin.org/generalconference2019).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

#### Health

Grady Basler; Sandy Bowles;  
Gussie Fallon; Katie Kaighin;  
and Kathy Morales.

#### Congratulations

To Judy Lancaster who turned  
100 on March 6.  
To Ken and Marlene Santos on  
the birth of their granddaughter,  
Autum Kay Rick.

#### Condolences

Craig Blome on the death of his  
grandmother, Dorothy Carter,  
and to the family and friends of  
Rush Evans, Jr., on his death.

#### Other

Lucio Gonzales and Puerto Rico.

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Moses Ayiku's family; Grady Basler's and Terry Cornwell's friend, Debbie Rogers; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Melissa Biegert's father, Travis Langley; Sandy Bowles' daughter, Carla Bowles; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Molly Drazic's cousin, Ken Butler; Cheryl Etie's friend, David Siems; April Ferrino's mother, Sara Ferrino, and mother-in-law, Gloria Hernandez; Ann Fields' sister-in-law, Cindy Brown; Judy Funke's parents, Bob and Josie Luckenbaugh; Bob Garrett's father, Leo Garrett; Rita Garza's mother-in-law, Mary Garza; Nancy Gillett's brother, Ted Lester; Mack Hicks' friends, Cliff, Hunter, and Beau; Larry Peters' friend, Peter Balbour; Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler; Donna Shands' mother, Eva Reneau; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Ann Venno's cousin, Rosemary Todd; Zack Wheat's uncle, Bruce Grubbs; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

# FUMC Weekly

MARCH 17, 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. You can purchase a bag for \$5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

### ASSEMBLE UMCOR RELIEF KITS

10:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall

Come help assemble UMCOR cleaning and hygiene kits. All Sunday School classes are invited to participate. There will be no regular Sunday School for children and youth.

### CHURCHWIDE LENTEN STUDY

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

All are invited to join this study of *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine.

### 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).

### RESCHEDULED: TRAINING FOR THURSDAY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

This May, we are launching a new ministry with women experiencing homelessness following the "Feed My People" Breakfast on Thursday mornings. All potential volunteers are encouraged to attend training on April 7 or May 5. Please keep this new ministry in your prayers as leaders plan and prepare.

### MARCH 21, THURSDAY MORNING OF SERVICE



Come make a difference as we interact with residents through games, crafts, and other activities planned by the Marbridge staff. This event is family friendly for all ages. Children under the age of 10 years should be accompanied by an adult. Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers transitional and lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities and provides them opportunities to learn, experience, and achieve a whole new life. Space is limited, so register now at [fumcaustin.org/marbridge](http://fumcaustin.org/marbridge). For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or 512-656-9749.

9:30-11:00 A.M.  
2310 BLISS SPILLAR ROAD

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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

- 24 Sunday**  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- 26 Tuesday**  
**“Feed My People” Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**  
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
- 31 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday**  
 10:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Cheers Ministry for Boomers**  
 12:00 p.m. EDU Room 108  
**Con Confianza Safety Training**  
 1:00-3:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

### APRIL

- 7 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Training for Thursday Women’s Ministry**  
 12:15 a.m. FLC Great Hall
- 12 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
- 13 Saturday**  
**Habitat Methodist Build**  
[fumcaustin.org/habitat](http://fumcaustin.org/habitat)
- 14 Sunday**  
**Chapel Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Palm Sunday Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- 15 Monday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel

- 16 Tuesday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
- 17 Wednesday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
- 18 Thursday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Maundy Thursday Worship Services**  
 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- 19 Friday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Good Friday Family Worship Service**  
 10:30 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Good Friday Worship Services**  
 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- 20 Saturday**  
**FreeStore Third Saturday**  
 8:45-11:00 a.m. Memorial UMC Gym, 6100 Berkman  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Easter Egg Festival**  
 9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol
- 21 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Easter Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Butterfly Release**  
 10:00 a.m. West Capitol Lawn
- 23 Tuesday**  
**“Feed My People” Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**  
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
- 28 Sunday**  
**Contemplative Worship Service**  
 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

W E E K	17 Sun	<b>Manna Bag Sale</b>	9:00 and 11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
		<b>Assemble UMCOR Relief Kits</b>	10:00 a.m.	FLC Great Hall
		<b>Churchwide Lenten Study</b>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		<b>Lenten Study-Parents of Young Children</b>	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 215
		<b>Lenten Study-Young Adults</b>	10:00 a.m.	FLC 102
		<b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		<b>Mobile Loaves &amp; Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday</b>	4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.	SAN MLF Kitchen
	18 Mon	<b>Youth Service Day</b>	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Montopolis Friendship Center
	19 Tue	<b>“Feed My People” Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
	20 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	
	<b>FUMC Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room	
T H I S	21 Thu	<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
		<b>Morning of Service at Marbridge</b>	9:30-11:00 a.m.	2310 Bliss Spillar Road

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH 31, SUNDAY

**Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday . 10:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel**  
 All are encouraged to attend this presentation sponsored by our United Methodist Women to learn about and participate in advocating for better maternal care in Texas. We will hear from Kelene Blake-Fallon, who co-chairs the Community Engagement Team of the Black Mamas Community Collective (BMCC) which works to improve post-partum outcomes and lower the mortality rate among black mothers through sharing resources, advocacy, and awareness.

### Cheers Ministry for Boomers . 12:00 p.m. EDU Room 108



Boomers are invited to join us for the first official event of the new “Cheers Ministry”—a community for those young-at-heart who are recently retired, semi-retired, or thinking about setting a date to retire. Designed for our members and visitors who are of the Baby Boomer generation (you know who you are), this group is a way to build community, get to know others, and find ways to connect within our large church family. We will meet for lunch, conversation, and a service project to assemble UMCOR cleaning kits. Questions? Contact Dick Young at [rtyoung@austin.rr.com](mailto:rtyoung@austin.rr.com) or 512-789-8480.

### Con Confianza Safety Training . 1:00-3:00 p.m. SAN 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:emily@fumcaustin.org).

### APRIL 12, 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.

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

Submit content for FUMC Weekly / eNews  
 using submission form at [fumcaustin.org/submissions](http://fumcaustin.org/submissions).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### MARCH 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.

### APRIL 7, SUNDAY

**Training for**  
**Thursday Women’s Ministry**  
 12:15-2:00 p.m.  
**FLC Great Hall**

This May, we are launching a new ministry with women experiencing homelessness following the “Feed My People” Breakfast on Thursday mornings. This training includes an overview of the ministry, volunteer roles, ways to welcome and interact with our guests, and sign-up information. All potential volunteers are encouraged to attend training on April 7 or May 5. Lunch will be provided.

### APRIL 13, SATURDAY

**Habitat Methodist Build**  
**7220 Boyle Drive**

FUMC will join area Methodist churches for the 2019 Habitat Methodist Build. Our commitment includes a fundraising goal of \$7,500, along with providing 10 volunteers for each of the following Saturdays: April 13 and May 4. Put your faith into action 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).

### APRIL 20, 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.