When we want to buy fair-trade products. When farmers need help with appropriate agricultural technology. When a natural disaster strikes somewhere around the globe. When a community needs clean water and effective sanitation.

When these and many other disasters occur, UMCOR is there because our contributions support the life-saving work in sustainable development, global health, relief supplies, and disaster response.

Your gifts, 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.

First Church members and friends offered generous support for the 2019 Austin CROP Hunger Walk at Camp Mabry on February 24. Our 41 walkers have raised $5,291 so far, with additional support expected. Gifts, marked “2019 CROP Walk,” may be left at the church office or in the offering plate. Citywide, 500 participants—walkers and volunteers—have topped $50,000 raised! A world of thanks to all for making a difference in the lives of hungry people in Austin and around the world.
During Holy Week, a labyrinth, an ancient pattern for prayer, meditation, and contemplation, will be available for walking during church office hours, during the Easter Egg Festival, and on Easter Sunday.

**APRIL 15-21**

**WALK A LABYRINTH**

**Murchison Chapel**

**APRIL 20, SATURDAY**

**EASTER EGG FESTIVAL**

9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol

Join the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt/roll, face painting, games, and more. This event—for all ages and stages—is open to the public, so bring your friends and non-perishable food donations for Caritas of Austin.

**APRIL 14, SUNDAY**

**Palm Sunday Services**

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

We wave palms as the people welcome Jesus to the Holy City, and then we continue our journey with Him to the cross.

**APRIL 18, THURSDAY**

**Maundy Thursday Services**

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

We celebrate the Holy Meal which Jesus began in the Upper Room on the night before his crucifixion. *Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided for the 7:30 p.m. evening service.*

**APRIL 19, FRIDAY**

**Good Friday Family Service**

10:30 a.m. Murchison Chapel

We experience the stories of Christ’s life through Easter with age-appropriate storytelling of passion week and walking the Labyrinth. Wear socks! *Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers.*

**Good Friday Noon Service**

12:10 p.m. Sanctuary

We experience Christ’s crucifixion through reading scripture, prayer, and singing hymns.

**Good Friday Evening Service**

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

We experience Christ’s crucifixion through Tenebrae, a service of darkness, with special music from the FUMC Choir. *Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers.*

**APRIL 21, SUNDAY**

**Easter Services**

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

We celebrate God’s victory over the powers of sin, oppression, and death. We find new life and shout “Alleluia!” *Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers.*

**Butterfly Release**

10:00 a.m. Capitol Lawn

We enjoy the beauty of resurrection and new life as we release butterflies.