

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 or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

JOIN THE EASTER CHOIR

Calling all interested singers who wish to participate in our festive Easter services by singing in the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, April 3, 10, and 17, from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. Enter at Colorado 3. All three rehearsals are required. For more information, contact Scott Davis at scott@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

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, or email Trevor Harper at 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.

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.
- Sign up for an Easter Egg Festival shift (or more) at fumcaustin.org/easter-egg-festival. From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you.

PRAYER

WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Health

Grady Basler; Sandy Bowles; Gussie Fallon; Paul Hicks; Katie Kaighin; Kathy Morales; and Weldon Wink.

Congratulations

To Jeff Jackson and Cathy Stone on their marriage on March 23.

Condolences

To Mary Rogerson on the death of her husband, David.

Other

Lucio Gonzales and travel mercies for Karen Smith on her mission trip to the Philippines.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Suzin Bedell-Healy's mother, Barbara Bedell; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren; Sandy Bowles' daughter, Carla Bowles; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Judy Chambers' friend, Elizabeth Christensen; Bob Garrett's father, Leo Garrett; Rita Garza's mother-in-law, Mary Garza; Nancy Gillett's brother, Ted Lester; Virginia McCarroll's friend, Izzie's mom; Larry Peters' friend, Peter Balbour; Marie Richards' daughter, Rachel Bailey; Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler; Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson; Amy Wink's friend, Ayse Karoglu and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

FUMC Weekly

MARCH 24, 2019

THIS SUNDAY

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

WELCOME SANDY WILDER



Sandy Wilder was on the national staff and board of directors of United Methodist Women in New York City and also served as a development consultant. She has led UMW events across the country and produced interpretive resources still in use. She worked with the Methodist Church of Bolivia for two years after college. For 16 years, Sandy was a volunteer host for the weekly half-hour religious public affairs television program "Austin Faith Dialogue," broadcast in collaboration with Austin Area Interreligious Ministries. At First Church she is president of the local unit of United Methodist Women and a member of the Mercy and Justice Team. For relaxation, Sandy enjoys gardening, movies, reading science and science fiction, traveling, and visiting museums.

CHURCHWIDE LENTEN STUDY

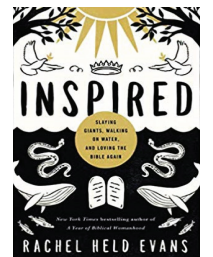
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

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.

MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

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.

BEGINS APRIL 1, MONDAY PRODIGAL SONS: INSPIRED



If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her and it will change you, too.

Prodigal Sons Men's Study Group will read *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* and examine how the Bible is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

6:30-8:00 P.M.
FLC ROOM 103

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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

- 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
- 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
- 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
Training for Thursday Women's Ministry
 12:15 a.m. FLC Great Hall
- 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**
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

WEEK	24 Sun	Churchwide Lenten Study	10:00 a.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		Lenten Study-Parents of Young Children	10:00 a.m.	SAN Room 215
		Lenten Study-Young Adults	10:00 a.m.	FLC 102
		Sunday School Classes for All Ages	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
WEEK	25 Mon	Prodigal Sons Men's Group	6:30-8:00 p.m.	FLC Room 103
	26 Tue	"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
	27 Wed	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	
	FUMC Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:30 p.m.	SAN Choir Room	
THIS	28 Thu	"Feed My People" Breakfast	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
		"Feed My People" Breakfast Worship	6:30 a.m.	FLC Garrison Chapel

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 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 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.

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 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 the Wednesday prior to the event.

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 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 13, SATURDAY

Habitat Methodist Build
 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (marked "Habitat Build") or made online at fumcaustin.org.

APRIL 14, 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 14 or May 5. Lunch will be provided.