EASTER BUNNY NEEDS 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 Life Savers, 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.

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.

APRIL 20, SATURDAY
Easter Egg Festival
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Capitol Grounds
Sign up for a shift (or more) at fumcaustin.org/easter-egg-festival. From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you.

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

Churchwide Lenten Study
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
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.

MERCY & JUSTICE 5TH SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Join 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 Baby Boomers
12:00 p.m. EDU Room 108
Baby Boomers are invited to the first official event of the “Cheers Ministry”—a community for those young-at-heart who are recently retired, semi-retired, or thinking about setting a date to retire. We will meet for lunch, conversation, and a service project to assemble cleaning kits.

Con Cofianza 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 3step 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 take the course online from a different location, register online at rorriexas.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.

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. You may also send them to or bring them by the church office.
UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1, MONDAY
Prodigal Sons: Inspired Begins 6:30–8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103
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: Navigating Sanity, 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. Register at fumcaustin.org/prodigalsons.

APRIL 9, TUESDAY
“The Armor of Light” Screening 6:30 p.m. AFS Cinema, 6406 N IH-35
Presented by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America (momsdemandaction.org), this movie follows an Evangelical minister and Lucy McRath, the mother of a teenage shooting victim, who ask, “Is it possible to be both pro-gun and pro-life?” Suggested donation $10. Adults only, please. RSVP at every.tw/2NTYQR.

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 through 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 108
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.

APRIL 15–21, MONDAY–SUNDAY
Walk a Labyrinth 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
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 20, SATURDAY
Easter Egg Festival 9:30–11:00 a.m. Capitol Grounds
Join the Easter Bunny for an egg hunt, roll, face painting, games, all ages and stages—as open to the public, so bring your friends and non-perishable food donations for Caritas of Austin.

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HOLY WEEK

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. 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 for infants and toddlers is provided.

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 reading scripture, prayer, and singing hymns.

EASTER

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 for infants and toddlers is provided.

Butterfly Release 10:00 a.m. Capitol Lawn
We enjoy the beauty of resurrection and new life as we release butterflies.

APRIL

7 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

9 Monday
“The Armor of Light” Screening 6:30 p.m. AFS Cinema, 6406 N IH-35

12 Friday
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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
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20 Saturday
Walk the Labyrinth 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.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

22 Monday
Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Manna Bag Sale 9:30–11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
First Steps Class 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

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
Manna Bag Sale 9:30–11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
First Steps Class 12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

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, 23, and 30. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org.

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APRIL 29, SATURDAY
Easter Egg Festival 9:30–11:00 a.m. Capitol Grounds
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