

## CHURCH NEWS

### 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](mailto:scott@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 209).

### 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 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).

### 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).

## PRAYER

### WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

#### Health

Sandy Bowles  
Gussie Fallon  
Paul Hicks  
Kathy Morales  
Weldon Wink

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Sarah Austin's grandmother, Betty Williams  
Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren  
Sandy Bowles' daughter, Carla Bowles  
Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg  
Janet Camp's sister, Nancy Willet  
Curtis Fuelberg's friend, Randy Wilson  
Nancy Gillett's brother, Ted Lester  
Debbie Rippletoe's friend, Melvin  
Pat Rives' friend, Susan Tyler  
Leslie Story's father, Neel Richardson  
Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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](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 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](http://fumcaustin.org/easter-egg-festival). From greeters to egg organizers, we have a job for you.

# FUMC Weekly

MARCH 31, 2019



## 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 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 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).

## MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS



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.

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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

### APRIL

- 7 Sunday**  
**Sanctuary Worship Services**  
 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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- 9 Monday**  
**"The Armor of Light" Screening**  
 6:30 p.m. AFS Cinema, 6406 N IH-35
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- 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
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- 13 Saturday**  
**Habitat Methodist Build**  
[fumcaustin.org/habitat](http://fumcaustin.org/habitat)
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- 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
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- 15 Monday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
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- 16 Tuesday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
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- 17 Wednesday**  
**Walk the Labyrinth**  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Murchison Chapel
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- 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**  
**Good Friday Family Worship Service**  
 10:30 a.m. Murchison Chapel  
**Good Friday Worship Services**  
 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
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- 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
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- 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
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- 23 Tuesday**  
**"Feed My People" Fourth Tuesday Breakfast**  
 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
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- 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](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

W E E K	31 Sun	<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>Mercy &amp; Justice 5th Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	EDU Murchison Chapel
		<b>Sunday School Classes for All Ages</b>	10:00 a.m.	Various Locations
		<b>Cheers Ministry for Baby Boomers</b>	12:00 p.m.	EDU Room 108
		<b>Children's Choir Rehearsal</b>	12:15 p.m.	SAN Room 110
		<b>Con Confianza Safety Training</b>	1:00-3:00 p.m.	SAN Wesley Hall
		<b>Engage for Youth</b>	4:30-7:00 p.m.	FLC
		<b>1 Mon</b>	<b>Prodigal Sons Men's Group: Inspired</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m.
T H I S	<b>2 Tue</b>	<b>"Feed My People" Breakfast</b>	4:45-7:00 a.m.	FLC
	<b>3 Wed</b>	<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
	<b>4 Thu</b>	<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

## 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: 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. Register at [fumcaustin.org/prodigalsons](http://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](http://momsdemandaction.org)), this movie follows an Evangelical minister and Lucy McBath, 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/2NTYTQR](http://every.tw/2NTYTQR).

### 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.

### APRIL 15-21, MONDAY-SUNDAY

#### Walk a Labyrinth . EDU 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. Capitoal Grounds



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

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).

## 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 Tenebrae, a service of darkness, with special music from the FUMC Choir. *Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided.*

## 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.