ORDER ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR FATHER’S DAY
ORDER DEADLINE: JUNE 10

Fathers can be the hardest to shop for when gift time comes around. This Father’s Day we are encouraging gifts to be used by fathers across the globe as an alternative to the usual standby tie or some other gift item you might purchase. An alternative gift is a perfect way to let the men in your life know they are appreciated.

Get started now by selecting the gifts you wish to symbolically present, using the form printed. Note how many of each you wish to purchase, complete the recognition section as to whether your gift is in “honor of” or in “memory of,” and then write your check payable to FUMC, with “Father’s Day” on the memo line. Place the check and the order form in the offering plate or deliver to the church office. The items “purchased” will support the on-going work of Church World Service, a United Methodist–related international ministry, to families across the globe in need of a helping hand as they seek solutions to their own challenges.

The deadline for “Alternative Gifts for Father’s Day” is 12:00 noon on Monday, June 10. Recognition of your gift(s) will be in the bulletin insert on Father’s Day, June 16.

___ $10: 60 banana trees to plant in Haiti.


___ $44: 1,000 Fishlings in Honduras. Don’t let this one get away!

___ $65: Goat in Haiti. A goat for an old goat? Just kidding!

___ $80: A household latrine for a family in Cambodia.

___ $120: Home gardening tools and 13 types of seeds for six families in Indonesia.


If you would like to offer fathers across the globe hope for a better tomorrow, fill out the form below or contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

Name of Donor

Phone Number (In case of questions)

Amount Enclosed (Make check payable to FUMC)

In honor of ____________________________

In memory of ____________________________

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS
JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Moved by Christ’s love to pursue reconciliation and peace, The United Methodist Church honors the dignity of every individual made in God’s image and is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. This offering supports the peace and justice work of Austin Region of Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON), a United Methodist-affiliated immigration ministry that welcomes refugees and immigrants into our communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy. As a part of this nationwide effort, ARJFON hosts regular legal clinics to provide affordable immigration legal services to those with limited income. ARJFON’s services are focused on family-based and humanitarian immigration law.

Monetary donations may be left at our communion rail or sent to or brought by to the church office during the month of June.
CALENDAR
JUNE
9 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
ASP Anniversary Celebration
12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall
10 Monday
Deadline for Alternative Gifts for Father's Day
12:00 p.m. Tam@fumcaustin.org
11 Tuesday
Book Study: You Are My Brother
6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 104
16-19 Sun.
Courts & Ports: Faithful Witness on the Border
16 Tuesday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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Marriage Equality Resolution Town Hall Meeting
12:15 p.m., Sanctuary
21 Friday
ASP Team Leaves for Harlan County, Kentucky
Church Parking Lot
Kids' Night Out
6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 102
23 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Marriage Equality Resolution Town Hall Meeting
12:15 p.m., Sanctuary
25 Tuesday
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
Book Study: You Are My Brother
6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 104
27 Thursday
Day of Service at Marbridge
9:30-11:00 a.m. 2310 Bliss Spillar Road
30 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Merry & Justice 5th Sunday Presentation
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
SUMMER DAYS OF SERVICE
United Methodists believe each of us is called to participate in the outreach ministry of Jesus Christ. John Wesley described this work in simple, practical terms: "Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can." Here are ways you can do good, in a variety of places, with many different people this summer. All are family friendly, except when otherwise noted. Sign up is required for all events at fumcaustin.org/summer.

TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL!
Prayerfully consider how you can support our children and youth. We give our regular teachers the summer off, which gives parents and other members a wonderful opportunity to teach and build relationships with these young disciples. Curriculum is provided and classrooms are prepared. Caution: the more you serve, the more fun you have!

JUNE 8
12:00-4:00 p.m.
ASP 40th Celebration Workday
Meet in the FLC to help decorate the Great Hall and prepare for the lunch on Sunday. We need help beyond the capabilities of this year’s team.
JUNE 9
10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
ASP 40th Celebration Volunteering
Our ASP Team will be commissioned during the 11:00 worship service, so we need some help with last-minute food preparation in their absence.
JUNE 16
4:00-6:30 p.m.
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
MLF serves daily, but this monthly third Sunday is for first-time families and individuals who want to try face-to-face service with experienced volunteers.
JUNE 25
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Feed My People 4th Tuesday Breakfast (Adults, College, Youth)
FUMC serves at this twice weekly breakfast on the 4th Tuesday. Prepare and serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors working in shifts starting at 4:45 a.m. and ending by 7:00 a.m. Without our regular supply of UT student volunteers, we need extra help during the summer. Training provided.
JUNE 27
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Marbridge
Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers transitional and lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities and—through compassion and faith—provides them opportunities to learn, experience, and achieve a whole new life.

JULY 19
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School (VBS) Workday
Help us transform our Sanctuary and hallways for VBS: Mars and Beyond! We gather to paint, cut, and assemble decorations. Whether or not you consider yourself creative, we have a job for you!
JULY 20
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School (VBS) Workday
JULY 21
4:00-6:30 p.m.
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
JULY 22-25
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteering
For a safe and fun VBS, we need over 50 adult and youth volunteers! To sign up, first you will need to fill out a one-time profile form in our volunteer management platform at fumcaustin.org/vsp. Once submitted, you will receive a login and then you can view available jobs and signups. If you have already created your profile, you can access it at fumcaustin.org/vbsvolunteers.
JULY 23
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Feed My People 4th Tuesday Breakfast (Adults, College, Youth)
JULY 26
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School (VBS) Workday
Help take down decorations from VBS. Childcare provided and we will go out for lunch after.

AUGUST 7
8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Caritas Community Kitchen
FUMC adults and youth (12+) are invited to serve in the Community Kitchen at Caritas.
AUGUST 18
4:00-6:30 p.m.
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
AUGUST 27
4:45-7:00 a.m.
Feed My People 4th Tuesday Breakfast (Adults, College, Youth)
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**
**WAYS TO HELP**
- Purchase items from our Amazon wish list at fumcaustin.org/vbsappeals.
- Starting Monday, June 3, we will have take-home/work from home VBS projects. Fun for the family can enjoy inside on a hot day! You can find these projects outside EDU Room 108.
- Our campers will create 200 hygiene kits for our Feed My People Breakfast. Help by donating the following supplies (travel size except if noted otherwise):
  - comb
  - full-size deodorant
  - full-size sunscreen
  - hand sanitizer
  - lip balm
  - lotion
  - razor
  - shampoo
  - soap
  - trash can liner

**CHURCH NEWS**
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CORSUS CHRISTI**
Our pastors and lay delegates will gather with other United Methodists from all over south and west Texas June 5-8, with Bishop Robert Schnase presiding and featured teaching by Bishop Karen Oliveto. Our pastors will be in daily communication with the church office and, if needed, will return to Austin for pastoral care situations. Members of FUMC serving as delegates for FUMC and the Capital District are: Clay Daigle, Noble Doss, Sharon Doss, Bob Garrett, Rick Ortiz, Lauren Perry, Brooks Schuelke, Cindy Walter, and Sandy Wilder. Please pray for annual conference and those attending. Read more about annual conference at riotexas.org/ac2019.

**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 June 23 and 30, July 7 and 28, August 11 and 25, and September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

**LAURIE BARR’S RETIREMENT**
Assistant Business Administrator Laurie Barr will retire on June 11. We celebrate Laurie’s 15 years of service to the church. She began working as the front desk receptionist in 2004, became the Membership Secretary managing our membership database, and then transitioned into the Assistant Business Administrator position in 2012. Laurie is moving to Missouri to live with her daughter’s family. Help celebrate Laurie’s retirement by sending a note of thanks or by giving a love offering. Gifts and notes can be given directly to Laurie or through FUMC* marked “Laurie’s Gift” by placing in the offering plate, sending to the church office, or given online. (Please note that this type of gift is not considered tax-deductible.)

**PRAYER**
**WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION**
Stephanie Benold; Sandy Bowles; Gussie Fallon; Kathy Morales; Keely Nugent; Mari Perez; Weldon Wink; and Dan Wood.

**BETWEEN OUR CONGREGATION**
Curt Ashmos’ friend, Elissa Marek; Jan Ashmos’ mother, Mildred Spencer; Cheryl Etie’s friend, Janice Hansen; Reverend Eric Gates; Sammy Huffaker’s sister, Mandy Walsh; Beth Peck Kerr; Reverend Earle Lewis’ sister, Mary Ben; and members of First United Methodist Church of San Antonio.

**CONDOLENCES**
To the family and friends of Dick Ellis on his death and to Debbie Shaw and Sam Ruiz on the death of her friend and his cousin, Alice Flores.

**MARRIAGE EQUALITY RESOLUTION**
The marriage subcommittee of the Task Force quickly found consensus on the following points, which it and the full Task Force recommend to the Administrative Board and members of First United Methodist Church of Austin:

- That First United Methodist Church of Austin affirm its commitment to fully treat all couples, whether opposite-sex or same-sex, seeking the blessing of marriage equally;
- That the Sanctuary and facilities of First United Methodist Church of Austin thus be available to all couples on an equal basis for weddings, regardless of the sexual orientation of the couple;
- That clergy assigned to serve First United Methodist Church of Austin retain their traditional authority to determine the fitness of any couple to enter into marriage and to discern whether to officiate any marriage; and
- That the members of First United Methodist Church of Austin affirm their intent to support any of our pastors who are about to respond to a call to officiate a marriage ceremony for a same-sex couple, including continuing to provide their then-current salaries and related benefits for the period of any suspension and to pay costs attendant to any church trial for a charge of violating The Book of Discipline by performing that marriage ceremony.

To view the full Marriage Equality Resolution visit, fumcaustin.org/marriageequality.

**STATEMENT FROM THE PASTORS**
Over the last two months, the “Moving Forward” Task Force has developed a recommend resolution to welcome all couples for marriage at FUMC. On Sunday, May 19, the Administrative Board unanimously recommended the resolution to the congregation for a churchwide vote.

When FUMC took on a marriage discernment process in 2017, we were hopeful that a policy change would come through the work of the Council of Bishops and the United Methodist General Conference. When the Council of Bishops did not act, the General Conference did, and we found ourselves voting to approve the Traditional Plan on February 26, 2019. The Traditional Plan uses draconian enforcement to discourage clergy from violating church rules against same-sex marriage; instead, it has served to clarify our call to stand up for what we believe is right, even—in addition to the face of that enforcement. For the clergy at FUMC, this moment in our denominational life has helped us identify our privilege: we serve a congregation that supports full inclusion, where we can proclaim loud and clear that God calls us to celebrate the marriages and ministries of LGBTQ people. It is incumbent on us to use our privilege to create change, even though it comes with risk. The risk to us pales in comparison to the harm that the church has inflicted upon generations of LGBTQ persons.

As we move forward, a few points of clarity: First, the passage of a resolution is the work of the congregation; not the Pastors. This resolution marks the commitment of FUMC to provide space and support for all weddings; it does not bind the Pastors to perform all weddings. Because of this, the resolution itself does not violate The Book of Discipline. If the pastors choose to allow or perform a same-sex wedding, they could face a complaint, which will be heard by the Conference and, if necessary, by the Judicial Council. Those charges will be a result of our decision to allow/perform the wedding, not a result of FUMC’s resolution. We understand this risk and its potential consequences, but we believe it is time to face those head-on. Finally, our greatest hope is to minister faithfully to all we serve. Any wedding we perform should be about the couple, not about the clergy. We simply intend and hope to go about this work faithfully and serve God by serving those with whom we are in ministry.

We will spend the next few weeks preparing and discerning as we make this decision together. We invite you to be a part of this process during Town Hall Meetings provided in June and at the churchwide vote on July 14.

**WITH GREAT LOVE,**
Pastor Taylor and Pastor Cathy

**MARRIAGE EQUALITY RESOLUTION TOWN HALL MEETINGS**
FUMC members are invited to participate in one of three Marriage Equality Town Hall meetings. The three meetings will cover the same information.

- **Pastor Taylor and Pastor Cathy:**
  - **Today:** 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary Main Floor
  - **June 16, 10:00 a.m.** Sanctuary Main Floor
  - **June 23, 12:15 p.m.** Sanctuary Main Floor

**MARRIAGE EQUALITY RESOLUTION CHURCHWIDE VOTE**
The congregation will vote on the marriage equality resolution on the right. July 14, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary Main Floor.
UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 9, SUNDAY
ASP Anniversary Celebration
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and 12:15 p.m. FLC
For 40 years, we have been participating in the Appalachia Service Project, sending youth and adults to serve alongside families in the Appalachian Mountains to make their homes warmer, safer, and drier. On this Sunday, wear your work clothes or ASP t-shirt to church. ASP alumni from across the years will share the impact these trips have had on them personally and on the life of this church. This year’s team will be commissioned at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. After worship, join us for a churchwide luncheon at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children. Or, for just $20, you can get a meal ticket and a limited edition commemorative lapel pin! Proceeds from the meal will support future ASP teams by establishing a permanent long-term tool fund.
Register at fumcaustin.org/asp40.

JUNE 11, 18, and 25, TUESDAYS
Book Study: You Are My Brother
6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 104
Join us as we read and discuss You Are My Brother: Lessons Learned Embracing a Homeless Community by Judith D. Knotts, an educator and consultant who has delved deep into the world of homelessness in Austin. Judith’s book is a collection of true stories about her encounters with homeless people and the lessons she learned from them. Judith will be with us on person Sunday, June 30, at 10:00 a.m. for our 5th Sunday Mercy & Justice Presentation to talk about her experiences on the streets of Austin and share her wisdom with us. All are welcome to join us in person and/or online.
Register at fumcaustin.org/bookstudy. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

JUNE 16, SUNDAY
Farewell Reception for Pastor Michael Mumme
12:15 p.m. FLC Great Hall
Beginning July 1, Pastor Michael Mumme will serve as Senior Pastor at Canyon Lake UMC. Join us for a reception to celebrate Pastor Michael and his four years of service to FUMC. Help celebrate Michael’s ministry by sending a note of thanks or by giving a love offering. Gifts and notes can be given directly to Michael or through FUMC marked “Michael’s Gift” and placed in the offering plate, sent with registration at fumcaustin.org/vbs-volunteer-training. If you missed the June 2 training, come to this second chance training and learn everything you need to know so you are ready to serve July 21-25. We will reflect on the scripture, explain roles and expectations, get a sneak peak at the special plans our area leaders are working on, and see the changes we have made to the schedule (4 days) and kick-off party. Lunch is provided with registration at fumcaustin.org/vbs-volunteer-training.

JULY 7, SUNDAY
Second Chance VBS Volunteer Training and Luncheon
12:15-3:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
If you missed the June 2 training, come to this second chance training and orientation for all adult volunteers—new and returning—for VBS 2019. Come learn everything you need to know so you are ready to serve July 21-25. We will reflect on the scripture, explain roles and expectations, get a sneak peak at the special plans our area leaders are working on, and see the changes we have made to the schedule (4 days) and kick-off party. Lunch is provided with registration at fumcaustin.org/vbs-volunteer-training.

JULY 11, THURSDAY
Cheers Ministry Movie Night: The Sting
6:30 p.m. Reception and 7:30 p.m. Movie
Mark your calendars! Our Cheers Ministry, a community for those young-at-heart who are recently retired, semi-retired, or thinking about setting a date to retire, is planning a movie night at the StateSide Theater at the Paramount. Hollywood movies of the 1970s have a very distinct style, but George Roy Hill went for something a bit more old-fashioned in this cunning caper, using ragtime music and other artistic flourishes to take us back to the Great Depression. Newman and Redford are at it again, this time plotting a big con against a wealthy mob boss. Will they pull it off? Join us to find out! Register by July 7 at fumcaustin.org/cheers.

JULY 12, SATURDAY
Vacation Bible School
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. EDU Room 102
A multi-sport camp for ages 5-12 consisting of games like capture the flag, dodgeball, kickball, and other games revolving around sports like basketball, flag football, and soccer. The cost is $85.
JULY 29-AUGUST 1
Rookies Camp
8:30-9:30 a.m. FLC
Calling all younger children ages 2.5-6 years. Come learn the basics of basketball, indoor soccer, and other fun and goofy games. The cost is $85.

For more information on these events and all church news, please visit www.fumcaustin.org.