**LAST CHANCE TO 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 ongoing work of Church World Service, a United Methodist–related international ministry, with 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.

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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 __________________________

**ASP ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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. This year, our ASP Team will travel to Harlan County, Kentucky, June 21–July 2.

**ASP Stock Sale**

9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., Sidewalk

Our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team is raising funds for this year’s mission trip. Stop by to learn more about ASP, meet team members, and purchase stock in our ASP trip and our youth.

**ASP Anniversary Luncheon**

12:15 p.m., FLC Great Hall

Keep the celebration going during lunch! 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! If you did not register in advance, you can pay at the door. Proceeds from the meal will support future ASP Teams by establishing a permanent long-term tool fund.

**JOURNEY WITH GOD**

At First Church, we believe every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God. This summer, as we journey to places near and far, we want to invite you and your families to capture what God is doing beyond our walls and beyond our city. Mail us your travel postcards or jot a note on the mock postcard found in a pew and we will display them in the Sanctuary Foyer for all to see the ways you have seen God while on your journey. Read question prompts at fumcaustin.org/journeywithgod.

**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 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 the church office during the month of June.
CALENDAR

JUNE

25

Monday

Registration Deadline for Cheers Ministry Movie Night
Sanctuary

11:45 a.m.

16

Sunday

Field Day for VBS: Mars and Beyond
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

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Saturday

Farewell Reception for Michael Mumme
11:00 a.m.
SAN Wesley Hall

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Sunday

Day of Service at Marbridge
9:30-11:00 a.m.
2310 Bliss Spillar Road

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Sunday

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

July

7

Sunday

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

Conversations on Racial Justice
4:30-6:00 p.m.
FLC Garrison Chapel

Registration Deadline for VBS: To Mars and Beyond
fumcaustin.org/vbs

11

Sunday

Cheers Ministry Movie Night: The Sting
6:30 p.m.
Stateside Theater, Paramount

14

Sunday

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

Marriage Equality Resolution Churchwide Vote
12:15 p.m.
Sanctuary

14-19

Wednesday

Reach Beyond Mission Youth Trip
Houston, Texas

T H I S  W E E K

9 Sun

ASP Stock Sale
Saturday School Classes for All Ages
ASP Anniversary Luncheon
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
Sanctuary
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Sanctuary

10 Mon

Deadline for Alternative Gifts for Father's Day
Prodigals Men's Group
12:00 p.m.
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

11 Tue

Feed My People Breakfast
Book Study: You Are My Brother
4:45-7:00 a.m.
6:30-7:30 p.m.
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12 Wed

Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews
Wednesday Morning Bible Study
FUMC Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
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Sanctuary

13 Thu

Feed My People Breakfast
Feed My People Breakfast Worship
Thursday Morning Women's Ministry
4:45-7:00 a.m.
6:30 a.m.
7:00-11:00 a.m.
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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 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

25

Wednesday

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.

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Friday

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

Tuesday

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!

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Wednesday

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Workday

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Thursday

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday

22-25

Sunday

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteering
For a safe and fun VBS, we need over 50 adult and youth volunteers! To sign up, you will first 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.

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Friday

Feed My People 4th Tuesday Breakfast

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Saturday

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Workday
Help take down decorations from VBS. Childcare provided and we will go out for lunch after.

AUGUST

7

Friday

Caritas Community Kitchen
FUMC adults and youth (12+) are invited to serve in the Community Kitchen at Caritas.

18

Monday

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday

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Monday

Feed My People 4th Tuesday Breakfast (Adults, College, Youth)
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: WAYS TO HELP
• Help by purchasing items from our Amazon wish list at fumcaustin.org/vbsupplies.
• Help by doing take-home/ work-from-home VBS projects. Fun the family can enjoy inside on a hot day! You can find these projects outside EDU Room 108.
• Help by donating the following (travel size except if noted otherwise) so our campers can create 200 hygiene kits for our Feed My People Breakfast guests.
  - comb - full size
  - deodorant - full size
  - gallon ziploc bags

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED
Want to be a greeter or usher? Join our team that continues to make FUMC one of the most welcoming congregations in Austin. Serving as an usher or greeter is an excellent opportunity to meet other members, make new friends, and welcome visitors to FUMC. Your commitment would only be one Sunday a month at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship service from July-December, 2019. If you are interested, contact Richard Bettis by calling (512) 343-2361, emailing richard.bettis@gmail.com, or texting (512) 657-7641. He will send you all of the information. Won’t you please consider joining us? We guarantee you will find it most rewarding.

SIGN UP FOR ALTA FLOWERS
Honour 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 14 and 28; and August 11 and 25. To sign up, contact Tammi 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. Laurie is moving to Missouri to live with her daughter’s family. Help celebrate Laurie’s ministry 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.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION
Curt Ashmos’ friend, Elissa Marek; Jan Ashmos’ mother, Mildred Spencer; Bob Bloch’s friend, Tim Sullivan; Janet Camp’s sister, Nancy Willet; Cheryl Ene’s friend, Janice Hansen; Reverend Earle Lewis’ sister, Mary Bost, and great-niece, Morgan Bost; Danielle Morgan’s grandfather, Galen Barr; Cindy Reidland’s friend, Carly; Crispin Ruiz’ sister-in-law, Gloria Ruiz; Eleanor Smith’s friend, Cindy Klein; Greg Trosclair’s father, George Trosclair; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

CONDOLESENCES
To the family of Bill and Jeannie Steen, friends of the Rightmier family, on the death of their daughter.

FEED MY PEOPLE THANK YOU
Many thanks to the following volunteers who collectively volunteered more than 200 hours with the Feed My People Breakfast in May: Kathy Billiot, Stephen Billiot, Sharon Doss, Judith Funke, Charles Harrison, Mack Hicks, Kathe Leblanc, Julie Nelson, David Nicastro, Sam Ruiz, Ann Teich, Randy Teich, and Cecily Wright.

STATEMENT FROM THE PASTORS
Over the last two months, the “Moving Forward” Task Force has developed a 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 Commission on the Way Forward and the called session of General Conference in February 2019; we thought it was only a matter of time, and so we supported a policy that would treat all couples equally without violating The Book of Discipline. We remained hopeful for change in the denomination; while the One Church Plan did not match our full hopes for an inclusive church, it was a significant step in the right direction that would have allowed us to proceed with the ministry of weddings for all couples.

Unfortunately, the One Church Plan failed, and the Traditional Plan passed at General Conference in February. The Traditional Plan is meant to use 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—especially—in 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 not the work of the congregation, not of 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, we could face a complaint that could lead to charges. 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 our 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.

Marriage Equality Resolution

The marriage subcommittee of the Task Force quickly found consensus on the following points, which it and the full Task Force recommended to the Administrative Board and members of First United Methodist Church of Austin.

• That First United Methodist Church of Austin affirm its commitment to welcome 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 suspended for responding 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.
UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW-AUGUST 11
Summer Book Club
Our Summer Book Club is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Pick your book.
2. Read your book.

Adult books to choose from:
Beloved by Toni Morrison, I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown, Inspired by Rachel Held Evans, Shameless by Nadia Bolz-Weber, Torn by Justin Lee; and The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr.


STEAM Summer Camps
Register for both of these camps by June 15 at fumcaustin.org/vbs.

Rookies Camp:
JULY 29-AUGUST 1
Rookie games. The cost is $85.

JULY 22-25 Post VBS Sports Camp
5-12 consisting of games like kickball, and other games required to adequately prepare, pre-registration is required at fumcaustin.org/civilrightstrip. For more information, contact Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org or Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

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 deeply 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 in person on 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 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 10, FRIDAY
Kick-Night Out
6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 102
While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 4th graders. The cost is $25 for the first child and $8 for siblings. For our childcare staff to adequately prepare, pre-registration is required at fumcaustin.org/kno no later than 6:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the event. Walk-ins accepted if room allows.

JUNE 16, SUNDAY
Manna Bag Sale
9:30-11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
Our 4th and 5th graders show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. Bags contain nutritious snacks, a pair of socks, and a note with God's blessing. You can purchase a bag for $5, with proceeds going to purchase more supplies.

Farewell Reception for Pastor Michael Mumme
12:15 p.m. SAN Wesley 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 to the church office, or given online. (Please note that this type of gift is not considered tax deductible.)

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
MLF serves daily, but this day is for individuals and families who want to try face-to-face service working with experienced volunteers. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (preparing food and loading truck) and/or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (delivering food around Austin).

JUNE 23, FRIDAY
Kids’ Night Out
6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 102
While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 4th graders. The cost is $25 for the first child and $8 for siblings. For our childcare staff to adequately prepare, pre-registration is required at fumcaustin.org/kno no later than 6:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the event. Walk-ins accepted if room allows.

JUNE 30, SUNDAY
Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday Presentation
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
We welcome Judith Knotts as our speaker. Dr. Knotts is an educator, consultant, and author who has delved deeply into the world of homelessness in Austin. Her book, You Are My Brother: Lessons Learned Embracing a Homeless Community, is a collection of true stories about her encounters with homeless people and the lessons she learned from them. Join us as Dr. Knotts shares her wisdom and experiences with us.

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/th-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.

AUGUST 11, SUNDAY
Civil Rights Trip Information Session
12:15 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS, PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.

EVENT REGISTRATION
JULY 22-25
Vacation Bible School
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
The Starship Galaxion needs our help. Children four years-completed 5th grade are invited on a journey to Mars and Beyond this summer! It is going to be an out-of-this-world adventure as we explore where God’s power can take us. The cost is $40 until the registration cut-off on July 10. Spaces are limited and fill up quickly, so register at fumcaustin.org/vbs.

JULY 22-25
Post VBS Sports Camp
12:30-4:30 p.m. FLC
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 $55.

JULY 29-AUGUST 1
Rookies Camp
8:30-10:30 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.

Register for both of these camps through Triumph Sports at TriumphSports.com/FUMCAustin.