**PRAYER**

**WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION**

Grady Basler; Stephanie Benold; Sandy Bowles; Michael Crow; Gussie Fallon; Curtis Higgs; Kathy Morales; Keely Nugent; Mari Perez; Andrew Pyle; Weldon Wink; and Dan Wood.  Condolences to Denise Christopherson on the death of her husband, Buck Gary.

**BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION**

Meridith Albright’s friend, Linda Hrcnr; Curt Ashmos’ friend, Elisa Marek; Bob Block’s friend, Tim Sullivan; Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Tina Carter’s friend, Kevin Rayor; Carly Criscue’s grandmother, Ann Williams; Marianne Gaston’s friend, Yolanda Pedrazza; Ken and Susan Hensley’s daughter-in-law, Kelly Hensley; Sammy Huffaker’s friend, Samantha Dyer; Davis King’s father, Hugh King, Sr.; Melanie Miller’s and Jen Stuart’s father, Doak Thomas; Chip Morris’ friend, Bob Reed; Arthur Potts’ father, David Potts, and grandfather, Arthur Potts; Candy Reiland’s friends, Carly and Colton; Dianne Rende’s sister-in-law, Penny Burns; Barbara Ruth’s mother, Jewel Ruth; David and Shirley Sanders’ son, Riley; Kent Schuster’s sister, Suzanne; Ben Thoma’s mother, Margery, and sister, Heidi; Sandy Willkerson’s sister, Sharon West; Amy Wink’s friend, Kristi Wright; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AUSTIN**

**July 28, 2019**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING FRONT DESK**

This role is part of our Sunday morning hospitality and welcome. Duties include greeting members and guests, providing information and directions to classrooms and meetings, and light office support. Shifts are 8:45-11:00 a.m. If interested, contact Tamra Golden at tamgol@yahoo.com or 512-692-7769.

**FUMC IS HIRING A CHILDREN’S MINISTRY ASSISTANT**

We are looking to hire a Children’s Ministry Assistant to start at the beginning of September. The position is 20 hours/week, part-time, salary, and reports directly to the Director of Children’s Ministries. This role will assist the Director in planning, preparing, and leading programs and ministries that will help teach our children ages infant through 5th grade to become life-long disciples of Christ. Pay is commensurate with experience. For more information or to apply, please contact Lara Greene at children@fumcaustin.org.

**CHILDREN’S UNDERWEAR DRIVE**

The UMW Southside Community Center in San Marcos has been in continuous service since 1927. During a tour last year, the Joy Circle here at FUMC discovered the need to supply the San Marcos ISD with new children’s underwear. Many children attending area schools have limited resources and no extras. The school nurses give children new underwear when they have accidents or become ill at school. The need is great! Please contribute new (preferably packaged) underwear for ages 5-12, both boys and girls. Collection bins will be in the Sanctuary foyer beginning August 4.

**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 rest of the year are August 11; September 8, 15, and 29; October 6, 20, and 27; November 10 and 17; and December 1, 8, 15, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 ext. 226.

**JULY MISSION EMPHASIS: VBS MISSION PROJECTS**

During VBS, children participate in hands-on activities showing love to our neighbors. They learn about and contribute to our ministries with the hungry and homeless in Austin by assembling Manna Bags for our church family to distribute and Hygiene Kits for the Feed My People Breakfast. By the end of the week, the children will have a deeper appreciation of these ministries, the people we serve, and why these ministries are so important. Monetary donations may be left at the communion rail, made online, or sent to or brought by the church office. Please mark your gifts “VBS Mission Projects.”

**BOOK STUDY BEGINS**

This five-week study will guide participants in reading Queer Virtue that LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christians by The Reverend Elizabeth M. Edman, which lifts up queer ethics as a model for progressive Christian practice. By paying attention to queer experience, Edman asserts Christian communities can learn a great deal about how to live their faith – how to be the church more effectively and with greater consequence. Register at fumcaustin.org/bookstudy.

**THE BIBLE AND PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY**

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Many progressive Christians struggle with how to read and interpret the New Testament in the face of its apparent contradictions and challenges to our modern values. In this series, Dr. Brad King will lead this collection of lectures and discussions designed to promote a better understanding of the Bible’s place in progressive Christianity and to provide you with the tools and knowledge to pursue a deeper, personal relationship with these ancient texts. Today: “Why Paul Matters.”

**APALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) SLIDE SHOW**

12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

All are invited to a slide show of this year’s Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip. Come hear stories from our youth about the trip, the people they met, and the experiences they shared in Harlan County.

**MAMMA BAGS**

Distributed by Children after Worship During Vacation Bible School (VBS), our children assembled Manna Bags for the congregation to take and share the love of Christ to those in need. Bags contain nutritious snacks, a pair of socks, and a note of God’s blessing for the congregation to take and share to those in need.

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR TABLE FOR 8 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Foyer

Our first season of Table for 8 went really well. It is time to shake things up and sign up for new groups! Table for 8 is a fun way to connect in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. Singles, couples, and families of all ages are welcome. Sign up in July in the foyer or online. This time, you may select whether you want to be grouped by geography or schedule availability. Then you will be placed with others in a dining group. From this group, an initial "lead host" will contact all the other members to decide the date and time of your first gathering. Tables are encouraged to meet three times in the fall and three in the spring. The group can meet at a home, restaurant, park...it is up to you! Questions? Read our FAQ at fumcaustin.org/tablefor8 or email Emily Buchanan at emily@fumcaustin.org.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

4 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
LGBTQIA+ Pride Interfaith Service
4:00 p.m. Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane

7 Wednesday
Caritas Community Kitchen
8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 611 Neches Street

10 Saturday
Austin Pride Parade
7:30 p.m. Family Life Center

11 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Kindergarteners Gathering
10:00 a.m. EDU Room 101
Summer Book Club
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Session
12:15 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

18 Sunday
Back-to-School Blessing
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
New Sixth Grader’s Parade
9:45 a.m. Sanctuary Front Steps
Fall Class Preview
10:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Move On Up Sunday School
10:00 a.m. New Classrooms
Children’s Ministry Parent Coffee
10:15-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Back-to-School Bash
6:00-8:00 p.m. Balcones Woods Pool

TUESDAY

28 Sun
Sign up for Table for 8 Fellowship Groups
The Bible and Progressive Christianity
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes for All Ages
Appalachi Service Project (ASP) Slideshow
12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

29 Mon
Prodigals Men’s Group
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 105

30 Tue
Feed My People Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
Book Study: Queer Virtue Begins
6:30-7:45 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

31 Wed
Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews
9:00 a.m. fumcaustin.org/submissions
Wacky Wednesday for Youth: Schlitterbahn
9:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot

1 Thu
Feed My People Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
Feed My People Breakfast Worship
6:30-7:45 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Thursday Morning Women’s Ministry
7:00-11:00 a.m. FLC

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 7
Caritas Community Kitchen
8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 611 Neches Street
FUMC adults and youth (12+) are invited to serve. Caritas of Austin provides a free, nutritious lunch—no questions asked—to over 300 individuals Monday-Friday. We have ten spots reserved to serve in this primarily volunteer-operated kitchen. Individuals and families must sign up at fumcaustin.org/caritas.

AUGUST 11, SUNDAY
Kindergarteners Gathering
10:00 a.m. EDU Room 101
New Kindergartners and their parents are invited to this special fellowship. We enjoy the traditional reading of The Kissing Hand and a family craft. This is a great time to meet other parents and to learn more about how to help foster your child’s faith formation during this milestone.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Session
12:15 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Mark your calendars for March 13-20, 2020. This eight-day trip for adults, youth, and families will include visits to Birmingham, Jackson, Little Rock, Montgomery, Memphis, and Selma. As we begin planning this summer, it will be helpful to have an idea of interest. If you are interested in this trip, register for the Information Session at fumcaustin.org/civilrightspilgrimage.

AUGUST 18, SUNDAY
Back-to-School Blessing
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
All students, teachers, and administrators receive a blessing and a gift as a tangible reminder of God’s and our congregation’s love and support. Bring your backpack or any personal item to be blessed as well.

New Sixth Grader’s Parade
9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Front Steps
Everyone is invited to cheer the class of 2026 as they move from our children’s ministry across the street to our youth ministry in the Family Life Center. Meet on the front steps at 9:45 a.m. (or directly following 9:00 a.m. worship).

Move On Up Sunday School
10:00 a.m. New Classrooms
Parents of preschool children through rising 5th grade, bring your children to their new classrooms and meet their teachers. You can also learn how to use our new electronic check-in system. Look for room locations on our website.

Children’s Ministry Parent Coffee
10:15-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Coffee, donuts, and fellowship! This is an informal gathering for parents of children ages infant through 5th grade to receive a calendar of events, learn about the opportunities and ministries specially designed for your family (i.e. Children’s Choir), and learn about our new check-in system and dismissal policy for Sunday mornings.

Fall Class Preview
10:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Are you interested in a short-term class to grow further into your faith? On this Sunday, we are offering a preview of this fall’s adult discipleship class lineup. Join the fall teachers for an overview of the classes to be offered and an opportunity to ask questions before registering. For more information, contact Emily Buchanan at emily@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 228).

Back-to-School Pool Party
6:00-8:00 p.m. Balcones Woods Pool, 11204 Alhambra Drive
Families of all ages are invited to join us for a fun pool party. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided by the church. You may bring a side (a bag of chips counts!) or dessert. Calendars and information about fall children’s ministry programming will be available, plus a sign-up for Children’s Choir. Register at fumcaustin.org/poolparty.

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

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:

Want to do more in response to what you read? All are invited to find a creative way to respond—a picture, poster, button….

Gather with other summer readers, bring your books and share responses on August 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

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