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. This 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 lifelong disciples of Christ. Pay is commensurate with experience. To apply or for more information, contact Lara Greene at children@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up on your church bulletin board or online at fumcaustin.org/lifetouch to sign up for altar flowers. To purchase, simply contact Tami Kellberg at altar@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 ext. 226.

SIGN UP FOR FUMC DIRECTORY

Have your portrait taken and be a part of the new FUMC directory. Lifetouch will take photographs in the Sanctuary Building on Tuesday-Saturday, September 24-28 and October 8-12. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free directory and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits or holiday greeting cards. Check-in will be on the second floor of the Sanctuary Building outside the elevator. The photo session will take place in SAN Room 215 with photo viewing and purchasing in SAN Room 212. Schedule your portrait session at fumcaustin.org/lifetouch.

THE BIBLE AND PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY: “WHAT NEXT”

10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

Dr. Brad King will engage a combination of lecture and guided discussion to advocate for a more intentional relationship with the Bible not only in our immediate community here at FUMC, but also with an eye to progressive Christianity and the American church more broadly.

FOR FAMILIES

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) MINISTRY

August 4, 2019

AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS AND COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry

FUMC began its ESL Ministry as an initiative by a pastor for whom English was a second language, one who thought he knew English until he arrived in this country and faced a myriad of challenges with communication. Add to this dilemma the cultural differences in medical care, the condition of women in society, how to go to the grocery store, how to take a bus, and how to navigate the educational system for one’s children. And then there is the loneliness of being the “other.”

For over a decade, individuals who find themselves in these situations have come to our ESL classes. Attendees say the difference between these classes and those offered by educational institutions is the feeling of community, the creation of a place to belong. The social hours of ESL classes are a safe place to practice a language, but also a place to feel at home. One of the unique things about our ESL Ministry is providing childcare so mothers or fathers who care for the family can concentrate on improving their language skills.

Although the teachers are volunteers, materials, childcare, utilities for the building, and refreshments for the social hours all cost money. Contributions to the rail offering during the month of August go to support this quiet but powerful ministry. You can contribute on the altar rail, drop your gift in the offering plate, or send or bring your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to FUMC and include a note stating your contribution is for “ESL.”
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST 7
Caritas Community Kitchen
8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 611 Neches Street
FUMC adults and youth (12+) as volunteers.
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 18, SUNDAY
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
This is an opportunity 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). Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

AUGUST 25, TUESDAY
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
We need more volunteers! Come help serve breakfast to 500 of our homeless neighbors. Preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins by 6:00 a.m.; and clean-up is finished by 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 11
Kindergartner Gathering
10:00 a.m. EDU Room 101
A chance for rising kindergartners and their grown-ups to gather before the first day of school to read a story, pray, and prepare for the big day.

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 Graders’ Parade
9:45 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 these 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, information, 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.

Back-to-School Pool Party
6:00-8:00 p.m. Balcones Woods Pool
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, a salad, a cookie!) 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.

AUGUST 25, SUNDAY
Administrative Board Meeting
12:15-2:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall
All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion. Board members have voting rights. Lunch will be provided for $10 per person. Board members and guests who plan to attend are asked to RSVP at fumcaustin.org/adminboard or directly following the meeting. Childcare available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org to make reservations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.FUMCAUSTIN.ORG.

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