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 through August 25.

GIFTS TO FUMC
• To our English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry in honor of Cathy Bingaman, given by Jim and Jane Bowen.
• To our Ministry Plan in memory of Harriet Garland, given by Bob and Debbie Block.
• To our Ministry Plan in memory of Curtis Higgs, given by Lucius and Lynn Bunton; Teresa Edwards; Otis and Martha Higgs; Tami Kellberg; Don and Sue Norris; and Phil and Karen Shaw.
• To our Ministry Plan in honor of Mary Higgs, given by Don and Sue Norris.
• To our Ministry Plan in honor of Ivan Marks, given by Phil and Karen Shaw.
• To our Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) Ministry in honor of Marilyn Good, given by Mary Higgs.
• To our Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) Ministry in honor of Pete Meeker, given by Mary Higgs.

FOR THE FUTURE
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 2nd 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.

PRAYER
WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION
Stephanie Benold; Sandy Bowles; Michael Crowe; Gussie Fallon; Kathy Morales; Mari Perez; Andrew Pyle; Weldon Wink; Carol Walker; and Dan Wood.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION
Curt Ashmos’ friend, Elissa Marek; Kim Battle’s aunt, Bunny Christie; Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren; Bob Block’s friend, Tim Sullivan; Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Mary Higgs’ great-grandson, Luke Rivers; Reverend Earle Lewis’ husband, Russ Hummel-Lewis, and nephew, Robert Bost; Nadine McDowell’s fiance, Joe Macklniday; Melanie Miller’s and Jen Stuart’s father, Doak Thomas; Arthur Potts’ father, David Potts; Charlie Ray’s mother, Aranell; Cindy Reidland’s friends, Carly and Colton; Dianne Render’s sister-in-law, Penny Burns; Kent Schuster’s friends, Scott and Colin; Alan Stephens’ father, Carl Stephens; Amy Wink’s horse, Blessing; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

Prayers for the victims of recent gun violence and their families.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS
Honor someone you love and remember a departed loved one, or celebrate special days or events in your life or the life of the church. The cost is $55 and the available dates for the rest of the year are September 8 and 15; October 6; November 10 and 17; and December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

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. 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 Family Life Center, 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 that your contribution is for “ESL.”

NEW SIXTH GRADERS’ PARADE
9:50 a.m. Sanctuary Front Steps
Come 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. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. New Classrooms
Parents of preschool children through rising 5th grade are asked to bring their children to their new classrooms and meet their teachers. You can also learn how to use our new electronic check-in system.

PARENT COFFEE
10:15 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Parents of children ages infant through 5th grade will receive a calendar of events, learn about the opportunities and ministries specially designed for your family, and learn about our new check-in system and dismissal policy for Sunday mornings.

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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.
SEPTEMBER

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

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Tuesday
Study and Discussion of The Far Away Brothers Begins
6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 102

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Wednesday
Disciple I Fast Track Begins
7:00-8:30 p.m. FLC Room 104

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