 Service Opportunities

August 27, Tuesday
Feed My People
Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m.
FLC Great Hall
Come help serve breakfast to 300 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.

September 15, Sunday
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third 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.
Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

October 13-16
Courts & Ports
Faithful Witness on the Texas-Mexico Border
The Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy/Texas Impact invites you to participate in this two-day immersion experience that engages people of faith to witness first-hand the legal and law enforcement processes related to immigration, detention, and deportation occurring in South Texas.
FUMC will send a team Sunday evening, October 13—Wednesday morning, October 16. Register by Sunday, September 15, with Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215). Learn more about Courts & Ports at texasimpact.org/courts-ports.

Signed 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 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. 220).

Sign up for Altar Flowers?

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.

Church News

FUMC Endowment Fund
In memory of Curtis Higgs, given by Sally Watkins.
Gifts to FUMC
To our Ministry Plan in honor of the baptism of Sylvia Crane, given by Daviss King.
To our Ministry Plan in honor of the baptism of Susan Haines, given by Daviss King.
Within Our Congregation
PRAYER
by Daviss King.

FUMC will send a team Sunday evening, October 13—Wednesday morning, October 16. Register by Sunday, September 15, with Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215). Learn more about Courts & Ports at texasimpact.org/courts-ports.

This Sunday

A complete schedule of today’s events is in “This Week” section on Calendar page.

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 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.”

Study and Discussion of Fear of the Other
10:00 a.m.
SAN Wesley Hall
Join retired Pastor John McMullen for a discussion of Bishop Will Willimon’s book. For more information, see the “Gather & Grow” insert.

4th and 5th Graders
Manna Bag Sale
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Sidewalk
Our children show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags. You can purchase a bag for $5.

Lifetouch Portrait Session
9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
SAN Foyer
After worship, Mary Heckmann, our Director of Communications, will help schedule your portrait session in person for our FUMC directory.

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.

Office Hours
Monday—Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 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.
Third Grade Bible Presentation
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Celebration of the Wedding Ring Class
10:00–10:45 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Lunch & Learn: International Justice Mission (IJM)
12:15 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
Registration Deadline for Courts & Ports
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

22 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

24 Tuesday
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
4:45–7:00 a.m. FLC
Lifetouch Portrait Session
2:00–8:00 p.m. SAN Room 212 and Room 215

25 Wednesday
Lifetouch Portrait Session
2:00–8:00 p.m. SAN Room 212 and Room 215

26 Thursday
Lifetouch Portrait Session
2:00–8:00 p.m. SAN Room 212 and Room 215

27 Friday
Lifetouch Portrait Session
2:00–8:00 p.m. SAN Room 212 and Room 215

29 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday Presentation
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 13, FRIDAY
Connect for Tweens: 6:00–9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall
All 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Connect for Tweens bridges children and youth ministries through building relationships, serving, and growing youth connect with one another and with God during the transitional pre-teen years.

Kids’ Club: 6:00–9:00 p.m. EDU 108
All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are invited to a night of faith building through games, mission projects, a movie, and pizza! Register at fumcaustin.org/kno the Wednesday prior to the event.

Kids’ Night Out: 6:00–9:00 p.m. EDU 102
While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 1st graders.
Cost is $25 for the first child and $10 for siblings. Register at fumcaustin.org/kno the Wednesday prior to the event.

SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY
Celebration of the Wedding Ring Class
10:00–10:45 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
In “Hamilton,” the musical, Alexander Hamilton says a legacy is planting seeds in a garden you never get to see. Our Wedding Ring Class has just done that! They have planted seeds, watered them, and all of us are able to enjoy the garden because of them. Join us as we celebrate this class and all that they have done for FUMC! We will sing, we will pray, and we will praise God for the gift of the Wedding Ring Class.

Lunch & Learn: International Justice Mission (IJM)
12:15 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Lunch & Learn: International Justice Mission (IJM)
From a year-long mission trip to Cambodia with IJM, a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. Join us for lunch while we hear the words God was at work in and through the Kilday family. Lunch from Jason’s Deli (suggested donation of $10) will be provided only with registration at fumcaustin.org/ijm. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

SEPTEMBER 19, THURSDAY
Cheers Ministry Potluck Dinner
6:30–9:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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 having a potluck dinner. Remember going to church potluck dinners as a kid and again at First Church? Those were good times for fellowship, food, and friendship. Well, it’s time to have another! Chicken will be provided and you can bring your favorite side or dessert. Debbie Shaw has a video for us, “Dance Hall Divas,” that shows how to tap dance your way to youth and joy. We may have time for board games, too. Register at fumcaustin.org/cheers.

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