CHURCH NEWS

FUMC ENDowment Fund
• In memory of Curtis Higgins, given by Dick and Ann Young.
• In memory of Melba Cox, Adele Cox’s sister-in-law, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.

GIFTS TO FUMC
• To our English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry in honor of Kathy Morales, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.
• To our Ministry Plan in memory of Curt Higgins, given by Ken and Susan Hensley and Davis King.
• To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of David Potts, father of Arthur Potts, given by Sandy Bowles; Scott Davis; Selena Martinez; Kathy Morales; and Dan Wood. 

SIGN UP NOW FOR FUMC DIRECTORY PORTRAIT SESSION
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 8-10 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.

SAFE GATHERINGS CERTIFICATION
Do you still need to be safety certified? If you are not already, but you want to work in ministry with children, youth, or vulnerable adults, then the answer is YES! This includes Sunday School, mission trips, care ministries, and chaperoning/driving. Parents of children and youth are HIGHLY encouraged to get certified. The church covers the cost, but our cost is going up 50% in January, so now is the time to do it. To find out how to get certified, visit fumcaustin.org/ministries/safety-training or contact Emily Buchanan, Safety Policy Administrator, at emily@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER
WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION
Betty Berkley; Sandy Berch; Scott Davis; Selena Martinez; Kathy Morales; Mari Perez; Karen Smith, serving in El Salvador; Weldon Wink; Carol Walker; and Dan Wood. 

BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITIES
• Congratulations to Alexis Nimbuona and Miriam Habonimana on the birth of Betty Berkey.
• Congratulation of Bishop Altenburg.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION
• Condolences to our friend, Linda Campbell; to our friend, Sonny Dearing; to our kitten, Dara; Cindy Reidland’s friends, Carly and Colton; to our Ministry in memory of David Potts, father of Arthur Potts, given by Kathy Morales; and Tom and Dorothy Whitfield’s sister, given by Tom and Dorothy Whitfield.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
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 with experienced volunteers.

Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00-5:30 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

SEPTEMBER 24, TUESDAY
Fourth Thursday Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall
We need more volunteers! 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. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule. On-the-job training is available.

SEPTEMBER 28, SATURDAY
NAMIWalk Austin
9:00-11:00 a.m. The Long Center
Support our team for this year’s NAMIWalk event! We are walking to raise awareness of mental illness and raise funds for the important work of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. FUMC is working to support the work of NAMI as we promote education and awareness about mental illness and work to end the stigma associated with it.

Come walk with us or support our team with a donation through our NAMIWalks team page at www.namimalls.org/team/32559.

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

SIGN UP FOR LIFETOUCH PORTRAIT SESSION
9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SAN Foyer
After worship, Mary Heickmann, our Director of Communications, will help schedule your portrait session in person at the FUMC directory.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF FEAR OF THE OTHER
10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall with Reverend John McMullen
There is a distinctively Christian way to engage the so-called “outsider” and “stranger.” Come look more closely at the gospel’s continued to love—because to genuinely love those considered to be “other” may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do.

UPDATE ON TEXAS MATERNAL HEALTH
10:00-10:45 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Circle Up: United Methodist Women is hosting this update. Come hear about the successes and disappointments concerning maternal health from this past spring’s legislative session and discuss ways to continue working to improve maternal health this upcoming year.

FIRST STEPS CLASS
12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Fellows from the Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Truck Team are interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to come to this class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To register, fill out the Connections Card during worship and bring it with you to class.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD
1:30-2:30 p.m. FLC 104 with Dr. Brad King
Though many lay claim to the “biblical” stance on family, gender, and procreation, the Bible does not provide clear or consistent advice on any of these issues. It does, however, provide insight into the ways that early Christians understood Christ’s message to shape relationships and behaviors.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE
4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel with Reverend Cathy Stone James
Join us as we work together to explore racial justice, seeking to undo racism in ourselves and recognize systemic racism, while working for and supporting work being done to end racial oppression. The text we are using to learn about racial oppression, issues of whiteness and race, and other topics.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF THE SONG OF THE BIRD
6:00-7:00 p.m. FLC Room 102 with Lucius Burton
In this book, author Anthony de Mello shares 124 stories and parables from a variety of traditions both ancient and modern. Each story resonates with a variety of traditions both ancient and modern. Each story resonates with.

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY–THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. 
FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. 
FALLING IN LOVE WITH GROWING UP
SEPTEMBER 2019
MISSION EMPHASIS

In Michigan, Global Mission Fellows actively work with the local community to assess the needs and organize neighborhood gardens to provide fruit and vegetables to food-insecure neighbors.

In Zimbabwe, Global Mission Fellows partner with the community to coordinate, design, and monitor health programs, including maternal and child health, malaria prevention, and HIV/AIDS education.

At First Church, we contribute during the month of September to make the local mission work of young adult Global Mission Fellows possible. Gifts may be left at the altar rail, in the offering plate, or at the church office, marked “GM Fellows.”

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Wednesday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; and Sundays, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
Pastors are on call after office hours and during holidays. Call 512-478-5584, press 213, and leave message for return call.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

28 Saturday
NAM: Walk Austin 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Long Center
Lifetouch Portrait Session 10:00 a.m.-4:00 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
FEAST for Young Adults 6:00-7:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY
Church Worship Service 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Manna Bag Sale 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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.
FLC Garrison Chapel
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
Engage for Youth Kickoff 4:30-7:00 p.m. FLC
Youth Parent Meeting 4:30-7:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

19 Thursday
Cheer's Ministry Potluck Dinner 6:30-9:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 13, FRIDAY
Connect for Tweens 6:30-9:00 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 helping youth connect with one another and with God during the transitional pre-teen years. Register at fumcaustin.org/connect.

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.

Parent Speed Friending 6:30-8:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
Have you ever heard of speed dating? We are shaking it up and inviting parents of little ones to join us for a night of food, fun, and speed friending! Come meet and interact with other parents in the throes of parenthood. You might even find a “match” for future play dates! The cost is $10 per person, with dinner provided. Register at fumcaustin.org/friending. Childcare (with pizza) is free with your registration. Please include names and ages of children.

SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY
Celebration of the Wedding Ring Class 10:00 a.m.-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 done just 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
Douglas and Thais Kilday (family of member Dan Kilday) will share their story 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 Cambodian organizations to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. Join us for lunch while we hear the ways 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. Register at fumcaustin.org/ijm. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 215).

Youth Parent Meeting 4:30-7:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
During our Engage Kickoff, we will have this meeting to go over the possibilities for the youth through Spring 2020 and hear feedback from one another. Another dinner will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 19, THURSDAY
Cheer's Ministry Parent 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 Church? All church fellowship, food, and friends! We’ll all be home; it is 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 Dinner,” that shows how to tap your way to youth and joy. We may have time for board games, too. Register at fumcaustin.org/cheers.

SEPTEMBER 29, SATURDAY
Mercy & Justice 5th Sunday Presentation 10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
We welcome Jennifer Long for this presentation. Jennifer is the Executive Director of Casa Marianella, the only shelter in Austin dedicated solely to immigrants. Their vision is that all immigrants arriving in Austin will have safe housing and access to the services they need to be successful. First Church is one of the founding congregations of Casa Marianella back in 1986. Jennifer, Director since 1998, will update us on their work, how they are being challenged by current immigration policies, and offer ways we can support their work.

FEAST for Young Adults 6:00-7:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
FEAST is a new kind of dinner church program that aims to build bridges among young adults from different churches and even different denominations in the Austin area. FEAST is based on the most ancient form of Christian communal worship: the love feast. Before the first cathedral was built, early Christians gathered in their homes to share a meal and talk about what exactly it meant to belong to the Kingdom of God. These meetings will focus on creating meaningful and personal interactions among individuals seeking more connection and engagement in a faith-interested atmosphere. Join us to FEAST on the Spirit, on Scripture, on good food, and on great conversation. Registration is encouraged at fumcaustin.org/feast.