NEW MEMBERS

Sherry Clark

Brenda Tharp

Rosemaria Martinelli

Selena Martinez

Zachary Wheat

Keely Nugent, pictured with her children, Riley and Callen

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HOSPITALITY HELPERS NEEDED

Want to help provide hospitality during the Lifetouch Photo Sessions? Consider volunteering for a two-hour shift. Various volunteer opportunities exist assisting with sign up and as greeters/hosts. Volunteers are essential in order to facilitate this process and volunteering is a great way to meet and learn the names of those you do not yet know. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/lifetouchhelpers.

CHURCH NEWS

SIGN UP FOR FUMC DIRECTORY PORTRAIT SESSION

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BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

Curt Ashman’s friend, Elissa Marek
Grady Basler’s sister, Tonya Basler-Stout
Doyle and Joanna Beavers, former Wedding Ring members
 Suzin Bedell-Healy’s mother, Barbara Bedell
 Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren Stafford
 Bob Block’s friend, Tim Sullivan
 Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Ahenburg
 Gage Goss’ grandfather, Jeff Jackson’s aunt, Joyce Jackson
 Melanie Miller’s father, Doak Thomas
 Ellis Pittman’s brother, Brian Pittman
 Mimi Raper’s friends, Mel and Celia Barrentino
 Cindy Reichard’s friends, Carly and Colton
 Michael Rentsler’s friend, Sonny Baring
 Alan Stephens’ father, Carl Stephens
 Gordon Wesley’s friend, Linda Campbell
 Dorothy Whitfield’s sister, Mary Connell
 Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS

Global Mission Fellows, ages 20-30, serve in social justice ministries across the country or internationally. They work alongside community organizations on hunger and poverty, global health, migration, and education issues. FUMC partners with the GMF program, a ministry of The United Methodist Church.

At First Church, we contribute during the month of September to make the life-changing 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.”

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 December 1, 8, 15, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

FUMC Weekly

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

THIS SUNDAY

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

WEIGHTLIFTING, DANCING, AND HANDBELLS

Between and After Services, Sanctuary Balcony

Handbells ringers are weight lifters and they can swing dance with the best and not break the stained glass windows. Ringers are challenged with anywhere from two to eight bells. Their joy is lifted and spread throughout the sanctuary every time they make music. In the end, it is the feeling of family, sharing joys, sorrows, frustrations, and, most of all, a relationship with God. Come and meet them and try our bells!

SEPTEMBER 24, TUESDAY

WEED my PEOPLE

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 cleanup 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

NAMIWALKS AUSTIN

Support our team for this year’s NAMIWalks 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.namimwalks.org/team/32559.

09:00-11:00 a.m.
The Long Center

1201 Lavaca Street  |  Austin, Texas, 78701  |  512-478-5684  |  www.fumcaustin.org

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29, SUNDAY

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 challenged by current immigration policies, and offer ways we can support their work.

FEAST
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.

OCTOBER 6, SUNDAY

Conversations on Racial Justice
4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Room 104

Join us as we work to be anti-racists, seeking to undo racism in ourselves and to recognize and understand our participation in systemic racism. This group meets on first Sundays to discuss and learn more about racial oppression, issues of whiteness and racism, and other topics. Over the next few months, we will listen to and discuss podcasts and articles from The 1619 Project from The New York Times. Register at fumcaustin.org/conversations.

OCTOBER 8, 15, AND 22, TUESDAYS

Mercy & Justice Book Study: Dear Church
6:30-7:30 p.m. FLC Room 104

Join Pastor Cathy Stone as we read Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. by Lenny Duncan, the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the U.S.: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, Dear Church offers a bold new vision for the church to take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/bookstudy.

OCTOBER 13, SUNDAY

We Are Blood Donation Drive
9:00-11:30 a.m.
Bloodmobile, Parking Lot

Blood donations have long been considered one of the easiest volunteer actions a person can make. Where else can you lay back for a few minutes and make a huge difference for others and receive juice and cookies for your efforts? The upcoming holiday season is a critical time for blood donations and it would be great to get a big response from our church. Schedule an appointment at fumcaustin.org/blood.

Administrative Board Meeting
12:15 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 by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9. Register at fumcaustin.org/adminboard.

Childcare is available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org to make reservations. Reservations are not guaranteed until confirmed.

OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY

Family Fall Festival
5:30–7:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Join us for an evening of fun where Halloween costumes are encouraged and activities are preschool-friendly: a haunted house, cookie and pumpkin decorating, face painting/tattoos, family photo op, movie room, mummy bowling, a prize walk, and aring toss. Pizza slices and drinks available for a small donation. In lieu of an admission fee, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Central Texas Food Bank.

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH News, visit www.fumcaustin.org.

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