CHURCH NEWS
FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND
• In memory of Gussie Fallin, given by Ken and Susan Hensley and Sally Watkins.
• In memory of Curtis Higgins, given by Ken and Marlene Santos.
• In memory of George Trosclair, Greg Trosclair’s father, given by Sally Watkins.

GIFTS TO FUMC
• To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of George Trosclair, Greg Trosclair’s father, given by Tom and Robbie Ausley.
• To our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry in memory of Curtis Higgins, given by Tom and Fay Brown.
• To our Pastoral Discretion Fund in honor of Reverend Laura Merrill, given by David Walker.

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, 15, 22, and 29. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or fumcaustin.org/lifetouchhelpers.

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS
$50 buys several cups of fancy coffee or $30 invested in the Global Mission Fellows program transforms a young adult’s life. 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.”

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019-2020
Is your youth interested in becoming a member of the church? All 8th, 9th, and 10th graders are invited to participate on Tuesdays, October 22-April 19. We will meet weekly to learn more about Christianity, Methodism, and Faith. It is an exciting opportunity to build community, to formulate our beliefs, and to take personal ownership of one’s faith. Register at fumcaustin.org/confirmation.

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/host. 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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**OCTOBER 20, SUNDAY**
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) Third Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLP Kitchen

MLF serves daily, but this day is 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.

**OCTOBER 22, TUESDAY**
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday 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.

**OCTOBER 27, SUNDAY**
ASP Summer 2020 Informational Meeting
12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

This meeting is for all youth and their families interested in the 2020 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip. Join us after worship to learn more about all that the trip and preparation entails and to register for this summer’s mission trip.

**FASST**

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Join us to FEAST on the Spirit, on Scripture, on good food, and on great conversation.

PRAYER
WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION
Harrison Adams; Molly Adams; Betty Berkey; Sandy Bowles; Scott Davis; Kathy Moraes; Max Perez; Karen Smith, serving in Bahamas; Weldon Wink; Carol Walker; and Dan Wood.

Congratulations to Wayne and Veronica Hernandez, Greg Trosclair and Caroline Jones, and Kathleen Jones on the birth of their son, grandchild, and great-grandson, Austin Rafael Hernandez.

Condolences to John Flowers on the death of his father, Jefferson Flowers, given by Sally Watkins.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION
Curt Ashmons’ friend, Elissa Marek; Doyle and Joann Beavers; Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren Stafford; Bob Block’s friend, Tim Sullivan; Fay Brown; Amy Wink’s friend, Kristi Wright; and

Saunders’ mother, Heidi Saunders, and uncle, Tim Baumann; Alan Stephens’ father, Carl Stephens; Dorothy Whittfield’s sister, Mary Connell; Amy Wink’s friend, Kris Kritz, and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

PASTORS are on call after office hours and during holidays. Call 512-478-5684, press 213, and leave message for return call.

FUMC WEEKLY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

FUMC DIRECTORY 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.

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.

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OCTOBER

6 World Communion Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services: Enough
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sunday School Services: Enough Begins
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Baptism Class
12:15 p.m. EDU Room 108
Pink Shoes Protest
12:15 p.m. EDU Room 108
CPR and First Aid Training
2:00-4:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Conversations on Racial Justice
4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

8 Tuesday
Lifetouch Portrait Session
2:00-8:00 p.m. SAN Room 212 and Room 215

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6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

1 Tues Feed My People Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall

2 Wed Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews
Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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9:00 a.m. fumcaustin.org/submissions
10:00 a.m. SAN Room 215
5:45-7:15 p.m. SAN Balcony
7:00-8:30 p.m. SAN Choir Room

3 Thur Feed My People Breakfast
Feed My People Breakfast Worship At the Well Ministry
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall
6:30 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
7:00-11:00 a.m. FLC

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 could 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 bounce house, cookie and pumpkin decorating, face painting/tattoos, family photo op, movie room, mummy bowling, a prize walk, and a ring 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 MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS, PLEASE VISIT www.fumcaustin.org.
Submit content for FUMC Weekly & eNews using submission form at fumcaustin.org/submissions.

OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 3
United Methodism at the Crossroads
10:00 a.m.
SAN Wesley Hall
What does it mean to be a United Methodist Christian today? This series will take a look at where we have been, our distinctive beliefs, emphases, and organization, and where the Methodist movement may be heading. Led by Reverend John Wright, former FUMC pastor and retired District Superintendent. Register at fumcaustin.org/umccrossroads.

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 26
Study and Discussion of What is the Bible?
6:30-8:00 p.m.
FLC Room 103
Author Rob Bell goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more relevant, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined and offers a compelling argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way. This book provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it inspiring and essential to our lives. The author addresses the concerns of all those who see the Bible as God’s Word but are troubled by the ethical dilemmas, errors, and inconsistencies in Scripture. Join FUMC member Curt Ashmos for this thought-provoking class.

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