CHURCH NEWS
NEW MEMBERS

FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND
* In honor of Curt and Debbie Shaw, given by John Wright and Barbara Ruth.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS
Randy and Genie Norris
Alex Parsons
Charlie Roth

GIFTS TO FUMC
* To our Ministry Plan in memory of Gussie Fallin, given by Noble and Sharon Doss.

PRAYER
WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION
Harrison Adams; Molly Adams; Betty Berkey; Debbie Block; Sandy Bowles; Scott Davis; Kathy Morales; Mari Perez; Andrew Pyle; Carol Walker; and Dan Wood.

Condolences to Suzin Bedell-Healy on the death of her mother, Barbara Bidell; to Robert Eakin on the death of his mother, Barbara Eakin; to Mary Higgs, on the death of her sister-in-law, Mimi Higgs; and to Amy Wink, on the death of her father, Weldon Wink.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION
Meredith Albright’s brother, Doug Fogle; Curt Ashmos’ friend, Eliza Marek; Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren Stafford; Bob Block’s friend, Tim Sullivan; Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Ahlernburg; Scott and Lauren Cook’s friend, Scooter; George Gaston’s friend, Dr. Robert Wootton; Gage Goss’ grandfather; Mark Hamre’s friend, Matt Byrlay; Sydney Head’s aunt, Tara Hershman; Sam and Lisa Hildebrand’s friend, Steve Younkman; Jeff Jackson’s aunt, Joyce Jackson; Jazmin Kent-Loera’s uncle, Richard Kent; Melanie Miller’s and Jen Stuart’s father, Doak Thomas; Delia Peters’ sister, Ruby Fraga; Mimi Raper’s friends, Mel and Celia Barrenfino; Cindy Reidland’s friends, Carly and Colson; Michael and Dianne Render’s friend, Carrie Baker; Nathaniel Saunders’ mother, Heidi Saunders, and uncle, Tim Baumann; Beverly (Shasher) Burk, former FUMC pastor; Alan Stephens’ father, Carl Stephens; Amy Wink’s friend, Kristi Wright; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

Condolences to the family and friends of former member Doyle Bearers on his death.

GIFTS TO FUMC ENDOWMENT FUND

OCTOBER 22-APRIL 19, TUESDAYS
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. 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.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS
Casa Marianella and World Communion Sunday
Together, we welcome and care for the poor, the stranger, the sojourner, the outcast. Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world. This October, our communion rail offering will be split between Casa Marianella and World Communion Sunday.

Casa Marianella welcomes displaced immigrants and promotes self-sufficiency by providing shelter and support services here in Austin. In addition to shelter, Casa offers access to legal and medical resources, food, clothing, English classes, and other resources. First Church was one of the founding congregations of Casa back in 1986. In 29 years, their population has evolved from survivors of the Salvadoran war to asylum seeking refugees and other immigrants from over 40 countries. Casa is the only homeless shelter in Austin dedicated solely to immigrants. 65% of the shelter residents, including children, are asylum seekers, many coming from immigration detention. Their vision is that all immigrants arriving in Austin will have safe housing and access to the services they need to be successful.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified youth and young adults face financial obstacles that hinder their preparation for their God-given vocations. For ethnic students who will be the first generation to attend college, or for people of color who haven’t historically had access to higher education, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. The World Communion Sunday offering helps provide scholarships through the United Methodist Church for national and international graduate students whom God has called to learn and to serve.

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Giftings, marked “World Communion,” may be dropped in the offering plate anytime during October or mailed to or brought by the church office.

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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.

WE ARE BLOOD DONATION DRIVE
9:00–11:30 a.m.
Bloodmobile, Parking Lot
Blood donations are 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? Walk-ins welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: ENOUGH
10:00–10:45 a.m.
SAN Wesley Hall
To complement our worship series, Director of Operations Dave Ballbach will facilitate a study and discussion of Adam Hamilton’s Enough. For more information, see the back of the enclosed insert.

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.

ENough
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 Caritas of Austin.

20 Commitment Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services: Enough
9:00 a.m. Murchison Chapel
Manna Ban Sale
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
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Churchwide Celebration Picnic
12:15 p.m. Capitold Lawn
Mobile Leaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
FEAST
7:00-8:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

21 Tuesday
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
6:15-7:00 a.m. FLC
Confirmation Class 2019-2020 Begins
9:45-10:00 a.m. FLC

24 Thursday
Cheers Ministry Painted Churches Trip
9:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Schulenburg, Texas

27 Sunday
Contemplative Worship Service
9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Coffee with the Pastor
10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Parlor
United Methodism at the Crossroads
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
ASP Summer 2020 Informational Meeting
12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
LGBTQ Work Group
12:15 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel

29 Tuesday
Study and Discussion of What is the Bible? Begins
6:50-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

NOVEMBER

2 Saturday
en-COURAGE: A Rally for Rio Texas UMC Next
1:30-3:30 p.m. Gruene UMC, New Braunfels, Texas

3 All Saints Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
United Methodism at the Crossroads
10:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall

9 Saturday
Service Day at Community First! Village
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9301 Hog Eye Road

10 Sunday
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Lunch and Learn: Homelessness and Fronts Steps
12:15 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

13 Sun
We Are Blood Donation Drive
Sunday School Classes for All Ages
Sunday School Series: Enough
Administrative Board Meeting
Children’s Choir Rehearsal
gen: for Youth: October Tag

14 Mon
Curtis Higgs Prodigals Study Group
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

15 Tues
Feed My People Breakfast
Mercy & Justice Book Study: Dear Church
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall
3:00-5:00 p.m. FLC Room 104

16 Wed
Deadline for FUMC Weekly and eNews
Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
FUMC Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
10:00-11:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
2:00-3:00 p.m.

17 Thurs
Feed My People Breakfast
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At the Well Ministry
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall
3:00-5:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
3:00-5:00 p.m. FLC

19 Sat
Family Fall Festival
5:30-7:30 p.m. FLC

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 20, SUNDAY
FEAST
7:00-8:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
FEAST is a 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 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-inspired atmosphere. Join us at FEAST on the Spirit, on Scripture, on good food, and great conversation. Register at fumcaustin.org/feast.

OCTOBER 24, THURSDAY
Cheers Ministry Painted Churches Trip
9:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Schulenburg, Texas
Our Cheers Ministry will travel 80 miles southeast of Austin to Schulenburg, a town of less than 3,000 inhabitants considered the “Home of the Painted Churches.” We will have a guide for the tour of the four painted churches in the area who will explain the churches’ architecture and history. Lunch will be in town. Travel details will be sent to those registered participants by October 21. Total cost of the trip is $45 for the bus and guide. Please pay when you register for the event at fumcaustin.org/cheers.

OCTOBER 27, SUNDAY
Coffee with the Pastors
10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Parlor
Want to connect deeper in our FUMC community? Come visit with the pastors and lay leaders in this periodic series of coffee and conversation. The emphasis of this first gathering will be on the Mercy and Justice ministries of our congregation and how to get involved. New and long-term members are welcome. Register online at fumcaustin.org/coffee.

LGBTQ Work Group
12:15 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
Our Mercy & Justice Team is building an LGBTQ Work Group. We are seeking a diverse group to plan and lead outreach and engagement with the Austin LGBTQ community. This group will also explore ways to support our LGBTQ members as well as FUMC members in their work. For more information on these events and all church news, please visit www.fumcaustin.org.

OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 3, SUNDAYS
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 what 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, TUESDAYS
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 revelatory, 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 a non-perishable food item for Caritas of Austin.

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NOVEMBER 2, SATURDAY
en-COURAGE: A Rally for Rio Texas UMC Next
1:30-3:30 p.m. Gruene UMC, New Braunfels
Do you hope for a more inclusive methodist church? Are you interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church in the Rio Texas Conference? We will gather with others to learn ways to support and participate in this movement as we continue our work of being fully inclusive.

This is a great afternoon trip, so grab some folks from your Sunday School class, Table for 8, or other small group and carpool to Gruene. Register at fumcaustin.org/en-courage. If you would like to carpool from the church, email Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

NOVEMBER 10, SUNDAY
Lunch & Learn: Homelessness and Fronts Steps
12:15 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Natalie Freeburg is the Communication and Volunteer Coordinator for Fronts Steps, one of the largest provider of services for those experiencing homelessness in the Austin area and manages the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless in downtown Austin.

Natalie’s presentation will focus on how to interact with compassion with those in our community who are experiencing homelessness, while keeping boundaries and learning the best ways to help someone on a more permanent basis instead of offering them a quick fix.

A sandwich lunch (suggested donation of $10) will be provided only with registration. Register at fumcaustin.org/lunchandlearn. Childcare is available by emailing childcare@fumcaustin.org.

Reservations are not guaranteed until confirmed.

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