We need more volunteers! Come help serve breakfast to 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 mission of our congregation and how to get involved. New and long-time 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 ways FUMC can more fully live out our values of inclusion. Come be a part of this conversation. We need all voices to help us listen for where God is leading us in this work.

OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 3, SUNDAYS
United Methodism at the Crossroads
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
First Steps Class
12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
FUM Preschool 40th Anniversary Event
1:00-3:05 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2, TUESDAYS
Study and Discussion of What is the Bible?
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103

November 2, Saturday
en-COURAGE: A Rally for Rio Texas UMC Next Conference. We will gather with others to learn ways to support and encourage, an event to unite and mobilize Methodists 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 3, Sunday
Conversations on Racial Justice
4:30-6:00 p.m. FLC Room 104
Join us as we work to be antiracist, seeking to undo racism in ourselves and 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.

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

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

Natalie’s presentation will focus on how to interact with compassion those in our community who are experiencing homelessness, while keeping boundaries and learning the best ways to help someone on a longer-term 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.

NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY
FUM Preschool 40th Anniversary Event
1:00-3:00 p.m. Wesley Hall
Our preschool is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Please join us for a come and go celebration with refreshments, photo displays, and a stroll through the campus. Come see old friends, tour the renovated preschool, and see fun photos from every decade.

We hope for a great turnout from current and former families.