CHURCH NEWS

GENEROSITY UPDATE
Thank you to the 205 of our families who have submitted a Commitment Card for giving in 2020! Are we missing yours? We need your commitment in order to accurately plan for our ministry in 2020. You can make your Commitment at www.fumcaustin.org/pledge or by placing your Commitment Card in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Questions? Contact Galen Fischer, Director of Finance, at galen@fumcaustin.org.

CANDY COLLECTION November 10, Sunday
Halloween is coming, and you are probably buying more candy than needed for Trick-or-Treaters. Please donate any leftover candy to our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry. The people we serve are so happy when we have candy to share! Collection bins will be in the Sanctuary foyer, the FLC lobby, and the church office next Sunday, November 10.

DIRECTORY PHOTO SUBMISSIONS
Thank you to the 187 families who participated in our recent Lifetouch photo sessions. If you were not able to participate due to schedule conflicts and would like to be included in the church directory, please submit a digital image to mary@fumcaustin.org by Monday, November 4. If you were in the 2015 directory, we can reuse that picture, so please specify your choice in your submission email.

SECURITY TASK FORCE
Two years ago, the pastors initiated a project with a committee of lay members and staff to review and develop an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). A complete schedule of today’s events is in “This Week” section on Calendar page.

FIRST STEPS CLASS November 17, Sunday
Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. The next class is at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

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PRAYER WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION
Betty Berkey
Debbie Block
Sandy Bosley
Janell Hadsell
Terry Kahn
Elizabeth Lerner
Katherine Lerner
Kathy Morales
Mari Perez
Andrew Pyle
Mimi Raper
Dan Wood

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION
Curt Ashmos’ friend,
Elsa Marek
Grady Basler’s sister,
Tonya Basler’s Stout
Debbie Block’s cousin’s spouse,
David Schieve
Cheryl Bias’ niece,
Lauren Stafford
Bob Block’s friend,
Tim Sullivan
Fay Brown’s sister,
Jo Rene Allenburg
Peggy Davis’ friend,
Paul Goertz
Pat Freeman’s daughter,
Staci
George Gaston’s friend,
Dr. Robert Wootton
Beth Kerr
Melanie Miller’s and Jen Stuart’s
father, Doak Thomas
Chad Price
Cindy Restland’s friends,
Carly and Colton
Rick Russell’s friend,
Nancy Littlejohn
Kent Schuster’s uncle,
Edmond Schuster
David Strong’s cousin,
Sam Stephens
Dick Young’s nephew,
Jeff Young

PRAYER WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

THIS SUNDAY
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CANDY COLLECTION FOR MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES
Collection Bins . Sanctuary Foyer, FLC Lobby, and Church Office
Thank you for your donations. If you did not bring your candy to church today, you may bring it next Sunday.

COLLECTION FOR CARITAS OF AUSTIN
Collection Bins . Sanctuary Foyer, FLC Lobby, and Church Office
Thank you for your donations. If you did not bring food or toiletry items today, you may bring them any Sunday in November. See insert for needed items.

VISIT OUR SUKKAH
10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Room 110
Our 4th and 5th graders are celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot and they invite you to come visit their Sukkah open house.

TRAINING FOR COLD WEATHER SHELTER FOR WOMEN
12:15-1:00 p.m. EDU Murchison Chapel
FUMC is a Tuesday night host for Cold Weather Shelter for Women, a program managed by Front Steps at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. Training includes a ministry overview, safety and logistics, ways to welcome and interact with our guests, Q & A, and signup. Snacks provided.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE
4:30-6:00 p.m. Garrison Chapel
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.

NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS
Christmas Eve Breakfast for the Homeless
For 21 years, FUMC has sponsored a Christmas Eve Breakfast in the Family Life Center. Each year, we provide a hot breakfast served restaurant style with hosts and a smiling waitress. After breakfast, guests receive hats, gloves, lip balm, and a one-day bus pass. You may leave gifts, marked “Christmas Eve Breakfast,” at the communion rail or you may send them to, or bring them to, or bring them by the church office. See insert for more information.

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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.

NOVEMBER 5-19, TUESDAYS
MERCY & JUSTICE BOOK STUDY
Enrique’s Journey recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, 11 years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States. Join us as we learn about and discuss current immigration policies through the lens of faith and justice. Register at fumcaustin.org/bookstudy.

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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER 10, SUNDAY**

**FEAST**

7:00-8:30 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.

**NOVEMBER 15, FRIDAY**

**Connect for Tweens**

6:00-9:00 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’ Night Out**

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! Registration and cost for Kids’ Club and Kids’ Night Out is conveniently combined: $25 for the first child and $10 for siblings. Register at fumcaustin.org/kno.

**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 to have a great turnout from current and former families.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND ALL CHURCH NEWS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.FUMCAUSTIN.ORG.**

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUN**

- Various Locations
- SAN Wesley Hall
- EDU Murchison Chapel
- FLC Garrison Chapel
- FLC

**MON**

- FLC Room 105
- mary@fumcaustin.org

**TUES**

- FLC Great Hall
- FLC Room 104
- FLC Room 103

**WED**

- fumcaustin.org/submissions
- SAN Room 213
- SAN Balcony
- SAN Choir Room

**THU**

- FLC Great Hall
- FLC Garrison Chapel
- FLC

**SAT**

- 9301 Hog Eye Road

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**FUM Preschool 40th Anniversary Event**

1:00-3:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday**

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen

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**NOVEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY**

**iACT Square One Thanksgiving Luncheon**

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church, 200 East 8th

iACT Refugee Services will host their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for ESL students, with help from FUMC and Saint John’s UMC. You are invited to join us to set up tables, decorations, provide desserts, plates, utensils, and cups, and serve a delicious turkey luncheon to students. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and donations can be dropped off before the luncheon. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/thanksgivingluncheon.

**NOVEMBER 24, SUNDAY**

**Intergenerational Advent Party**

10:00-10:45 a.m.

FLC Great Hall

Deepen your experience of Advent and enjoy a fun morning with your church family. Bring any family staying at your house, too! We will have food (of course!), games, and activities designed to prepare our hearts for the holy season of Advent. This is a great opportunity to bridge generational lines and connect with people of all ages in new and fun ways. Pick up some special spiritual practice aids and service opportunities you can do at home!