UPCOMING EVENTS
JANUARY 7, 14, 21, AND 28, TUESDAYS
Book Study: Shameless
6:30-7:45 p.m. FLC Room 104
Join Pastor Cathy Stone as we read and discuss this book by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Raw and intimate, Shameless offers a full-blown overhaul of our harmful and antiquated ideas about sex, gender, and our bodies. If you have been mistreated, confused, angered, and/or wounded by the shaming sexual messages so prevalent in religion, this one is for you. Register at fumcaustin.org/shameless.

JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 19, WEDNESDAYS
Invitation to Genesis
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC 103
What does it mean that God began the world by creating? What does it mean that we originate in goodness? How did we lose sight of this world and what can we do to reconcile ourselves and others to God’s creative vision? What do we really know about the stories we think we remember? Come explore these questions and more in a 7-week study of Genesis with Amy Wink. This study is designed to engage participants with the Living Word and to help us understand the challenges we face in creating the world God imagines. Cost is $15. Register at fumcaustin.org/genesis.

JANUARY 11, SATURDAY
Becoming a Better LGBTQ+ Ally
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Ally training provides a basic framework of understanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) persons and the unique challenges they often face. This training is designed to create dialogue regarding what it means to be an effective ally. Participants are encouraged to explore their own biases, build their knowledge and understanding, and develop empathy. Whether you already consider yourself an ally, or want to become one, this training can help you learn how to be a better neighbor within the FUMC community and beyond. A $15 donation at registration is requested. Register at fumcaustin.org/ally.

JANUARY 12, SUNDAY
Baby Brunch
10:00-11:00 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall
Have a newborn or child under 18 months old? Our Children’s Ministry invites you to come enjoy this fun event filled with fellowship and food. We are excited to partner with you as you begin this incredible journey with your child. Please RSVP to children@fumcaustin.org.

JANUARY 14-MARCH 10, TUESDAYS
Financial Peace University
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
What if you had an emergency fund, were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions for your family’s future? With Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. Freedom from debt is part of being free to follow Christ. Join members Ellis and Lisa Pittman for this personal finance class with a faith perspective. The cost is $99 per family. Register at fumcaustin.org/university.

JANUARY 15-APRIL 1, WEDNESDAYS
Disciple I Fast Track: New Testament
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 104
This 12-week study, led by Dr. Brad King, is the New Testament portion of the class begun last fall. Spots are available for anyone who is ready to commit and delve deeper. New participants will be asked for $15 to cover the cost. Register at fumcaustin.org/disciple.

JANUARY 5, SUNDAY
Epiphany Party
10:00 a.m.
FLC Great Hall
Start your new year with joy by celebrating Christ’s light in the world with your church family. Families, individuals, children, and adults all are welcome! Children and youth will not have regular Sunday School class that day, so bring the whole family to the party! Sign up to bring cupcakes and other food items at fumcaustin.org/epiphany.

Financial Peace University Information Session
12:15 p.m.
FLC Garrison Chapel
Come learn about Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, watch an introductory video, and pick up your materials for class beginning on Tuesday, January 14. Register at fumcaustin.org/university.

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. We will conclude listening to The New York Times podcast, “The 1619 Project.” No prep or prior listening required. Register at fumcaustin.org/conversations.

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FEBRUARY 2-23, SUNDAYS
Not Safe for Church: Sexuality and the Bible
12:15-1:45 p.m.
SAN Wesley Hall
The Bible plays an important role in shaping how we think and feel about intimacy and human sexuality, but the nature of its role depends on how we read and interpret Scripture. Join Dr. Brad King to learn how the Bible has been used to understand human sexuality and to discuss how we can best integrate the Bible’s teachings into our most intimate lives. Register at fumcaustin.org/sexuality.

FEBRUARY 4-18, TUESDAYS
Mercy & Justice Book Study: Strength to Love
6:30-7:45 p.m.
FLC Room 104
Join Pastor Cathy Stone as we read and discuss this book by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In these short meditative and sermonic pieces, some of them composed in jails and all of them crafted during the tumultuous years of the Civil Rights struggle, Dr. King articulated his commitment to justice and to the intellectual, moral, and spiritual conversion that makes his work as much a blueprint today for Christian discipleship as it was then. Register at fumcaustin.org/bookstudy.

FEBRUARY 8, SATURDAY
Learning Your Number: Enneagram 101
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
FLC Garrison Chapel
This one-day class provides a primer to introduce this ancient tool for understanding individual differences and spiritual growth, and for promoting compassion. It will include an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the types, as well as the interpersonal challenges of each number. The workshop is led by the Reverend Georjean Blanton, a retired elder of the North Texas Conference. Cost for FUMC members and guests is $40 and cost for community members is $60. Lunch provided. Register at fumcaustin.org/enneagram.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Continued)

JANUARY 19, SUNDAY
Movie Night: Loving
5:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Our Mercy & Justice Team and youth invite you to watch Loving, the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court’s historic 1967 decision. A short discussion will follow the movie. In support of the MLK Community March the following day, we will collect canned goods and/or non-perishable food items to be donated to the Central Texas Food Bank. Register at fumcaustin.org/movienight.

JANUARY 20, MONDAY
MLK Day Community March
9:00 a.m. MLK Statue, UT Campus
This annual March celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy while uplifting diversity and multi-culturalism in our city. Following a short program at the MLK Statue, we will march to the historic Huston-Tillotson University, where exciting activities are planned. We can arrange carpools. Contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

JANUARY 26, 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. New and long-time members are welcome. Register at fumcaustin.org/coffee.

FEAST for Young Adults
7:00-8:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
FEAST is a monthly dinner gathering for young adults (roughly ages 20–45) to build community and dig into the more difficult side of faith together. Led by Dr. Brad King, FEAST is a modern take on the most ancient form of Christian communal worship: the love feast. In addition to delicious food, these meetings are focused on creating meaningful and personal interactions among individuals seeking more connection and engagement in a faith-interested atmosphere. Registration is encouraged at fumcaustin.org/feast.

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Pre-Teen Sexuality Workshop: Wonderfully Made
Family Life Center
Pre-teen years are tough. Changes are happening to bodies, minds, and emotions which make it hard to know exactly what is going on. This workshop provides 5th and 6th graders the opportunity to ask questions about growing up and get faith-based answers. Curriculum covers physical development and spiritual connection while helping pre-teens improve communication with parents. Cost is $50. To register, contact Lara Greene at lara@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 211).