Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to come to this class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of First Church, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate. go online at fumcaustin.org/irststeps, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

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**First Steps Class**

**February 2, Sunday**

12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

Prayer:

**Within Our Congregation**

Stephanie Benold; Sandy Bowles; Melba Cox; Mari Perez; Debbie Rippeteau; Karen Smith; Bill and Ann Thurman; and Dan Wood.

Condolescences to the family and friends of Shirley Brooks on her death; to Melissa Biegert on the death of her grandfather; to Marla Loucks on the death of her father, Edward Bodour; and to Randy Teich on the death of his friend, Bob Radefeld.

**Beyond Our Congregation**

Curt Ashmos' friend, Elisa Marx; Kim Battle's grandmother, Nana; Grady Basler's sister, Tonya Basler Stout; Cheryl Blas' niece, Lauren Stafford; Bob Block's friend, Tim Sullivan; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Noble and Sharon Doss' granddaughter, Millie Owens; Sharon Doss' friend, Charlene Cox; Bob Garrett's nephew, Michael Garrett; George Gaston's friend, Dr. Robert Wootton; Cindy Gunderson's friends, Bill and Cyndi and Steve and Debbie; Mary Heckmann's sister-in-law, Susi Tyler; Jeff Jackson's aunt, Joyce Jackson; Melanie Miller's and Jen Stuart's father, Doak Thomas; Riley Nix's grandfather; Mimi Raper's friend, Albert Almanza; Cindy Reinland's friends, Carly and Colton; Shirley Sanders' mentees, Moses Cortez, Daniel Vargas, and Luis Vargas; Mimi Raper's friend, Judy Jackson; Danielle Thoma's friend, Joe Stevens; Kathy Tullos' friend, Vivian Ballard; Lisa Webb's mother, Theresa Webb; Adam Wooderson's uncle, Billy Wooderson; and Dick Young's nephew, Jeff Young.

**FUMC Weekly**

January 26, 2020

**This Sunday**

A complete schedule of today's events is in “This Week” section on Calendar page.

**Coffee with the Pastors**

10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Parlor

Want to connect deeper in your FUMC community? Come visit with the pastors and lay leaders in this periodic series of coffee and conversation. New and longtime members are welcome.

**2020 Leadership Kickoff and Charge Conference**

12:15–3:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

During this event, we will share lunch, learn some key information about serving in leadership at FUMC, and divide into ministry teams/committees to plan and set goals for the coming year. This meeting also includes approval of our 2020 Budget and clergy compensation. Board members have voting rights.

**Feast for Young Adults**

7:00-8:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

FEAST is a monthly dinner for young adults (roughly ages 20–45). Led by Dr. Brad King, it 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-inspired atmosphere. Register at fumcaustin.org/feast.

**Next Sunday**

**Sign Up for Austin Crop Hunger Walk Begins**

Sanctuary foyer

**Ending Hunger One Cup at a Time**

This family-friendly interfaith community event on March 1 at Camp Mah-Ya raises funds for hungry people around the world and here in Austin. This year's walk is focusing on providing animals for people in the Dominican Republic, so Austin is featuring a petting zoo for all ages to enjoy. Be a partner in this fun event by joining our First Church Walk Team. Sign up in the foyer or online at fumcaustin.org/crop.

**January Mission Emphasis**

We are committed to caring for and serving with our neighbors experiencing homelessness, especially women, who are more vulnerable and at risk. Inspired by God's Spirit, At the Well welcomes women experiencing homelessness into our Family Life Center each Thursday morning. Since At the Well launched in May, we have made a difference in the lives of more than 60 women. That difference is as varied as the individuals: a bus ticket back to family in Oklahoma, a place to take an online course for a food handlers license, a shower, food, and most importantly, fellowship. During the winter months, we provide shelter for up to 30 women on Tuesday nights when the temperatures are expected to be below freezing. Together, neighbors and volunteers have made a difference in each other's lives. Your financial support of these ministries ensures that we are able to provide basic necessities in a caring, safe, and accepting environment that affirms self-worth and dignity. Gifts, marked “January Mission Emphasis,” may be dropped in the offering plate anytime during January or mailed to or brought by the church office.

**Church News**

**February 2, Sunday**

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12:15 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

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**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. Arrangement cost is $65 and available dates for the next few months are February 2, 9, and 16; March 1, 8, and 29; April 3, 19, and 26; and May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. To sign up, contact Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

**FEBRUARY 23, SUNDAY**

Baptism Class

12:15 p.m. EDU Room 108

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**Promise**

We give thanks for the ministry of Galen Fischer this past year and bid him farewell upon his resignation from the FUMC staff.

The church seeks to hire a new Director of Finance as soon as possible. If you or someone you know is interested in this full-time position, visit fumcaustin.org/hiring or contact Dave Babcock, Director of Operations, at dave@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 202).

**Sign Up in the Foyer or online at fumcaustin.org/crop.**

**Sanctuary Foyer**

**SIGN UP FOR AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK BEGINS**

Next Sunday

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FEBRUARY 2023 CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS
JANUARY 27, SATURDAY
Curtis Higgins Prodigals Study Group Begins New Study
3:00-5:00 p.m. FLC Room 103
Men of all ages, who enjoy book studies and discussion based on Scripture and Christian faith, meet for study, prayer, and fellowship. This group is beginning a new study of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s book, Strength to Love, which was 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/reachbeyond.

FEBRUARY 1, SATURDAY
Sanctuary Talk
6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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/reachbeyond and don’t forget to bring your brown bag lunch!

FEBRUARY 1-23, SUNDAYS
Finances
9:00-11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Services
The weekends from Feb 1 to 23 will feature a special financial emphasis on the plenary session begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by two workshop sessions with topics from the headings—at-risk kids, disaster recovery, homelessness, immigrants, and what is next in ministries to our LGBTQ+ siblings.

FEBRUARY 2-23, SUNDAYS
Not Safe for Church: Sexuality and the Bible
12:15-1:45 p.m. SAN Wesley Hall
This book provides a primer to introduce this ancient tool for understanding individual differences and spiritual growth, and for promoting authentic implementation of the faith. 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 Jeannine Brown, a retired elder of the Northern Texas Conference. Cost for FUMC members and guests is $40 and for community members is $60. Luncheon provided. Register at fumcaustin.org/reachbeyond.

FEBRUARY 7, FRIDAY
Sanctuary Talk
6:00-9:00 p.m., FLC Garrison Chapel
The theme is “Show Your Stuff” where you can show your art, crafts, hobbies, photographs, or other ways you spend your retirement spare time. If you plan to bring your ‘stuff’, contact Dick Young at ryoung@atrr.com or 512-505-1031. Chefs will provide the meat dishes, tea, and water. Register at fumcaustin.org/cheers.

FEBRUARY 6-23, SUNDAYS
Financial Peace University
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel
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 innovative, 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.

MARCH 1, SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2, FRIDAY
Sanctuary Talk
4:30-7:00 p.m. SAN Balcony
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FEBRUARY 8, SATURDAY
Learning Your Number: Enneagram 101
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Oak Hill UMC, 7815 Hwy 290 West
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FEBRUARY 9, SATURDAY
Scripture Readers Practice
10:00 a.m.
FLC Room 103
Sanctuary Worship Services
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