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FEBRUARY 2, SUNDAY

First Steps Class

12:15 p.m.

FLC Garrison Chapel

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, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.
CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

TUESDAY
Financial Peace University Begins
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel

WEDNESDAY
Disciple 1 Fast Track: New Testament Begins
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 104

FRIDAY
Connect for Tweens
6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall
Kids’ Club
6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 108
Kids’ Night Out
6:00-9:00 p.m. EDU Room 102

SATURDAY
Sanctuary Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Banquet Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Manna Bag Sale
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
Movie Night: Loving
5:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary

THURSDAY
Feed My People Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
Pre-Teen Sexuality Workshop: Wonderfully Made
Family Life Center

FRIDAY
Feed My People Fourth Tuesday Breakfast
4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC
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SATURDAY
Point in Time Count
Across Austin/Travis County
Each year, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) plans and leads the Point in Time Count, a annual census of people experiencing homelessness. Early in the morning, hundreds of volunteers will work all day to count everyone experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our community. ECHO is a coalition of stakeholders that plans, develops, prioritizes, and implements systemic, community-wide strategies to end homelessness in Austin and Travis County. Let’s join ECHO in this critical activity for understanding and planning homeless services in Austin and Travis County. Together, we can end homelessness in our community! Learn more and register at austinecho.org/pit.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES
As we swing back into the school year this January, our children and youth ministries have many opportunities to teach and lead with our programs! We are specifically in need of volunteers to help teach our seven weekly Sunday School classes (each of which requires 2-3 Safe Gatherings certified volunteers). It is not too late to complete your Safe Gatherings certification before the price goes up in January. Visit fumcaustin.org/ministries/conference-safety-training for more information and complete Step 1 at safegatherings.com by the end of the year to help the church save costs. Then, contact Director of Children’s Ministries Lara Greene (lara@fumcaustin.org) or Director of Youth Ministries Devon Bailey (devon@fumcaustin.org) to sign up to teach or find other ways to get involved.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER FOR WOMEN
When Needed
Family Life Center
During the winter months, we provide shelter for women on Tuesday nights when the predicted overnight low is expected to be 35 degrees and will reach 32 degrees and dry. We have shifts to welcome and greet guests, provide/serve dinner, and act as overnight hosts. Sign up at fumcaustin.org/shelter.

JANUARY 19, SUNDAY
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) 3rd Sunday
4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. SAN MLF Kitchen
MLF serves daily, but this day is for those who want to try face-to-face service working with experienced volunteers. Join the Make-Ready Team from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (preparing food and loading truck) and/or the Truck Team from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (delivering food around Austin). Sign up at fumcaustin.org/mlf.

JANUARY 25, SATURDAY
Point in Time Count
Across Austin/Travis County
Each year, the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) plans and leads the Point in Time Count, an annual census of people experiencing homelessness. Early in the morning, hundreds of volunteers will work all day to count everyone experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Volunteers will count people sleeping in cars, tents, parks, under bridges, and on the streets. The information from this count is used to guide public policy and is vital for securing resources to help end homelessness in our community. ECHO is a coalition of stakeholders that plans, develops, prioritizes, and implements systemic, community-wide strategies to end homelessness in Austin and Travis County. Let’s join ECHO in this critical activity for understanding and planning homeless services in Austin and Travis County. Together, we can end homelessness in our community! Learn more and register at austinecho.org/pit.

MANNABAG MINISTRY
If you like the idea of helping our children and church members care for our neighbors, but do not see yourself as a teacher, we have a job for you! Twice a month we need adults to help teach our seven weekly Sunday School classes (each of which requires 2-3 Safe Gatherings certified volunteers). As we swing back into the school year this January, our children and youth ministries have many opportunities to teach and lead with our programs! We are specifically in need of volunteers to help teach our seven weekly Sunday School classes (each of which requires 2-3 Safe Gatherings certified volunteers). It is not too late to complete your Safe Gatherings certification before the price goes up in January. Visit fumcaustin.org/ministries/conference-safety-training for more information and complete Step 1 at safegatherings.com by the end of the year to help the church save costs. Then, contact Director of Children’s Ministries Lara Greene (lara@fumcaustin.org) or Director of Youth Ministries Devon Bailey (devon@fumcaustin.org) to sign up to teach or find other ways to get involved.

GREETERS AND USHERS
Want to be a greeter or usher? Join our team that continues to make FUMC one of the most welcoming congregations in Austin. Serving as a greeter or usher is an excellent opportunity to meet other members, make new friends, and welcome visitors to FUMC. Your commitment would only be one Sunday a month at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service from January-June 2020. To sign up, contact Richard Bettis at richard.bettis4@gmail.com or 512-657-7641 and he will send you all the information.

AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) TEAM
We all enjoy the seamless use of media in our worship services—both visuals on the screens and sound we can hear. This team needs two volunteers at the media center in the balcony each week: one to run worship slides and one to adjust audio. No experience is necessary and training is provided. Commitment is one Sunday per month from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with a break from 10:00-10:45 a.m. All of the slides are provided and your role is to operate the slideshow and/or audio. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, contact Dave Ballbach at dave@fumcaustin.org.