UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 15-APRIL 1

Disciple I Fast Track: New Testament
6:30-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays
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 17, 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’ Club
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! Register at fumcaustin.org/kno the Wednesday prior to the event.

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 19, SUNDAY

Manna Bag Sale
9:30–11:00 a.m. Sidewalk
Our 4th and 5th graders show the love of Christ to those in need through the making and selling of Manna Bags for a $5 donation, with proceeds going towards the purchase of more supplies. Bags contain nutritious snacks, a pair of socks, and a note with God’s blessing. You can buy a bag to hand out to those you see on your path or donate toward additional bags that are heavily needed at the front office during the week. Your generosity helps fund this weekday part of our Manna Bag Ministry here at FUMC!

Just Mercy Discussion
10:00-10:45 a.m., SAN Parlor
For those that read Just Mercy over the holidays or have now seen the movie, join us for a Sunday morning conversation as we discuss justice issues of race, poverty, and mass incarceration.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting
12:15-1:45 a.m., EDU Murchison Chapel
Our Civil Rights Pilgrimage is set for March 15-21, 2020 and we still have spots available. This seven-day trip for adults, youth, and families will take us through Jackson, Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Memphis. All participants should attend this meeting as we explore the lasting legacy of Civil Rights and deepen our understanding of what gets in the way. Lunch provided. Register for the pilgrimage at fumcaustin.org/pilgrimage.

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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.

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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.

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. Register at fumcaustin.org/chargeconference.

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) 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. Register at fumcaustin.org/feast.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Continued)
JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Pre-Teen Sexuality Workshop: Wonderfully Made
Registration Deadline: January 19
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 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).

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/firststeps, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

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.

FEBRUARY 23, SUNDAY
Baptism Class
12:15 p.m. EDU 108
Are you ready to have your child Baptized? Pastor Taylor Fuerst and Lara Greene host this class to learn about our beliefs about Baptism, logistical information about scheduling and service preparation, and ways to help your child live the Baptized life. This class is required for those preparing for a child’s Baptism. To register, indicate your interest on the Connections Card during worship or online at fumcaustin.org/baptismclass.