UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

JANUARY 20, MONDAY
MLK Day Community March
9:30 a.m. First Church
This annual march celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy while uplifting diversity and multi-culturalism in our city. Meet at the corner of 12th Street and Colorado Street for breakfast tacos before we join the March at 10:00 a.m. for a rally at the Capitol. Then we march to Huston-Tilliston for a Community Festival.
Contact Pastor Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org to arrange carpools.

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.

JANUARY 27, MONDAY
Curtis Higgs Prodigals Study Group Begins New Study
6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 103
Men of all ages, who enjoy book studies and discussion based on Scripture and Christian faith, meet almost every Monday night for study, prayer, and fellowship. The group is beginning a new study of Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others. The renowned New York Times bestselling author recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world’s religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Randy Teich at rteich@austin.rr.com or 512-426-7769. Register at fumcaustin.org/prodigal.
FEBRUARY 1, SATURDAY
Rethink Mission
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Hwy 290 West
Spend time learning, sharing, and celebrating many of the great successes in missions within the Capital District. Breakfast/registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the plenary session begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by two workshop sessions with topics straight from the headlines—at-risk kids, disaster recovery, homelessness, immigrants, and what is next in ministries to our LGBTQ siblings.

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 7, FRIDAY
Kids’ Night Out
6:00–9:00 p.m. EDU 102
While parents enjoy an evening out, children play, eat pizza, and watch a movie with our trained childcare staff. We accept infants through 1st graders. Cost is $25 for the first child and $10 for siblings. Register at fumcaustin.org/know the Wednesday prior to the event.

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 9, SUNDAY
Scripture Readers Practice
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Are you looking for ways to participate in worship? We are in need of scripture readers and will provide training. Come practice reading from the pulpit and review responsibilities of serving as a reader. Register at fumcaustin.org/scripture. If you are interested but cannot make this practice, contact Daviss King at daviss@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 204).

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.