Looking for supplemental income? We are adding two part-time custodial positions to our staff. The first position is for 20 hours per week (midday, Sunday through Thursday). The second position is for 10 hours per week (mornings/lex, Friday and Saturday). If you or someone you know is interested, visit fumcaustin.org/hiring or contact Dave Ballbach, Director of Operations, at dave@fumcaustin.org.

**PRAYER**

**WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION**

Stephanie Brunold; Sandy Bowles; Doug Hagemeier; Marcia Houston; Nancy Littlejohn; Marla Loucks; Mari Perez; Debbie Rippetoe; and Dan Wood.

**BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION**

Curt Ashmos’ friend, Elissa Marek; Grady Basler’s sister, Tonya Basler Stout; Cheryl Bias’ niece, Lauren Stafford; Bob Block’s friend, Tim Sullivan; Fay Brown’s sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Bob Garrett’s nephew, Michael Garrett; George Gaston’s friend, Dr. Robert Wooson; Gina Harper’s nephew, Bradley Bozic; Howard Hartman’s step-niece, Janie Georges; Mary Heckmann’s sister-in-law, Susi Tyler; Marcia Houston’s mother, Johnnie; Sammy Huffaker’s friends, the Grahame Jones family; Charlyn Loera’s and Heckmann’s sister-in-law, Susi Tyler; Marcia Houston’s mother, Johnnie; nephew, Bradley Bozic; Howard Hartman’s step-niece, Janie Georges; Mary Heckmann’s sister-in-law, Susi Tyler; Marcia Houston’s mother, Johnnie; Sammie Huffaker’s friends, the Grahame Jones family; Charlyn Loera’s and Heckmann’s sister-in-law, Susi Tyler; Marcia Houston’s mother, Johnnie; nephew, Bradley Bozic; Howard Hartman’s step-niece, Janie Georges; Mary Heckmann’s sister-in-law, Susi Tyler; Marcia Houston’s mother, Johnnie; and Dick Young’s nephew, Jeff Young.

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

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22 Saturday One Human Race Workshop 7:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Garrison Chapel Sweetheart Dance 6:00-9:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall

23 Sunday Contemplative Worship Service 9:00 a.m. EDU Murchison Chapel Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

26 Wednesday Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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MARCH

1 Sunday Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Resisting Racism Sunday School Class 10:00-10:45 a.m. SAN Wesley Hall Austin CROP Hunger Walk 2:00 p.m. Camp Malone, 220 West 55th Street

3 Tuesday Book Study: White Fragility-Central Austin-Begins 6:30-8:00 p.m. FLC Room 104

4 Wednesday Book Study: White Fragility-South Austin-Begins 6:30-8:00 p.m. La Madeleine, 3403 Brodie Lane

5 Thursday Book Study: White Fragility-Central Austin-Begins 11:45-8:00 p.m. SAN Library Book Study: White Fragility-South Austin-Begins 6:30-8:00 p.m. Home of Davis King

8 Sunday Sanctuary Worship Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 16, 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 foods, 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 urgently needed at the front office during the week. Your generosity helps fund this weekday part of our Manna Bag Ministry here at FUMC!

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 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. (driving food around Austin). Sign up at fumcaustin.org/fum-mlf.

FEBRUARY 22, SATURDAY

One Human Race Workshop 9:00 a.m. FLC Garrison Chapel This free one-day workshop provides a safe, open, and productive environment to learn and share about race. We will watch “Race: The Power of an Illusion,” examine concepts from Eric Lane’s The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb, and Robin DiAngelo’s White Fragility, and share in small groups. This workshop is appropriate for people aged 14 and older. Snacks and lunch provided. Registration is required at onehumanracecustin.org. Questions? Contact Daviss King at daviss@fumcaustin.org or Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

Sweetheart Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m. FLC Great Hall Celebrate the loving relationships in your life with a fun evening of dancing and fellowship. DJ, door prizes, selfie photo booth, snacks, and memory-making included. All are welcome—children, families, couples/group, and more. Cost is $5 per person, with a $20 maximum per family. Proceeds will benefit this year’s Austin CROP Hunger Walk. For more information, contact Lara Greene at laras@fumcaustin.org.

FEBRUARY 23, SUNDAY

General Conference Briefing 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Pastor Taylor will lead a briefing about the state of the United Methodist Church and the proposals likely to be voted on at Annual Conference in May.

Baptism Class 12:15 p.m. EDU Room 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 Connecting Card during worship or online at fumcaustin.org/baptismclass.

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 working towards a faith-interested atmosphere. Register at fumcaustin.org/feast.

FEBRUARY 25, TUESDAY

Feed My People 4th Tuesday Breakfast 4:45-7:00 a.m. FLC Great Hall Come help serve breakfast to 300 of our homeless neighbors. Preparing, cooking, and setting up begins at 4:45 a.m.; serving begins by 6:00 a.m.; and cleanup is done by 7:00 a.m. You may arrive and leave to meet your schedule.

FEBRUARY 26, WEDNESDAY

Church Event: Community First! Village Tour 10:30 a.m. 9301 Hog Eye Road Get an up-close, personal look into the life-giving development at Community First! Village in East Austin. We will see the amazing opportunities offered to the residents and explore volunteer opportunities. Please note the tour is an outdoor walking tour. We recommend that you come prepared for the weather that day and in comfortable walking shoes. In the event of light rain, the tour will still commence. This is a move-up, drive-yourself event. Register at fumcaustin.org/cheers.

MARCH 1, SUNDAY

CROP Hunger Walk 2:00 p.m. Camp Mbry, 2200 West 35th Street This family-friendly interfaith community event 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 and/or by making a contribution. Sign up in the Foyer or at fumcaustin.org/crop.