

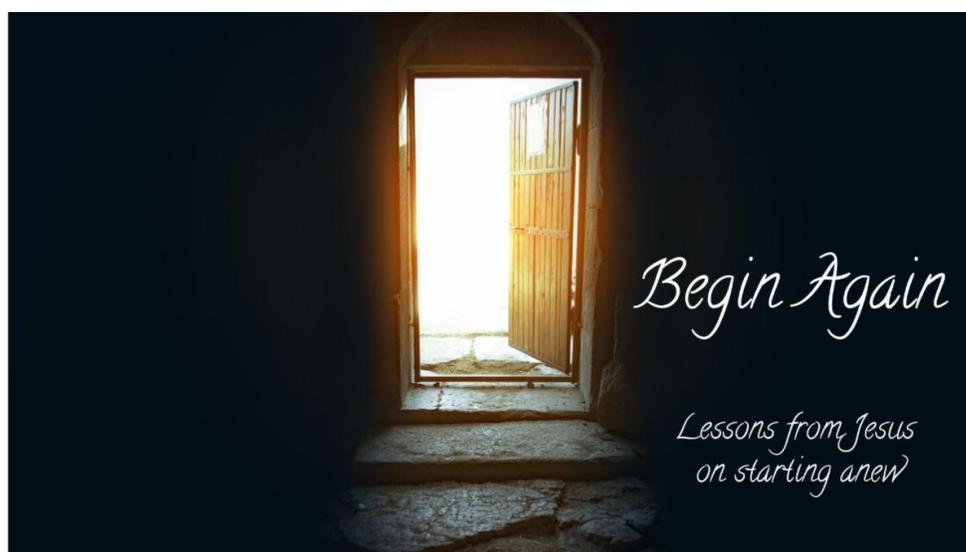
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# FUMC eNews

*a weekly publication*



## THIS SUNDAY



**Sunday, June 13**

Preacher: Brad King

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: On Mustard Trees

### Worship

Due to Covid restrictions, our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in-person worship services have a limited capacity in the Sanctuary. Our 11:00 a.m. service is full this week, but there is still room to register for 9:00 a.m. [online](#). Don't forget, virtual worship will still be available at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday through our Zoom worship time, [YouTube Channel](#), and [Facebook page](#). Our [Interactive Worship on Zoom](#) includes opportunities to connect with one another, share prayer concerns, and view our video worship service together.

### Sunday School

[Children's Sunday School](#) for Kindergarten-5th Grades is on break for June and will resume July 11, with Covid safety precautions, limited capacity, and registration required. [Youth Sunday School](#) will meet at 10:00 a.m. in person in front of the Family Life Center. Bring a chair and prepare to walk to the Capitol lawn. [Adult Sunday School](#) classes are beginning to meet in person or in hybrid formats. All interested parties should reach out to [class contacts](#) for more information.



## FEAST

4:30 p.m., Scholz Garten

Our "young adult" (20–45 years old) community will be meeting for our first in-person and inside TOAST happy hour of 2021. I am so excited for us to return to our happy hour home. For more details about opportunities for young adult events, service, and fellowship, [email](#) Pastor Brad.

Interested in what we're up to but not ready to attend an event? That's fine too! Contact Brad to get on the FEAST mailing list so that you can see what we're up to when you're ready to jump in.

## NEWS & EVENTS

*Stay up-to-date on events at [fumcaustin.org/events](https://fumcaustin.org/events).*

**We need your help to get back to worship and ministry in person!**  
Opportunities abound, even with a small amount of time available. Where is God calling you to serve?

**A/V Team** – The Audio/Visual Team needs two volunteers at the media center in the balcony each week to run worship slides and adjust audio. No experience is necessary and training is provided. Commitment is one Sunday per month. If you are interested, please contact Case Conner at [case@fumcaustin.org](mailto:case@fumcaustin.org).

**Bulletin Assembly** – This requires 1–2 hours weekly on a Thursday morning, typically from about 9–11 AM. It is “assembling” the bulletins for the 9:00 and 11:00 worship with inserts and having them ready for the ushers on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tami Kellberg at 512–478–5684 or [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org).

**Communion Helper** – Communion Helpers are needed to help prepare communion. Setup includes purchasing the bread, setting up the altar, and cleanup after service. Communion is served every week at 9:00 a.m. and 1st Sundays at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Doss at [sldoss@austin.rr.com](mailto:sldoss@austin.rr.com) or Pastor Cathy at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org).

**Sunday Receptionist** – Answer phones and greet people as they enter the office area on an occasional basis on Sunday mornings. Volunteer weekly or monthly, whatever fits into your schedule. If you are interested in helping out, even if only once a month, please contact Marcia at 512–478–5684 or [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org).

**Sanctuary Steward** – There are several opportunities to serve as a steward in our beautiful Sanctuary– keeping supplies stocked in the pews (pencils, envelopes, special envelopes, prayer concern cards, etc.), replenishing the attendance folders, and other duties. It would require about an hour per week or less, if we have several people helping. This could be done following the 11:00 worship service or sometime during the work week. It is a task that should be done weekly in order to keep up, however, if you can only help out once or twice a month, that is great. This is a perfect opportunity for a couple or a family to help at the church and be in service to your congregation. It is a simple task but a task that needs to be done. If you are interested, contact Marcia at the church office Monday thru Thursday, 9–2:30 p.m. at 512–478–5684 or [marcia@fumcaustin.org](mailto:marcia@fumcaustin.org).

**Scripture Reader** – A liturgist (reader) can be a lay person chosen by the pastor to read the scriptures or liturgy during worship. The pastor provides you with the readings several days prior to the service allowing you time to become “comfortable” in reading to the congregation. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, please contact

Pastor Taylor at [taylor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:taylor@fumcaustin.org).

**Usher/Greeter** – Serving as an Usher or Greeter is an excellent opportunity to meet other members, make new friends, and welcome visitors to FUMC Austin. The commitment is one Sunday a month at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested, please contact Chris Story at [crstory@gmail.com](mailto:crstory@gmail.com).

**Youth Sunday School Teachers** – Sunday School Teachers serve one hour on Sunday mornings in our youth classrooms, monthly or weekly. Background checks and safety training are required. To get involved, contact [devon@fumcaustin.org](mailto:devon@fumcaustin.org).

**Children's Sunday School Teachers (beginning July 11)** – Sunday School Teachers serve one hour on Sunday mornings in our children's classrooms, monthly or weekly. Background checks and safety training are required. To get involved, contact [children@fumcaustin.org](mailto:children@fumcaustin.org).



## Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

This year's ASP team was commissioned last Sunday in preparation for their trip to Leslie County, KY. Our team of 25 youth and 15 adults is ready to hit the road Friday, June 18. For over forty years, FUMC Austin has been sending youth and adults to Appalachia to build relationships and repair homes to make them warmer, safer, and drier. This opportunity could not happen without the generosity and support of our FUMC family. It's not too late to support this year's trip!

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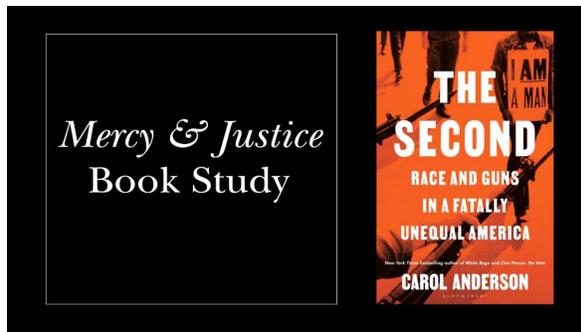
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## Alternative Gifts for Father's Day

### Order Deadline June 14

Fathers can be the hardest to shop for when gift time comes around. This Father's Day, we are encouraging gifts to be used by fathers across the globe as an alternative to the usual standby tie or some other gift item you might purchase. An alternative gift is a perfect way to let the men in your life know they are appreciated. Get started now by selecting the gifts you wish to symbolically give using our online form. Make your online payment from our website. A check can be sent to the church office, marked for Father's Day, if preferred. [Order Online](#) .



## Mercy & Justice Book Study:

### *The Second*

Tuesdays, June 15–29, 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
FLC 104/Zoom

In *The Second*, historian and bestselling author of *White Rage*, Carol Anderson, powerfully illuminates the history and impact of the Second Amendment, how it was designed, and how it has consistently been constructed to keep African

Americans powerless and vulnerable. *The Second* is neither a “pro-gun” nor an “anti-gun” book; the lens is the citizenship rights and human rights of African Americans. We will meet on Zoom and in person as you are able. Zoom invitation will be sent with registration. Contact Pastor Cathy at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) for additional information. This book will be released June 1. We encourage you to pre-order/purchase the book locally at Black Pearl Books or Book People.

Register  
Online

## Family Fellowship

Thursday June 17, 6:00 p.m.

Central Market

Attention FUMC Families with kids who have finished Kindergarten–5th grades! We know you and the kids have really missed seeing other church families throughout our time of social distancing. That's why our Children's Ministry team is hosting in-person fellowship this summer with biweekly gatherings at the Central

Market Playground located at 4001 N Lamar Blvd. Come grab a bite to eat and let the kids enjoy the playground while you catch up with other parents. Our first meet-up is June 17 at 6:00 p.m., with additional meetings July 1, 15 (location change to the Rudy's on Loop 360), and 29, and August 12. No registration is required. Just plan to join in. We can't wait to see you there!



## Movie Recs Needed

Starting June 27th, our summer worship series will focus on movies as a link to our faith and God's good news. So, we need you to help by sharing the titles of movies that have held a connection to your faith! Who knows – your suggestion may be chosen for the series! Fill out this simple [response form](#) to share your ideas.

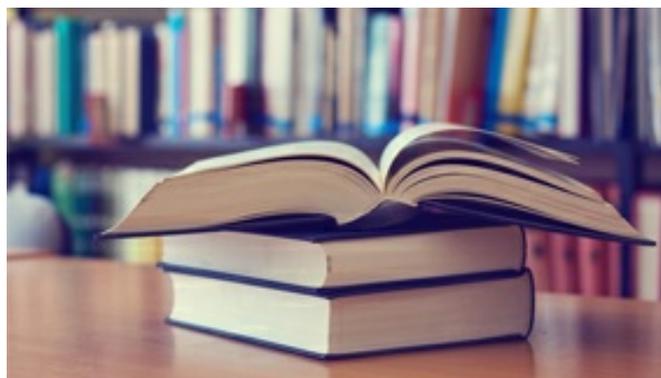
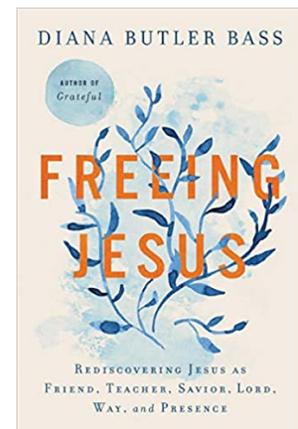
## Curtis Higgs Prodigals New Study:

### *Freeing Jesus*

Beginning Monday, June 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Zoom Online

The Prodigals will begin discussing *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass on Monday, June 28. The author challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities. Men of all ages are welcome to join. For more information, contact Randy Teich at [randy.teich53@gmail.com](mailto:randy.teich53@gmail.com) or call 512-426-7769.



## Summer Book Club

Now – August 8

Our summer book club is as easy as 1–2–3!

1. Pick your book.
2. Read your book.
3. Bring your book and discuss.

Adult books to choose from:

- *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal* Edited by Sarah Bessey
- *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
- *Just Faith: Reclaiming Progressive Christianity* by Guthrie Graves–Fitzsimmons

- *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom, and Justice* by Anthony Ray Hinton
- *We Gon' Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation* by Jeff Chang
- *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

Young Adult book:

- *Watch Us Rise* by Renée Watson

Children's books:

- *We are Water Protectors* By Carole Lindstrom
- *Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis* by Jabari Asim

Want to do more in response to what you read? Read with a small group or buddy and discuss while reading or, find a creative way to respond – a picture, poem, poster, button...

Gather with other summer readers to discuss books and share responses on August 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Murchison Chapel. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) or visit our [website](#) for book descriptions.

## JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS



Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, The United Methodist Church honors the dignity of every individual made in God's image and is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. This offering supports the peace and justice work of Austin Region of Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON), a United Methodist-affiliated immigration ministry that welcomes refugees and immigrants into our communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy. As a part of this nationwide effort, ARJFON hosts regular legal clinics to provide affordable immigration legal services to those with limited income. ARJFON's services are focused on family-based and humanitarian immigration law. Monetary donations may be left at our communion rail or sent to or brought by the church office during the month of June.

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# PRAYER CONCERNS

Submit a prayer request [online](#).

## Within Our Congregation

Sandy Bowles, Bill and Shirley Derryberry, Karen Flournoy, Mari Perez, Sallie Novinger, Rick Ortiz, Dick Raycraft, Ann Teich, and Dan Wood.

## Beyond Our Congregation

Curt Ashmos' friend, Elissa Marek; Grady Basler's sister, Tonya Basler Stout; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren Stafford; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; Peggy Davis' cousin, Stacy; George Gaston's friend, Dr. Robert Wootton; Tamra Golden's sister, Serena; Marcia Houston's mother, Johnnie; Vice President of Rio Texas Conference UMW, Annye Jones; Kelly Mills' friend, Tim Vance; Cindy Reidland's friends, Carly and Colton Wimberly; Rio Texas Conference UMW secretary, Dianne Rumfield's husband, LD Rumfield III; Alan Stephens' father-in-law, Bob McBride, and his mother-in-law, Betty McBride.



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