

Make It Thrive

The church is an ecosystem of grace. It is a coming-together of people, systems, buildings, and opportunities that open the door for God to do transformative work. When the ecosystem is thriving, transformation abounds in the lives of the congregation as well as the surrounding community, where the impact of transformed lives reverberates, enabling a more loving and just society. Such thriving is possible because of the generosity of those who are on the path of transformation. When we give to the mission of the church, we are drawn beyond our worldly concerns and learn to set our hearts first on the kin-dom—on what God is doing. We learn to live with gratitude and trust that God provides for our needs.

How will your financial gifts help make FUMC Austin thrive?

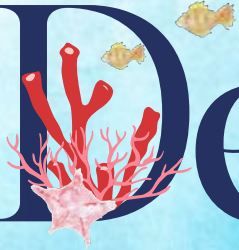
Spread The Word

Transformation is a gift we offer to others by inviting them to participate in the life of the church. By participating in a faith community, they may also discover God at work in their lives and in the world, and their presence can have a transformative effect on others as well. Inviting others is a way that we share the transformative love of God, not through coercion or guilt trips, but by simply sharing the steps we have found helpful on this journey of faith. Lives are changed every day by a simple invitation.

Who will you invite to participate in the life of the church?

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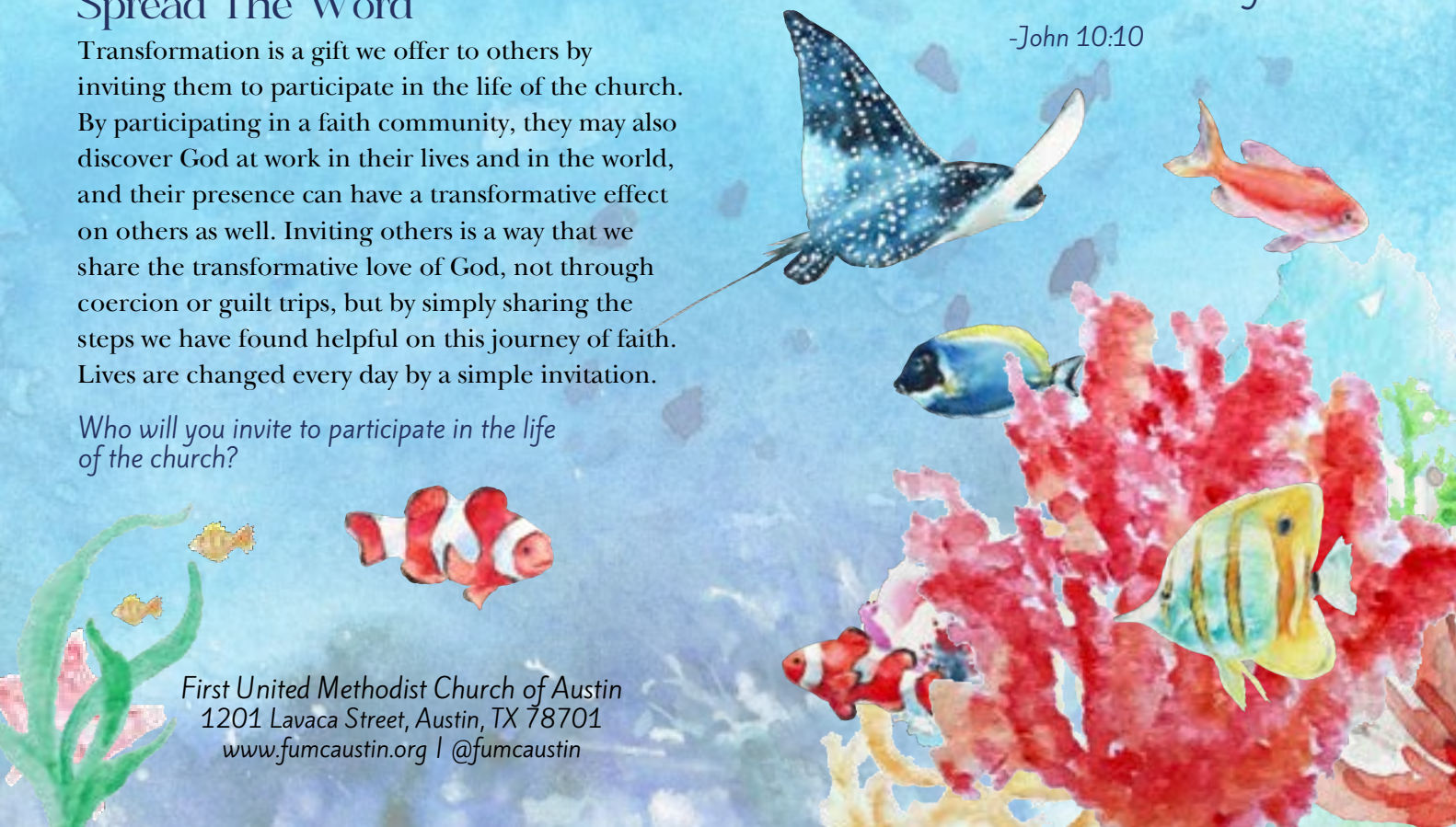
In the Deep



God's transforming
love at work in us

*I have come that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.*

-John 10:10



We believe that transformation is at the heart of all that God is doing.

God is about the work of transformation, but God doesn't do that work alone. Instead, God invites us to partner in our own transformation and that of the world around us for the flourishing of all of creation. Here are five ways that we commit to participating in transformation through FUMC Austin:

Connect with God

Throughout the Bible, we see the story of a God who is determined to be with us, to know and to be known, and we are made for that connection with God. Without it, we are less fulfilled and more isolated. Through spiritual practices of worship, Bible study, and regular prayer, we nurture a trusting connection with God that helps to root us spiritually so we can navigate life with meaning and purpose.

How will you root yourself in your connection with God?

Do Life Together

We are nurtured in community, among trusted friends with whom we share life's journey, with all its ups and downs. These are the people who help to fulfill our deep need to belong, to be cared for, and to know we are loved and wanted, just as we are. From close friendships and fellow class members to pew neighbors and brunch buddies, these friends reflect the love of God to us and create an ecosystem where transformation is possible.

Where will you intentionally seek community within the church?

Be a Servant

Jesus modeled a way of life oriented around serving others. He taught and demonstrated service as a posture, a way of moving through the world. There are infinite opportunities and ways to serve and, when we practice any of them regularly, they train us to move through the world with the same posture. Imagine the transformation in our community if more and more people approached encounters at work or in the halls of power as those who come, not to be served, but to serve! In addition, acts of service are often an opportunity for us to cross boundaries into unexpected relationships, where we make new discoveries about others, ourselves, and God.

Who will you serve?

