

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Church and Sunday School will not meet today. A nursery will be available if needed.

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL 2018!

Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers, Children's Church volunteers, Children's Council members and the hundreds of volunteers who helped plan and carry out children's programs and ministries in 2018. To God be the glory for a wonderful year! We look now to 2019 with new excitement!

BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Babies born into our church family in 2018 will be recognized during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, January 13. We look forward to celebrating with these little ones and their families.

PRAYER, CHORE, DEED 2019 CALENDARS

"Prayer, Chore, Deed" 2019 calendars are located on tables in the Children's Building. These wonderful calendars emphasize the importance of saying a prayer, doing a chore and a kind deed every day. Please pick one up for your family.

MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10 - 14
Camp Lee | July 24 - 27 | Grades 3 - 5

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone that participated in Tree of Lights. This money will go towards the youth mission trip to Costa Rica.

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES | DECEMBER 30

There will be no MYF this tonight. We are praying for everyone as they are with family and friends during this Christmas season.

WINTER RETREAT

We are so excited about our annual trip to Camp Hargis January 19-21. Our speaker this year will be our own Bria Rochelle. We will focus on the hills and valleys of life and how to stay rooted in Christ through all circumstances! The band will be a group from the Wesley Foundation in Tuscaloosa.

COSTA RICA | JUNE 15-22

For those signed up to go on our mission trip this summer, the next payment of \$300 is due ASAP. If you have not paid please talk to the youth staff. The third payment will be \$300 due on January 23rd.

GET CONNECTED

Make sure to follow us on our social media accounts for updates on upcoming events and pictures of past events!



FUMC Montgomery-
Connect Student Ministries



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Baptism
Berkley Elizabeth Guntharp
December 23, 2018

Daughter of Nigel and Elizabeth Guntharp

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider becoming a member of our church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership. To join, please come forward at the end of the service, indicating your desire, or for more information about joining our church family, please contact Rev. Gillian L. Walters at (334) 834-8990 or GLWalters@fumcmontgomery.org.

LITURGICAL SEASON: CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season lasts twelve days and the liturgical color is white. The day after the Christmas season is January 6, which is Epiphany. Epiphany is the traditional day the church celebrates the arrival of the wise men at the manger.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND CHAPEL

Wednesday, January 3, 2019

Normal Wednesday night supper and chapel schedule will resume January 9, 2019. Happy New Year!

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign-up for the below events, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/events.

END OF 2018 GIVING REMINDER

All giving must be received in the finance office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2018 in order to be applicable for 2018 tax purposes. The Finance Office will be open until 5 p.m. on December 31.

PLUG-IN AND RECHARGE ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

Starting in January, the Sunday School class with the highest attendance and highest percentage of attendance each week will be announced in morning worship. Our current average attendance is 515 and our goal by the end of January is 700. Be thinking of ways you can reach out to guests and Sunday School members you have not seen in awhile and invite them to come with you in January!

JOSEPH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Joseph Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in the areas of visitation, luncheon, flower delivery, ushers and emailing. If interested, please contact Susan Jemison by email at susanjemison1550@gmail.com or call 334-315-1408.

OXYGEN MINISTRY NATURE HIKE

Saturday, January 12, 2019 | Lagoon Park

Got the holiday blues? Kickoff 2019 with a healthy start! Bring friends and family of all ages to the Pete Peterson Lodge entrance of Lagoon Park on Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. for a 1-3 mile bike (bring your own) or trail hike. Enjoy post hike s'mores/trail snacks. Register online by January 11 or call the church office for more information.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Wednesday, January 23 | Fellowship Hall

Round up the whole family and join us as our church hosts the fifth Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. Over 30,000 meals will be assembled to be distributed around the world in a great effort to end hunger in our lifetime. Wednesday Night Supper will be served in the Epworth Room so you can still eat and sign up to help!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Saturday, January 26, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | Epworth Room

Join the FUMC UMW at their annual retreat as Rev. JoAn Kinrade of FUMC Newnan, GA speaks on "Understanding the Father's Heart for Each of His Children." The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. For questions or more information please contact Linda Singleton at 334-819-9431.

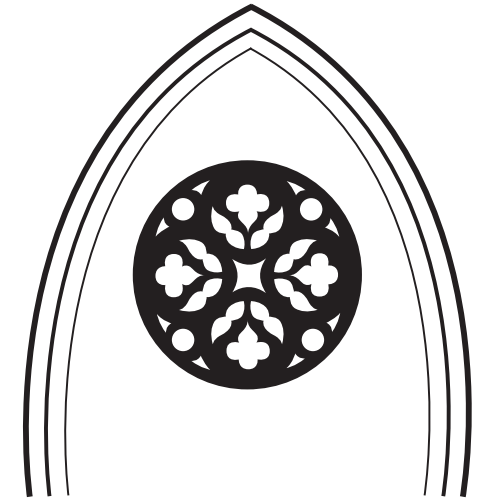
FUMC CLOTHING CLOSET

Our clothing closet is in need of all sizes of coats and warm clothing for both children and adults. Please contact Claire Smith at csmith@fumcmontgomery.org for more information. Clothes Closet hours at Capitol Heights UMC are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

50 PLUS JANUARY EVENTS

Tartans & Thistles Luncheon | Wednesday, January 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$10
Watercolor Workshop | Friday, January 25 | 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge | \$45
The luncheon will include delicious food, fellowship, and a full Scottish program by incredible bagpiper Chuck Arney. Sign up at fumcmontgomery.org/events/tartans or at the receptionist desk at FUMC.

At the watercolor workshop presented by Gayle Jones, participants will be provided with supplies. There are 11 spots left. Bring \$10 for optional lunch. Sign up at the receptionist desk or at fumcmontgomery.org/events/watercolor.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— DECEMBER 30, 2018 —

— NEW YEAR'S COVENANT SERVICE —

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Senior Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Ed J. Deabler
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall
Associate Minister

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Dr. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop of Alabama-West
Florida Conference



Reverend R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent of
Montgomery-Prattville District

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MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 30, 2018
NEW YEAR'S COVENANT SERVICE
TEN O'CLOCK
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Prelude *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Paul Manz

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Introit *Unto Us a Boy is Born* TRADITIONAL

*Processional Hymn *Joy to the World* 246

*Call to Worship
Leader: Come, all you people, come and worship.
People: God has made a covenant with us.
Leader: Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.
People: God has made a covenant with all creatures.
Leader: Remember the covenant and be thankful. God remembers the covenant and God will save us.

*Invocation
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you as a new year approaches with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* 881
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri Meineke
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Act of Praise *Go Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Richard Walters
Abigail Hagood, Soloist

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer FWS 2160
O Come All Ye Faithful
*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. G. Charles Kendall

Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory *Covenant Prayer* arr. Allen Pote
Cathedral Choir

Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands. Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you. Lord, make me what you will. I will no longer be my own. Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. Lord, I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to you, to your pleasure and disposal, Lord. Make me what you will.

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Greensleeves
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Prayer for Our Nation America
*Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

Children's Minute Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church.
Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

Hymn of Preparation *Take My Life and Let It Be* 399

*Gospel Lesson **Philippians 3:13-14**

Sermon Rev. Ben A. McDavid
Recipe for a Happy New Year

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

*Hymn of Invitation *This is a Day of New Beginnings* 383

*Benediction Rev. G. Charles Kendall

*Benediction Response *Be Near Me Lord Jesus* arr. Lester Seigel

*Postlude *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. C. Uehleim

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

*Please stand as you are able.

The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God by the Worship Committee and the Flower Guild for the month of December.

The wreath on the columbarium is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe F. Lassiter III by Clare and Bill Ward, Christine Lassiter, Emily Lassiter (Mary Jane and Camille), and Nancy and David Belser.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

New Year Studies

Start the new year off right by growing deeper in your walk with Christ, while getting to walk alongside people who are experiencing a similar season of life as you. Please take a look at the list below, and join us for one of our New Year Studies.

Financial Peace University – Taught by Brett Crawford, 13 weeks, Mondays @ 6:00 pm, begins January 7

Worship Shapes Belief – Taught by Jason Borders, 8 weeks, Sundays @ 5:00 pm, begins January 13

The 3 Big Questions for a Frantic Family – Taught by Ed Reifenberg, 5 weeks, Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm, begins January 16

For more information, please contact Tammy Holcomb, tholcomb@fumcmontgomery.org or (334) 834-8990.

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