

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELMO SPRING FLING

Sunday, April 7 | 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5

Join us for outdoor fun, a devotional, and a picnic supper (\$5.00) on the front lawn of the church.

COMING SOON!

Palm Sunday Festivities | April 14

Journey to the Cross | April 17

Children's Easter Celebration | April 20

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10 -14, 2019

This year's theme is "To VBS and Beyond!" Plan now to be part of this exciting week!

WEDNESDAYS AT FUMC

Children's Choirs - 6:00 p.m. - All invited! (ages 3 - 5th grade)

Summit Kids Xtreme - 6:40-7:10 p.m. (K - 5th grade)

*Following choir practice, teachers lead kindergarten through 5th grade children to the gym for Summit Kids, where the Bible comes to life!

MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

Camp Lee | July 24-27 | Grades 3-5

YOUTH MINISTRY

MYF | TODAY | 5:30 P.M.

Join us for the third week of our Connect 4 Series, with a focus on love. Be sure to attend every week so you can be eligible to win the weekly prizes that will be given out. The more you attend, the more chances you have for winning the grand prize, which will be announced on Sunday, April 14. Bring \$5.00 for a pizza dinner.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

June 23-28 | Port St. Joe, Florida | \$350

All middle school students are encouraged to participate in this summer mission trip to the Port St. Joe area to help with hurricane relief efforts, facilitated by the Alabama-West Florida Conference. The cost is \$350.00. Please sign up on the youth ministry page on the website, or in the Youth Ministry office. For questions or additional information, please contact the youth office.

CONFIRMATION

Banquet | Saturday, April 27

Confirmation Sunday | Sunday, April 28

8:45 a.m.-6th Grade

11:00 a.m.-7th Grade

COSTA RICA TEAM MEETING

Sunday, April 7 | 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Youth Lounge | Lunch will be provided

Bring copies of your passport.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, May 5

A brunch will be provided for seniors and their families during the Sunday School hour. All seniors will be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. service.

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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Wedding

Millie Oliver and Kyle Phillips
March 30, 2019

In Memoriam

Roy Conrad Billingsley
March 30, 2019

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: LENT

"Lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, meaning "spring." The season of Lent is 40 days, excluding Sundays. Every Sunday is a "little Easter," even during Lent. Sunday is a time to remember and celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. Christ teaches us how to die, but in dying, Christ taught us how to live. The liturgical color is purple.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 | Youth: \$5 |

Children: \$3 | Family Maximum: \$17

Poppyseed Chicken | Rice | Green Beans | Rolls | Fresh Fruit | Salad Bar | Baked Potato Bar |

Chicken Fingers | French Fries | Summer Fruit Tarts | Ice Cream | Yogurt

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

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

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

Wednesdays until April 17 | Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. for \$6. The program will begin at 12:05 p.m. and will conclude by 12:45 p.m.

April 10 | Dr. John Ed Mathison, Pastor Emeritus Frazer UMC | Barbeque

April 17 | Ms. Celeste Eubanks, AWF Conference | Shrimp and Conecuh Sausage

WORK GROUP ON CHURCH AND SOCIETY LENTEN STUDY

Every Monday until April 15 | 6:00 p.m.

The FUMC work group on Church and Society invites you to participate in a Lenten study, co-sponsored by Old Ship AME Zion Church. For additional information, contact Lee Dowdy at (334) 233-1431, or leave a voice message at 264-8241. The study book will be *Embracing the Uncertain* by Magrey deVega.

April 8 | FUMC Epworth Room

April 15 | Old Ship AME Zion Church - Potluck Dinner

FUMC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 9 | 11:30 a.m. | Wesley Hall 207

Don't miss out on the April meeting of the FUMC book club! Pick up a copy of *In Cold Blood* written by Truman Copote. The Book Club is a wonderful way to meet new friends and engage in some fun discussions. For more information please contact Kate Blanton at kduttreil@yahoo.com.

PALM CROSS CONSTRUCTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Friday, April 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

The Worship Committee invites you to volunteer in helping to make 1,200 palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Sandwiches, snacks, and drinks will be provided. Please bring scissors!

PALM SUNDAY ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, April 14 | 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Dr. Joshua Coble, the FUMC Organist and Assistant Director of Music, will present a Palm Sunday Organ Recital on April 14. He will perform works by Charles-Marie Widor, Johann Sebastian Bach, George Böhm, Joseph Jongen, and George Shearing. You won't want to miss this special music presentation!

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 17 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Meet in Wesley Hall Epworth Room

Experience Easter from a new perspective this year! Journey to the Cross is an interactive guided tour through various themed rooms, each representing a different piece of Jesus' journey to the cross. Join us for this one of a kind opportunity to connect with what Jesus did for us on his Journey To The Cross. This event is for people of all ages, and we invite you to bring your friends, family, neighbors and more! Groups will move through the journey on a first come, first served basis as people arrive in their time slot. Register online on the church website.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Join us this Holy Week as we prepare our hearts together for the greatest act of love, Christ's death and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday Service | Thursday, April 18 | 5:30 & 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Tenebrae Service | Friday, April 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Easter Services | Sunday, April 21

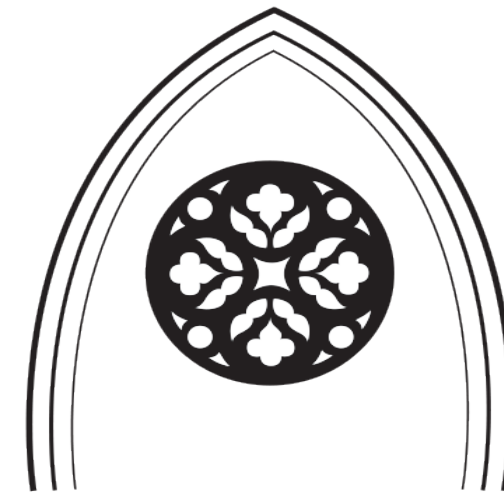
Sunrise Service | 7:00 a.m. | Garth

Traditional Services | 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

YOUNG ADULTS' ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Sunday, April 28 | 4:00 p.m. | Cloverdale Park | \$20-Adults, \$10-Youth, Free for Kids!

All ages from around the community are invited to the Annual Low Country Boil! Shrimp and crawfish and all the fixins to complement a good boil will be served. There will be giant yard games and live music. For more information, please contact Sheldon Martin at sheldon.martin@icloud.com or call the church office.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— APRIL 7, 2019 —

— THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —

*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 Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
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
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MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 7, 2019

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude *Vater unser im Himmelreich* — Georg Böhm

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 (8:45) *Rise Up, O Men of God* arr. Seay
(11:00) *Festival on St. Anne* arr. DeShazo

*Processional Hymn 57
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Invocation
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism (8:45) Rhett Marshall Cooper
Son of Jack and Amy Cooper

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer *Jesus Remember Me* 488

Invitation to Communion
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon
People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace
Now as forgiven people, let us stand and offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Offertory (8:45) *God of Our Fathers* arr. O.D. Hall, Jr.
Men's Ensemble

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise. Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by Thee our lot is cast. Be thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay – Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way. Faith of our fathers living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword! O how our hearts beat high with joy whenever we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers! Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death! God of our fathers, we will be true to the faith of our fathers. Amen!

(11:00) *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. Bradley Ellingboe
Women's Ensemble

My life goes on in endless song above earth's lamentations, I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear it's music ringing, it sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology HAMBURG
*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.*

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.

*Scripture Lesson John 12:1-8

Sermon Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
An Awkward Dinner

Procession of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion
O How I Love Jesus 170
My Jesus, I Love Thee 172
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 258

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* 189

*Benediction Rev. G. Charles Kendall

*Benediction Response
(8:45) *Let the Words of My Mouth* arr. Schrader
(11:00) *Scottish Blyssing* arr. DeShazo

*Postlude *Trumpet Tune* — Richard C. Baker

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

*Please stand as you are able.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and Jody Thompson and Frank Copeland, and in honor of Freddie Copeland, by their family.

The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Rhett Marshall Cooper by Jack and Amy Cooper.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 14

Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-9 Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Psalm 31:9-16 Luke 22:14-23:56