

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### DADS/GRANDDADS AND CHILDREN: DAY AT THE FARM

Sunday, March 31 | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Ella Gaines and Frank Thomas and Children's Council dads

Dads/granddads and children are invited to an afternoon of fun on the farm! Wear boots or closed-toe shoes, and bring fishing gear if you have any on hand. If your dad or granddad can't make it, we have many who are happy to be your dad for the day! Sign up online today. For more information, please email Glenda Argo at gargo@fumcmontgomery.org.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

We will celebrate the children of our church on Sunday, March 31. Both morning worship services will involve children singing and leading!

### MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

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

### WEDNESDAYS AT FUMC

Children's Choirs and Summit Kids will not meet on March 20 during Spring Break. These programs will resume on Wednesday, March 27.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NO MYF OR CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY | MARCH 17

Due to Spring Break we will not have Sunday night activities today. We will resume the normal schedule next Sunday, March 24, for our Connect 4 series.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

All applications will be due to the youth office by Wednesday, March 27.

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | Sunday, April 28

8:45 a.m. - 6th Grade

11:00 a.m. - 7th Grade

### SENIOR SUNDAY | MAY 5 | BRUNCH DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

### 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 online, on the Youth Ministry page. For questions or additional information, please contact the youth office.

### COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM

The next payment of \$400 for the Costa Rica mission trip this summer is due by Sunday, March 31.

### GET CONNECTED

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



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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Laurie Waters McLean**  
February 21, 2019

**Betty Jones Hopper**  
March 7, 2019

**Milton H. Davis**  
March 9, 2019

### SYMPATHY

To Allen and Stephanie Newton and their family upon the death of Allen's mother,  
Gaynell Newton

To Ginger and Jeff Smith and their family upon the death of Ginger's mother,  
Alma Jean Guy

## 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 all how to live. The liturgical color is purple.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 | 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 | Youth: \$5 | Children: \$3 | Family Maximum: \$17

Homemade Chili | Rice | Cornbread | Green Beans | Sweet Corn | Cheese, Sour Cream, Crackers | Spinach and Strawberry Salad | Fresh Fruit | Chicken Fingers and Fries | Pistachio Ice Cream | Cookies

## AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign up for the below events, please visit [www.fumcmontgomery.org/events](http://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.

**March 20** | Dr. Rob Couch, Christ UMC, Mobile | Lasagna

**March 27** | Rev. Dan Morris, Gulf Breeze UMC | Parmesan Chicken Fingers

**April 3** | Rev. Robin Wilson, FUMC Opelika | Fried Catfish and Grits

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

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

### UMW LEGACY FUND DAY OF GIVING

Saturday, March 23

The United Methodist Women work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth down the street and around the world. Help the work continue by participating in this special Day of Giving, celebrating 150 years of the United Methodist Women. Give online at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund) or by sending a check to: United Methodist Women; Attn: Development, Legacy Fund; 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor; New York, New York 10115 (Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.)

### OXYGEN MINISTRY HIKE

Saturday, March 30 | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | \$3 (please bring correct change)

Jackson Lake Island/Town of Spectre, Cypress Lane, Millbrook, Alabama

\*Meet at the venue and park off road near the picnic shed and bathrooms

Grab your fishing pole, tackle box, tennis shoes, family, and friends to walk the easy 1-mile loop around Jackson Lake Island to see turtles, cormorants, baby goats, and the movie set from *Big Fish*. Wet a hook and try to catch THE BIG FISH! (Alabama license required for ages 16-64). Pack a sack lunch and stay as long as you'd like! Register online at [fumcmontgomery.org/events](http://fumcmontgomery.org/events) or call the church office.

### FUMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

All applications due on April 1 | Available to current high school seniors and college students

Four generous FUMC members have funded permanently endowed scholarships in memory of loved ones. Each year, the funds available per scholarship vary based on the interest accrued and the number of eligible applicants. Please apply for each scholarship for which you may be eligible by visiting <https://tribble14.wufoo.com/forms/fumc-scholarships/>.

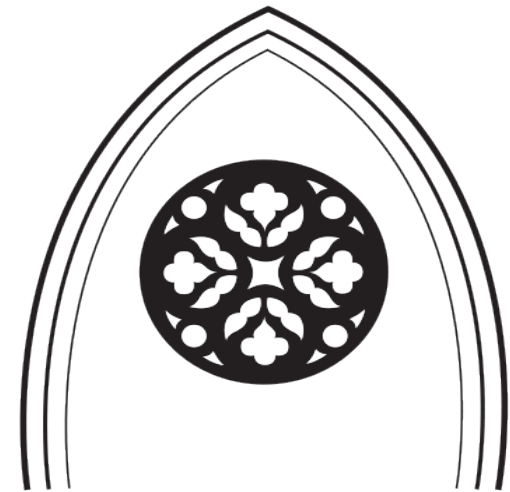
### 50 PLUS MINISTRIES TRIP - EUFAULA PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, April 6 | 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. | \$80

We will load up the church bus and depart at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, returning to the church around 9:00 p.m. that evening. Learn more about the trip and sign up today by visiting [fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSEufaula](http://fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSEufaula) or by calling Adrian Borden at the church.

## GUEST CHOIR - RHODES SINGERS FROM RHODES COLLEGE

Rhodes Singers originated in 1937 under the direction of Professor Louis Nicholas ('34), who organized the first choral ensemble at Rhodes College in 1934. Burnet C. Tuthill, co-founder of the National Association of the Schools of Music (NSAM), formalized choral music performance with the establishment of the Rhodes Singers as the concert choir for the college. The choir has been conducted by notables such as Tony Garner and Timothy Sharp. William Skoog has served as conductor of this prestigious ensemble since 2009.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— MARCH 17, 2019 —

— THE SECOND 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. Joshua H. Coble  
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. James H. Seay  
Director of Music

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# MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 17, 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

**Prelude** *Hands* **Jocelyn Hagen**  
Rhodes Singers  
Dr. William Skoog, Director  
Anna Welden and Trevor Van Vliet, Soloists

Hands by Jocelyn Hagen is a vocalise, meaning a song without words. She wrote it to be performed on any vowel natural to the ensemble singing it, allowing choirs of any nationality that speak any language to perform it comfortably. This inclusive compositional choice speaks to the theme of the song – unity despite our differences. The piece begins with a soloist, calling for others to join her. Gradually, others begin to join in, and as more voices begin to sing, the music soars, demonstrating the power of both musical and spiritual harmony. The choir finishes the song holding hands. As Hagen states, “They have found their common ground. They are all harmonizing this one melody. They are standing strong together.”

**Welcome and Parish Notices** **Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon**

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

**\*Processional Hymn** **103**  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*Call to Worship**  
Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**\*Invocation**  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
All: **God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. 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** **Meinke**  
*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** **arr. Karl Heinrich Graun**  
*Surely He Hath Born Our Grievs*  
Rhodes Chamber Singers  
Cameron Crawford, Student Conductor

**Concerns of a Caring Fellowship**

**Preparation for Prayer** *Hear My Prayer* **arr. Moses Hogan**  
Rhodes Singers

**Pastoral Prayer** **Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

**Offertory** *Wade in the Water* **arr. Stacey Gibbs**  
Rhodes Singers  
*Trouble! God's a gonna trouble de water.  
Wade, oh, wade. Wade in de water,  
Wade in de water, children, Wade in de water,  
'Cause my God's a gonna trouble de water.  
See him all dressed in red, God's a gonna trouble de water.  
Well, it mus' be da children dat Moses led, yes,  
God's a gonna trouble de water. Wade in de water,  
Wade in de water, children, Wade in de water,  
'Cause my God's a gonna trouble de water. See him all dressed in white, God's a  
gonna trouble de water. Well, it mus' be da children of de Israelites, yes,  
God's a gonna trouble de water. Wade! Oh, yes, oh, yes, I'm gonna wade.  
Wade in de water. God's a gonna trouble da water.*

**\*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. Amen.*

**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.

**Act of Praise** **Timothy C. Takach**  
*Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers*  
Rhodes Singers

*And I believe. So I believe. I will lift my eyes to the hills.  
There, dost thou well believe, no storm should come  
To mar the stillness of that angel-home; There should thy slumbers be  
Weighed down with honey-dew, serenely blessed. And I believe. So I believe.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, neither angels, nor demons, nor  
powers, neither things present nor things to come, neither height nor depth, nor  
any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.*

**Scripture Lesson** **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**Sermon** *Citizens of Heaven* **Rev. Allen Newton**

**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** **141**  
*Children of the Heavenly Father*

**\*Benediction** (8:45) **Diana Abernathy**  
(11:00) **Rev. Lucas S. Tribble**

**\*Postlude** *Prelude in D Major, BWV 532* **J.S. Bach**  
*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 Mary Ellen and Spede Bryan by their family.

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 24**

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone dear to you for our Easter worship services, you may do so by filling out the form below and returning it with your check to the church office - attention Tammy Holcomb - by **Monday, April 1, 2019**. The names of persons honored or remembered will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin.

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Please include a minimum of \$15 per plant.)