

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

DADS/GRANDDADS AND CHILDREN: DAY AT THE FARM

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

Hosted by Ella Gaines and Frank Thomas, and the Children's Council dads
Thomaston Farm, located between Fitzpatrick and Hardaway

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, bring another cool adult or team up with a friend. There is no charge, but please register to help us plan for food. Visit the church website to sign up.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31 | 8:45 and 11:00 Worship Services

Join us as the children of our church, First School, and ECDC lead us in worship on this special Sunday! All Sunday School children will meet in their regular classrooms and teachers will lead children to the Fellowship Hall for an assembly. At 10:30, children will return to their classrooms unless they fall into one of the following groups: Joy 3 and 4 Choir, Carol and Cherub Choir, First School and ECDC children (Age 3-Kindergarten). These children will be escorted to the Chapel to prepare for the 11:00 worship service.

MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

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

WEDNESDAYS AT FUMC

Children's Choirs-6:00 p.m.-all invited! (age 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

MYF | TODAY | 5:30 P.M.

Join us as our Connect 4 Series begins this Sunday, with a focus on worship. 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 Zaxby's dinner.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

All applications will be due to the youth office by March 27. Don't forget to schedule an interview with Caitlin or Toby.

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 or in the Youth Ministry office. 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.

CONFIRMATION

Banquet | Saturday, April 27

Confirmation Sunday | Sunday, April 28

GET CONNECTED

Be 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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NEW MEMBER

Natasha Wheaton

Natasha comes to us by transfer of membership from a sister congregation. She is a registered nurse and performance improvement specialist at Baptist Medical Center South.

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 27, 2019 | 4:30-6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 | Youth: \$5 |

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

Baked Pork Chops | Fire Roasted Apples | Wild Rice Pilaf | Peas and Carrots | Rolls | Greek Salad | Fresh Fruit | Chicken Fingers | Sweet Potato Waffle Fries | Baked Potatoes | Salad Bar | Lemon Sorbet | Cookies

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign up 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.

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

WORK GROUP ON CHURCH AND SOCIETY LENTEN STUDY

Every Monday from March 25-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, or to contribute to the March 25 dinner, 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. Copies will be available at the first meeting for \$9.

March 25 | FUMC Epworth Room-Potluck Dinner

April 1 | Old Ship AME Zion Church

April 8 | FUMC Epworth Room

April 15 | Old Ship AME Zion Church-Potluck Dinner

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

Pack a sack lunch and 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*. (Alabama fishing license required for ages 16-64). Register online at 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/>.

UMW HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KITS COLLECTION

Collection box is located outside Fellowship Hall elevator

The UMW is joining other Montgomery and Prattville UMW circles in the collection of items that will help supply school and hygiene kits to those in need. Needed items include: Handheld, one-inch long pencil sharpeners with packaging removed and toenail or fingernail clippers with no file of any kind. Collection will continue through May.

50 PLUS MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

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. We will go on a guided tour of six homes and will enjoy a picnic lunch and catered dinner. Sign up today by visiting fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSEufaula or by calling Adrian Borden at the church.

BRIGHT STAR SHOW

Thursday, May 2 | 7:30 p.m. | \$15 | Wetumpka Depot

HYUNDAI PLANT VISIT & LUNCH

Friday, May 24 | 12:00 p.m. | Be sure to bring money for lunch

NEW YORK CITY TRIP

December 2-5 or 6 | More information coming in early April!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— MARCH 24, 2019 —

— THE THIRD 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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Theologian in Residence

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop of Alabama-West
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Reverend R. Allen Newton
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MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2019

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EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude John A. Behnke
(8:45) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
Cathedral Bell Choir

(11:00) *Lord of the Dance* Kevin McChesney
Allegro Bell Choir

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Gillian L. Walters

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

Introit *O Be Joyful in the Lord* arr. Hal Hopson

***Processional Hymn** 577
God of Grace and God of Glory

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!
People: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!
Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
People: let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
Leader: let them return to the Lord.
People: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** 881
The Apostles' Creed
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.*

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism** Margaret Leigh Gallagher
Daughter of Tim and Rachael Gallagher

(8:45) **Responsive Reading** *Psalm 63* 788

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* 488

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Offertory *Sing to the Lord* arr. Alice Parker
Cathedral Choir
Sing to the Lord, ye heavenly hosts, and thou, O earth adore, let Death and Hell throughout their coasts stand trembling at His power. His sounding chariot shakes the sky; He makes the clouds His throne; There all the stores of lightning lie, till vengeance darts them down. His nostrils breathe out fiery streams, and from His awful tongue a sovereign voice divides the flames and thunder roars along. Think, O my soul, the dreadful day, when this incensed God shall rend the sky and burn the sea and fling His wrath abroad. Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth and seas conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise. The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred Name, of Him enthroned, and to adore the Lamb!

***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. Gillian L. Walters
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church.
Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

Act of Praise *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Mark Sheppard
Cathedral Choir
Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
There's Not Much Time

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** 378
Amazing Grace

***Benediction** Rev. Ben A. McDavid

***Benediction Response** *Go in Peace* arr. Hal Hopson

***Postlude** Charles-Marie Widor
Allegro, from Symphony VI
(excerpted)

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 William and Kate Jones by Kathryn Jones Smith.

The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Margaret Leigh Gallagher by her family.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 31

Joshua 5:9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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)