

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

ELMO Spring Fling | April 7 | Grades 3-5

Palm Sunday Festivities | April 14

Journey to the Cross | April 17

Children's Easter Celebration | April 20

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 for the second week of our Connect 4 Series, with a focus on learning. 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 taco 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 online or in the Youth Ministry office. For questions or additional information, please contact the youth office.

COSTA RICA TEAM MEETING

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

CONFIRMATION

Banquet | Saturday, April 27

Confirmation Sunday | Sunday, April 28 |

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

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



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/50PLUSEufula 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!

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, March 27, 2019 | 4:30-6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 | Youth: \$5 | Children: \$3 | Family Maximum: \$17

Build Your Own Burger Bar | French Fries | Salad Bar | Chicken Fingers | Ice Cream Sundaes | Brownies

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.

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 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 1 | Old Ship AME Zion Church

April 8 | FUMC Epworth Room

April 15 | Old Ship AME Zion Church-Potluck Dinner

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://1tribble14.wufoo.com/forms/fumc-scholarships/>.

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

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. Please do not miss this special music presentation!

UMW HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KITS COLLECTION

Collection box is located outside Fellowship Building 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Jeannie Paige Wilbanks Lay

March 26, 2019

BAPTISM

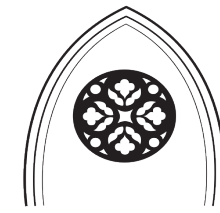
Margaret Leigh Gallagher

March 24, 2019

Daughter of Tim and Rachael Gallagher

SYMPATHY

To Marsha and Clyde Bear and their family upon the death of Marsha's father, Walter White



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— MARCH 31, 2019 —

— CHILDREN'S SUNDAY —

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

Stella Hardwich, 5th Grade

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

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

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



Reverend R. Allen Newton
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MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 31, 2019

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude *There Is a Happy Land* George Shearing

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.

Introit Will Thompson
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*Processional Hymn 384
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Call to Worship (8:45) Anderson Burns
(11:00) Lulu Espy

Leader: Happy are those who love the Lord,
People: Who are reconciled to God.
Leader: Happy are those who share God's love,
People: So that all might know the righteousness of God.

*Invocation
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: Eternal God, we praise you for your ever-open door. You open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, that we may live in Jesus Christ, the model and the pioneer of your new creation. 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.*

Act of Praise arr. Jean Anne Shafferman
(8:45) *Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah*
Give a Little Love Away Jan Reese
Wesley and Agape Choirs
John and Sara Beck, Directors
Sarah Fell, Director of Children's Choir
Rosemary Blackmon, Accompanist
Kenneth Lowenberg
(11:00) *Come, All Children, Join to Sing*
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Down in My Heart
Joy and Carol Choirs
Natalie Shaw and Pat Chambless, Directors
Ruth Russell, Eleanor Lucas, and Jeanne Friesen, Accompanists

*Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-14
(8:45) Sarah Beth Carter
(11:00) Ann Wilber

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* 488

Morning Prayer (8:45) Gaines Burnham
(11:00) Henry Robertson

Offertory *In My Father's House* arr. Craig Courtney
Cathedral Choir

In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door, in my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for. In my Father's house, solace can be found, comfort will surround the bruised and broken, in my Father's house, children live in peace, war and hatred cease and love is spoken, in my Father's house. In my Father's house, free from all sin, free from what has been, life can start again, in my Father's house, prodigals come home, no one walks alone, come and enter in, in my Father's house.

*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.*

(11:00) Act of Praise
I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing Traditional
Awesome God Rich Mullins

The Children of the Early Childhood Development Center and First School

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. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 114 of the Children's Building.

*Hymn of Preparation *Jesus Loves Me* 191

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
Ambassadors for Christ

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 340
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Benediction (8:45) Atticus Clements
(11:00) Marlin Hardwich

*Benediction Response *The Lord Bless You* arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude Claude Murphree
Toccata on FOUNDATION

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 Jackie Parquette by Frank Parquette and her family.

The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Millie Oliver and Kyle Phillips by Susie and Tommy Oliver.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14
Psalm 126 John 12:1-8

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)