



We are delighted you are here!

If you would like to join our church family this morning, please come forward at the end of the service. For more information about joining, please contact Rev. Lucas Tribble at ltribble@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.

IN MEMORY OF

Annette Lorraine Porter
Children’s Ministry: *Ellen Leonard*

Richard “Dick” Arthur Forster
Cathedral Builders: *Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler*

William Henry Brittain II
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Broome, Lauren B. Bradley, Razi Bradley*; Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

Sara Darden Praytor
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William Adams Porter
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKee*

Georganne Schwend Newman
Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

John Pios Mitchum
Music Ministry: *the Sowers Sunday School class*

Samuel Wayne Shannon
Cathedral Builders: *Rev. and Mrs. Norman Williams*; Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

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Sacred Arts Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Huffman, Jean S. Thomas, Mike G. Shoffeitt, Dr. and Mrs. Glen Bannister, Dr. Jack P. Evans*

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Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

Elaine Ellard McDonald
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pope*; Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hansford, Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Nadal, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gill, Mr. and Mrs. John Wannon, Mr. John Scott, Jr. Mr. and Mrs Seabee Kennamer, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blitz, Dr. and Mrs. Charles McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brown*; Cathedral Builders: *Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler*; Family Promise: *Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dart*

John “J” Edwin Shanahan, Jr.
Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternenberg*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

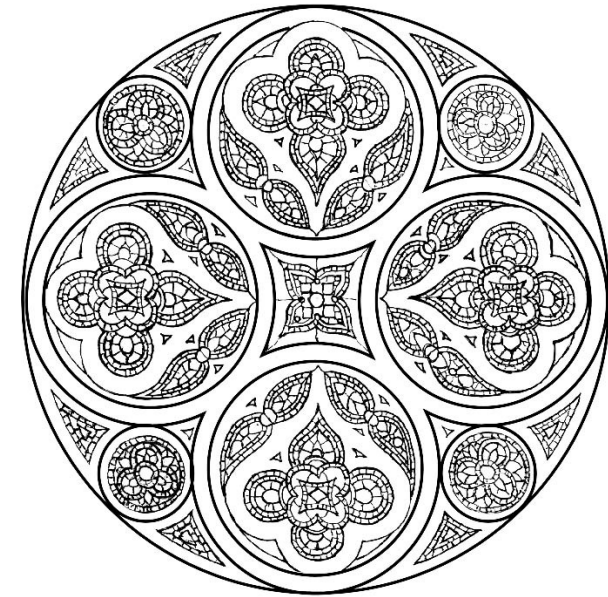
WEDDING
Anna Moore and Weston Epperson
February 22, 2020

IN MEMORIAM
Bertha “Bert” Wood
February 20, 2020

BIRTH
Henry Ward Belser
Son of David and Mary Elizabeth Belser
February 20, 2020

Wednesday Night Chapel and Holy Communion | March 4
Rev. Ben A. McDavid | 5:30 p.m. | Duffey Chapel

If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

MARCH 1, 2020
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Reverend Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop Alabama-West Florida
Conference

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Reverend R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent
Montgomery-Prattville District

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

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude *Choral* **Charles-Marie Widor**

Welcome and Parish Notices **Rev. Jay D. Cooper**

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

Introit *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving* **arr. Hal Hopson**

***Processional Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* **92**

***Call to Worship** **Brynn McGlamery, Pastoral Intern**
Leader: Come! Strip yourself of labels and worship the Lord!
People: We are here to worship God and see only Christ in our brothers and sisters!
Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
People: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: Almighty God, as we follow Jesus to the cross this Lenten season, grant us the power to release the labels that we have placed on ourselves and on others. Bestow on our hearts the peace to regard no one from a human point of view, that we may see the image of God in all people. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is our guide to the cross. Amen.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship **Rev. Lucas S. Tribble**

Invitation to Communion
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins 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 toward 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 *The Irish Shepherd's Psalm* **arr. K. Lee Scott**
Cathedral Choir
The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no evil with Thee, Dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd may we sing Thy praise in Thy house forever.

Presentation of the 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 **Dr. C. Jason Borders**
Children will remain in worship on first Sundays of the month to participate in Holy Communion with their church family.

***Gospel Lesson** **John 4:1-30; 39-42
pg. 89-90, New Testament**

Sermon *No Labels: Broken Relationships* **Rev. Jay D. Cooper**

Observe a Lable-Free Lent
Baskets are available to collect your labels as you come forward.

Procession of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving **17**

Music During Communion **arr. Robert Lau
arr. K. Lee Scott**
*Come to the Table
Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me*
Cathedral Choir

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** *How Can We Name a Love* **111**

***Benediction** **Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

***Benediction Response** *Amen* **arr. Edwin Smith**

***Postlude** *Prelude in C Major, BWV 531* **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 Carolyn G. Nolen, Patrick Wilbanks, and Jeannie Paige Lay by Larkin and Suzanne Nolen and their families.