

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 18-23

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving Service	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room
4:30 p.m.	Disciple 2 - Gillian Walters	WH 207
5:00 p.m.	Disciple 1 - Lucas Tribble	WH 201
5:15 p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving Reception	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	No MYF	

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

8:30 A.M.	First School Thanksgiving Holidays	
10:00 a.m.	Grief Share Group	WH 206
5:30 p.m.	Bible Study - Brad Norris	FB 104

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

7:00 p.m.	Men's Covenant Group	WH 207
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Bell Practice	Bell Room
1:30 p.m.	Circle 3 Meeting	WH 207
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym
5:45 p.m.	Allegro Bell Choir Practice	Bell Room

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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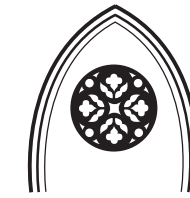
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Sunday, November 18, 2018  
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
*Thanking, Seeking, and Thanking*  
 Matthew 6:25-33  
 Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, November 21, 2018  
 No Chapel Service and Holy Communion

FB=Fellowship Building    WH=Wesley Hall    CB=Children's Building



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# TOWER CHIMES

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The words of Reverend E. C. Moore rang true as I read his comments in an article in the Montgomery Advertiser. Reverend Moore was quoted as saying, "Yes, I am very much in favor of church advertising. There was a time when we could get along without church advertising; but we can't now. The young people are harder to reach so that advertising in a sane, sensible sort of way is absolutely necessary."

He went on to say, "With the present order of things, there are so many other attractions, such a variety of allurements that it is not so easy to reach the younger generation. There are so many other things drawing them in the other direction. I think our young folk are becoming indifferent to religious affairs. I would not say they are 'irreligious'; it is simply that other things are attracting their attention."

But he didn't stop there. He offered that "the day has gone by when parents take their children to church with them. Now the parents themselves hardly go. So how could you expect the children? That is why I say the parents are largely to blame."

And, he shared that these new times demand new methods. Reverend Moore said, "We must not forget that we are still dependent on the Holy Spirit for results. The 'Sense of Power' is still the same. I am not a believer in new theology, but in new methods. There are a number of people who become fossilized and think that there's nothing new under the sun. If we used the same methods to draw people to the church as were used fifty years ago, we would soon have almost empty churches."

Sounds familiar doesn't it? Churches are struggling to reach new people. Congregations are concerned about connecting with the next generation of children and youth. Multiple media platforms are being used to share about the work of the church in the community.

But here's what you may not know...Reverend E. C. Moore was the pastor of the Court Street Methodist Church and the quotes above are from the January 23, 1916 edition of the Montgomery Advertiser! It is rather amazing that 102 years ago, Reverend Moore, the pastor of our church, was calling us to take seriously our commitments to the church through our own attendance so that children and youth could learn of Jesus. Reverend Moore was challenging us to "tell our story" in the community sharing of the difference the church makes in the lives of people through worship, discipleship, outreach, and care. Reverend Moore was pushing us to be open to new ways of thinking and new methods of ministry so that we might be effective in ministry. Not much has changed for us in 2018...

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

## Children's Ministry

### SAVE THE DATE: WIRED: KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Sunday, January 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Parent Forum topics will include: Screen Addiction | Tech Safety | Finding a Digital Balance | Bridging the Generational Gap

Led by Elizabeth Manderville, Licensed Professional Counselor

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY HOPE-LA

Sunday, December 9 | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge and Gym

Bring the whole family as we come together to work on outreach projects and bring hope and love to others this Advent season. Holiday cheer, pizza, and a birthday cake for Jesus will be fun parts of the afternoon!

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School and Children's Church are wonderful opportunities for children to hear amazing stories from the Bible and learn what it means to follow Jesus.

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:45 - 10:45 in the Children's Building

Children's Church - (age 3 - 1st grade) during 8:45 and 11:00 worship services

### WEDNESDAYS

Children's Choirs and Summit Kids Xtreme will not meet on November 21 so families may enjoy time together during Thanksgiving week. All activities will resume on November 28.

Thought for the Week:

"In all things, give thanks." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Let us be grateful for all God has done and continues to do.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Youth Ministry

The Youth Staff would like to honor all of our volunteers at a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Caitlin Eiland's home: 2018 Vaughn Lane, Montgomery, AL 36106.

### NO SUNDAY NIGHT MYF I November 18

Due to Thanksgiving holidays there will be no Sunday night activities this week. We will be back to our regular schedule on November 25.

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES | December 2

It's time to throw on your tackiest Christmas sweater and join us for our annual Youth Christmas Parties. Don't forget to check your mailbox for an invite with more information!

Middle schoolers will be at 8418 Shaffer Ridge Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117.

High schoolers will be at 9737 Rosalie Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117.

### COSTA RICA I June 15-22 | \$1600

All current 9-12th graders interested in serving in Costa Rica, it is now time to sign up. Bring your willingness to serve form along with a \$200 deposit to the youth office to secure your spot. The cost per person is \$1600.

### GET CONNECTED

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

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## Bountiful UMW Bazaar Blessings!

Our 40th UMW Fall Bazaar was a great success with \$30,000 raised for local missions! A sincere thank you to the 2018 Bazaar Committee, dozens of volunteers and all who supported and attended this wonderful event. Thanks to you our forty year tradition continues to thrive!

## No Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, November 21

The kitchen will be closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Young Adult Annual "Friendsgiving"

Friday, November 16 | 6:30 p.m. | The Green's House

Young adults, come join us for a time of good food and even better fellowship at our annual "Friendsgiving" Dinner. There will be turkey, ham, and all of the traditional Thanksgiving fixings - we just need you! For more information, please contact Sheldon Martin at sheldon.martin@icloud.com.

## Joint Thanksgiving Service and Reception

Sunday, November 18, 2018 | Sanctuary | 4:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Or and Church of the Ascension will join us in a special service to celebrate our many blessings. All are invited to enjoy a reception after the service in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to contribute food or assist in welcoming our guests, please visit the event page on our website. Food contributions should be brought to the kitchen no later than 2 p.m. on Sunday. For additional inquiries please contact Kate Wheaton at kwheaton@fumcmontgomery.org

## Charge Conference

Wednesday, November 28 | 6:30 p.m.

Our Charge Conference is set to meet on Wednesday, November 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Epworth Room of Wesley Hall. This will be the final Administrative Board meeting of 2018. If you cannot attend, please call the church office at 834-8990 or email Lillian Gilley at lgilley@fumcmontgomery.org no later than noon, Monday, November 26 for an excused absence.

## Rise Against Hunger

Wednesday, December 5 | Fellowship Hall

Round up the whole family and join us on December 5th as our church hosts the fifth Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. Over 30,000 meals will be assembled to be distributed around the world in a great effort to end hunger in our lifetime. Please register online at our website. Wednesday Night Supper will be served in the Epworth Room so you can still eat and sign up to help!

## Give Hope River Region Gift Fair

Saturday, December 8, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Leo J. Drum Theatre

Instead of giving a traditional Christmas gift to a loved one this holiday season, purchase a gift in their name that will go to benefit a local charitable organization at the Give Hope River Region Gift Fair, formerly known as the Alternative Gift Fair, at Huntingdon College. More information can be found on our website.

## Helping Santa!

Our church will be helping Santa through Aid to Inmate Mothers, Family Sunshine Center, and Christmas Clearing House this year. If your family, your UMW circle, your Sunday School Class, or your Bible Study Group would like to adopt a child or children for this project, please contact Claire Smith at CSmith@fumcmontgomery.org or call the church at 334-834-8990.

## Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing

This Christmas season, we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Walgreens on Carter Hill Road. Two hour shifts start on Thursday, November 29, and continue on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until December 22nd. Sign up for your shift on our website.

## AROUND THE CONGREGATION

### Baptism

**Robert Turner Smith**

November 11, 2018

Son of Robby and Kate Smith

### HOSPITAL/REHAB LIST

**Nov. 2 - Nov. 8**

Nicky Armstrong

Harold Bowden

Clyde Fain

Lessie Harris

Peggy McKinney

Margaret Mock

Aloma Osgood

Madera Spencer

Larry Weltin

### Memorials

**John Morgan Foshee Jr.**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Doug Aman, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dees, Mr. and Mrs. Temple Millsap, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweatt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole, Katherine R. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nichols, Paulk Construction Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Spud Seale, Mrs. Anne M. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Duggar, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. John Collet and Family, The Carlson-Desautels Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Cioban, Mrs. Fairlie L. Haynes, Mrs. John S. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Somerville Jr., Anita Sedberry, Susan F. Haigler, Robert S. Weil, Alfred and Tamara Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. James Seay Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Burns, Mrs. Carolyn Hansen, Crum Charitable Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs.*

*PeeWee Kohn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackmon, Diversified Steel Fabrications, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Steindorff III, Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Farr, Judge and Mrs. Reese McKinney, Judge and Mrs. Joel Dubina, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Dr. and Dr. Tommy Wool, Dr. and Mrs. Mike Bridger, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Sheehan, The Chumley Family, Martha R. Gates, May Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook, Dr. and Mrs. Mike Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Pio, Mrs. Carolyn Black, Jo Ann Harris, The Robert Renroe Family, Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: Frank Parquette, Dr. and Mrs. John Payne III; Pastor's Discretionary Fund: LaFaye Holley; Cathedral Builders: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler*

**Earnest Samuel Butler**

Respite Ministry: *Martha Sue McCorkle*

**John Sanderson Bowman**

Building Fund: *Victor K. Biebighauser, Laura Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green;* Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Carolyn Black;* Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *LaFaye Holley*

**Clarence Franklin McCorkle**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Spud Seale, Mrs. Ann C. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell;* Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *LaFaye Holley*

**Thomas A. Turley Jr.**

Children's Ministries: *The Journey Class*

## 2019 Altar Flowers

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone for 2019, please contact Tammy Holcomb at 334-834-8990 or THolcomb@fumcmontgomery.org.

Church offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 21, to Friday, November 23, to allow time with friends and family. this Thanksgiving. We will resume normal office hours on Monday, November 26.

## Music News

### Offertory

*Consider the Lilies* arr. Hoffman/Lyon

Cathedral Choir

### Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2 | 4:00 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2 as we prepare for the Advent season with our annual Hanging of the Greens service! This is a family-friendly service that is led by all of our Children's Choirs and our Youth Choir. Through the illustration of the symbols of Advent and the "decking of the halls," this special service will prepare you for the Advent and Christmas season that awaits. Join us in the sanctuary for this special service, followed by a hot chocolate and Christmas cookie reception in the breezeway! Gifts left under the trees will be donated to Christmas Clearing House.