

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 11-16

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Discover FUMC - Gillian Walters	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 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
5:30 p.m.	MYF	WH 302

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 a.m.	Grief Share Group	WH 206
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
10:00 a.m.	UMW Circle 2	CB 100
11:30 a.m.	UMW Circle 8	WH 207
5:30 p.m.	Bible Study - Brad Norris	FB 104

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 a.m.	Men's Covenant Group	WH 207
7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
10:00 a.m.	UMW Circle 2	CB 100
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
10:30 a.m.	UMW Circle 9	WH 201- 202
11:00 a.m.	Book Club	WH 206
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Bell Practice	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym
5:45 p.m.	Allegro Bell Choir Practice	Bell Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	FB 104
9:00 a.m.	Fix-it-Shop	WH : Other
10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Chapel Service	Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Small Group - Sallie Gowan	CB 205
5:45 p.m.	Mom's Connect Group	CB 104
5:45 p.m.	Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Bell Room
6:00 p.m.	Mom's Connect- Stephanie, Anna, and April	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs practice	Various
6:00 p.m.	6th and 7th Grade Study	WH Various
6:00 p.m.	Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna and April	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Work Areas	Various
6:00 p.m.	Summit Kids Xtreme	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Youth Small Groups	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral Choir Practice	Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 a.m.	AWF Conference Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
10:00 a.m.	Yoga Class	WH 105
12:00 p.m.	Covenant Group - Leslie Bingham	WH 207
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Thanksgiving Feast	WH 201

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 a.m.	Stimulate Your Brain	FB 203
2:00 p.m.	Church offices close	

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

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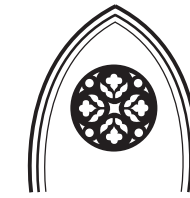


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Sunday, November 11, 2018
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
You are Not Alone
 1 Kings 19:1-18
 Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 5:30 p.m. in Duffey Chapel
 Dr. C. Jason Borders



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Some of our finest members here at First United Methodist Church are the veterans and active duty personnel of our United States military. They, along with their families, enrich the life of our congregation. Whether these outstanding men and women are here for a season during an assignment in our area, or whether they now call Montgomery home after completing their service to our country, we are blessed that they are part of the church family.

When Abigail and I were appointed to the Pensacola District, we called the subdivision where we lived "outsourced base housing." We were one of the few "civilian" families, but we were immediately taken in by our neighbors. The hospitality we experienced there was incredible. Military spouses added Abigail to their networks, sharing information about local events, shops, doctors, schools, and other happenings. Because we were all separated from our network of extended family, we helped each other when needed, visited in each other's homes, ate together, and shared life with one another. When a new family would move in, we would introduce ourselves and help them settle in as quickly as possible.

I have read in our church history that during World War II, many young servicemen stationed in Montgomery would worship at First Church. Many young women frequented services as well and several relationships developed here! I am grateful we have a long history of connection with our military bases and I am thankful for the men and women that serve each day to protect our nation and the freedoms we have as Americans.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, media outlets shared that 100% of Tyndall Air Force Base housing in Panama City was uninhabitable. Many of those service personnel are here in our area now. Could you imagine the impact that the loss of Maxwell Air Force Base would have on our area? It would be catastrophic! We are very fortunate to have Maxwell and Gunter in our area.

As you know, the F-35 is coming to Dannelly Field as a part of the 187 Fighter Wing. This is exciting news for our area! The F-35 will bring tremendous investment and jobs to the River Region. There will also be many new families making their way to our area in support of this effort. This is a great opportunity for us to continue to build upon a long-standing relationship between First Church and the military families that call this area home.

When you see military personnel in our community, local restaurants, out shopping, at ball games, or other gatherings, take a moment to say "thank you" for their service. But I want to take it one step further, invite them to join you in worship here at First Church. Their gifts and graces for ministry can be a blessing to us, even as we can be a place of support and encouragement as they are away from their loved ones. Happy Veterans Day to all who serve! We'll see you Sunday!

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Children's Ministry

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) - *Sundays 9:45 - 10:45 in the Children's Building*
Children's Church - *Sundays during 8:45 and 11:00 worship services (age 3 - 1st grade)*

WEDNESDAYS

Children's Choirs - *6:00 p.m.* - all invited! (age 3 - 5th grade)
Summit Kids Xtreme - *6:40 p.m.*

Following choir practice, teachers lead kindergarten through 5th grade children to the gym for Summit Kids, where the Bible comes to life!

7:10-7:30 - Parents pick up children in the gym.

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

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

Parent Forum:

Screen Addiction | Tech Safety | Finding a Digital Balance | Bridging the Generational Gap

Led by Elizabeth Manderville, Licensed Professional Counselor

Please join us for this timely parent opportunity.

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!

Youth Ministry

The Youth Staff would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped in making Mystery Mansion a success this year. From the chaperones to the parents who sent food, we appreciate you. Over 80 people showed up for our annual event that took place at the Inscoe property this year!

SUNDAY NIGHT MYF I *5:30-7:00 p.m. | Youth Attic*

Join us Sunday evening in the attic for worship and breakout groups. We will be discussing 'Being Thankful.' Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please bring \$5 to pitch in for the cost.

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.

GUYS GAME NIGHT | *November 15 | Youth Lounge | 6:00 p.m.*

On Thursday, November 15, join the guys for a night of fellowship. There will be a basketball tournament, ping-pong tournament and plenty of snacks. Get your teams together and sign up in the youth office.

GET CONNECTED

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



Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, November 14

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

Turkey and Gravy | Dressing | Green Beans | Mac and Cheese | Sweet Potato Casserole | Mashed Potato | Cranberry Sauce | Seasonal Salads | Petite Rolls | Homemade Pecan Pies and Sweet Potato Pies | Maple Pecan Ice Cream

Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing

This holiday season we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Walgreen's on Carter Hill Road. Two hour shifts start on Thursday, November 29, and continue on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until December 22nd. Sign up by contacting Claire Smith at csmith@fumcmontgomery.org or by calling the church at 334-834-8990.

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

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

Please join us as we unite with Temple Beth Or and Church of the Ascension to give thanks and celebrate our many blessings. We will enjoy a reception after the service. If you would like to contribute food or assist in welcoming our guests into the church, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/register to sign up.

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.

Race Relations In Our Time

Wednesday, November 14 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Epworth Room

Join the Church and Society Work Area as it sponsors this event, focused on race relations today. Peggy Wallace Kennedy, daughter of George Wallace and Dr. Janice Franklin, Director of the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture and Dean of the Alabama State University library, will speak about race relations, reconciliation, how those topics relate to Christianity, and what we can do about it today. We invite you to bring a friend and join us as we strive to be a church for all people.

Missions Collections

We are currently collecting blankets and winter clothing for Reality & Truth Ministries and the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless. We are collecting canned goods and individual snack foods until Thanksgiving. These donations can be placed in the tubs around the church, and monetary donations will also be accepted. Please contact Claire Smith at CSmith@fumcmontgomery.org with questions.

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Norma Hedrick Barnes

Respite Ministry: *Mrs. Ann Carol Coleman*

John Sanderson Bowman

IMPACT: *Gibbs Corwin Davis, Elizabeth Corwin McCafferty*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler*; Building Fund: *Mr. Pete Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Crum, Mary C. Adams, Elizabeth Smyth*; Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bubba Armstrong, Mrs. Ann Carol Coleman*

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Carolyn Wagner Thornton

Joseph Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook*

Eland Anthony

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Ward and Sandra Fisher*

IN HONOR OF Jeff Martin

Respite Ministry: *Leadership Montgomery*

Baptism

Freja Eliette Whitley

November 4, 2018

Daughter of Adam and Alicia Whitley

In Memoriam

John Morgan Foshee, Jr.

October 30, 2018

Sympathy

To **Keith and Teresa Norman** and their family upon the death of Keith's brother, *Harry Dickson Norman*; and to Bill, Marianne, Sam, and Nadine McLemore and their families upon the death of Bill and Sam's mother, Ruth McLemore

HOSPITAL/REHAB LIST

Oct. 26 - Nov. 1

Nicky Armstrong

Harold Bowden

Maureen Brown

Cheryl Christian

Clyde Fain

Lessie Harris

Ron Lazenby

Margaret Mock

Tommy Oliver

Gloria Walker

Memorials

Ernest Samuel Butner

Respite Ministry: *Mrs. Ann Carol*

Coleman; Stegall Seminary Scholarship

Foundation: *Mrs. Forrest McConnell, Mrs.*

John Stowers

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

Music for Sunday

Men's and Women's Ensembles

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.