

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 2

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Baptism - Piper Dean Walters	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Youth Event	Youth Parking
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
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Jim Roby	WH 206
5:30 p.m.	MYF - Month of Madness	Wesley Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 a.m.	Grief Share Group	WH 206
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Ed Reifenberg	Epworth Room
5:30 p.m.	Bible Study - Brad Norris	FB 104
6:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 15	Various
6:00 p.m.	Cathedral Choir	Bell & Choir Room
6:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Youth Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Adult Ensemble	Choir Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 a.m.	Men's Covenant Group	WH 207
7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
8:30 a.m.	Mental Health Workshop	WH 105
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Bell Practice	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym
5:30 p.m.	50 Plus Paint and Dine	Youth Lounge
5:45 p.m.	Allegro Bell Practice	FB 305

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	FB 104
9:00 a.m.	Fix-it-Shop	WH : Other
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
9:45 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Chapel Service	Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Small Group - Sallie Gowan	CB 205
6:00 p.m.	Parents of Confirmands Study	WH Various

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:00 a.m.	Yoga Class	WH 105
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH 203
12:00 p.m.	Covenant Group - Leslie Bingham	WH 207
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

2:00 p.m.	Church offices close
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Sunday, October 28, 2018
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Let Me See
 Mark 10:46-52
 Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 5:30 p.m. in Duffey Chapel
 Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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



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As the "Fall Classic" begins, I wanted to share with you a portion of an article written by Reverend Ryan Dunn. Whether you're pulling for the Dodgers or the Red Sox, it is certain to be a great series of two "blue bloods" of the game!

Ten Ways Baseball is Like Church

- 1) Most of us have some experience with it.
- 2) Sometimes it feels like it will never end.
- 3) So. Many. Traditions.
- 4) Long lines for food and drink.
- 5) It requires sacrifice.
- 6) At some point, we all get to stand and sing.
- 7) It's a team endeavor.
- 8) There's something beautifully unifying in traditions.
- 9) "Home" is the final destination.
- 10) Participants will never be perfect, but we get to play anyway!

This final similarity reflects what we often call "the Gospel message." It's the Good News. In baseball it goes like this: players often fail more than they succeed. If a hitter only fails 7 out of 10 tries, he is a great hitter. Hitters will not hit a home run in every at bat. Hitters will not reach base in every at bat. Hitters will most likely make an out. Yet they are still contributors to the team.

In church it goes like this: we have failed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed in obedience. But while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. That proves God's love toward us. God loves us and works in us all the same. We are a team.

Baseball requires a lot of hope. It's the hope of a hit that keeps fans watching. It's the hope of success here and there that keeps players playing. Church is for those who are hopeful. It is not a home for those who have it all together. It is not a body for those who have it all right. It is for those who are hopeful that we can be more than what we've been.

In and through the church, we're hopeful that humanity might become one, united in mutual care and concern. We're hopeful that the world might be like the image of the Garden remembered in Genesis and foretold of in Revelation. We're hopeful of resurrection. We're hopeful that with each passing week we are becoming a little more selfless — a little more compassionate — than we were before.

I am looking forward to the World Series over these next few days. Two teams remain after the long season, with a best of seven to determine a World Champion. As we continue in the fall season, I am looking forward to what our team – First Church – will do as we seek to finish strong in 2018. I am grateful for the contributions you make and for the collective impact we have as a church!

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Wedding Huntley Chapman and Wilson Robinson

October 20, 2018

Baptism Lee Joiner Bishop

October 21, 2018

Son of Alan and Brooke Bishop

Laura Jinright

Stegall Seminary Scholarship
Foundation: *Ramona Sue Smith*

Louise Dismukes

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. James E. Turner*

Curtis Glaize

Stegall Seminary Scholarship
Foundation: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker*

John Sanderson Bowman

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Price, Mr. and Mrs. Steven G. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackmon*
Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Keith Norman, Mr. and Mrs. James Lowder, Michel Nicrosi, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome T. Moore Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Bell, Beebe R. Frederick Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tortorici, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Mr. David Avant, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chaney, Virginia Noblin*; Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Jack and Anne Payne*

IN HONOR OF Wynn Harris

Honor Gift: *Susie M. Strong*

Jimmy Holcomb

Honor Gift: *Kate Blanton*

Sue Loftis

Honor Gift: *Dr. and Mrs. Roger Duggar*

Al Hildreth

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker*

Daphne Johnston

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Wednesday Night Supper - Wednesday, October 31

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

Mozzarella Chicken | Pasta Twists | Broccoli | Baked Sweet Potatoes | Baked Potato Bar | Salad Bar | Spinach and Blackberry Salad | Chicken Fingers and French Fries | Fresh Fruit | Halloween Cookies

Disaster Relief Support

Thank you to everyone who has helped us provide supplies to the panhandle through the many relief efforts we have made. We are now shifting gears to get teams on the ground who can assist with various manual labor and meal service teams. If you are interested in serving on or leading a work team, please go to www.fumcmontgomery.org/relief to sign up. We are also in need of lodging for overnight trips that may take place. If you have a home in the panhandle that could be used for team lodging, you can also follow the link above to be contacted about helping in that way. As people sign up, we will contact you to coordinate trip details. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

All Saints Sunday

November 4, 2018 | Sanctuary | 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

On All Saints Sunday, we remember those who have gone before us and give thanks to God for their presence in our lives. In the spirit of All Saints, we also ask God for their eternal rest and for His light to shine upon them and remain with them forever. It is a day of comforting and recognition of the power of God’s grace in our final place in His house. The names of the Saints of our church that have departed over the past year are read followed by the tolling of the bell. The Cathedral Choir sings anthems appropriate for the feast day and are interspersed throughout the reading of the honored Saints. Join us next Sunday, November 4 at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate one of the most important feast days in the life of the church.

Missions Collections

We are currently collecting blankets and winter clothing for Reality & Truth Ministries and the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless. Beginning November 1, we will also be 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.

Children's Pumpkinfest Fun

The FUMC north parking lot took on a different look last Sunday afternoon when over 600 children, parents, and grandparents gathered to enjoy an exciting time of family fun and activities. The day was filled with crafts, games, and conversation with friends, new and old. Children’s costumes of Madeline, Einstein, and Minnie Mouse were seen among many others at the go fish booth and bean bag toss. The comment of the day was, “Wow, this is the largest crowd I’ve ever seen at Pumpkinfest!” We celebrate the number of families from across the River Region who came to FUMC and delighted in the outdoor festivities! Thank you to all who gave their time to make the event a wonderful church and community gathering.

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.

Children's Ministry

WEEKLY FOR CHILDREN

Sunday School (all ages) – *Sundays 9:45 - 10:45*

Children’s Church – *Sundays during 8:45 and 11:00 worship services*

Children's Choirs & Summit Kids Xtreme – *Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:10*

SAVE THE DATE - Wired: Keeping Families Connected in a Digital World

Sunday, December 9 | during Sunday School | Fellowship Hall

Parent Forum:

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

Led by Elizabeth Manderville, Licensed Professional Counselor

ELMO

Grades 3-5 | November 4 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come help us fill shoeboxes to brighten Christmas for children across the world.

Thought for the Week: “People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.” - Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Youth Ministry

RICE AND BEANS MINISTRY

The youth have raised \$108 of their \$1000 goal to help feed families in Costa Rica this summer. Remember your team gets Month of Madness points for every \$12 raised.

MYSTERY MANSION | *Sunday, October 28 | 5:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.*

This year our Halloween party will be located at the Inscoe property next to the church. Bring friends and dress up for extra points for your Month of Madness team. Dinner will be served. Hope to see everyone there for a night of scary fun. 836 Park Ave.

ACOLYTE TRAINING | *November 4 | 12:00 p.m.*

Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte or just needs a refresher course meet us in the youth lounge following the 11:00 service. Pizza will be served. You must have completed 7th grade to be an acolyte.

COSTA RICA | *June 15-22 | \$1600 per person*

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.

GUYS GAME NIGHT | *Thursday, November 15*

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.

FUMC Scout History Book Now Available

\$10 per copy | Receptionist Desk or www.fumcmontgomery.org/scout

Did you know that we can date our support of scouting back to late 1915/early 1916, when Court Street Church sponsored Troop 3? Family members of our first Scoutmaster are still members here. Antics and episodes from the younger days of other current members are also recounted. Copies of “The First Century of Scouting – A Ministry of First United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama” are now on sale.