

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 4

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Disciple 2 - Gillian Walters	WH 207
4:30 p.m.	Jan McQueen Piano Recital	Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	Disciple 1 - Lucas Tribble	WH 201

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Church offices will be open until 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Church offices will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

Church offices will be closed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

10:00 a.m.	Yoga Class	WH 105
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
11:30 a.m.	Covenant Advent Group - Jan Pringle	WH 104
12:00 p.m.	Covenant Group - Leslie Bingham	WH 207
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercies - Wigginton	WH 301

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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

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

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New Year Studies

Start the new year off right by growing deeper in your walk with Christ, while getting to walk alongside people who are experiencing a similar season of life as you. Please take a look at the list below, and join us for one of our New Year Studies.

Financial Peace University – Taught by Brett Crawford, 13 weeks, Mondays @ 6:00 pm, begins January 7

Worship Shapes Belief – Taught by Jason Borders, 8 weeks, Sundays @ 5:00 pm, begins January 13

The 3 Big Questions for a Frantic Family – Taught by Ed Reifenberg, 5 weeks, Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm, begins January 16

For more information, please contact Tammy Holcomb, tholcomb@fumcmontgomery.org or (334) 834-8990.

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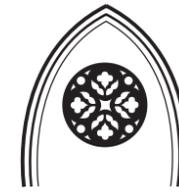
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If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.

Sunday, December 30, 2018
 Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
 Philipians 3:13-14
Recipe For a Happy New Year
 Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Wednesday, January 2, 2018
 No Chapel Service and Holy Communion



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As we move through this time of the year between Christmas and New Year, we are called to look in two directions. We remember the coming of the Christ Child and the celebration of Christmas with all of the gifts, Santa Clause, the family gatherings, beautiful music and special times. We also anticipate the beginning of a new year with new opportunities and a fresh start. This time provides opportunity to put the old year behind us and fulfill our New Year resolutions, so the coming year will be better than the last.

We make fantastic memories at Advent and Christmas as we move through this wonderful, special time of the year. However, that is not always the case. Advent and Christmas can be a tough time of the year for those who have lost loved ones and are having their first Christmas without that special loved one. It can be a lonely time of the year for the homeless, the hungry, and others who have no real close family or friends with whom to celebrate. For those in the midst of divorce and family destruction it is anything but a happy time. For those on the Gulf Coast who are recovering from Hurricane Michael it is a trying time as they begin to rebuild their lives.

The New Year provides new beginnings for all. Some families anticipate the birth of a new child. Others anticipate a promotion, possibly a job change with even a relocation involved. Others wonder, "how can I lose weight, improve my health and begin a new healthy life style?" However, this new beginning may be nothing more than more of the same for others. The question is how can this Advent/Christmas Season and the beginning of a New Year be one that is uplifting and one that will make a difference in our lives? What can we say? Where can we find something that will be satisfying to us as we seek to hold on to Christmas and yet enter this New Year with a fresh spirit? Let me suggest that you turn to the Scripture for direction.

After Matthew tells of the wise men and their visit to the Christ Child when they left their gifts, he says: "They departed into their own country by another way." After they had seen Jesus they had to travel a new route. So it is with us! As we experience once again the birth of the Christ Child, its true and holy meaning touches our life as we must enter the New Year by a new route. May your thoughts and deeds as you enter the New Year be filled with a determination inspired by Christ in such a different and finer way than ever before! May God bless you and yours during 2019!

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Children's Ministry

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE ON DECEMBER 30

Children's Church and Sunday School will not meet on Sunday, December 30. Children are invited to attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service with their families. A nursery will be available if needed.

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL 2018!

Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers, Children's Church volunteers, Children's Council members and the hundreds of volunteers who helped plan and carry out children's programs and ministries in 2018. To God be the glory for a wonderful year! We look now to 2019 with new excitement!

BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Babies born into our church family in 2018 will be recognized during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, January 13. We look forward to celebrating with these little ones and their families.

PRAYER, CHORE, DEED 2019 CALENDARS

"Prayer, Chore, Deed" 2019 calendars are located on tables in the Children's Building. These wonderful calendars emphasize the importance of saying a prayer, doing a chore and a kind deed every day. Please pick one up for your family.

MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10 - 14
Camp Lee | July 24 - 27 | Grades 3 - 5

Thought for the Week:

"Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee" - Henry Van Dyke

Youth Ministry

Thank you to everyone that participated in Tree of Lights. This money will go towards the youth mission trip to Costa Rica.

NO SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES | DECEMBER 30

MOVIE NIGHT | DECEMBER 28

Check out Instagram and Facebook soon for details on a fun night out at Chantilly movie theatre.

WINTER RETREAT | JANUARY 19-21 | CAMP HARGIS

We are so excited about our annual trip to Camp Hargis January 19-21. Our speaker will be our own Bria Rochelle. We will focus on the hills and valleys of life and how to stay rooted in Christ through all circumstances! The band will be a group from the Wesley Foundation in Tuscaloosa.

COSTA RICA | JUNE 15-22

For those signed up to go on our mission trip this summer, the next payment of \$300 is due ASAP. If you have not paid please talk to the youth staff. The third payment will be \$300 due on January 23.

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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No Wednesday Night Dinner

The kitchen will reopen on Wednesday, January 9.

End of 2018 Giving Reminder

All giving must be received in the finance office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2018 in order to be applicable for 2018 tax purposes. The Finance Office will be will be open until 5 p.m. on December 31.

New Year Studies

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Oxygen Ministry Nature Hike

Saturday, January 12, 2019 | Lagoon Park | 9:30 a.m.

Got the post holiday blues? Kickoff 2019 with a healthy start! Bring friends and family of all ages to the Pete Peterson Lodge entrance of Lagoon Park on Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. for a 1-3 mile bike (bring your own) or trail hike. Enjoy post hike s'mores/trail snacks. Register online by January 11 or call the church office for more information.

Rise Against Hunger

Wednesday, January 23 | Fellowship Hall

Round up the whole family and join us 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. Wednesday Night Supper will be served in the Epworth Room.

Spiritual Growth Retreat for Women

Saturday, January 26, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | Epworth Room

Join the FUMC United Methodist Woman at their annual retreat as Rev. JoAn Kinrade of FUMC Newnan, GA speaks on "Understanding the Father's Heart for Each of His Children." The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. For questions or more information please contact Linda Singleton at 334-819-9431.

Plug-In and Recharge Sunday School Campaign

Starting in January, the Sunday School class with the highest attendance and highest percentage of attendance each week will be announced in morning worship. Our current average attendance is 515 and our goal by the end of January is 700. Be thinking of ways you can reach out to guests and Sunday School members you have not seen in awhile, and invite them to come with you in January!

FUMC Clothing Closet

Our clothing closet is in need of all sizes of coats and warm clothing for both children and adults. Please contact Claire Smith at csmith@fumcmontgomery.org for more information. Clothes Closet hours at Capitol Heights UMC are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Joseph Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

The Joseph Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in the areas of visitation, luncheon, flower delivery, ushers and emailing. If interested, please contact Susan Jemison by email at susanjemison1550@gmail.com or call 334-315-1408.

For more information, or to register for some of the events above, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/events.

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Baptism

Berkley Elizabeth Guntharp
December 23, 2018
Daughter of Nigel and Haley Guntharp

Hospital/ Rehab List

Dec. 14 - Dec. 21
Melinda Clark
Lessie Harris
Margaret Mock
Jule Perry

Memorials

John Morgan Foshee, Jr.
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse*; Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. William Sterneberg*

Norma Barnes

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John Sanderson Bowman

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Lynn Hobbie Andrews

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gill, Dr. and Mrs. George Seir, Jr.*

FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 | 11:00 a.m. | Wesley Hall Room 206

Looking for something fun to do? Pick up a copy of *Every Last One* by Anne Quindlen and join us on Tuesday, Jan. 8 @ 11 a.m. in Room 206 for some lively debate. It is a great way to make some new friends. For information, contact Kate Blanton at kdutreil@yahoo.com.

50 Plus January Events

Tartans & Thistles Luncheon | Wednesday, January 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$10
Watercolor Workshop | Friday, January 25 | 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge | \$45

The luncheon will include delicious food, fellowship, and a full Scottish program by incredible bagpiper Chuck Arney. Sign up at fumcmontgomery.org/events/tartans or at the receptionist desk at FUMC.

At the watercolor workshop presented by Gayle Jones, participants will be provided with supplies. There are 11 spots left. Bring \$10 for optional lunch. Sign up at the receptionist desk or at fumcmontgomery.org/events/watercolor.

Side By Side Choir Kickoff

We are thrilled that Jack Horner will return as the director of the Side By Side Choir and Micky McInnish will play the piano! We are so excited to start the Side By Side Choir on February 5th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Respite room at FUMC. For more information contact Laura Selby at ltselby@fumcmontgomery.org or 334-201-8286. We want anyone in the River Region to come join us for a fun time of singing.

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.

Music Ministry

Music for Sunday, December 30, 2018

Offertory

Covenant Prayer arr. Allen Pote
Cathedral Choir

A New Year of Music Ministry

With the turn of every New Year's Day, we make resolutions and commit ourselves to new practices and priorities for our lives. If one of your resolutions is to get more involved in the church, to grow deeper in your service to others, or to commit yourself to the important aspects of your spiritual life, let me recommend serving in the Music Ministry of FUMC. From being a children's choir leader, to singing in one of our adult and youth choirs, to ringing in the handbell choir, or playing in a worship service, there are many opportunities to serve in the Music Ministry. Give James Seay a call at the church office or email him at jseay@fumcmontgomery.org to learn more about our Music Ministry at FUMC Montgomery and how you can join us in service!