

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELMO 4TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY

Today | February 3 | 12:05-2:00 p.m. | Grades 3-5 | Cloverdale Park
Join the fun for flag football! Girls vs. Girls! Boys vs. Boys! Lots of parent help needed to coach/referee. Bring friends and \$5 for hotdogs, hamburgers, and more! If weather does not cooperate, we will play in the gym.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE

Sunday, February 10 | Age 3-5th Grade
4:00-6:00 p.m. - Special activities and Bible fun for children!
6:00 p.m. - Pizza dinner

SPROUTS

Sundays | February 24, March 3, and March 10 | 5:00-7:15 p.m.
Children's Discipleship Groups | Grades 2-5
Enjoy supper, small groups, Bible study, mission projects, and worship. Watch for registration details coming soon.

WEDNESDAYS AT FUMC

Children's Choirs - 6:00 p.m. - All invited! (ages 3 - 5th grade)
Summit Kids Xtreme - 6:40-7:10 p.m. (K - 5th grade)
*Following choir practice, teachers lead kindergarten through 5th grade children to the gym for Summit Kids, where the Bible comes to life!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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The second payment of \$300 is due NOW. As of January 31, you should have paid a total of \$800.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY | TODAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Join our special MYF on Super Bowl Sunday! We will have an afternoon of flag football in Cloverdale Park. Meet in the Youth Lounge at 2:00 p.m. for the draft. Let's enjoy a few hours of competitive fun with friends!

SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL | FEBRUARY 22-24

In 2019, FUMC will celebrate its 190th Birthday. FUMC has many stories it could tell about God's love and work in the world during these almost two centuries. The Youth have been asked to submit photography telling their faith story to the Congregation Art Show, which will be on display in the Epworth Room Saturday and Sunday.

GET CONNECTED

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



Sympathy

To the family of Cindi Sullivan upon her death, January 26.

To Ann Singleton and her family upon the death of her husband, Paul Singleton, January 27.

FIRST SCHOOL REGISTRATION

First School, FUMC's part-time childcare program, will be enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year soon. Please call Beth Mantoath, (334) 481-0413, for more information.

HURRICANE RELIEF TRIPS

Join us as we head to the coast to help with continued hurricane relief! We will be traveling to Marianna on February 7-10, and housing will be available at Graceville UMC. We will be traveling to Panama City on February 15-27, and housing will be available at the home of a church member. For more information or to sign up, please contact Claire Smith at csmith@fumcmontgomery.org.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider becoming a member of our church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership. To join, please come forward at the end of the service, indicating your desire, or for more information about joining our church family, please contact Rev. Gillian L. Walters at (334) 834-8990 or GLWalters@fumcmontgomery.org.

LITURGICAL SEASON: THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

The Season after Epiphany is a season of Ordinary Time, which includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The main focus of this season is the calling of the disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. The liturgical color is green.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 | Youth: \$5 | Children: \$3 | Family Maximum: \$17

Pulled Pork Sandwiches | BBQ Baked Beans | Coleslaw | Potato Salad | Chips | Chicken Fingers | Fries | Fruit | Potato Bar | Salad Bar | Desserts

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign-up for the below events, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/events.

YOUNG ADULT SUPER BOWL PARTY

Today | 5:00 p.m. | 1100 Woodward Ave., Montgomery, AL 36106
Join us to watch the Super Bowl at 5:00 p.m. and game time at 5:30 p.m. Come for the whole game or just stop in and say hello!

RESPITE MINISTRY TRAINING

Tuesday, February 5 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge
Please contact Daphne Johnston if you are interested at djohnston@fumcmontgomery.org.

OXYGEN MINISTRY UPCOMING HIKE

Saturday, February 9 | Swayback Bridge - Wetumpka, Alabama
This is the last week to sign up for Oxygen Ministry's upcoming hike. Don't miss out!

FUMC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Wesley Hall Room 206
Pick up a copy of "Fly Girls," by Keith O'Brien, and join us for some lively debate at this month's meeting. For more information, please contact Kate Blanton at kdutrail@yahoo.com.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Sunday, February 10 | Guest Speaker Dr. Wesley H. Wachob of FUMC, Pensacola
Join us as we reflect on the Book of James at our annual Bible Conference.
Session 1: 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Session 2: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Session 3: 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Dinner and Q&A: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Please register and pay for dinner on the website.

PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING

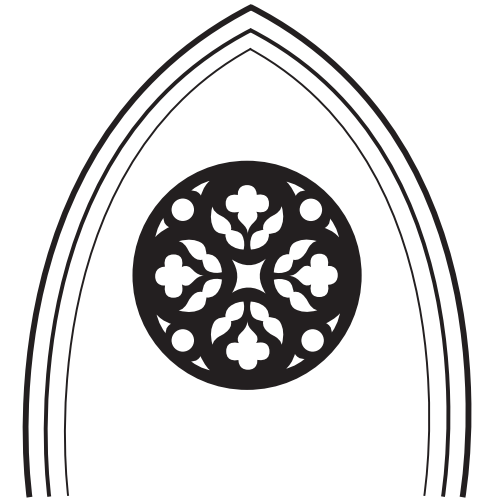
Sunday, February 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Dr. Jeremy Pridgeon will lead a Pre-General conference briefing prior to attending the special session of General Conference. The special session of General Conference, to receive the report of the Commission of the Way Forward and other proposals for The United Methodist Church regarding human sexuality, will be held on February 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri.

TABLES OF 8

Love good food and fellowship? The 2019 first session of Tables of 8 will begin in February. All are welcome! You do not have to host to take part. Please see the sign up information on the home page of the website, or email Kate Wheaton at kwheaton@fumcmontgomery.org.

190TH ANNIVERSARY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS

The Work Area on Archives and History is inviting church members for interviews and possible round table discussions to celebrate the 190th anniversary of the founding of First Church. We especially invite individuals who joined the church at least fifty years ago (1969 or before). To participate in this project, please email the Work Area on Archives and History at 190thanniv@gmail.com.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— FEBRUARY 3, 2019 —

— FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY —

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

Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Senior Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall
Associate Minister

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

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

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop of Alabama-West
Florida Conference



Reverend R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent of
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MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O’CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude *Prière à Notre-Dame* Léon Boëllmann

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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

Introit arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
O Taste and See
Kate Gates, Soloist

***Processional Hymn** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* 549

***Call to Worship**
Leader: No one has ever seen God;
People: if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: God of Gods, we come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear, and hatred can shake even the strongest. Shape us into faithful, hopeful people. Fill us with your love that passes all understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Preparation for Prayer *Bless the Lord* Taizé
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who rescues me from death.

Invitation to Communion
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin 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 towards 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 *Gift of Charity* arr. John Rutter
Cathedral Choir

Though I might prophesy in tongues both earthly and divine, if love were not the very root I could not call them Thine. A sounding gong, a cymbal’s clash is all that they would be, though mountains moved through power of faith, yet would it not be Thee. Though I might give all I possessed in succor to the poor, yet without love no change is made to what they lacked before. True love is patient, selfless, kind, and does all things endure, its trust can never end, nor ever be unsure. When we have come to adult faith, and love like this has grown, so shall we see God face to face and know as we are known. Then shall choirs of Faith and Hope give praise unceasingly, to what is greater than them both, the gift of Charity.

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology** 95
*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. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children’s Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon *Love Never Ends* Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Procession of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion *Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson
Jesus, United by Thy Grace 561
Come, Thou Traveler Unknown 386

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. Lucas S. Tribble

***Benediction Response** *Amen* arr. John Yarrington

***Postlude** *Menuet gothique* Léon Boëllmann

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 Glenora “Cokie” Irvin and in honor of Gerald “Jerry” Irvin by Doug and Debbie Irvin.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 10

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11