

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Discover FUMC - Gillian Walters	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Baby Recognition Sunday	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room
4:30 p.m.	Disciple 2 - Gillian Walters	WH 207
5:00 p.m.	Worship Shapes Belief - Jason Borders	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Disciple 1 - Lucas Tribble	WH 201
5:00 p.m.	ELMO	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	MYF	Youth Lounge

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
11:30 a.m.	UMW Circle 8	WH Various
6:00 p.m.	Old Cloverdale Association Meeting	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace	WH 207
6:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Youth Lounge

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
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, JANUARY 16

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	Adult Lounge
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch	Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m.	50 PLUS Tartans and Thistles Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Chapel Service	CB 104
5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee	FB 104
5:45 p.m.	Mom's Connect Group	Bell Room
5:45 p.m.	Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna, April	WH 103
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs/Summit Kids Xtreme	Various
6:00 p.m.	Three Big Questions - Ed Reifenberg	FB 104
6:00 p.m.	Youth Small Groups	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Administrative Board	Epworth Room
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral Choir Practice	Choir Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 a.m.	Yoga Class	WH 105
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercies - Wigginton	WH 301

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

2:30 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing	Fellowship Hall
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FB=Fellowship Building    WH=Wesley Hall    CB=Children's Building

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# TOWER CHIMES

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“Remember your baptism and be thankful!” Christians have said this over the centuries, even though for many remembering their own baptism would be impossible, as they were baptized as infants. But to “remember our baptism” is to understand that we are part of the family of God. While we all have our families of origin, with parents, grandparents, and other relatives, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, part of a family much larger – and much more interesting – than our own families!

This Sunday, we will reaffirm our baptismal vows as part of our worship experience. Baptism is the “ordination of the laity.” In baptism, we are marked as one of Christ’s own and sealed as his forever. In baptism, we receive God’s grace and are initiated into the life of the church.

As part of our 11:00 a.m. worship, we will celebrate Baby Recognition Sunday. We have been blessed to welcome 16 babies into the life of our church in 2018. We celebrate, with their parents, the joy they have brought to their lives and families. We are grateful to God for the opportunity we have to help these precious little ones grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We commit, with their parents, to help raise these children that one day they might make their own profession of faith in Jesus, confirming all that we, the church, have done on their behalf as they grow and learn.

The babies born into the life of First United Methodist Church of Montgomery are as follows:

- Nash Michael Kimbrough
- Parker Ellis Coale
- Joseph Haigler Hines
- Margaret Leigh Gallagher
- William Henry Hawke
- John Christopher Mathews IV
- Louise Martin Crum
- Lee Joiner Bishop
- Berkley Elizabeth Guntharp
- Freja Eliette Whitley
- Robert Turner Smith
- Piper Dean Walters
- Sadie Carolyn Lawrence
- Charlotte Annabelle Lyle Trupp
- David Eugene Belser III
- Joseph Barnett Bushman

Let us commit to pray for these children and their families, even as we welcome them into our church family. And let us all remember our baptism and our membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

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Sunday, January 13, 2019  
Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
*Favored By God*  
Luke 3:15-17:21-22  
Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
*Duffey Chapel* | 5:30 p.m.  
Chapel Service and Holy Communion  
Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

New Year Studies

Please take a look at the list below, and sign up for one of our New Year Studies by completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or reception desk.

**Financial Peace University** – Taught by Brett Crawford, 13 weeks, Mondays @ 6:00 p.m., begins January 14

**Worship Shapes Belief** – Taught by Jason Borders, 8 weeks, Sundays @ 5:00 p.m., begins January 13

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

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

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Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Ministry

### RECOGNITION OF BABIES BORN IN 2018

We are thrilled to celebrate the babies born into our church family during the year 2018. We will recognize them during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 13. Pink Bibles will be presented to the baby girls and blue Bibles to the boys. We hope you will come and rejoice with us on this special day.

### START THE NEW YEAR WITH ELMO!

January 13 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Grades 3-5 | Gym

Join us in the gym for noodle hockey, noodle supper, and even a noodle marshmallow launch! Come see it to believe it! Parents, please pick up in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and \$5.00 for supper.

### PLUG-IN AND RECHARGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

Do your part to reach the January attendance goal of 700. Bring your entire family to Sunday School! Children's classes meet in the Children's Building from 9:45-10:45. We will be looking for you!

### WEDNESDAYS AT FUMC

Children's Choirs - 6:00 p.m. - *all invited!* (age 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!

### WIRED: Keeping Families Connected in a Digital World

Sunday, January 27, during Sunday School

Parent Forum: Screen Addiction | Tech Safety | Finding a Digital Balance | Bridging the Generational Gap  
Led by Elizabeth Manderville, Licensed Professional Counselor

**Thought for the Week:**  
One Year = 365 Opportunities

## Youth Ministry

### SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES | JANUARY 13

Join us for MYF in the attic at 5:30 as we finish up our series on "Selfies." We are learning that we do not need to always make ourselves the center of attention. At 6:30 a pizza dinner will be served in the lounge. Bring a friend and \$5!

### WINTER RETREAT | JANUARY 19-21

We are so excited about our annual trip to Camp Hargis January 19-21. Our speaker this year 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. Be on the lookout for an itinerary and packing list.

### YOUTH SUNDAY | JANUARY 27

This is an exciting day for the youth. We get to be involved in worship at both services. Please let the youth office know if you would like to be a reader, greeter, or usher that day, and the service in which you are interested in participating.

### COSTA RICA | JUNE 15-22

The next payment of \$300 is due on January 23rd. Everyone needs to have paid \$800 by the end of January.

### 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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## Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Homemade Spaghetti | Fresh Parmesan | Garlic Bread | Fresh Green Beans | Caesar Salad | Salad Bar | Baked Potato Bar | Fresh Fruit | Chicken Fingers | French Fries | Children's Fruit Tower | Vanilla Ice Cream | Greek Yogurts | Apple Crisp

### Oxygen Ministry Nature Hike

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

Bring friends and family of all ages to the Pete Peterson Lodge entrance of Lagoon Park on Saturday for a 1-3 mile bike (bring your own) or trail hike. Register online by January 11 or call the church office for more information.

### 50 Plus Tartans and Thistles Luncheon

Wednesday, January 16 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$10

Come enjoy food, fellowship, and a full Scottish program by incredible bagpiper Church Arney. Sign up at [fumcmontgomery.org/events/tartans](http://fumcmontgomery.org/events/tartans) or at the FUMC reception desk.

### Rise Against Hunger

Wednesday, January 23 | Fellowship Hall | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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. Wednesday Night Supper will be served in the Epworth Room. Please register in advance online.

### Spiritual Growth Retreat for Women

Saturday, January 26, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | Epworth Room | \$25; includes lunch

Join the FUMC United Methodist Women at their annual retreat as Rev. JoAn Kinrade of North Georgia UMC Conference speaks on "Understanding the Father's Heart for Each of His Children." Please register online or at the reception desk.

### Poverty Simulation at First Church

Tuesday, January 29 | 1:00-3:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Alabama is the sixth poorest state in the nation, and more than 800,000 of our neighbors live below the federal poverty line. In order to create a broader awareness of the realities of poverty, First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Poverty Simulation exercise on campus, in partnership with Alabama Possible. There are a limited number of spots available, so be sure to sign up online by January 27. We look forward to the hearts that will be transformed, as we seek to love and serve the River Region community.

### Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall

Wednesday, January 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Epworth Room

The Stephen Ministry is pleased to host Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall as he discusses the opioid crisis we face as a state and nation. Marshall will discuss what governmental authorities are doing to address this epidemic. Please join us for an evening of honest discussion, as we strive to effect powerful change across our state.

### Side by Side Choir

Every Tuesday starting February 5 | 1:00 p.m. | Respite Room Wesley Hall 2nd Floor

Respite Side by Side Choir will resume on February 5! Join us for a fun time of singing of old familiar songs. Rehearsal will take place every Tuesday in February, and the first part of March, followed by a concert will follow in mid-March.

### 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 website or email Kate Wheaton at [kwheaton@fumcmontgomery.org](mailto:kwheaton@fumcmontgomery.org).

**For more information, or to register for some of the events above, please visit [www.fumcmontgomery.org/events](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org/events).**

## AROUND THE CONGREGATION

### Birth

Joyce Elizabeth Howard

January 5, 2019

Daughter of Betty and Kenny Howard

### In Memoriam

Lessie Etoile Mares Harris

January 2, 2019

### Jule Willis Perry

January 6, 2019

### Ken F. Kostenbader

January 6, 2019

### Sympathy

To the family of the Lt. Col. (Ret.) Paul Smith, Jr. upon his death December 28, 2018

To Bob and Brenda Cutts Smith and their family upon the death of Brenda's mother, Edna Hardy

### Hospital/ Rehab List

Dec. 31 - Jan. 3

Ed Deabler

Chris Hert

Margaret Mock

Julia Prescott

Phyllis Spurlock

Bart Smith

### Memorials

John Morgan Foshee

Respite Ministry: *Paula and Patricia Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. David C. Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims*; Cathedral Builders: *Mr. and Mrs. Allen Edwards*

### Clarence Franklin McCorkle

Respite Ministry: *Patricia E. Shaner*

### Lynn Hobbie Andrews

Memorial Fund: *Judge and Mrs. Joel Dubina*

### Janice M. Mullins

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Billington M. Garret*

### John Sanderson Bowman

Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Link, Mr. and Mrs. Pickett Reese, Clifford Leroy Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims*; Respite Ministry: *Paula and Pat Mathis*

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### Betty Finlay Brislin

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Paula and Patricia Mathis*; Missions Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Craig Kneisel*; Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Hank Dahlene*

### Rev. Ben Sawada

Missions Outreach: *Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nichols, Dianne Colquitt*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Finley Jr.*; Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Iris McGehee*

### Louise Dismukes

Cathedral Builders: *Mr. and Mrs. Allen Edwards*

### Betty Sawyer Knowles

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Mr. and Mrs. Zack Rolen, Paul Turner*

### Norma Prater

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Glenn and Beverly Dean*

### Jackie Parquette

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Carolyn Shores Wright*

### In Honor Of

Joan McLeod

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Her daughters*

### Fred and Marilyn Zeigler

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Jerry Gant*

## Music Ministry

### Music for Sunday, January 13, 2019

#### Offertory

*Baptized Into Your Name* arr. Donald Busarow  
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](mailto:jseay@fumcmontgomery.org) to learn more about our Music Ministry at FUMC Montgomery and how you can join us in service!