

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 25

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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
5:30 p.m.	MYF	Youth Lounge

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
7:00 a.m.	Men's Covenant Group	WH 207
10:00 a.m.	Respite Care Givers Support Group	WH 101
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Bell Practice	Bell Room
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym
5:45 p.m.	Allegro Bell Practice	Bell Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	Adult Lounge
9:45 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Epworth Room
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Chapel Service	Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Mom's Connect Group	CB 104
5:45 p.m.	Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Bell Room
6:00 p.m.	Rise Against Hunger	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna, April	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	WH 103
6:00 p.m.	Three Big Questions - Ed Reifenberg	Adult Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Youth Small Groups	FB 104
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral Choir Practice	Choir Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 a.m.	Yoga Class	WH 105
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
12:00 p.m.	Covenant Group - Leslie Bingham	WH 207

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 a.m.	50 PLUS Watercolor Workshop	Youth Lounge
2:00 p.m.	Church offices closed	

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Sunday, January 20, 2019
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
An Unforgettable Wedding
 John 2:1-11
 Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Duffey Chapel | 5:30 p.m.
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 Chase McKoon

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



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Thank you for your commitment to our Sunday School Attendance Campaign, "Plug In and Recharge." We are off to a great start as we seek a goal of 700 persons in Sunday School attendance this month. On the first Sunday of the year, we had 649 persons. This past week we had 677 in our classes! These past two weeks we had higher attendance than any Sunday in 2018!

One of the great strengths of First United Methodist Church is our Sunday School program. I am grateful for the outstanding leadership provided by our Sunday School class officers and teachers. I am thrilled to hear of classes reaching out to those on their membership rolls encouraging them to start the new year in Sunday School. I am excited to see classes bringing chairs into their classrooms to seat everyone! Sunday School is such an important part of our life together, giving us the opportunity to deepen our faith in Jesus and to fellowship with one another.

We have added a new opportunity on Sunday morning. We are offering a class where persons can gather for a discussion of the sermon from the worship service. This class is being facilitated by Dr. Diana Abernethy, Professor of Old Testament at Huntingdon College. This class meets in Wesley Hall 108. If you are not currently in a Sunday School class, consider visiting one of the classes this week! If you have any questions about Sunday School, please contact Reverend Gillian Walters at glwalters@fumcmontgomery.org.

Also, this weekend our youth will hold their Winter Retreat at Camp Hargis. Eighty-one youth and their chaperones will leave on Saturday morning, returning to Montgomery on Monday. Ms. Bria Rochelle, our former pastoral intern, who is now a first year seminarian at Duke Divinity School, will be the retreat leader. I am grateful for the leadership of Ms. Caitlin Eiland in our youth department and for all who are volunteering of their time this weekend so our youth can grow in their relationship to Jesus and with one another. Please keep them in your prayers. We look forward to hearing the stories of how our youth experienced God at Winter Retreat.

Finally, we continue to push toward the completion of the IMPACT Campaign. We are currently at 86% of the Stewardship part of this effort. We are at 95% on the Capital portion of our goal. There is no doubt that God has blessed First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. The IMPACT Campaign is the most ambitious endeavor of our church in 25 years and it will require all of us to do our part for it to be a success. Thank you to all who have contributed to the IMPACT Campaign. If you have yet to do so, you can make your pledge online at www.fumcmontgomery.org, drop your pledge card in the offering plate, or turn it in at the church office.



First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Children's Ministry

PLUG-IN & RECHARGE: SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

Let's all do our part to reach the January attendance goal of 700. Bring your entire family to Sunday School! The campaign includes all ages - children, youth, and adults! Attendance is measured by percentages and highest number. The children's energy can make the difference. We will be looking for you!

THE 3 BIG QUESTIONS FOR A FRANTIC FAMILY

Wednesdays, January 16-February 13 | 6:00 p.m.

This study is being led by Ed Reifenberg. All are welcome!

It's not too late to sign up by e-mailing tholcomb@fumcmontgomery.org.

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

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, February 10 | 4:00 – 6:45 p.m.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 - 10:45 in the Children's Building

Children's Church (age 3-1st grade) during 8:45 and 11:00 worship services

Thought for the Week:

“Be as great in your acts as you are in your thoughts.”

Youth Ministry

WINTER RETREAT | JANUARY 19-21

Please be in prayer as over 100 youth and chaperones leave on our annual trip to Camp Hargis. We will load buses on Saturday morning at 10:30 and head to Chelsea for a weekend of spiritual growth and renewal. Bria will lead us in discussions on "His Grace is Enough." We look forward to seeing each of you there!

NO SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES | JANUARY 20

Due to Winter Retreat, there will be no Sunday night activities this week. We will resume normal activities on January 27.

YOUTH SUNDAY | JANUARY 27

This is an exciting day for the youth. We will participate in worship at both services. Please let the youth office know whether 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.

SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL - YOUTH PHOTO SHOW

Youth still have time to submit photos for the Youth Art Show. The theme is "Telling Our Story." Youth should submit a photo that depicts in some way their faith story. Photos should be submitted digitally by January 22. For questions or to submit, please call or text John Sease at 334-430-4247.

GET CONNECTED



FUMC Montgomery-
Connect Student Ministries



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Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Build your own Chicken Sandwich | Chips | Fruit | Cookies

*Dinner will be served to-go in the Epworth Room to ensure everyone is able to help with Rise Against Hunger.

Rise Against Hunger

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

Don't miss your chance to help prepare over 30,000 meals for those in need around the world at this year's Rise Against Hunger event. Sign up online to save time when you arrive.

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. Spots are limited so be sure to sign up online by January 22.

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

The Respite Side By Side Choir will be featured in a national commercial for Maria Shriver's "The Women's Alzheimer's Movement." All are invited to join the choir to sing "Stand By Me" for the segment! Contact Laura Selby for more information at lseyby@fumcmontgomery.org or at 334-201-8286.

FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, February 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Wesley Hall Room 206

Do you enjoy reading? Pick up a copy of *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien and join us for some lively debate. This is a wonderful way to meet some new friends. For more information, please contact Kate Blanton at kdutrail@yahoo.com.

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.

Oxygen Ministry Upcoming Hikes

Registration information can be found online.

Saturday, February 9 | Swayback Bridge - Wetumpka, Alabama

Saturday, March 30 | Jackson Lake - Millbrook, Alabama

Saturday, April 27 | AUM Trails - Montgomery Alabama

Saturday, May 18 | Flagg Mountain - Weogufka, Alabama

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

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Birth

Daniel "Dane" Rodney Sparkman, Jr.

January 11, 2019

Son of Daniel and Abby Sparkman

New Member

Jane Waters

Jane comes to us by profession of faith, and is a registered nurse at Comfort Care Hospice.

Hospital/ Rehab List

January 4 - January 10

Ed Deabler

Robin Hardwich

Margaret Mock

Tommy Oliver

Laurie McLean

Annette Porter

Carolyn Slater

Bart Smith

Memorials

John Morgan Foshee

Respite Ministry: *Janie Gause, William*

A. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Al Head

Clarence Franklin McCorkle

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Al Head*

Lynn Hobbie Andrews

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler*

John Sanderson Bowman

Stegall Seminary Scholarship

Foundation: *Ann C. Reese*

Clifford LeRoy Clark

Fix it Shop: *Emmaus Class; IMPACT;*

Bryan Poole

Jule Wilson Willis Perry

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

Dean Thomas

Betty Finlay Brislin

Mission Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Paul*

Sweatt, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Lamar, Mrs.

Pat Norris, Dawn Campbell, Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Roby, Claire Smith; Pastor's

Discretionary Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry*

Lucas, the Tower Class; Memorial Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Butler

Rev. Ben Sawada

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

Mrs. Pat Norris; Missions Ministry: Mr.

and Mrs. Kim Dyess, Mr. and Mrs. John E.

Vick

Elliot Henson

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

Marilyn Gillespie

In Honor Of

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hersman

Respite Ministry: *Tina Gamble*

Mr. Jack Thorington

Respite Ministry: *Tina Gamble*

Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings

Respite Ministry: *Tina Gamble*

Pat Cherry

ECDC: *Mary and Leon Barwick*

Respite Training

The next Respite volunteer training will be Tuesday, February 5 from 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the youth lounge. Please contact Daphne Johnston if you are interested at djohnston@fumcmontgomery.org.

First School Registration

First School Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is coming up. Church members may begin enrolling on Monday, January 28 and registration will open to the public on Friday, February 1. Please contact Beth Mantooth at 334-481-0413.

Music Ministry

Music for Sunday, January 20, 2019

Offertory

Thee We Adore arr. T. Frederick Candlyn
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!