

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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.	Disciple 1 - Lucas Tribble	WH 201
5:00 p.m.	ELMO Noodle Hockey	Gym

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace	WH 207
6:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 15	WH Various

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2 - Meeting	CB 100
11:30 a.m.	Respite Board Lunch	WH 207
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 9

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	Adult Lounge
10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch	Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
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.	Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna, April	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	WH 103
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs Practice	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Work Areas	Various
6:00 p.m.	Youth Small Groups	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral Choir Practice	Choir Room
6:40 p.m.	Summit Kids Xtreme	Gym

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

2:00 p.m Church offices closed

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

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 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 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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 Class: _____

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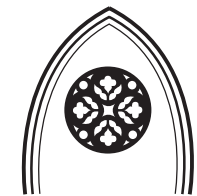
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Sunday, January 6, 2019
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Overwhelmed with Joy
 Matthew 2:1-12
 Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Duffey Chapel | 5:30 p.m.
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 Rev. Ben A. McDavid



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Happy New Year! I am excited as we begin 2019 here at First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. I am eager to see what Jesus will do through all of us in the coming year. I pray that this year will be our best ever. As we commit to uphold the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, I believe God will honor our efforts and bless our congregation and community richly.

I hope you are planning on attending Sunday School this week. We are starting the New Year with a Sunday School Attendance Campaign, called "Plug In and Recharge." Our goal is to have 700 in Sunday School each week. We will announce the winners of our attendance campaign each Sunday in worship, based on total attendance and highest percentage of attendance. We will also be starting a new class that will be a sermon discussion follow up, open to all. This class will meet in Wesley Hall 108. Make plans to start 2019 in a Sunday School class and connect with others at First Church!

As we seek to be faithful to the Great Commission of Jesus to make disciples, we have set a goal of reaching 500 guests in worship in 2019. We will need your help to make this happen! This goal is very attainable; it just requires some intentionality on your part. If every member of First United Methodist Church of Montgomery committed to inviting just ONE – ONE! – then we would DOUBLE our attendance. We are going to be intentional about equipping you to invite your friends and neighbors through the course of this year as we seek to adopt a mindset of growth because we care about those in our community. Who are you inviting to join you each week? Be mindful of those in your spheres of influence that you can ask to join you here at First Church.

One new ministry that started in 2018 is called Oxygen. Oxygen is an intergenerational, recreational-based ministry that seeks to encourage creation of community, while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. I am grateful to Mary Ashley and Leslie Bingham for the leadership they provide. In the events sponsored by Oxygen, over 60% of the participants have been prospective members! Join them on their first hike on Saturday, January 12 at Lagoon Park. This is a great way for you to introduce someone to First Church that may be looking for a church home.

Make plans to start 2019 in church! I pray Jesus will lead us to reach our community, offering hope for those who live and call our area home. We have the answer – Jesus. Let us share this good news with those around us!



First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Children's Ministry

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.

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!

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.

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:
“Wise men still seek Him.”

Youth Ministry

Thank you to all of our small groups that participated in the Angel Tree Project. With everyone's support we were able to purchase Christmas gifts for eleven children!

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES | JANUARY 6

Join us as we kick off the new year! We will meet at 5:30 in the attic for a new series on “selfies.” Join us for worship and small groups. At 6:30, we will head to Moe's for dinner. Bring friends and money for dinner.

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.

COSTA RICA | JUNE 15-22

The second 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!



FUMC Montgomery-
Connect Student Ministries



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Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Southern Fried Chicken | Mac and Cheese | Turnip Greens | Cornbread | Salad Bar | Seasonal Salad | Baked Potato Bar | Fresh Fruit | Desserts and Ice Cream

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 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 | 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 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 | \$25; includes lunch

Join the FUMC United Methodist Women at their annual retreat as Rev. JoAn Kinrade of FUMC Newnan, GA speaks on "Understanding the Father's Heart for Each of His Children." 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!

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.

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.

New Year Studies

Start the new year off right by growing deeper in your walk with Christ through one of our New Year Studies: Financial Peace University, Worship Shapes Belief, and the 3 Big Questions for a Frantic Family. Please visit <https://fumcmontgomery.org/new-year-studies/> for more information.

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.

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

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

In Memoriam

Betty Finlay Brislin
December 29, 2018

Hospital/ Rehab List

Dec. 21 - Dec. 30

Bob Auman
David Belser
Ed Deabler
Walter Griffin
Lessie Harris
Sue Kirkland
Mickey McInnish
Margaret Mock
Jule Perry
Phyllis Spurlock

Memorials

Louise Dismukes

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook*

John Morgan Foshee, Jr.

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook*

Clarence Franklin McCorkle

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook;*
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson*

Patsy Manasco

Stegall Seminary Scholarship
Foundation: *Marilyn Gillespie*

Lynn Hobbie Andrews

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston, Anne Hartline;* IMPACT: *Betsy Arnold*

Dan Lindsey

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Russell*

In Honor

Daphne Johnston

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker, Polly Williamson*

Ann Longshore

Respite Ministry: *Polly Williamson*

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roby

Respite Ministry: *Polly Williamson*

Monday Respite Volunteers

Respite Ministry: *Polly Williamson*

Respite Volunteers

Respite Ministry: *Boyd Christenberry*

Daphne, Frank, Bo, and Kathleen

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Mervin G. Coxwell*

Mr. and Mrs. David Coxwell

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Mervin G. Coxwell*

Margaret Kneisel

Honor Fund: *Lucy Stewart*

Wednesday Respite Volunteers

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

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 reception 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 reception desk or at fumcmontgomery.org/events/watercolor.

Music Ministry

Music for Sunday, January 6, 2019

Offertory

Gesu Bambino arr. Pietro Yon

Cathedral Choir

Tyrone Hayes, Soloist

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!