

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 17-24

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service - Scout Sunday	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Welcome Reception - Rev. Toby Chastain	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Scout Sunday	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room
4:30 p.m.	Disciple 2 - Gillian Walters	WH 207
5:00 p.m.	Denise Snipes Covenant Group	WH 103
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	WH Various
6:30 p.m.	2019 General Conference Meeting	Sanctuary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:00 a.m.	Respite Ministry	WH Various
10:00 a.m.	Respite Support Group	WH 207
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace	WH 207
6:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 15	WH Various
6:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts	WH Various

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
7:00 a.m.	Men's Covenant Group	WH 207
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Bell Practice	Bell Room
1:00 p.m.	Side-By-Side Choir	Respite Room
1:30 p.m.	Circle 3 Meeting	WH 207
4:00 p.m.	Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton	Gym
5:45 p.m.	Allegro Bell Practice	Bell Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	Adult Lounge
9:00 a.m.	Fix-It-Shop	WH Various
9:45 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Duffey 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	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Chapel Service	Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Mom's Connect Group-Jo Moore	CB 104
5:45 p.m.	Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Handbell Room
6:00 p.m.	Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna, April	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs/Summit Kids Xtreme	WH 400
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	WH 103
6:00 p.m.	Youth Small Groups	FB 104
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral Choir Practice	Choir Room
6:30 p.m.	Administrative Board	Epworth Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 a.m.	Painting Workshop with Barbara Davis	Youth Lounge
2:00 p.m.	Church offices close.	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30 a.m.	Congregation Art Show	Epworth Room
9:30 a.m.	FUMC Historical Display	CB 100
10:00 a.m.	Jason Borders- <i>The Sanctuary's Witness to the Gospel</i>	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	<i>Telling Our Story</i> Production	Sanctuary

The Tower Chimes (USPS Periodicals Permit # 01908) is published weekly by First United Methodist Church, 2416 West Cloverdale Park, Montgomery, AL 36106-1908. Periodicals Postage PAID at Montgomery, Alabama. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Tower Chimes.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2416 W. Cloverdale Park
 Montgomery Alabama 36106-1908
 (334) 834-8990 Fax (334) 834-4333
www.fumcmontgomery.org
info@fumcmontgomery.org
 Upper Room Reading Line - 334-262-7342



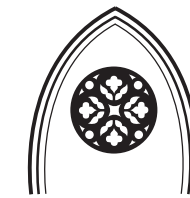
All Tower Chimes mailings are lovingly handled by volunteers!

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

Sunday, February 17, 2019
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
The Resurrection and the Life
 Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Duffey Chapel | 5:30 p.m.
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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



FIRST UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

TOWER CHIMES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

VOLUME 26, ISSUE 7

We welcome the Reverend Toby Chastain to First United Methodist Church this week as our Youth Minister! Toby comes to us from First United Methodist Church of Hartselle, AL where he has served for the last 14 years. He is a graduate of Huntingdon College and Memphis Theological Seminary. His wife, Ragan, teaches at Calhoun Community College and is a doctoral student at the University of Alabama.

For years I enjoyed reading the front cover article of the Tower Chimes written by Dr. Karl K. Stegall when he served as our senior minister. While I confess I do not remember all of those articles, there was one that stuck in my mind over the years. Lyn Frazer, our archivist, did some research and found the article for me. Dr. Stegall wrote it when we welcomed a new youth minister years ago. The article was so on point and direct, that I want to offer a portion of it for us to consider as Toby comes to take his place among us. I am inserting Toby's name in the place where Dr. Stegall had included the name of a former youth minister.

Dr. Stegall wrote:

The strength of our youth program will never rise higher than the commitment of our parents. The future success of Toby Chastain's ministry among our youth will depend, not so much on his unique gifts and graces, but rather on our parents establishing priorities. I observe that our wonderful parents do not give their youth a choice as to whether they will go to school during the week. However, I am amazed at how many of these same parents leave it up to the child as to whether or not he/she will attend Sunday School, MYF, or Sunday morning worship. Sometimes I hear parents say, "Well, when my child gets a little older, I'll let him/her decide." That is an attitude that will lead to disaster.

I long for the day when all of our parents will consider their youth's participation in Sunday activities at the church as important as school activities Monday through Friday. Youth should not have a vote when it comes to "parental responsibility." When parents try to be the "best friend" of their youth and allow the youth to choose between church and baseball, or soccer, or hunting, or ballet, or drama, or even homework, parents are ignoring one of the great admonitions of the Bible, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Parents, as we welcome our new youth minister, be mindful that his success will depend largely upon you! Why not take this as an opportunity to get your house in order, wake up your child on Sunday morning, pull him/her out of bed, and say, "This is Sunday! We are going to church TOGETHER!"



Children's Ministry

SPROUTS

Children's Discipleship Groups | Grades 2-5

Sundays, February 24, March 3, and March 10 | 5:00-7:15 p.m.

Enjoy small groups, Bible study, mission projects, prayer, and worship. Bring friends and \$5.00 for supper. Please register in advance by visiting the church website.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE FOR CHILDREN | MARCH 10

Children are invited to bring packages of Oreos to worship and Sunday School on March 10 for deployed military, who give their hearts and lives to protect us all. The Oreo packages will be placed at the altar in worship that morning and prayers of thanksgiving for the military will be lifted. During Sunday School, we will make cards to accompany the Oreos, package them for shipping, and pray for the men and women who will receive them. This project will go a long way in sharing God's love.

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 a.m. worship services

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!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

Camp Lee | July 24-27 | Grades 3-5

Thought for the Week:

"But the greatest of these is love." - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Youth Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY | FEBRUARY 17

All youth are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour to welcome Toby Chastain as he joins the youth staff.

MYF | FEBRUARY 17 | 2:00-3:30 P.M.

We will meet at the Ice King on Zelda Road. Be sure to come by and introduce yourself to Toby!

SPRING BREAK TRIP | MARCH 15-17 | \$200

Be sure to sign up online for the Spring Break trip to Atlanta! We will be visiting Six Flags and the Georgia Aquarium.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Interviews | *Wednesday, March 13*

Confirmation Banquet | *Saturday, April 27*

Confirmation Sunday | *Sunday, April 28*

SENIOR SUNDAY | MAY 5 | BRUNCH DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

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



FUMC.CONNECT

Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, February 20, 2019

4:30-6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 Youth: \$5 Children: \$3 |

Family Maximum: \$17

Chicken and Sausage Alfredo | Sweet Corn and Broccoli | Garlic Bread | Blueberry and Kale Salad | Salad Bar | Baked Potato Bar | Fruit | Chicken Fingers and Fries | Yogurt | Cookies and Cream Ice Cream | Chocolate Brownies

Hurricane Relief Trip

February 15-27

Join us as we head to the coast to help Rev. John Blount and his congregation. From cleaning out a storage room to cutting up trees and other debris, we will help where John needs us. Come and go as you can. For more information or to sign up, please contact Claire Smith at csmith@fumcmontgomery.org.

Early Response Team Training Course

Saturday, February 16 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Trinity UMC, Prattville, Alabama

Everyone ages 18 years and older is invited to attend this Early Response Training course. Background checks will be administered after the course. For more information or to register, please visit www.awfumc.org/events.

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.

Side-by-Side Choir Concert

Tuesday, February 19 | 11:30 a.m. | The Montgomery Museum of Fine Art

All are invited to this special performance presented by the Side-by-Side Choir! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for this heartwarming performance, as we celebrate the joys of life together through music!

Early Response Team Recertification Course

Saturday, February 23 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Trinity UMC, Prattville, Alabama

Everyone ages 18 years and older is also invited to attend this ERT recertification. Background checks will also be required. This course will also provide training for Site Assessments and Clean Out.

UMW Luncheon

Monday, March 4 | 11:30 a.m. | Epworth Room | \$8.00

Guest speaker Rebecca Ellis, founder of the Cole Ellis Foundation, will speak on *Teen Suicide: Personal Loss and a Story of Hope*. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program at 12:00 p.m. Sign up at the reception desk or contact Linda McIntyre at 334-546-3029 or lindarmc@gmail.com.

Grief Share

Mondays beginning March 4 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Wesley Hall Room 206

Begin your journey from mourning to joy with this 13 week class that is designed to connect you with others experiencing grief much like your own. The class will begin on March 4 and will meet every Monday until May 20. For more information, please contact Laura Selby at lselby@fumcmontgomery.org.

Save the Date: Great Day of Service

Sunday, March 10 | Multiple Projects

Stay tuned for a list of projects and opportunities to serve! We challenge you to be a part of this day as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community!

Caring Casseroles & Greeting Cards Volunteers Needed

Did you know that any member of FUMC discharged from the hospital receives a caring casserole from 50 PLUS Ministries? Shut-ins are also sent greeting cards to know how much they are loved and missed. We are in need of more volunteers to support these special ministries. Please sign-up by emailing Adrian Borden at abor-den@fumcmontgomery.org or by calling her at the church at 334-834-8990.

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Birth

Elizabeth Hill Bartlett

February 11, 2019

Daughter Jack and Kate Bartlett

Baptisms

Connor Wynn Medley

Son of Nicholas and Jenny Medley

Adeline Grace Zeigler

Daughter of David and Amanda Zeigler

Owen Richard Zeigler

Son of David and Amanda Zeigler

Hospital/ Rehab List

February 1-February 7

Jack Hornady

Gayle Horner

Laurie McLean

Margaret Mock

Lynn Murray

Chris Robbins

Mary George Smith

Belinda Walker

Parker White

Memorials

Roy Gillespie

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Mark*

Jackson

Dr. Keith Caldwell

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Mark*

Jackson

Betty Finley Brislin

Joseph Ministry: *the Carlyle Chandler*

Family

Rev. Ben Sawada

Respite Ministry: *Rev. Judd Stinson and*

Rev. Libba Stinson

John Sanderson Bowman

Building Fund: *the Carlyle Chandler Family*

Paul Schwartz

Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Roger Duggar*

Lynn Hobbie Andrews

Joseph Ministry: *the Carlyle Chandler*

Family

Marilyn Perkins Zeigler

Music Ministry: *Forester Class, Mr. and*

Mrs. James Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Hentz

McClellen, Mr. Ben Coker and Dr. Ann

Mountcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Byrd;

Respite Ministry: *Rev. Judd Stinson and*

Rev. Libba Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. James

Warren; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Jim*

Wheeler; Stegall Seminary Scholarship

Foundation: *Mr. and Mrs. John Bell*

Jule Wilson Willis Perry

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

Oak Grove Sunday School Class

Garth Plans Donated

The family of Robert Sternenberg, Sr. has donated his original landscape plans for the church garth, including eight pages of architectural drawings, to the church archives. This donation is welcome not just for its historical value, but also for its continuing reference value for repair work and future renovations of our buildings and grounds. The archives staff encourages members to search their attics, basements, and other storage areas for documents and photographs pertaining to church history that could also be donated. For more information please contact Lyn Frazer at lfrazier@fumcmontgomery.org.

Music Ministry

Music for Sunday, February 17, 2019

And All the Earth Shall Own Him arr. Fred Bock

Cathedral Choir

Sacred Arts Festival | February 22-24: Telling Our Story

Please do not miss out on this year's fabulous presentations as part of the Sacred Arts Festival!

Friday, February 22 | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge | Painting Workshop with

Barbara Davis (please note the change in location)

Saturday, February 23

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Epworth Room & Reception Room - Congregation Art Show and Historical Display. This will continue on Sunday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary - Jason Borders will speak on Our Faith Story in Architecture:

The Sanctuary's Witness to the Gospel

11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary - Please come enjoy the presentation of Telling Our Story, an original play by Adrian Borden about the history of First United Methodist Church which features highlights from our church's rich past.

Sunday, February 24

4:25 p.m. | Sanctuary - Heritage Ringers, an audition-only group from Huntsville, Alabama, based out of Trinity UMC, will present a pre-Evensong concert.

5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary - Evensong, performed by the Adult Ensemble