

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 a.m.	Congregation Art Show & Historical Display	Epworth Room
8:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:25 p.m.	Heritage Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Choir Room
4:30 p.m.	Disciple 2 - Gillian Walters	WH 207
5:00 p.m.	Sprouts	CB Various
5:00 p.m.	Disciple 1 -Lucas Tribble	WH 201
5:00 p.m.	Denise Snipes Covenant Group	WH 103
5:00 p.m.	Evensong - Adult Ensemble	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Worship Shapes Belief - Jason Borders	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	MYF	WH Various

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 a.m.	Men's Covenant Group	WH 207
7:00 a.m.	Jeremy's Men's Bible Study	Epworth Room
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, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club	Adult Lounge
9:00 a.m.	Fix-it-Shop	WH Various
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	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Prayer Service	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Summit Kids Xtreme	Gym
5:45 p.m.	Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Bell Room
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	WH Various
6:00 p.m.	Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna, and April	CB 203
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs Practice	Various
6:30 p.m.	Cathedral Choir Practice	Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry	WH Various

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 a.m.	Stimulate Your Brain	Friendship Room
2:00 p.m.	Church offices close	

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Sunday, February 24, 2019
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 Luke 6:27-58
Who Do You Love?
 Dr. C. Jason Borders

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
 Sanctuary | 5:30 p.m.
 Prayer Service



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A special session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will be held on February 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri, something that has only happened once before in our 50 year history. The General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. Our bishops called this gathering, at the request of the 2016 General Conference, to help us find a way forward through our deep disagreements about same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ clergy. They will receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward. The Commission was authorized to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church concerning human sexuality and to explore options to strengthen church unity.

Delegates to the conference are elected by the various annual conferences around the world. Eight hundred sixty-four delegates will gather for the General Conference. Half of the voting delegates are clergy and half are laity. The Alabama-West Florida Conference will send ten delegates to the conference. The clergy delegates to the General Conference, in order of election, are: Dr. Larry Bryars, Dr. Jeremy Pridgeon, Reverend Robin Wilson, Reverend John Brooks, and Reverend June Jernigan. The lay delegates are Dr. Steve Furr, Ms. Pat Luna, Mrs. Beverly Maddox, Ms. Clara Ester, and Mrs. Dawn Hare.

The General Conference will be livestreamed and you are invited to watch the proceedings at this historic conference. Please keep your Alabama-West Florida Conference delegation, as well as all of the members of the General Conference, in your prayers as we work together during our time in St. Louis. There are many resources available regarding the upcoming General Conference on the internet and other social media platforms. I would encourage you to review the official website of The United Methodist Church, www.umc.org, as well as the Alabama-West Florida Conference website, www.awfumc.org, for information regarding the proceedings. I will also try to post on social media throughout the conference to share my thoughts with all of you.

I will be holding a post-General Conference briefing on Sunday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary to discuss the outcomes of the special session. I would encourage you to make plans on attending this event where I will explain what, if any, decisions have been made and try to answer questions you may have as we move forward here at First United Methodist Church.

I am grateful to Dr. Jason Borders, our Theologian in Residence, for preaching this Sunday while I am participating in the General Conference. We are blessed by Jason's leadership here and at Huntingdon College. I know you will look forward to hearing him as he shares. Please remember the General Conference in your prayers in the upcoming days.



First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Children's Ministry

SPROUTS | BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

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 following the Children's Minute

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:

"A man who walks with God always gets to his destination."

Youth Ministry

MYF | FEBRUARY 24 | 5:30 P.M.

Meet us in the Youth Attic for a time of worship and Bible study. Bring a friend and \$5.00 for a Zaxby's dinner at 6:30 p.m.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT | \$10

Wednesday, February 27 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fly Aerial Yoga | 410 E. Blvd. Frontage Road, 36116

Don't miss out on this fun time of fellowship with other girls in the youth group! Be sure to bring \$10 to help out with costs. If in Confirmation class, a bus will bring you after class ends.

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



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Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, February 27, 2019

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

Family Maximum: \$17

Breakfast for Dinner | Bacon | Sausage | Scrambled Eggs | Pancakes | Pancake Toppings | Fresh Fruits and Berries | Biscuits | Moon Pies and King Cakes

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 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.

Lenten Luncheon Series

Wednesdays beginning March 6 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. for \$6. The program will begin at 12:05 p.m. and will conclude by 12:45 p.m.

March 6 | Dr. Karl Stegall, Pastor Emeritus FUMC Montgomery | Chicken Allouettes

March 13 | Rev. Michael Precht, Crestview UMC | Taco Bar

March 20 | Dr. Rob Couch, Christ UMC | Lasagna

March 27 | Rev. Dan Morris, Gulf Breeze UMC | Parmesan Chicken Fingers

April 3 | Rev. Robin Wilson, FUMC Opelika | Fried Catfish and Grits

April 10 | Dr. John Ed Mathison, Pastor Emeritus Frazer UMC | Barbeque

April 17 | Ms. Celeste Eubanks, AWF Conference | Shrimp and Conecuh Sausage

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us on this evening as Dr. Darren McClellan, the District Superintendent of the Baypines District leads us into this season of preparation for Easter.

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 signup by emailing Adrian Borden at aborden@fumcmontgomery.org or by calling her at the church at 334-834-8990.

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

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Birth

Evelyn Joy Whisenhunt

February 11, 2019

Daughter of Tom and Emily Whisenhunt

Sympathy

To Greg and Christy Sellers and their family upon the death of Greg's mother, Willie Jean Sellers

Hospital/ Rehab List

February 8-February 14

Stacy Howard

Debbie Irvin

Parker White

In Memory Of

Betty Finley Brislin

Building Fund: Ellen Leonard; Stegall

Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

Eileene Griffith

Clifford Leroy Clark

Stegall Seminary Scholarship

Foundation: Eileene Griffith

Ken Kostenbader

Stegall Seminary Scholarship

Foundation: Eileene Griffith

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 24, 2019

Let Everything That Hath Breath arr. Jeffrey Ames

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 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 auditioned handbell choir 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