

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, and worship. Bring friends and \$5.00 for supper. Please register in advance by visiting the church website at fumcmontgomery.org/events.

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.

WEDNESDAYS AT FUMC

Children's Choirs - 6:00 p.m. - All invited! (ages 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 2019 CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School | June 10-14
Camp Lee | July 24-27 | Grades 3-5

YOUTH MINISTRY

MYF | TODAY

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.

GIRLS 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!



SYMPATHY

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

To Dan and Ellen Haulman and their family upon the death of Dan's mother, *Cecil Lurline Breaux Haulman*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider becoming a member of our church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership. To join, please come forward at the end of the service, indicating your desire, or for more information about joining our church family, please contact Rev. Gillian L. Walters at (334) 834-8990 or GLWalters@fumcmontgomery.org.

LITURGICAL SEASON: THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

The Season after Epiphany is a season of Ordinary Time, which includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The main focus of this season is the calling of the disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. The liturgical color is green.

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 and Toppings | Fresh Fruits | Biscuits | Moon Pies and King Cakes

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign up for the below events, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/events.

SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

Don't miss the last day of the Sacred Arts Festival. Stop by the Epworth Room to view the Congregation Art Show and Historical Display today until 1:00 p.m. This afternoon, we look forward to hosting the Heritage Ringers as they bring us a pre-evensong concert at 4:25 p.m., followed by an Evensong concert from our Adult Ensemble at 5:00 p.m.

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. Signup 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 liselby@fumcmontgomery.org.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

Wednesdays beginning March 6 | 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

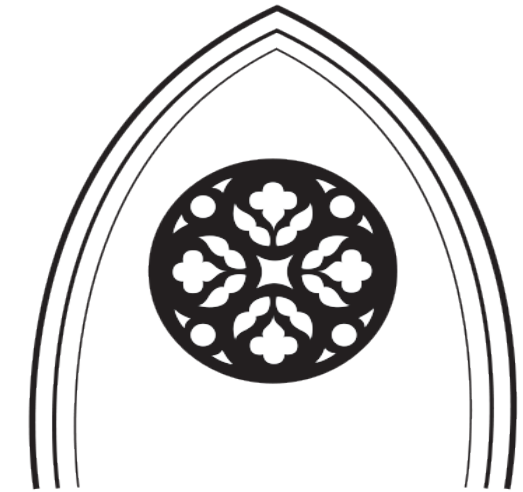
Wednesday, March 6 | 5:30 p.m.
Join us on this evening as Dr. Darren McClellan, the District Superintendent of the Baypines District, leads us into this season of preparation for Easter.

SAVE THE DATE | GREAT DAY OF SERVICE | SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Join us this year for Great Day of Service, now taking place on a Sunday. 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! There are projects for all ages, and everyone is welcome. At the 8:45 a.m. worship service, there will be a commissioning of all who are participating in this day of service. Mission t-shirts can be purchased for \$15 to help fund the Youth Summer Mission Trip to Costa Rica. For a full list of projects, t-shirt order details and contact information, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/gdos.

CARING CASSEROLES & GREETING CARDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

50 PLUS Ministries sends every hospital discharged member a caring casserole and also sends shut-ins greeting cards to show them 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 aborden@fumcmontgomery.org or by calling her at the church



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— FEBRUARY 24, 2019 —

— SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY —

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Senior Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall
Associate Minister

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop of Alabama-West
Florida Conference



Reverend R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent of
Montgomery-Prattville District

2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106
334.834.8990 | fumcmontgomery.org

MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O’CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude *Fugue in D Major, BWV 532* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Introit arr. Lanny Wolfe
Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

***Processional Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* 428

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Take delight in the Lord who satisfies the desires of your heart.
People: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God’s actions.
Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.
People: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: God our Father, we come to you as children. Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**
The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** Meineke
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer *Bless the Lord* Taize
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, he leads me into life.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory *Let Everything That Hath Breath* arr. Jeffrey Ames
Cathedral Choir
Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare His glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Magnify the Lord with me and exhalt His name together. Hallelujah, bless His name for He’s worthy to be praised. Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph! For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Come on and praise the Lord. Give him the highest praise. Praise him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance. Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands. Sing “Hallelujah,” praise His holy name. For the Lord is worthy to be praised! Let’s praise the Lord. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Doxology** 95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***Prayer for Our Nation**
*Our Fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

Children’s Minute Rev. Gillian L. Walters
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children’s Church.
Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

***Hymn of Preparation** *Freely, Freely* 389

Scripture Lesson Luke 6:27-38

Act of Praise *Lord of the Small* arr. Dan Forrest
Cathedral Choir
Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, o praise Him, all ye who yet live, who’ve been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Sermon *Who Do You Love?* Dr. C. Jason Borders

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

***Hymn of Invitation** *Help Us Accept Each Other* 560

***Benediction** Rev. G. Charles Kendall

***Benediction Response** arr. Gary Matheny
May the Peace of God Surround You

***Postlude** Ralph Vaughn Williams
Prelude to ‘The New Commonwealth’

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

*Please stand as you are able.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cynthia “Cindi” Sullivan by her family.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 3

Exodus 34:19-35 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:12
Psalm 99 Luke 9:28-36