

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 3-8

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice  
 5:00 p.m. Sprouts  
 4:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - Gillian Walters  
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Covenant Group - Ed Reifenberg  
 5:00 p.m. Denise Snipes Covenant Group  
 5:00 p.m. Disciple 1 - Lucas Tribble  
 5:30 p.m. MYF  
 6:30 p.m. 2019 General Conference Meeting

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 CB Various  
 WH 207  
 FB 104  
 WH 103  
 WH 201  
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 Sanctuary

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**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry  
 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group  
 10:15 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting  
 11:30 a.m. UMW Luncheon  
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace

WH 203  
 WH 206  
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 Epworth Room  
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**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

7:00 a.m. Men's Covenant Group  
 7:00 a.m. Jeremy's Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry  
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Covenant Group - Charlie Kendall  
 12:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Practice  
 4:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton  
 5:45 p.m. Allegro Bell Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Coventant - Mary Hampton

WH 207  
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 Bell Room  
 WH 301  
 FB 305  
 WH 207

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

8:00 a.m. Heritage Club  
 9:00 a.m. Fix-It-Shop  
 9:45 a.m. Children's Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry  
 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study  
 11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon  
 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner  
 5:45 p.m. Adult Ensemble Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Mom's Connect - Stephanie, Anna, & April  
 6:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Practice  
 6:40 p.m. Summit Kids Xtreme

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 Epworth Room  
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 Bell Room  
 Sanctuary  
 WH Various  
 CB Various  
 CB 203  
 FB 306  
 Gym

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

10:00 a.m. Yoga Class  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry  
 11:30 a.m. Covenant Group - Leslie Bingham  
 4:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Exercise - Wigginton  
 6:00 p.m. Bishop Graves' Post-GC 2019 Update

WH 105  
 WH Various  
 WH 207  
 WH 301  
 Sanctuary

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

8:00 a.m. Great Day of Service Set-up  
 2:00 p.m. Church offices close

Fellowship Hall

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

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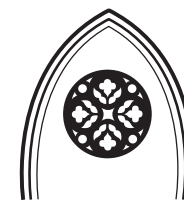


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If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.

Sunday, March 3, 2019  
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
 Luke 9:28-43a  
*Mountains and Valleys*  
 Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Wednesday, March 6, 2019  
 Sanctuary | 6:00 p.m.  
 Ash Wednesday Service  
 Dr. Darren McClellan



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At the time this week's Tower Chimes goes to print, the historic special session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will be drawing to a close in St. Louis, Missouri. Much will be said about what happened during the General Conference, called to receive a report from The Commission on the Way Forward, which was empaneled in an effort to move our denomination through our current impasse on matters related to human sexuality, particularly the issues of same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ clergypersons.

This Sunday night, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, I will offer a post-General Conference briefing to discuss what, if any actions, took place during the General Conference in an effort to help you understand the outcomes and the potential implications for First United Methodist Church, the Alabama-West Florida Conference, and The United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.

Regardless of the events that take place at the General Conference, as I have shared with you previously, the Sunday after we will do what our church has done for nearly 190 years. We will gather to worship. First United Methodist Church of Montgomery has almost two centuries of ministry to our community and beyond, and we will continue to respond to the call of Jesus on our lives to serve God's people.

It is quite appropriate that this Sunday will be Mission Awareness Sunday, as we celebrate the many ways First United Methodist Church touches the hearts and lives of people around the world. Also on Sunday, we will commemorate the Transfiguration of Christ, recalling when Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus upon the holy mountain. Luke tells us that following this remarkable and quite mysterious event, Jesus "set his face toward Jerusalem" where he would ultimately suffer and die, taking on the sins of the entire world.

As we consider the magnitude of this time in the life of our denomination and our church, remember the call to serve others in the world, and realize that living out our faith will also require us to "set our face" to the things of God, it is clearly a call to prayer for the strength, forbearance, and resolve to take up our cross daily in pursuit of the things of God.

In the days ahead, we will spend time in prayer and conversation, seeking God's will for our lives as a community of faith. Should you, in the aftermath of the General Conference, feel a need to speak with any of the clergy, please reach out to us. We are here. We care for you. We love you. We are blessed to serve with you.



First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

## Children's Ministry

### SPROUTS CONTINUES

*Discipleship Groups for Children in Grades 2-5  
Sundays, March 3 and March 10 | 5:00-7:15 p.m.*

We are very excited to have almost 70 children participating in Sprouts! We will continue to meet for two more weeks. This year's theme is "Keys to the Kingdom." Remember to bring your Bible, Sprouts journal, old keys for a special project, and \$5.00 for supper. Parents, please encourage your children in this study and spend time together praying and reading the daily Bible verses. Join us even if you missed the first week.

### GREAT DAY OF SERVICE FOR CHILDREN | MARCH 10

Children are invited to bring packages of Oreos to Sunday School and worship 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:

"Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up."

## Youth Ministry

### MYF | MARCH 3 | 5:30 P.M.

Meet us in the Youth Attic for a time of worship and Bible study as Blake shares his story with us. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Moe's on Zelda Road. Parents, please pick up at 7:15 p.m. at Moe's.

### GREAT DAY OF SERVICE | MARCH 10

Do not miss out on this opportunity to serve our community alongside our church family. Please sign up online to volunteer. There will be no MYF this evening to ensure that everyone is able to help serve!

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Please be on the lookout for the 2019-2020 applications. All applications will be due to the youth office by March 27.

### CONFIRMATION

Interviews | *Wednesday, March 13*  
Banquet | *Saturday, April 27*  
Confirmation Sunday | *Sunday, April 28*

### SENIOR SUNDAY | MAY 5 | BRUNCH DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

All seniors will be presented during the 11:00 a.m. service.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

*June 23-28 | Marianna, Florida | Sign-up online*

### GET CONNECTED



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### Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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

*Family Maximum: \$17*

Parmesan Tomato & Chicken Casserole | Pasta Twirls | Fresh Broccoli | Rolls | Salad Bar | Kale and Blueberry Salad | Baked Potato Bar | Salad Bar | Fresh Fruits | Chicken Fingers and Fries | Sugar cookies | Cotton Candy Ice Cream

### 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 | 6:00 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.

### Great Day of Service

*Sunday, March 10 | Multiple Projects*

Join us this year for Great Day of Service, now taking place on a Sunday. 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 the projects of the day. 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](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org/gdos).

### FUMC Book Club

*Tuesday, March 12 | 11:30 a.m. | Wesley Hall Room 206*

Don't miss out on the March meeting of the FUMC Book Club! Pick up a copy of *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. This is a wonderful way to meet new friends. For more information, please contact Kate Blanton at [kdutreil@yahoo.com](mailto:kdutreil@yahoo.com).

### 50 PLUS - Great Day of Service Needs you!

*Sunday, March 10 | 8:45 Service*

We will all be commissioned to go 17 Mildred St. and prepare meals for the less fortunate in our community. Needed: Grills, Haulers (muscle to help unload chairs and tables at the site), Grillers (folks to man the grills), and Runners (to help keep the food moving). We are encouraged to wear the Great Day of Service t-shirt (\$15 - available for purchase at Wednesday night supper outside Fellowship Hall and Sunday morning March 3 in the breezeway). Please go to [www.fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSGDS](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSGDS) or call Adrian Borden at the church to sign up today.

**For more information, or to register for some of the events above, please visit [www.fumcmontgomery.org/events](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org/events).**

## AROUND THE CONGREGATION

### Birth

**Colette Elizabeth Wheaton**

*February 22, 2019*

Daughter of Elliot Wheaton and Jennifer Gibson

### Sympathy

To Joy and Glenn Yates and their family upon the death of Joy's mother, *Carolyn Johnston*

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

### In Memoriam

**Dr. Hugh Bazelleel Praytor, Jr.**

*February 23, 2019*

### Hospital/ Rehab List

**February 15-February 21**

Maureen Brown  
Drucie Phillips  
Sara Praytor  
Jeff Webb  
Parker White  
Suzanne Wilbanks  
Rebecca Williams

### In Memory Of

**Marilyn Perkins Zeigler**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. James Turner*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. James Conely*; Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Ramona Sue Smith*

### Rev. Ben Sawada

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. James Conely*

### Betty Finley Brislin

Missions Ministry: *Alice Rolan*

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. James Conely*

### Jule Wilson Willis Perry

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Vann Griffith*; Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Ramona Sue Smith*

### John Morgan Foshee

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chappell*

### In Honor Of Bishop and Mrs. Lawson Bryan

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bob Northcutt*

### Jordan Kimble Pridgeon

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Mr. Ben Coker and Dr. Ann Mountcastle*

### Dr. Bill Cumbie

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. James Turner*

### 2019 General Conference Meeting

*Sunday, March 3 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary*

Please gather with us on Sunday evening as we hear Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon speak on the results from the special session of the General Conference. There will be a question and answer time.

### Bishop Graves' Post-General Conference 2019 Update

*Thursday, March 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary*

Bishop David Graves and conference leadership will host three regional meetings after the conclusion of the special called session of General Conference. The team will provide an overview of the called session and have a question and answer time. We will be hosting the meeting for our region and encourage everyone to attend.

## Music Ministry

### Music for Sunday, March 3, 2019

*Trinity Psalms* arr. Randall Stroope  
Cathedral Choir

### Upcoming Special Music in March

On two of the Sundays in March, our worship will include special music for two sets of visiting musicians. On March 10, gospel singer LaDawn McClung-Shepherd and pianist Dr. George West will join us for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. LaDawn is an incredibly gifted singer from Montgomery's own Holt Street Memorial Baptist Church. Then, on March 17, the Rhodes Singers from Rhodes College will be leading our 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. service. The Rhodes Singers are an auditioned, select ensemble of 43 singers and is the flagship ensemble of Rhodes College. Come join us for these two special Sundays of music and worship!