

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 17-22

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
 8:45 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Various  
 9:45 a.m. Discover FUMC-Gillian Walters Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Choir Room  
 4:30 p.m. Disciple 2-Gillian Walters WH 207  
 5:00 p.m. Disciple 1- Lucas Tribble WH 201  
 5:00 p.m. Denise Snipes Covenant Group WH 103  
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Covenant Group-Ed Reifenberg FB 104

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry WH Various  
 10:00 a.m. Grief Share WH 206  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Support Group WH 101  
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace WH 207

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**  
 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  
 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  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Covenant-Mary Hampton WH 207

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**  
 8:00 a.m. Heritage Club Adult Lounge  
 9:00 a.m. Fix-It-Shop WH Various  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry WH Various  
 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study Epworth Room  
 11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon-Dr. Rob Couch Fellowship Hall  
 4:00 p.m. 50 PLUS Board Meeting Respite Room  
 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee WH 105  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Chapel Service Chapel  
 5:45 p.m. Adult Ensemble Rehearsal FB 305  
 6:00 p.m. Mom's Connect-Stephanie, Anna, and April CB 203  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Covenant Group-Stephen Sours FB 104  
 6:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Practice FB 306  
 6:30 p.m. Administrative Board Epworth Room

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**  
 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry WH Various  
 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class WH 105  
 11:30 a.m. Covenant Group-Leslie Bingham WH 207  
 4:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Exercise-Wigginton Gym  
 5:30 p.m. Archives/History Work Area Adult Lounge

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**  
 2:00 p.m. Church offices close

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

**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone dear to you for our Easter worship services, you may do so by filling out the form below and returning it with your check to the church office - attention Tammy Holcomb - by **Monday, April 1, 2019**. The names of persons honored or remembered will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin.

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Please include a minimum of \$15 per plant.)

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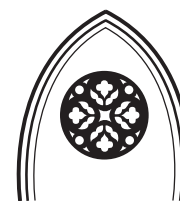


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If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.

Sunday, March 17, 2019  
 Morning Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Citizens of Heaven  
 Rev. Allen Newton

Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
 Duffey Chapel | 5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Night Chapel Service  
 Rev. Gillian L. Walters



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When Alexis and Addison were little girls, we worked on establishing bedtime routines. We would get their PJ's on, say prayers, turn on their night light, and tuck them in their beds. Almost every evening, one of the girls would say, "Can you sit in here with me?" And, as long as they were quiet, one of us would usually sit at the foot of the bed until they fell asleep.

Looking back, those were sweet moments for me and Abigail. What the girls really wanted was our presence. They wanted reassurance. They wanted to know we were there with them. And while there were certainly other things we could have been doing, spending those few minutes with them at the end of the day helped to ease their little minds as they drifted off for the night.

This week we will observe St. Patrick's Day. There is a prayer widely known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate," attributed to St. Patrick, a fifth century missionary to Ireland. The prayer offers a rich range of reflection scriptural teaching, Christian theology, and the mystery of Christ's presence. I offer the prayer below:

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me,  
 Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

As we journey in the Lenten season, I am praying this prayer and I invite you to do so as well. I have focused on the portion, "Christ be with me." Christ comes to us as a friend, elder, and companion. Christ is with us, even as a watchful parent in the night, guarding us when we are unconscious of divine presence and protection. Just as we sat with our girls as they slept, Christ watches over us as well.

Marilyn McIntyre notes there are so many stories that tell of "divine accompaniment." We are told, "Do not be afraid, I am with you." When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Christ promises to be with us even in the hard passages of life. McIntyre notes that "Christ's protection has to be understood in terms that take us beyond craven longing for self-preservation. Nothing is more abundantly clear in this world than that we will not be able to avoid death, and some of us will die violently. But Christ's promise to be with us is a promise to see us through even that hard passage - loving us even unto our death as he loved us even unto his."

As we journey to the cross, let us remember Christ is with us always. Thanks be to God!



## Children's Ministry

### DADS/GRANDDADS AND CHILDREN DAY AT THE FARM

*Sunday, March 31 | 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.*

Enjoy the great outdoors and a cookout at Thomaston Farm.

Hosted by Ella Gaines and Frank Thomas, and the Children's Council dads.

(The farm is located between Fitzpatrick and Hardaway.)

Dads/granddads and children are invited to an afternoon of fun on the farm! Wear boots or closed shoes and bring fishing gear if you have any on hand. If your dad or granddad can't make it, we have many who are happy to be your dad for the day. Watch for more details and sign-up information coming soon!

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

We will celebrate the children of our church on Sunday, March 31. Both morning worship services will involve children singing and leading.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Vacation Bible School | June 10-14*

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

### 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 and Summit Kids will not meet on March 20 during Spring Break. These programs will resume on Wednesday, March 27.

### Thought for the Week:

“You can complain because a rose has thorns, or rejoice because thorns have a rose!”

## Youth Ministry

### NO MYF | SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Due to spring break, there will be no evening activities on March 17. We will resume our normal schedule next Sunday, March 24, for our Connect 4 series. Have a fun and safe spring break!

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you have not received your application yet, please contact the youth office. All applications will be due to the youth office by March 27.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

*June 23-28 | Port St. Joe, Florida | \$350*

All middle school students are encouraged to participate in this summer mission trip to the Port St. Joe area to help with hurricane relief efforts, facilitated by the Alabama-West Florida Conference. The cost is \$350.00. Please sign up online, on the Youth Ministry page. For questions or additional information, please contact the youth office.

### CONFIRMATION

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.

### COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM

The next payment of \$400 is due by Sunday, March 31.

### GET CONNECTED



FUMC Montgomery-  
Connect Student Ministries



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### Wednesday Night Dinner - Wednesday, March 20, 2019

*4:30-6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Adults: \$6 Youth: \$5 Children: \$3 |*

*Family Maximum: \$17*

Homemade Chili | Rice | Cornbread | Green Beans | Sweet Corn | Cheese, Sour Cream, Crackers | Spinach and Strawberry Salad | Fresh Fruit | Chicken Fingers and Fries | Pistachio Ice Cream | Cookies

### Lenten Luncheon Series

*Wednesdays until April 17 | 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 20** | *Dr. Rob Couch, Christ UMC, Mobile | 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*

### UMW Legacy Fund Day of Giving

*Saturday, March 23*

The United Methodist Women work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth down the street and around the world. Help the work continue by participating in this special Day of Giving, celebrating 150 years of the United Methodist Women. Give online at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund) or by sending a check to United Methodist Women; Attn: Development, Legacy Fund; 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor; New York, New York 10115 (Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.)

### Oxygen Ministry Hike

*Saturday, March 30 | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | \$3 (please bring correct change)*

*Jackson Lake Island/Town of Spectre, Cypress Lane, Millbrook, Alabama*

*\*Meet at the venue and park off road near the picnic shed and bathrooms.*

Grab your fishing pole, tackle box, tennis shoes, family, and friends to walk the easy 1-mile loop around Jackson Island Lake to see turtles, cormorants, baby goats, and the movie set from *Big Fish*. Wet a hook and try to catch THE BIG FISH! (Alabama license required for ages 16-64). Pack a sack lunch and stay as long as you like! Register online at [fumcmontgomery.org/events](http://fumcmontgomery.org/events) or call the church office.

### FUMC College Scholarships

*All applications due on April 1*

Four generous FUMC members have funded permanently endowed scholarships in memory of loved ones. Each year, the funds available per scholarship varies based on the interest accrued and the number of eligible applicants. Please apply for each scholarship for which you may be eligible by visiting <https://1tribble14.wufoo.com/forms/fumc-scholarships/>. You must be a high school senior or current college student to apply.

### 50 PLUS Ministries Trip - Eufaula Pilgrimage

*Saturday, April 6 | 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. | \$80*

We will load up the church bus and depart at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, returning to the church around 9:00 p.m. that evening. Learn more about the trip and sign up today by visiting [fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSEufaula](http://fumcmontgomery.org/events/50PLUSEufaula) or by calling Adrian Borden at the church.

**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

### In Memoriam

**Laurie Waters McLean**

*February 21, 2019*

### Betty Jones Hopper

*March 7, 2019*

### Milton H. Davis

*March 9, 2019*

### Sympathy

To Allen and Stephanie Newton and their family upon the death of Allen's mother, Gaynell Newton

To Ginger and Jeff Smith and their family upon the death of Ginger's mother, Alma Jean Guy

### Hospital/ Rehab List

**March 1-March 7**

Drucie Phillips

Phyllis Spurlock

Jeff Webb

Parker White

Rebecca Williams

### In Memory Of

**Willie Jean Sellers**

Music Ministry: *Patricia and Paula Mathis*

### Jimelu Wood Hunter

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Donald*

*Hicks*

### Jimelu and Gray Hunter

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Thomas*

*Dojonovic, Dawn Yunker*

### Marilyn Perkins Zeigler

Stegall Seminary Scholarship

Foundation: *Patricia and Paula Mathis,*

*Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Phillips;* Respite

Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Winston Sheehan;*

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Burt,*

*Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kay*

### Dr. Hugh Praytor

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

*Patricia and Paula Mathis;* Katherine

Praytor Memorial Library: *Crum Family*

*Charitable Foundation*

### Cecil Lurline Breaux Haulman

Music Ministry: *Patricia and Paula Mathis*

### Ken Kostenbader

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

*Patricia and Paula Mathis*

### Paul Schwartz

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

*Patricia and Paula Mathis*

### Jule Wilson Willis Perry

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

*Patricia and Paula Mathis, Josephine*

*Crenshaw*

### John Sanderson Bowman

Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vucovich*

### Patsy Paterson Chappelle

Memorial Fund: *Suanne Jackson*

### John Morgan Foshee

Memorial Fund: *Mr. Robert L. Crosby,*

### Gaynell Newton

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation:

*Monette Walker*

### IN HONOR OF

**Jason and Margaret Borders**

Honor Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown*

## Music Ministry

### Music for Sunday, March 17, 2019

This Sunday, the Rhodes Singers from Rhodes College will be leading our 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. service. The Rhodes Singers is an auditioned, select ensemble of 43 singers and is the flagship ensemble of Rhodes College. They perform a variety of mostly small-form choral works, in genres from virtually all style periods. According to the Director of the Choir, William Skoog, the theme for this year's concert tour is "Music for Healing." Our society and world has experienced intense and horrific incidents of violence and terror in recent years; our local and regional communities, likewise, continue to see acts of violence. Music surely is a great instrument for healing and for building community. That is why this year, in light of those harsh realities, our tour program features the theme of healing. Come join us this Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. for a special set of worship services!