

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 19 - JULY 25, 2015

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m. Previous Sunday Service aired on WFRZ-TV
 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. MYF

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Clothes Bank (2911 Zelda Road)
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Respite Ministry
 1:00 p.m. Children Return from Camp Lee

TUESDAY, JULY 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Covenant Group (J. Blount, WH 207)
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (L. Bryan, WH 201)
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Respite Ministry
 10:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesdays
 4:00 p.m. UMW- Circle 3 Meeting
 4:30 p.m. 50 and Over Exercise Group
 5:30 p.m. Ladies Exercise Group
 6:00 p.m. College Bible Study (offsite)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Youth Mission Wednesday
 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Clothes Bank (2911 Zelda Road)
 9:30 a.m. Pray-er Prayer Team
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Respite Ministry
 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (K. Curtis and M. Wright, WH 201)
 4:30 p.m. Open Altar Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper Served (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 p.m. FBO and G4G Children's Bible Studies
 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service and Holy Communion (Duffey Chapel)
 6:00 p.m. Previous Sunday Service aired on WFRZ-TV
 6:00 p.m. Christianity and World Religions (Sours, WH 205)
 6:15 p.m. Combined Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JULY 23

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Respite Ministry
 4:30 p.m. 50 & Over Exercise Group
 5:30 p.m. Ladies Exercise
 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 24

2:00 p.m. Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, JULY 25

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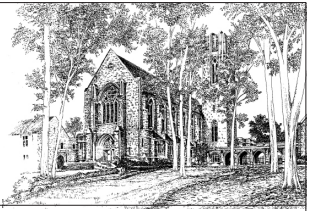
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Sunday, July 19, 2015
 Mark 13:24-36
 Pressure of Time
 Rev. Jack O. Allen
 Minister of Missions and Young Adults

Wednesday, July 22, 2015
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 5:30 p.m. Duffey Chapel
 Rev. John O. Blount
 Minister of Outreach



TOWER CHIMES

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Silent Stirrings

One of the great benefits of time away for rest and renewal is the opportunity for the unhurried reading of scripture. Over the past week I have been reading 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. Those books are not conducive to speed-reading but they are filled with rich food for our faith journey. The book of the prophet Ezra, for instance, opens by quoting an edict issued by Cyrus, king of Persia. This pagan ruler proclaims that all Jews who have been in captivity in Babylon are free to return to Israel. The Babylonian exile is over! Ezra explains how this happened by saying, "...the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia...." Even in the heart of a pagan king, God is at work through "silent stirrings."

We might each ask ourselves: Has God stirred in my heart during times of solitude? How has God spoken to me in silence? During times of solitude and silence over the past week I have experienced "silent stirrings" of gratitude for the devoted church members who have helped lead our music ministry during the past year. James Conely, Mickey McInnish, Sara Ann Turner—thank you so very much for playing the organ for our services of worship. You have truly demonstrated extravagant generosity and our church is forever grateful to you. Tom Borden has directed one of our adult handbell choirs, and I join those ringers in thanking him for his leadership of this group. Thanks to Becky Dickens for providing overall leadership and support to the many children's choirs of our church. Our thanksgiving also goes to those who lead, accompany, and assist with each of the children's choirs. We thank K. C. Holliday for her talented youth leadership of our youth choir.

As we officially install our new Director of Music and Organist/Assistant Director of Music on July 26, we will also use that occasion as an opportunity to express our gratitude for James, Mickey, Sara Ann, Tom, Becky, and K. C. We thank them for their continuing involvement in the music ministry of FUMC.

The Director of Youth Ministry Search Committee is proceeding at a good pace. The members of the committee are: Seth Gowan, chair; Cade Armstrong, Jennifer Cater, Rod Cater, Julie Kravec, Genie Lindsey, Daniel Lindsey, Michelle Roth, and Allison Wallis. At this point, eighteen applications have been received. The committee will soon be conducting interviews with the candidates whose background and experience seem to be a good fit for our youth ministry. The search committee is counting on each of us to be praying for them in this discernment process. Rev. Jack Allen will preach this Sunday. I cannot thank Jack enough for his willingness to serve as our Interim Director of Youth Ministry. What a blessing he is to us all.

This is Josh Bullock's first Sunday as our Organist/Assistant Director of Music. Welcome, Josh! We look forward to the contribution you will make to the life and ministry of FUMC.

The Lord be with you all,

R. Lawson Bogan

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

District Lay Servant Ministry Training

The Montgomery-Prattville District is offering an array of courses for Lay Speakers and others who wish to be involved in Lay Servant Ministry on Friday and Saturday, August 14 - 15, at Dalraida United Methodist Church. Courses offered include: Basic (requires permission from your senior minister), Polity, Worship, Effective Sermons, and UMC Heritage. The registration deadline is August 7. There is a cost of \$50 which includes books, snacks, and meals. If you would like a registration form, contact Rev. Gillian L. Walters or Sarah McWilliams at 834-8990 or by email at glwalters@fumcmontgomery.org or smcwilliams@fumcmontgomery.org.

Around the Congregation

New Members

Erin Curtis, 1500 East Fairview Avenue #238, Montgomery, AL 36106. Erin is a sophomore at Huntingdon, and she serves as our Children's Department Intern. She comes to us from Robertsedale UMC, Robertsedale, AL.

Bill and Beverly Ellis, 1055 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, AL 36106. Bill and Beverly are retired, and they come to us from a local congregation.

Justice and Morgan Smyth, 1717 Croom Drive, Montgomery, AL 36106. Justice is the Director of Corporate Development for the Chamber of Commerce and Morgan is a Sales Representative with Red Diamond Coffee and Tea. The Smyths come to us from Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Faye Hart, 316 Ferry Way, Montgomery, AL 36109. Faye is retired and comes to us from Montevallo UMC, Montevallo, AL.

Baptism

Kate Elson Beevers

daughter of Jonathan and Smith Beevers
July 12, 2015

Sympathy

The ministers and congregation wish to express their sympathy to **Trey and Wendy Sylvest and their family** upon the death of Wendy's father, Arthur Girone; and to **Pat and Beth Ramsey and their family** upon the death of Pat's mother, Jane Ann Ramsey.

Our Known Hospitalized

Baptist South Jackson	Bonner Patrick Janice Phillips Doug Smith Bert Wood
Children's	Hallie Sweatt

In Memory Of

Martha Broughton

Music Ministry: *Jodee and Steve Schwartz* Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Mollie Bell*

Robert J. Cox

Memorial Fund: *Randy Cox* Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Randy and Cindy Cox*

Marion Hurst Hill

Memorial Fund: *Corinne F. Capilouto; Dr. Jack P. Evans; Judge and Mrs. Joel McKinney; Judge and Mrs. Reese McKinney; Jeanette, Jo Anne, and Solomon Rousso; Pete Taylor* Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Mollie Bell; Frances S. Condit; David and Elise Neeland; Jim and Libba Roby; Ed and Nee Nee Webb* Television Ministry: *Ed and Docie Haslam*

Christine Hornady

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Carolyn Black; Jim and Libba Roby; Neal and Gwen Westbrook*

Janice Mullins

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Dorothy Dixon*

Emmie Jeane Strickland

Music Ministry: *John C. Bullard, Sr.; Wanda Cook; Randy Cox; Ed and Docie Haslam; Pat Norris; Alan and Becky Robinett; Jodee and Steve Schwartz* Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Jim and Libba Roby*

In Honor Of

Larry and Nancy Elliott

Honor Fund: *Tim and Carol Kline*

Jack Horner

Music Ministry: *Mollie Bell; Randy Cox* Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Tom and Carol Hammond*

The Ministers and Congregation of First United Methodist Church

Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Tom and Carol Hammond*

Barbara Mobley

Respite Ministry: *Donna Levine*

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's support group will meet this Monday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall, Room 205. All caregivers and loved ones are welcome. Please invite anyone who may need this group.

Music for Sunday, July 19

Offertory

"Jesus Calls Us"
arr. Joy Patterson
Cathedral Choir
Milton Welch, clarinet

Welcome Josh Bullock!

We are so very excited both in the music ministry and for the whole church to welcome our new Assistant Director of Music / Organist, Josh Bullock! Josh is coming to us from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Birmingham where he served as Organist / Choirmaster. A native of Anniston, AL, Josh received his Bachelor of Music from Samford University and his Master of Music from Indiana University both of which were in Organ Performance. Josh has arrived here in Montgomery having just attended a conference of the Royal School of Church Music in America held in Portland, OR. According to RSCM in America, they are "part of an international, ecumenical organization dedicated to promoting effective and inspiring music-making in worship and in the wider community." It is evident when you meet Josh that he has a passion for inspiring music-making in worship! His first Sunday will be this Sunday, July 19. I hope you will join me in welcoming Josh Bullock as he begins his ministry here at FUMC Montgomery!

Dr. James Seay
Director of Music Ministries

New Books to Share from the Praytor Collection

Stop by the Katherine Praytor Prayer Book Collection in the hallway on the main floor of Wesley Hall to look at the newest books. Please return the book that you borrow to the shelf when you have completed reading so that others may borrow it. We thank you!

These are the newest books added to the collection:
A Book of Hours, a month of holy prayer by Henri Nouwen
Spiritual Direction, Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith by Henri Nouwen
Christianity...It's Like This (An Uncomplicated Look at What It Means to Be a Christ Follower) by David R. Smith
A Book of Hours by Thomas Merton
A Barclay Prayer Book by William Barclay
Ragged Hope by Cynthia Ruchti
You'll Get Through This by Max Lucado

Stimulate Your Brain Day

First and Third Fridays
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Epworth Room
We play a variety of games designed to stimulate mental alertness and memory skills.

Terrific Tuesdays: July 21

Watch the Patriotic Concert

HERITAGE CLUB
The Heritage Club will resume meeting after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 9.

FIX-IT SHOP
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22 Dinner

Adults: \$6 Youth: \$4 Children: \$3
Family Maximum: \$17

Pork Asian Coleslaw Green Beans
New Potatoes Salad Bar Chicken Fingers
Fries Desserts Ice Cream

Books Missing

The library and Praytor Memorial Book Collection are missing some books. We understand how books get mixed in with personal collections, but please check your bookshelves and night stands for FUMC books and return! Thank you!

CHILDREN'S

CAMP LEE

Grades 4 – 7 (Fall 2015) July 17 - 20

Theme: CROSS-WALKING

Bible Teacher: Rev. Jay Cooper Music Leader: Rev. Eddie Willis
Activities: swimming, rock sliding, zip lining, low ropes, crafts, basketball, four square, hiking and more! Please keep the children, youth helpers, and adult chaperones who are headed to Camp Lee this week in your prayers. Campers and chaperones should meet in the Fellowship Hall this Friday at 1:30 p.m. to sign in and help load the bus. Camp Lee here we come!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Grades 4 – 7 (Fall 2015)

GIRLS 4 GOD - topic: #G4G

FBO (FOR BOYS ONLY) - topic: Athletes of the Bible

Wednesday, July 22 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please bring \$5.00 for snack supper.

Come join us even if you were not able to attend the previous sessions!

THE LAUNCH 2015

Sunday, August 16

Parents, youth, and children of all ages!!

Parents, come hear the plans for fall!

Picnic and children's activities in the park!

Thought for the Week:

"We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever." Micah 4:5

FUMC YOUTH

SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Youth Fellowship
Youth Lounge
10:00 a.m. Large Group Assembly
Youth Lounge

MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) Movie Night

We will meet at the Carmike Cinema theatre to see the movie MINIONS. The time will be announced later in the week. Bring money for your ticket and snacks.

Mission Wednesday Meet at church at 8:30 a.m. Bring money for lunch.

Register Now:

Youth Week
(Rising 6th - 12th Graders)
July 26-29

Middle School Mystery Trip
(Rising 6th - 8th Graders)
July 31 - August 2

High School Beach Trip
(Rising 9th - 12th Graders)
July 31 - August 2

You should have received sign up info by email last week. The deadline to register for all of these events has been extended until Friday, July 17!

Upcoming:

Confirmands (7th Graders) will attend their retreat the weekend of September 4. Information will be mailed soon.

