

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 10-JANUARY 16, 2016

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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
12:00 p.m.	Youth Leadership Team
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir
5:00 p.m.	ELMO
6:00 p.m.	Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Clothes Bank (2911 Zelda Road)
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Respite Ministry
5:30 p.m.	Jack Allen's Bible Study (WH 204)
5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 a.m.	Young Men's Bible Study (J. Blount, WH 207)
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (L. Bryan, WH 201)
9:30 a.m.	UMW Circle 2 Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Respite Ministry
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Terrific Tuesday
12:00 p.m.	Cathedral Bells Rehearsal
12:45 p.m.	Side by Side Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	50 and Over Exercise Group
5:30 p.m.	Allegro Bells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Club
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Clothes Bank (2911 Zelda Road)
9:30 a.m.	Pray-er Prayer Team
9:45 a.m.	Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Respite Ministry
10:30 a.m.	Dr. Bryan's Bible Study and Lunch
4:30 p.m.	Open Altar Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
5:30 p.m.	Chapel Service and Holy Communion (Duffey Chapel)
5:45 p.m.	Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m.	Council on Ministries
6:00 p.m.	Previous Sunday Service aired on WFRZ-TV
6:15 p.m.	Summit Kids Xtreme
6:30 p.m.	Combined Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

5:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Meet to Leave for Winter Retreat
10:00 p.m.	High School Youth Meet to Leave for Winter Retreat

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

ALL DAY	Youth Winter Retreat
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Chancel Flowers

If you would like to honor or memorialize someone with flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday, please complete this form, and return it to the church office to the attention of Laura Selby. You may contact Laura at 334-834-8990 or lselby@fumcmontgomery.org.

Name _____ Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Month preferred: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____
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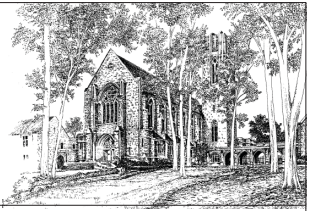
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Sunday, January 10, 2016
 Your Life's Journey:
 "You Have a Covenant"
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
 Dr. R. Lawson Bryan

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
 Chapel Service and Holy Communion
 5:30p.m. Duffey Chapel
 Rev. Jack O. Allen
 Minister of Students and Missions



TOWER CHIMES

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Serenity for the New Year

While the opening lines of the *Serenity Prayer* are familiar to us, I invite us to pray the complete text as we enter the new year.

God grant me the serenity
 to accept the things I cannot change;
 courage to change the things I can;
 and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
 Enjoying one moment at a time;
 Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world
 as it is, not as I would have it;
 Trusting that He will make all things right

That I may be reasonably happy in this life
 and supremely happy with Him
 Forever in the next.
 Amen.

---Reinhold Niebuhr

Our White Christmas Offering for The United Methodist Children's Homes has reached \$20,000 and continues to grow. Thanks to you we are able to maintain our 100-year legacy of providing homes for children in need throughout Alabama and northwest Florida.

I am happy to report that we have now pledged 90% of our operating budget for 2016. Thanks to all who have turned in pledge cards and to all who will be doing so soon. Pledges may be made by mail, by telephone, by email, or by texting. Call Jimmy Holcomb, 834-8990, for more information about making your pledge. Those who have not yet turned in a pledge hold the key to the fulfillment of the Stewardship Campaign. Thanks for making your pledge today!

This Sunday we will hold our annual New Baby Recognition during the 11:00 a.m. service. All babies born into our church family over the past year are invited to bring their parents with them for this special celebration. Let us also thank Adrian Borden, Director of Nursery Ministries, for arranging and supervising our nurseries for worship and many other events each year. Thanks, Adrian and all of our nursery caregivers.

See you Sunday,

Update on Pledges for 2016 Budget

To date we have received pledges totaling \$ 4,148,862 or 91.5% of our 2016 budget. This is a great start! Together we can reach our goal. Please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible.

First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Around the Congregation

Wedding

Jan Bigham and Wayne Gill
January 1, 2016

Birth

William Stuart Bryant
son of Doug and Lindsay Bryant
December 29, 2015

Sympathy

The ministers and congregation wish to express their sympathy to **Ian Maloy** upon the death of his mother, *Jackie Maloy Watson*.

Our Known Hospitalized

HealthSouth Roger Condon

In Memory Of

Dr. William B. Crum
Cathedral Builders: *Roger and Faye Williams*

Dorothy J. Hardin
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Reese Bricken; Tom Coker; Crum Family Foundation; Darwin and Myra Kelly; Judge and Mrs. Reese McKinney*

Oscar Harper
Friendship Homeless Mission: *Sarah Price*

Chris Hornady
Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Carl Baker; Dr. Melanie Halvorson*

Jacquelyn Laurie
Joseph Ministry: *Raymond, Michael, and David Cohen; Trabo Reed*

Ray and Inez Martinez
Cathedral Builders: *Roger and Faye Williams*

Rodney Steele
Respite Ministry: *Burgess and Ann Newell*

Emmie Jeane Strickland
Music Ministry: *Bradley and Margie Moody*

William H. Watson
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Bradley and Margie Moody*

In Honor Of

Jan Bigham and Wayne Gill
Music Ministry: *Joe and Lucie Lee Lanoux*

Pat Cherry
ECDC: *Helen Baty*

Julie Isola
Music Ministry: *Michelle Condon; Ann Schaum*

Dr. and Mrs. Karl K. Stegall
Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation: *Tom and Betty Norris*

Al and Aimee Steineker
Joy for Johnny: *Jeremiah and Barbara Saunders*

Charles Walters
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Ben and Ann Coker*

Wednesday, January 6 Dinner

Adults: \$6 Youth: \$5 Children: \$3
Family Maximum: \$17

Mexican Fiesta!
Chicken Fingers Fries Fruit Cookies
Ice Cream Lemon Sorbet

AMEN Support Group

A Meaningful Empty Nest (AMEN) Support Group will meet January 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall Room 204. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Manderville, licensed professional counselor. We hope to see you there!

Visit the Children's Library Education Building Room 207

Are you looking for a good read? We have books for children of all ages as well as parents and Sunday School teachers. Come explore our collection!

& Music NEWS

Anthem for Sunday, January 10

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy
Donald Busarow
Cathedral Choir

Music Ministry Starting Back!

This week, all of our Adult, Children, Youth and Handbell Choirs start back! And as I said last week, with a New Year turning, we are all offered an excellent opportunity to get involved in ministry. The Cathedral Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., and childcare is provided. The Youth Choir rehearses on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. Contact James Seay at jseay@fumcmontgomery.org for more information about Adult and Youth Choirs. Children's Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:45 p.m. Contact Kate Gates at kgates@fumcmontgomery.org for more information. Handbell Choirs rehearse on Tuesday at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Contact Josh Bullock at jbullock@fumcmontgomery.org for more information. If you are interested in serving in any area of our Music Ministry, now is the time! Let me encourage you to contact us to see how you can get involved.

Latté with Lawson

Sunday, January 24 10:00 a.m.
Bay Area of the Fellowship Hall

If you are visiting our church, thinking about church membership, a new resident in our area, or interested in the life of FUMC, we hope you will join us for coffee and a conversation with our senior minister, Dr. Lawson Bryan.

United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat

Saturday, January 30 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Jo Hancock, His Vessel Ministries
Removing the Unnecessary
Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

To register, please contact Nancy Belser at 334-834-8990 or nbelser@fumcmontgomery.org or contact Anne Bloom at bloom.annec@gmail.com. Please register by January 20.

50 **forward** MINISTRIES First United Methodist Church

Stimulate Your Brain Day
First and Third Fridays
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. *Epworth Room*

Terrific Tuesday **January 12**

A Bible Study with
Fred Zeigler and Ben McDavid

HERITAGE CLUB
Wednesdays 8:00 a.m.

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

An Invitation from the Heritage Club

The Heritage Club, an association of retired men and women of the church, invites retirees to meet with them for coffee, snacks, fellowship and an interesting program each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Adult Lounge in the basement of Fellowship Hall. Currently we are watching and discussing the history of the United States with an excellent and interesting series of video lectures, followed by group discussion. For further information, please call John Bullard at 652-4996.

Collections for Education

Our church collects various items for different groups in our community and region.

- Box Tops for Education for T. S. Morris Elementary School.- Visit boxtops4education.com for a complete list of participating products.
- Campbell's Labels for Education for Red Bird Missionary Conference- Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of participating products. Please include the bar code portion of the label along with the Labels for Education Logo intact.
- Laser, Ink Jet, and Toner Cartridges for T. S. Morris Elementary School- all used cartridges are accepted

Our collection boxes for these items are located by the elevator on the main floor of the Fellowship Building.

CHILDREN'S

SUMMIT KIDS XTREME!
Every Wednesday through March 9!
Kindergarten – Grade 5
January 13 Summit Subject: WWJD? (What Would Jesus Do?)
5:45 - Children's Choirs – all invited!
6:30 – God's Word, worship, fun, music, and prayer!
7:00 – Gym Free Play (parents pick up between 7:00 – 7:15)

ELMO
Grades 3 - 5
Sunday, January 10, 5:00 – 7:00
Broom Hockey! Bring your own broom, friends, and \$5.00 for supper.

RECOGNITION OF BABIES BORN IN 2015
We are proud to announce that thirty-one babies were welcomed into our church family during the year 2015. We will recognize them during the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday, January 10th. Pink Bibles will be presented to the baby girls and blue Bibles to the baby boys. We hope you will join us for this exciting celebration!

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH
During the month of January, children are encouraged to bring their favorite Bible to Sunday School each week. The class with the highest percentage of Bibles brought to church will win a class party! We hope to promote a good habit through this friendly competition.

Thought for the Week:
"I know not what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future."

FUMC YOUTH

SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. Youth Fellowship
Youth Lounge
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Classes

Youth Leadership Team and Youth Ministry Council
12:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge

Youth Choir
4:30 p.m.

Sunday Night Youth Kickoff to Spring
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Chick-fil-a breakfast and devotion
7:00 a.m. at Chick-fil-a on Ann St. Rides to school will be made available. However, your youth must have a travel form on file to ride with another youth!

Wednesday
Gym will be open at 4:00 for anyone who wants to come hang out. Dinner will be from 5:30-6:00. Get your plate in Fellowship Hall and bring it up to the Youth Lounge to eat with friends.

