

October 5, 2018

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## You Are Invited

Bishop Graves invites you to our Montgomery-Opelika District town hall meeting on Sunday, October 21, from 3:00-5:00 PM, at Aldersgate UMC (6610 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL). The district town hall meetings are part of an ongoing conversation concerning *The Commission on A Way Forward* and the called General Conference scheduled for February of 2019. The purpose of these gatherings is to bring clarity and answer questions around the three proposed plans coming from *The Commission on A Way Forward* to the 2019 General Conference. All interested United Methodists, both lay and clergy, are invited to attend. The meetings will begin with a time of spiritual reflection and centering. A video will then be shared which highlights the specifics of each of the three proposed plans. There will then be a question and answer time with Bishop Graves moderated by the host district superintendent.

The purpose of these meetings is to bring clarity around the three proposed plans and provide space for questions. The three proposed plans will be presented to the delegates of the called General Conference at their session in February of 2019 in St. Louis, MO. As a reminder, General Conference could approve one of these plans, approve an amended plan, create a new plan, or affirm the current language of the 2016 Book of Discipline without making any changes to our current language. The full plans can be seen as part of the Judicial Council docket at [www.awfumc.org/commissionplans](http://www.awfumc.org/commissionplans).

Every four years, each annual conference elects an equal number of lay and clergy delegates to attend General Conference. At Annual Conference 2015, the Alabama-West Florida Conference elected five lay persons and five clergypersons (plus alternates) to attend the 2016 General Conference. These delegates were affirmed at the 2017 session of Annual Conference as the voting delegates to the called General Conference. A list of our delegates can be found at [www.awfumc.org/delegation](http://www.awfumc.org/delegation). Many of the delegates will be in attendance at this town hall meeting, including Robin, who is one of the 5 clergy delegates from our annual conference. We encourage you to attend and learn more about our United Methodist Church.

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Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Make plans to join us for MIDWEEK!  
5 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Supper  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Classes

**Menu:** Vegetable Beef Soup, Salad Bar, Cornbread, & Dessert

**Supper Reservations due by Monday @ 10 a.m.**

Please register in one of the following ways:

- Call the Church (334-745-7604)  Email: [lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org](mailto:lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org)
- Online: [www.fumcopelika.org](http://www.fumcopelika.org)  Fill out the Blue Pew Card

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### ADULT CLASSES for this term

**Please register for the class you will be attending by calling the church 334-745-7604 or register on our website.**

#### **ASK: FAITH QUESTIONS IN A SKEPTICAL AGE**

Teacher: Patrick Hitchman-Craig

We live in a skeptical age. Many people express doubts about the Christian faith. This study addresses the hard questions that all of us face when considering faith, religion and the church.

#### **SHE'S GOT ISSUES: SERIOUSLY GOOD NEWS FOR STRESSED-OUT, SECRETLY SCARED, CONTROL FREAKS LIKE US**

Teacher: Charmoin Tatum

We've all got our issues. We deal with our issues every day in one form or another; the problem is, after a while, they start to feel...normal. Unchanging. Just part of who we are. We forget that we have access to the power of Christ -- a power that can transform our everyday weaknesses into our greatest strengths and gifts.

#### **CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY**

Teacher: Rebecca Sanderson

How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed. This study explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

#### **MADE FOR A MIRACLE: FROM YOUR ORDINARY TO GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY**

Teacher: Laura Hartley

There are two components to every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. In this study you'll discover how to take whatever gifts, talents, and abilities you have and direct them toward God's work in the world.

**All Children's Choirs and Classes will remain the same.**

**All Youth Activities will remain the same.**

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served this Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, in both worship services. The communion rail offering will be given to New Birth Ministries. New Birth is a ministry that helps men and women find new life in Christ, equipping them to live that new life to the fullest.

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### **Jail Ministry - October 2, 2018**

**Volunteers:** Carol Powers, Brenda Woods, & Cynnie James

**Inmates Ministered To:** 50 women

**Bible Given:** 2

**Message:** Boxers & Better Days - Danielle Fornea

*We're all changing, that's a fact! But are we making conscious changes for the better?*

**Scripture Reference:** Ruth 1:16-17



### **We are in need of empty shoe boxes.**

In November, FUMC will prepare over 400 shoe boxes for the inmates at the Lee County Detention Center. We will fill these with Christmas gifts in November. If you have any shoe boxes that you would like to get rid of please bring them to the church.

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### **FUMC - Opelika Charge Conference**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Sanctuary**

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### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Sunday Morning Youth:** Every Sunday morning on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in the Cross Cafe from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Milk and cereal and God's Word!

#### **Sunday Night Youth on October 7<sup>th</sup>**

One Accord Youth Choir from 4 - 5 pm

Jr Hi from 5 - 6:30 pm

Sr Hi from 6 - 7:30 pm

#### **Wednesday Night Youth on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

5 - 6pm is MATT

6 - 7 are J Groups

#### **O Town Ice Cream on October 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sunday Night Youth on October 14<sup>th</sup>**

One Accord Youth Choir from 4 - 5 pm

Jr Hi from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Sr Hi from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

THE FIVE @ 5 pm

Youth Supper @ 6 pm!

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Join us for our Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 7  
7:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!

Our FUMC Pictorial Directory is ready for you to pick up.  
You may come by the church office to get your copy.

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**FLU SHOTS — Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
Fellowship Hall Foyer  
Bring your insurance cards!

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### MEMORIALS

**Edgar Edwards: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Levins**

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**Our first pack at the Food Bank for the school year will be:**

**Wednesday, October 10th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

We will meet at the church, leaving by 5:15, and drive together to the Food Bank. We will return to the church by 7:00. Alternatively, you can meet us at the Food Bank by 5:45 if that is easier for you. Please call me if you can go. I will also have a sign up sheet at the church office.

**Additional packing dates:**

**Wednesday, December 12th**

**Wednesday, February 20th**

**Wednesday, April 10th**

**All 5:15- 7:00 p.m. at the Food Bank. Please mark your calendars.**

Thanks so much!

In His Name,

Ellen Royal (334-524-9551)

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## LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

### **Greeters**

*8:30 a.m.*

Skip & Sandra Gregg  
Melba Cosby & Pat Robinson

*11:00 a.m.*

Charles & Ann Bentley  
Jim & Sara Nan Levins

### **Gathering Music**

Shannon Cason

### **Cross Bearer (11:00 a.m.):**

Patrick Royal

### **Acolytes**

*8:30 a.m.*

Oliver Jordan & Myles Tatum, Jr.

*11:00 a.m.*

Caroline Couey & Kyle Epperson

### **Sound & Video**

*8:30 a.m.*

Caroline Bush

*11:00 a.m.*

Nathan Goff & Peter Elliott

### **Ushers**

*8:30 a.m.*

John Parker (Captain),  
Blake Epperson (Co-Captain),  
Allen Bush, Paul Kemp,  
& John Reichmann

*11:00 a.m.*

Kenneth Boggs (Captain),  
Ramsey Anabtawi, David Canon,  
Robbie Elkins, & Bill Levins,

### **Welcome Letters**

Peggy Dyar

### **Nurturing Notes**

Mary Jessica Perry

### **Tuesday Office Volunteer**

Barbara Sims

### **Hospital Visitation Ministry**

*October 8*

Lynn Harrington

*October 9*

Jo Lovell

*October 10*

Bob Ingram

*October 11*

Joe Harrington

*October 12*

Danielle Fornea

### **Jail Ministry**

Rebecca Sanderson

Fay Burns

Mindy Smith

Margaret Rogers

Danielle Fornea

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

September 30, 2018

### **Attendance**

Sunday School: 184

Worship: 338

MIDWEEK: 171

### **Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$17,066

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, October 7**

7:30 a.m. - Methodist Men's Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

4:00 p.m. - One Accord Youth Ensemble

5:00 p.m. - Youth

### **Monday, October 8**

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool

5:30 p.m. - Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, October 9**

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool

5:00 p.m. - E Teen

5:15 p.m. - Wesley Ringers

7:00 p.m. - UMW (Evening Unit)

### **Wednesday, October 10**

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo

MIDWEEK

5:00 p.m. - Supper

5:15 p.m. - Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. - Food Bank

6:00 p.m. - Classes

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, October 11**

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool

5:15 p.m. - L.A.F.F.

## Prayer Concerns

### **Le Bonheur (Memphis)**

Sutton Smith (*grandson of Teresa & Ogie Ogletree*)

### **Home:**

David Alexander (*Marcia Alexander's husband*)

Lori Botta

Mable Collins (*Arbor Springs*)

Bette Corley (*Nann Ogletree's mother*)

Betty & Hal Cummings

Barbara Curry

Courtney & James Daniel

Catherine Davis

C J Dodd (*Arvle & Esther Marshall's grandson*)

Nancy Einglett (*Becky Bailey's sister-in-law*)

Anne Grady (*Camellia Place*)

Trey Gafford

Joe Groom (*Lindsey Owens & Emily Prescott's grandfather*)

Barbara Hartley (*Marrell Hartley's mother*)

Johnny Johnson (*Judy Smith's brother*)

Donna McCard (*Becky Bailey's sister*)

Donna Moreman

Dana Morgan (*friend of Pam Hope*)

Dot Norrell

Oscar Penn

Peggy Rawls

Fran Smith

Theron Sorrell (*Jake Thompson's grandfather*)

Earl Sumners

Jody Wilkerson (*Deborah Mitchell's brother*)

### **Out of Town:**

Reed Albers (*Kim Epperson's nephew*)

Mark Allen (*Debbie Allen's brother*)

Evan Ashby (*Macy Finck's cousin*)

Mildred Beals (*Hoover*)

Scott Boggs (*brother of Kenneth Boggs*)

Hartley Brabner (*Tina Roberts'*

*infant great niece*)

Shirley Brown (*Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law*)

Ruth Chen (*friend of Wei Beach*)

Shannon Cook (*friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes*)

Greg Greaves (*friend of Sherri Rowton*)

Traci Hart (*Pam Hope's sister-in-law*)

Madeline & Sam Hayes, Jr. (*grandchildren of Sharon & Ron Rooks*)

Carolyn Hicks (*Lisa Abercrombie's mother*)

Howard Hoch (*Sue Bentley's father*)

Glynda Holliman (*Sam Bailey's niece*)

Graham Lane (*friend of Sherry & Richard Freeman*)

Allen Liu (*Wei Beach's nephew*)

Buddy Loyd (*Laura Boggs' father*)

Lexi Melton (*great niece of Stanley Melton, III*)

Bob Miller (*Sam Bailey's brother-in-law*)

Cathy Prescott (*friend of Jamie Crews*)

June Pyle (*Ken Woolley's sister*)

Ed Reynolds (*Kim Epperson's father*)

Dot Rice (*Pat Mayfield & Debbi Thornton's sister*)

Evelyn Roebuck (*Don Lawrence's sister*)

Marian Rogers (*Emily Finck's grandmother*)

Carolyn Sell (*Jo Vaughan's daughter*)

Gladys Shackelford (*Richard Shackelford's mother*)

Jackie Spann (*Terri Knight's sister*)

Hilt Tatum, III (*Corinne Hurst's brother*)

Leigh Ann Thompson (*Mike Gaston's sister*)

Greg Wheelus (*Ginny Gaberlavage's father*)

Bobby Woodruff (*Caroline*

*Bush's uncle*)

Natalie Woods (*Valerie Smith's sister*)

### **Military:**

Steven Alvarado

Beau Carroll (*friend of the Perkins*)

Tyler Carter (*son of Tommy & Lynn Carter*)

Michael Fischer, & T J Fischer (*friends of Phyllis & Jim Mayfield*)

Robert Groszmann (*Bob Ingram's nephew*)

Garrett Guess (*Becky Bailey's nephew*)

Paul Leonard (*Fay Burns' cousin*)

Will McKee (*son of Mike & Ginger McKee*)

Chandler Norris (*cousin of Mary Virginia Norris & Louisa Wood*)

Alex Pendergraph (*Janet Taylor's grandson*)

Jacob Ramus (*Phyllis & Jim Mayfield's son-in-law*)

Kennard R. Smith (*friend of Anne & Sheldon Whittelsey*)

Ronnie Snyder (*grandson of Arden Snyder*)

Bubba Sumrall (*son of Leslie Sumrall*)

### **Missions:**

First Baptist Church of Opelika's Mission Team to Uganda

### **Christian Sympathy. . .**

. . . is extended to Jo Ellen & Cooper James, Bill & Barbara Kent and all of the family upon the death of Jo Ellen's father and Bill's brother-in-law, Edgar Edwards.

...is extended to Don Lawrence and all the family upon the death of his sister, Nettie Smith of Clanton, AL.