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*Matthew 5:16
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Give Hope this Christmas!

November 14– December 13 is First UMC's 9th Annual "Gift Hope Fair." This year the emphasis is to help 32 non-profit organizations whose employees, outreach, ministry, and services have been drastically impacted by Covid-19.

Visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/gifthope for more information.

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Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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Pastor's Message

We would all agree that the temptation to overeat is massive during Thanksgiving. But if there was ever another meal where that temptation was about equal, it would be Christmas dinner. It's hard to convince yourself that one more helping of mashed potatoes could ever be a bad idea. But at some point, you might realize all those second helpings were a terrible mistake. This is usually right about the time someone asks you if you've saved room for dessert. As good as that extra helping might have been, a piece of pumpkin pie would have been even better. Can you relate? Have you ever overindulged and, as a result, missed out on something better?

When Jesus called the first disciples, they were busy living their lives. Luke 5 describes a group of fishermen who were washing their nets at that very moment, disappointed by a poor catch. Jesus taught them for a short while, and then he told them to cast their nets again. Miraculously, the nets came up completely full! At that moment the fishermen could have stayed and enjoyed the benefits of Jesus' visit. They would have made a lot of money at the market and filled their bellies for some time. But they would have missed out on the far greater blessing of walking side-by-side with the Savior. They made the wise decision and "left everything and followed him."

We all have certain things that give us the illusion of fulfillment. We may think wealth or fame or a certain relationship will bring us satisfaction. If we aren't careful, we will fill ourselves with the things of this world when God has far better things in store. Gorging on the world's offerings can leave us wishing we had chosen more wisely, but the way of Christ never leads to regret. As we pick and choose what we put "on our plates" during the season of Advent through Christmas, may we be careful to consider whether each thing really brings true fulfillment.

"Teach us to wait patiently for You, Lord. May we not fill ourselves with the things of this world. Give us an appetite for the things of God. Amen."

Grace and Peace,
Brother Mike

All Youth Events will require masks to be worn and social distance will be maintained. If you need more information on any Youth Event please contact Jimmy Barnes at 334-655-1470 dalraidaumcyouth@gmail.com or visit Facebook

Youth activities

*Friday Night Worship Fellowship and Fun December 4th at 7 p.m. and December 18th at 7 p.m.

*Youth Christmas Baking Party December 11th at 6 p.m.

*Fish Bowl for Loose Change will continue until December 27th. Clean out your cars, dresser drawers, pockets, or piggy banks and help support the Youth!

*New Years Eve Party December 31st at 9 p.m.

*Watch Night Service January 1st at 12:05 a.m.

*Youth Winter Retreat Bethlehem Family Camp January 15th-January 18th. Pending COVIE restrictions

*Continue to pray for ALL youth especially during these uncertain times. Thank you so much for all the support you have given the youth ministry!



DUMC Youth— Coming Soon— A new Foosball and Air Hockey table! IT'S ON!

Jimmy



2021 Calendars

If you have any 2021 calendars you don't want to keep please bring to church office.



After 23 years, Dalraida UMW will be closing out selling Rada Knives as a Mission Fundraiser. A few tomato knives and paring knives are on hand at a special close-out price. Contact Gayle Shults if interested...334-273-9804. Your participation over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Gayle Shults

Minutes of the Leadership Board are available in the church hallway or digitally by request. Email Pastor Mike at michael@dalraidaumc.com



United Methodist Men's Fruit Sale orders should be received by December 13th. When orders arrive, we will send out a mass email and post it to the website. Extra's will be available.



Carol Ann Walker-1st
Mary Gunn-3rd
Flo Masters-5th
Leonard Shults-7th
Billy Clayton-13th
Leah Meriwether-14th
Baker Callahan-16th
Nancy Copeland-17th
Michael Whitaker-18th
Clarice Metcalf-19th
Melba Watson-20th
Charles Franz-22nd
Paula Pace-30th

The Leadership Board is currently looking for someone willing to serve as the secretary. It simply involves taking notes of each quarterly meeting and putting them together in print form. Please contact Pastor Mike at 334-272-2190.

Newsletter

The next monthly mail out for the Lightshine will be December 23rd please get any events or news to office by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 22nd

Prayer Requests



Mary Wilson
Leonard Shults
Martha Callahan
Melberlene Webb
Ann Parrish

Caroline Conner
Dot Messick
Sara Gross
Terri Webb

Shirley Milligan
Our nation during this pandemic
Pam Webb



Many thanks to the people of Dalraida UMC for helping us put together 20 Thanksgiving meal kits for families at Peter Crump Elementary School who wouldn't otherwise be able to have Thanksgiving.



- ♦ Christmas Eve Caroling— December 24th at 5:30 p.m. Join us in the back parking lot for a cup of hot chocolate or hot apple cider! We will light the night's sky as we sing praises at the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.
- ♦ Church/Sanctuary decorations-If we are going to have decorations in the church & sanctuary for Advent, we need people willing to do it. Please contact the church office to help at 334-272-2190.