COME TO A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, October 15 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join us in celebrating Rev. Joe Ed Hastings’ 90th birthday! Please no gifts, but if your presence is not possible a remembrance is welcome at:

3801 Oak Park Drive
Montgomery, AL 36116

RESERVE THE MEDICINE.

FLU SHOTS
Wednesday, October 11 | 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Wesley Hall 207

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BRUNCH IN THE PINES
Sunday, October 22 | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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RECOMMENDATION TO WRAP UP THE LITURGICAL SEASON: ORDINARY TIME

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NURSERY & CHILDREN’S BULLETINS

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SIDE BY SIDE FALL CONCERT
Tuesday, October 31 | 11:00 a.m. - Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

All are invited. If you would like more information please contact Laura Selby at lselby@fumcmontgomery.org.

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MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 8, 2017
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O’CLOCK
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude  by Herbert Howells
Three Psalm Preludes for Organ
Set One, Number II

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Introit  My Hope is Built  arr. Seay

*Processional Hymn  My Hope is Built  368

*Call to Worship
Leader: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
People: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
Leader: As the Scriptures promise: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
People: This is the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

*Invocation
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: God who speaks, your law is perfect reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri
Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Welcome and Parish Notices
Registration of Attendance

2018 Stewardship Campaign
Terry Mitchell

Responsive Reading  Psalm 19  750

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer  Faith We Sing 2157
Come and Fill Our Hearts
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer  Bria Rochelle, Pastoral Intern

*Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Offertory  He Never Failed Me Yet  arr. Robert Ray
I will sing of God’s mercy; every day, every hour, he gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that he has brought me out. He is my God and I’ll serve him. No matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, he never failed me yet. I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that he’ll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I’m going home to be forever blessed. Didn’t my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn’t He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, he delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.
Amy Lea Todhunter, Soloist
Cathedral Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye, heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer for Our Nation
America
Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Children’s Minute
Morgan Clausell, Youth Intern
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children’s Worship. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children

*Hymn of Preparation
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  298

Scripture Lesson
Philippians 3:4-14

Sermon  Pressing On  Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

*Hymn of Invitation
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed  359

*Benediction  Amen  arr. Edwin Smith

*Postlude  Postlude  by Arnold Cooke

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Flowers
The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Genie Blue and Joseph G. (Jo) Mathews by their grandchildren Jo, Jud, and Bill.