

Montgomery ~ Prattville District News of The UMC

January
2011



"2011 Will Be a Great Year If we Hope in God!"

Happy New Year! I pray God's blessings on you, as we begin 2011. Will 2011 be a great year? I think we can choose to have a great year. As for me, I am moving into 2011 with the most optimism I have had in many years. Better yet... I am moving into the new year with something better than optimism...I am proceeding with hope!

Optimism may be limited by circumstances, outcome, and the will of other people...hope is not. Hope is participating in God's plan with a victory in every future. Optimism may wane when things do not go as planned. Hope, on the other hand, stirs a greater sense of excitement that God is moving in a new direction, when plans change. By choosing hope we are joining God's future that will not disappoint. What good things does God have in store for 2011? May we proceed into the new year with hope at every corner, moment, and situation. Hope in God never disappoints according to the apostle Paul.

I invite you to join with me in a hopeful year! May this be the most hopeful year of ministry, in our churches, and in our lives. May we offer our best to God and be amazed at what He can do!

I close with the words of Paul..."now to Him that is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Happy New Year!

Shalom,
Philip



Please Pray For Us:
Our Nation, Our Leaders, Our Churches



To submit a Prayer request Please visit our website @ www.themontgomerydistricts.com

Mrs. Patti Smith, wife of Rev. Michael Smith

Blog Spot News!
Our Blog 365 Days Through the Bible is now finished, we will be starting a new blog with weekly news and information about our district, as well as messages From Dr. Philip McVay. We hope this will be an easy way to stay connected throughout the district. See you on the

Montgomery ~ Prattville Blog Spot - Dr. Philip McVay
www.montgomeryprattvilledistrict.blogspot.com

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Montgomery~Prattville Spouses Blog Spot - Mrs. Karen McVay
<http://mpspouses.blogspot.com/>

Montgomery~ Prattville Pacesetters
www.mpumc.blogspot.com



Montgomery-Prattville District Local Church Academy

"continuing our partnership in the gospel"

Sunday, January 23, 2011

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 pm

Montgomery First United Methodist Church
2416 W. Cloverdale Park
Montgomery, AL 36106

All Clergy and Laity are urged to attend!

Below is a schedule:

- 2:00 p.m. – registration in Friendship Room (across from offices)
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Gather and welcome in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. - Session One
- 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. - Session Two
- 4:50 p.m. - Dessert and coffee

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Sunday, January
24, 2010

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FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

2416 W. Cloverdale
Park
Montgomery, Alabama
36106-1908
334.834.8990
www.fumcmontgomer

SCHEDULE

Registration

2:00 P.M.

(Friendship Room)

- Tables will be set up with information about a number of ministry opportunities.

Gathering

2:30 P.M.

(Sanctuary)

- **Welcome** Dr.
R. Lawson Bryan
- **Announcements**
Dr. Philip McVay
- **Introduction of Leaders / Classes**

Session I

3:00—3:50 P.M.

Break

3:50—4:05 P.M.

Session 2

4:10-5:00 P.M.

Refreshments

5:00 P.M.

Name: _____ Church _____

(For Adults) Workshop to attend during Session One: _____

(For Adults) Workshop to attend during Session Two: _____

Children's Celebration _____ Grade? _____ Youth Celebration _____ Grade? _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____



WORKSHOPS

For ALL LAITY OFFERED AT SESSION ONE & TWO

EVANGELISM: How to implement & grow your church through the ALPHA Study

Led by: The ALPHA Team First UMC,

Montgomery

FUMC, Montgomery has used ALPHA as a program of evangelism and Christian study since 2005. Over 700 people have taken the ALPHA Course at FUMC, and many have been new or un-churched individuals. Come learn how to implement or grow your ALPHA Course through the work of your Laity and receive materials on this exciting evangelism opportunity.

DISCIPLESHIP: A church-wide curriculum called *The Three Simple Rules of Christian Living*

Led by: Betty Cates, Director of Adult

Discipleship, Aldersgate UMC

The Three Simple Rules provides an opportunity for study on the three principles of Christian living taught by John Wesley, the Founder of Methodism: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love With God. Come learn about the six week study and how you can help implement it into the life and teaching of your local church.

STEWARDSHIP: How to implement

Treasures of the Transformed Life, a guide to better Christian Living through faithful stewardship.

Led by: Dr. John Ed Mathison, Retired Senior Pastor of Frazer

For ALL LAITY OFFERED AT SESSION ONE & TWO

Special Children's Celebration

Led by: District Children's Directors

During both Sessions there will be a special Children's Rally Featuring fresh ministry ideas with music and snacks. Open for all children and anyone who works with this age group.

Special Youth Celebration

Led by: District Youth Directors

During Both Sessions there will be a special Youth Rally that will include food, fellowship, great worship music, and an energetic speaker! Open for all youth and anyone who works with this age group.

For ALL LAITY OFFERED AT SESSION ONE

SPR and PPR Chairs & Members:

Led by: Dr. Philip McVay, District Superintendent of the Montgomery-Prattville District

Focus on the basic duties of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee as outlined in *The Book of Discipline*.

For ALL LAITY OFFERED AT SESSION TWO

Church Secretaries, Administrative Assistants and office volunteers:

Led by: Linda Murphy, District Administrative Assistant for the Montgomery-Prattville and Montgomery-Opelika Districts

For Clergy

OFFERED AT BOTH SESSIONS

Led by: Dr. Don Harp, Former Senior Pastor of Peachtree Road UMC and Current Professor at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

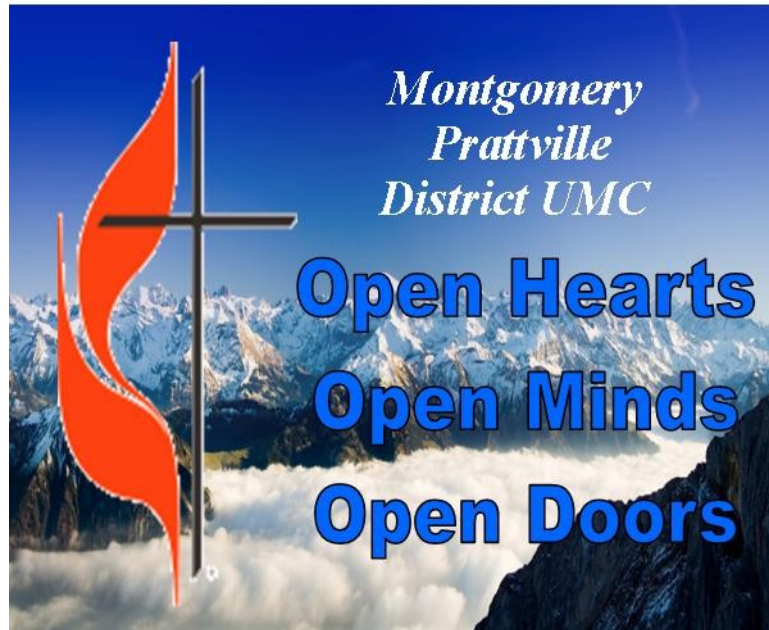
Dr. Don Harp will lead pastors in a session entitled, "Practical Aspects of Ministry." After a lifetime of ministry, he will share his advise on Ministry, Worship, Pastoral Care, Church Finance and Relationship-Building.

NOTICE

Pre-register now from your home or office and you will not need to go by the registration table on that day! It's fast, easy and convenient.

Just go to the district website at www.themontgomerydistricts.com

And complete the form, be sure to answer all questions and submit! It's done and we'll see



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