

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope

4-17-22 Sermon Notes "E.A.S.T.E.R. People"

In an Easter Sunday sermon to the Diocese of Hippo, St. Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our hymn of praise!" I couldn't agree more! This makes me think about what it means to be an "Easter people." It has to mean more than just *proclaiming*, "Christ the Lord is Risen...Alleluia!" It must be more of a *core identity* than just a proclamation. Being Easter people is about how we live...following after the Resurrected Lord...doing what Jesus would do...loving like Jesus loves us. Living that way will take an attitude adjustment for us, won't it? It's OK...we are in good company. In our Scripture for this Sunday, we see that Peter also needed an attitude adjustment to live his identity as an Easter person.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10: 34-43 NRSV)

Being an Easter person is an invitation that is open to *everyone* – not just a certain few. That was a revolutionary idea to Peter, who had grown up thinking that Gentiles were "out." It is still revolutionary today. It challenges our pride and our prejudice today, just as it did the early Church. Still - we are Easter people, so *revolution* and *resurrection* are part of our story! We remember that this Sunday, and we celebrate!

See you Sunday,
Pastor Sam



UMW Sunday
April 24, 2022

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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
 Mosaic, Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Back Forty

Sunday Mornings:

Celebration, 9 am*

Traditions, 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online
www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes
 prior to the start of the service.)

April 17 (Easter Sunday)

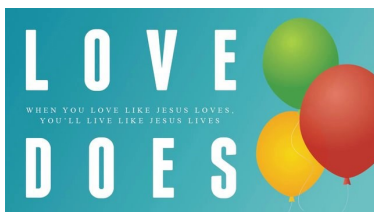
Celebration: Will Brookshire, Bill Haller,
 Brynn Crain

Traditions: Mark Condra, Tammy Hayes

April 24 (UMW Sunday)

Celebration: Eric Wright, Carmen McKiven,
 Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
 Brad Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes



**LOVE
DOES**

By Bob Goff

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

In the Gathering Room @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy

(You will love the food!)

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Which Way, Lord? By Rob Fuquay

Wednesday Morning, 11 AM

& Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm

With Pastor Sam

In the Gathering Room! Everyone Welcome!

Small Group Study w/ Harriet Murray

40 Days of Prayer

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Room 110

Wednesday Activities & Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, April 20

Barbecue

\$7 per person, \$3 for age 11 and under (Max \$20 per family)

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. If you are interested please see the contact information below to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am.

Beginning March 3rd the study will be "40 Days of Prayer" by Rick Warren

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell for more details.

Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra or Mark Casey or any of the Men at the Well for more information and the Zoom link.

RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, **Chapel**, **In person and online. Meet in the Chapel or Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!** "No Wonder They Crucified Him", Discover why Jesus was a dangerous man, by Daniel Myer
- Martin Fellowship Class, **Room 116**, International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class, "Love Does" by Bob Goff, **Gathering Room.**
- **Looking for a Sunday School Class?** We can help. Contact one of the Pastor Sam Hayes, Pastor Andy Yarnell or Sheila Freeman, Director of Connectional Ministries for help! Email: sheila@fumcgadsden.org



ELC News

What a wonderful day of Easter Egg Hunts and Bunny visits we had on Wednesday, April 13th. We are excited to see all our dads for "Donuts for Dads" on Wednesday, April 20th from 8:50 to 9:30 am in the portico entrance and classrooms. Tuesday, April 26th will be our last lunchbox revolt for the 2021-2022 school year. Our vendor will be The Dog House and information sheets will come home soon. A teacher appreciation breakfast will be hosted by ELC parents on Wednesday, April 27th. If anyone would like to help with this event, please contact Haley Carn at 662-380-1197. *Helene Haller*

Wednesday Night Dinner April 20:
Barbecue \$7 per person, \$3 under age 11
(\$20 Max per Family)



Youth Ministry News

Wednesday, April 13: Youth re-creation and discussion about the Last Supper, John 13:1-17, 31-35
Saturday, April 16: Youth help with kid's Easter Egg Hunt. Come around 10 am to hide eggs. Event ends at noon.
Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday! Join us at 9 am or 11 am!
Wednesday, April 20: Youth Gross and Weird Egg Hunt. Discussion about Luke 24:1-12

*Look for info on awesome May events coming soon!
A Sunday hiking trip? A camp out? And lots of fun!*

—Pastor Andy

GFUMC Children's Spring Calendar				
February	9 Valentine's Party 6:00	13 Valentine's Sunday!	23 National Dog Biscuit Day (let's make dog biscuits!)	
March	2 Ash Wednesday	23 Popcorn and Pajamas!	30 Happy Spring Break!	
April	10 Palm Sunday 1st-5th play handbells	13 Nachos and Nerf War!	16 Easter Egg Hunt	17 EASTER
May	4 Glow for Jesus! Party @6:00	11 CHURCH PICNIC		

GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's Sunday Children's Church

Wednesday's at 6:00
in the Kid's Worship Room
Room 108

Sunday's during each service
9:00 and 11:00
Room 108

Gadsden First United Methodist Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 16 : 11a-12p

GFUMC
115 S. 5TH STREET
GADSDEN, AL

EGG HUNT REFRESHMENTS ARTS + CRAFTS

GADSDEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

April Mission Focus



Remote Area Medical: RAM Clinic

April 22-24, 2022

Gadsden City High School

1917 Black Creek Pkwy

Gadsden, AL 35904

First UMC Gadsden's Mission Team providing lunch for the R.A.M. Volunteers on Saturday, April 23. There will approximately 438 Volunteers. Thank you for your support of Missions @ First UMC Gadsden.

R.A.M. April 23 & 24, 2022, Gadsden City High School

Free dental, vision and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 am. (Parking opens at 11:59 pm on Friday, April 22 and will remain open.) Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. <https://www.ramusa.org/event/gadsden-al-2022/>

*Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. Please check RAM's clinic FAQ page for more information.

**The above details are subject to change. Please continue to check their website for the schedule and updates as your clinic dates near.

What is R.A.M.

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is a major nonprofit provider of free pop-up clinics. Their mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need. They do this by delivering free dental, vision, and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals. RAM's Corps of more than 172,900 volunteers—licensed dental, vision, medical, and veterinary professionals—have treated more than 863,700 individuals delivering more than \$174 million worth of free care.

UMW NEWS

The UMW luncheon is April 18th at 12:00 noon in the Gathering Room. The speaker is Shirley Du Pont, member-at-large and curriculum Chair of the University of Alabama OLLI Program (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). She will discuss the OLLI curriculum. The executive board will meet in at 10:30 am in room 208. Please contact Delores Abney by phone 256-458-0376 or email deloresdda53@gmail.com to make your reservation by noon on April 15th.

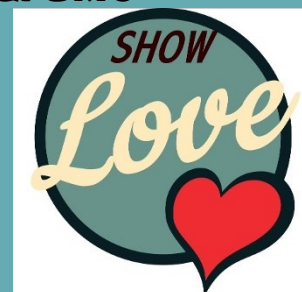
Barbara Bennett, President



The LuVerna Waid Circle will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 19 at C & J Crab Shack. Come join us for great food and fellowship!

UMW Sunday is April 24 and will be celebrated in both worship services. If you are a woman and a part of our church family, YOU are a United Methodist Woman! Please join together on this special Sunday as we

GFUMC



"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm, at the Portico entrance.

Clients served in February 2022

Ladle of Love	345
Clothes Closet	205



Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

Church Phone 256-543-8200
fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2021

See you at the

CHURCH PICNIC

Wednesday, May 11
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Kiwanis Pavilion, Noccalula Falls
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF GADSDEN**

Everyone
is invited!

*Brought to you by
Inviting Ministries...*

He Brews

...where your cup runneth over



FIRST UMC GADSDEN

**Inviting Ministries welcomes
you to our new Coffee Café!**

We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee
waiting for you
between 10 am 11 am on Sunday
mornings.

Join us this Sunday!

*Come visit with friends, old and new,
in Christian Fellowship!*

*After Celebration and before
Traditions and on your way in or out
of Sunday school!*

We can't wait to see everyone back!

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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday, April 17 Sermon: "E.A.S.T.E.R. People" Pastor Sam Hayes

SARA RABUN JOHNSON
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mother's Day Roses Sale

With your donation of \$20 or more, a rose will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day, in honor or in memory of your loved one. All donations provide direct support for ELC families whose children would not otherwise be able to afford the program.

MAKE YOUR DONATION PAYABLE TO GFUMC AND MARK IT "SRJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND". ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, MAY 1.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS TO THE FUND MAY BE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



G FUMC
Brunch
Club

MONTHLY LUNCH/BRUNCH
AT 12:30 FOLLOWING
TRADITIONAL SERVICE.

NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 24: BLACKSTONE

All Young Adults and
Families Welcome!

**Gadsden First UMC has a tradition
of receiving an Alleluia Offering
each year at Easter.**

It is different from our usual tithes and offerings. Please consider an additional gift for Holy Week, over and above your regular tithes and offerings. Over the years, the way our members have decided what to give as an Alleluia Offering was determined by each giver calculating how much money they made during the week of Holy Week and giving at least 10% (or more) of that as an Alleluia Offering. Your gifts make growth for many new ministries and missions at Gadsden First UMC possible.

This year's Alleluia Offering will help fund special music and choir needs, as well as new outreach ministries for our online ministries and our inviting ministries team. The Alleluia Offering will be received in worship on Easter Sunday and throughout the month of April. You may also turn in your gift to the church office. Thank you for your gifts to the Alleluia Offering. —The Generosity Team



First UMC Gadsden
APRIL 10-APRIL 17

Generosity 2022
*Overflowing
Hearts*

Psalm 23:5
YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP OVERFLOWS

Two stylized black trees with branches, each filled with numerous orange and red heart shapes, positioned on either side of the central text.

Generosity: Ways to Give

www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give:
256-344-8464

Mail your tithe or gift:
115 S. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901



Calendar for April 10-April 16, 2022

April 17, Sunday

Easter Sunday

6:30 am, Sunrise Service, Virtual
 9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & livestream
 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am-11:00 am, "He Brews Coffee Ministry"
 11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

April 18, Monday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 10:30 am, UMW Executive Board, Room 208
 12:00 pm, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room

April 19, Tuesday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

April 20, Wednesday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule
 11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering Room
 5:15 pm, Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room
 6:00 pm, Bible Study, Gathering Room & online
 6:00 pm, Childrens' activities, Room 108 & Gym
 Youth activities, Room 211 & Gym
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

April 21, Thursday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
 6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

April 22, Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Portico

Welcome to GFUMC

Lori Corley
April 10, 2022



*The Bishop's Ring on the Altar Cross is
 Given in Memory of Bishop Lloyd Knox
 by Julia Nolen Knox*

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Larry & Jane Hughes.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Joyce Culp, Caroline, Jenni & Kara.

UMCOR

In memory of Frank Helderman, given by Dr. Matt & Ree Mihelic, Scott & Jude Nesbitt, David & Loren McGhinnis, & Sonya Nesbitt.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Betty Echols

Continued Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)
 Anne Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and their families. Please notify the pastors or church office with any updates on Prayer Concerns...

Birthdays

Apr 17 Kent Haney, Denise Floyd
Apr 18 Lance Watkins, Dave Handy, Alyssa McNair
Apr 19 Dorothy Robinson, Jared Gladden
Apr 20 Lauren Brechin Cain
Apr 21 Brooke Vallejo, Marit Norris, Savannah Beth Phillips
Apr 22 Shep Midgley, Tom Dawson II
Apr 23 Martha White, Lenn Rainwater



Week of April 10, 2022

*In Person Total *336 Overall Total 687
 Online Viewer Total 351 Mosaic *8
 Thursday *5 Children *29 Youth *15
 Celebration *83/145 Traditions *134/175
 Bible Study Groups *16/30 UMW *0
 Adult Sunday School *21/1
 Children's Sunday School *10

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00
 General Offering Received \$18,842.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$197,625.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$228,265.00

2022 Pledges 82 for \$420,924.85

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Important Deadlines

Information for the weekly announcement sheet is due each Wednesday by noon.

Events for the church calendar are needed one month prior to the event.

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

You can submit your email to the church office to receive the weekly announcements on Friday.