



One Worship Service

10 am

Sunday, April 30

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

Sermon Notes: 4.30.23 One Worship Service, 10 am

1 John 4:19-21 "Who is My Brother" Peggy Casey

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*You Are Invited for
A Light Brunch at HeBrews
following 10 am Worship.*

**Open House at the Clothes Closet
Sunday, April 30th
Come See!**

**Following the 10 am Service and Fellowship Brunch
at HeBrews...where your cup runneth over!**

**We can't wait to "Show & Tell" about your wonderful
ministry on Broad Street.**

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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Morning:

ONE SERVICE at 10 am on April 30

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or

on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

ACOLYTES

April 30: Hadley Hedgspeth, Claire Hedgspeth, Barbara Condra, & Laura Condra

May 7: Silas Hosey & Luke Barnes

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

April 30

One Worship Service:

Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Sheila Freeman

May 7

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman, Bay Brown

Traditions: Sheila Freeman, Wayne Payton

**We Want to See You @
Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal**

May 3: Tacos

**\$7 per person, \$3 under 11
Family Max: \$20**

Text: 256-490-5018 to make a reservation!

**Out of Town on the
Weekend?**

Come to Thursday Worship!

5:30 to 6:00 pm each week

In the Sanctuary

Wednesday Mornings

Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Room 208

In Person Bible Study, A Study of the Book of Romans, will continue through 5/3.

Facebook Live @ 6 pm or on demand-via the FUMC APP or website

Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesday, 6 pm

♦ "I Love Lucy" w/Harriet Murray

**Men at the Well
Thursday Mornings
7:00 am**

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the Men at the Well small group. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant.

Study and discussion of Psalm 23

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

**There's a Place for you
in Sunday School!**

- Living Waters Sunday School Class, Beginning Guide to the Kingdom by Prof. Amy-Jill Levine **Room 112, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!**
- Martin Fellowship Class, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, with Eric Wright and Harriet Murray, Follow by Andy Stanley **Room 208**
- Pathfinders and Seekers Classes are currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Room 208** Current study of Follow by Andy Stanley



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Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Ministry and Mission Notes, and Sermon Notes.

Go to: <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/sign-up-to-receive-emails>



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Need Help? Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018

ELC News

Please support our Roses Sale benefitting the Sara Rabun Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund. We have several families that have benefitted from this program.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesdays are back!
Dinner at 5:15, please make a reservation!

Sunday School is back for Youth! Room 210
10 am on Sunday mornings.

May 17 "The Alley" Bowling at 6:00 pm

June 5-8 Youth helping with VBS

June 12-16 Service Days/Fun Days

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner— May 3-Tacos

\$7 per person, \$3 for 11 & under, Family Max \$20

Text 256-490-5018 for a reservation.

Children's Ministry

GFUMC Kids Spring Calendar



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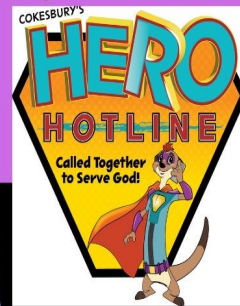
GFUMC Vacation Bible School

June 5-June 8

FAMILY!

FELLOWSHIP!

FUN!



Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesday's

@ 6:00

www.fumcgadsden.org/children

Church

Picnic

May 10

Children's Church

Sunday's

@ 9:00 and 11:00

Proverbs 22:6

April Mission Focus

Donations for the Charlsie House (formerly The Love Center)

In October of 2022, the Love Center was rebranded The Charlsie House and a new mission established to serve women only by providing financial support, shelter, food and other items until they can be an independent member of the community. Much has been done to freshen up and clean up the shelter with painting inside and out and the purchase of new furniture. Thank you to all who have donated and helped The Charlsie House to get this far!

There are many items that need to be replenished on a continual basis and First UMC Gadsden's mission team will be collecting items during the month of April. It is through community support for The Charlsie House that will help us to reach our mission of serving women who are in financial crisis!

Red Buckets for donations are located @ the entrances of the church. Items needed:

Hygiene Products: shampoo, conditioner, soap (bar& body wash) hair brushes, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes	Windex
Feminine Products-tampons, pads	White Twin Sheet Sets
Razors	White Twin Blankets
Liquid Detergent	Underwear of all Sizes-Female and Male
Clorox	Sports Bras
Hand Soap	Diapers
Sink Dishwashing Liquid	Food: milk, meat, eggs, bread, cereal, canned food, condiments
White towels & wash cloths	Over the Counter Medications:
White Dish towels	Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Tylenol, Aleve,
Clorox Cleaners	Band Aids, Tums, nausea medicine,
Floor Cleaners-Fabuloso/Pinesol	Melatonin, teeth glue-Fixodent

Clothes Closet News

We need clothes! It's time to clean out closets and bring your spring and summer clothes to the church. If you are unable to get them to the church, call the church office and leave a message. The "Men at the Well" will set up a time to pick them up for you.



Thank you for remembering your Clothes Closet.

Clothes Closet Team

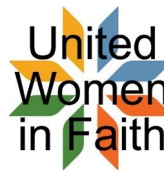
United Women in Faith

UWF Sunday is Sunday, April 30. There will be one worship service at 10 am. Women will be leading the worship service. All women in the church are invited to be a part of the service that Sunday. Following the service at 10 am, a light brunch will be served! We look forward to seeing everyone in worship and for fellowship following the worship service.

Contact Joan Bigelow to find out how you can help with the food for the brunch.

.See page 5 for UWF Bake Sale News!!

—Barbara Bennett, President



GFUMC



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

Ladle of Love

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

There are five teams that serve at the Ladle of Love. Teams 1, 2, 3 & 4 serve one Friday per month, and team 5 serves on fifth Fridays. Subs are also needed to serve occasionally. If you are interested in finding out more or serving on a team, contact the church office.

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

May open dates are

5/3 and 5/17

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

Clients Served

	Mar
Ladle of Love	467
Clothes Closet	213

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2023

UWF Bake Sale News

Great Job to All!

United Women in Faith



Our Bake Sale was a big success,
Thanks to all of you Wonderful Bakers!!!
The total made on that Palm Sunday was...

\$2419.00

Bravo!!!

It could even grow more if some of you haven't had a chance to make a donation yet. This money will be disbursed to specific local agencies around our community, thanks to those who cooked and also shopped!

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 7.

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

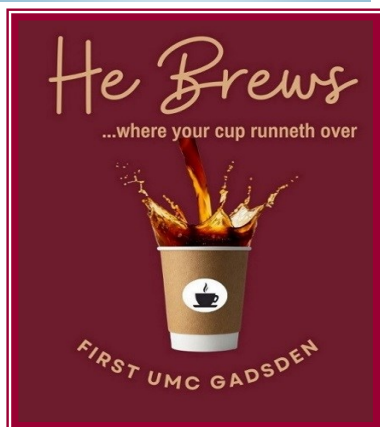


Wednesday, May 10
5 pm to 7 pm

**FIRST UMC
CHURCH
PICNIC**

Kiwanis Pavilion
Noccalula Falls Park
Everyone Welcome!

You'll Have a "Super" Time!



Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café, this Sunday, April 30, following the 10 am, Sunday morning worship. There will be a light brunch served. We can't wait to see you there!!!



In Psalm 135, we read these powerful words:

Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God. All you priests on duty in God's temple, serving in the sacred halls of our God, shout "Hallelujah!" because God's so good, sing anthems to his beautiful name... (Ps. 135:1-3 MSG)

There is still time to give to the 2023 Alleluia Offering which will go toward our Music Ministry and Capital Improvements! Gifts so far to the 2023 Alleluia offering have totaled \$26,578.00.

Last year, we had the biggest Alleluia Offering our church has seen in a long time! Thank you so much! With your generosity, we hope that gifts to our Alleluia

Offering will exceed \$35,000 again this year. You can help us reach that goal by giving at least 10% (or more) of your weekly income as a special offering. Pray about it, and then present your offering through May 7. We will announce the total each week, and then celebrate the grand total for our 2023 Alleluia Offering on Mothers' Day, May 14.

Shout, "Hallelujah!" because God is so good.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sam

Pastor Sam
Senior Pastor

Pastor Andy

Pastor Andy
Associate Pastor

Jay

Jay Hedgspeth
Generosity Team Chair



Giving



Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

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

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Calendar for April 30-May 6, 2023

April 30 Sunday

10:00 am One Service, Sanctuary

11:00 am HeBrews Coffee; Light Brunch

May 1 Monday

9:00 am 1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

9:00 am 10:00am Exercise Group, Gym

May 2 Tuesday

9:00 am 1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet workday

5:00 pm 6:00 pm Yoga, Gym

May 3 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet open

11:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Room 208

5:15 pm Wednesday Night meal

6:00 pm Children and Youth Activities & Bible Study

6:00 pm Choir practice

May 4 Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym

5:30 pm Thursday worship, Sanctuary

May 5 Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love



*Congratulations on the birth of
Harrison James Waid*

Born: April 21, 2023

Parents: James and Makenzie Waid

Grandparents: Walter Waid & Anita Waid

Great Grandparents: J.B. and LuVerna Waid

Honorariums & Memorials

Benevolence Fund

In memory of Ralph Wesley, given by Sonya Nesbitt.



A generous donation of a NEW refrigerator for the kitchen that serves the Church Office and Parlor has been made! This kitchen gets lots of use for showers and gatherings in the Parlor and by the Office Staff. *Your generosity is very much appreciated!*

Save the Dates for May

**May 7, Celebration and Traditions, Second
Grade Bibles & Senior High Graduation
Recognition & Brunch**

May 10, 5-7 pm, Church Picnic



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Dawn Rains	Nancy Smith
Janie Gray	Donnie Gray
Bibb Holland	Jane Herb
John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)	

Continued Prayer Concerns

Rodney Thompson
Chris Gunnells
(Gail McNair's nephew)



Birthdays

Apr 30 Crystal Cornett,

Dr. Charles (Charlie) Newman

May 1 Suzy Haney, George Hightower,
Jr., Julia Calcote, Charles Newman

May 2 Rev. Roger Thompson,
Alvin Ferguson, Lindsey Muratta,
John Owen Hollingsworth

May 3 Carol Rice

May 4 Mike Self, Ralls Pennington,
Rabon Pennington-Wilson,
Trevor Martin

May 5 Jennifer Boyd

May 6 Donna Campbell,
Bethany Phillips, Ava Ray Kelley

Week of April 23, 2023

In Person Total *124 Online 346
Worship Total 470 Celebration *50/192
Traditions *68/154
Thursday Worship *6
Adult Sunday School *34
Bible Study Groups *27/39 Children *17
Youth *17 Nursery *2
Total Small Groups *122 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$8,846.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$217,209.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$196,202.00

Update Your Contact Information

*Please help us update the
membership records in the
church office with your
current mailing address,
phone number, email
address and birthdays for
all family members.*

*Updates may be sent to
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call Susan in the church
office @ 256-543-8200.*