

"Being Present in the Pause"

Psalm 46

REV. MONICA HARBARGER



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

8-28-22

Sermon Notes

"Being Present in the Pause"

Rev. Monica Harbarger, Executive Director of United Counseling in Birmingham, will be our guest preacher at both services this coming Sunday. Here is a brief bio on Monica:

Monica earned her Bachelor's as well as her Master's degree in Counseling from the University of Alabama. She worked in the field of mental health including a mental health center as well as psychiatric units in a local hospital for a number of years. She entered the ministry as full time youth pastor in 2004 where she accepted her call into ordained ministry. She did her graduate theological work through Asbury Seminary and was the associate pastor at Pleasant Hill UMC in McCalla while serving as a contract counselor for United Counseling. Monica was ordained as a Deacon in the North Alabama Conference in 2011. As a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) as well as clergy, Monica is able to offer a unique perspective to faith in mental health issues.

Rev. Harbarger will be preaching from Psalm 46, one of the most influential psalms in the church's history. It is a hymn of praise of the presence of God. Reading it, you will notice two stanzas with a refrain: "The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" (vv. 7, 11).

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Join us Sunday! Pastor Sam

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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Mornings:

Celebration, 9 am* Traditions, 11 am*

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

ACOLYTES

Aug 21: Luke Barnes & Sara Kate Thornberg
 Aug 28: Liam Humphries

Tech Team Schedule

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

August 28

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller,
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven
Traditions: Davis Varner, Brad Barnes
Sept 4

Celebration: Eric Wright, Brad Barnes,
Sheila Freeman
Traditions: Mike Self, Sheila Freeman

August 31 Wonderful Wednesday

Pizza Night— UMYF and Children's Group (Adult Bible Study will NOT meet!*)

5:15 pm- Pizza Night! \$5 Donation

6:00 pm- Bible Study and Activities for Youth and Children

Please make a reservation by Tuesday @ Noon!

Call the church office @ 256-543-8200 or Text 256.490.5018

Menu 8/31: Pizza, Cookies, Tea

Unshakeable Hope

by Max Lucado

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Will meet in Room 208 @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome!

with Eric Wright & Harriet Murray

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Wednesday Mornings

11 am In Person Bible Study

Gathering Room, 201 The Book of Acts

Facebook Live @ 6 pm or on demand-via the

FUMC APP or website

Evening Bible Study will not meet on 8/31 so that all may attend Christ Central that night at 6 pm. Bishop Debra Wallace Padgett will be speaking.

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.

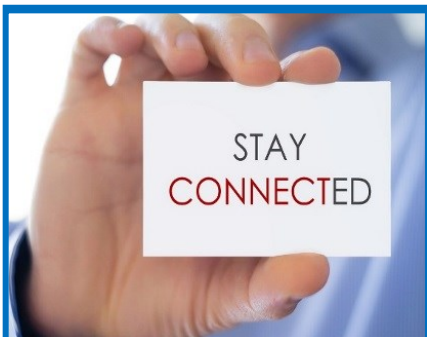
Currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant. "A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God" by Norman Shawchuck & Rueben P. Job is the current study.

Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra or

Mark Casey or any of the Men at the Well for more information.

RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them, by John Ortberg, 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, Unshakeable Hope, by Max Lucado, with Andy Yarnell and Eric Wright, Gathering Room 201 or 208
- Pathfinders Class is currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, Gathering Room, 201 or 208



Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

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

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

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

ELC News

Aloha to the 2022-2023 school year. We had a fabulous open house this past Thursday. **Mahalo** to all our faculty for preparing for this new year and to all our families that made Open House. We are ready to Hula into the new year on Monday, August 22nd. Also a big **Mahalo Nui Loa** to the wonderful UMW ladies for providing a welcome brunch this past Wednesday. We enjoyed this bit of nourishment and fellowship as we participated in our annual safe sanctuary training.

Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesdays are back!
Dinner at 5:15, please make a reservation!
UMYF @ 6pm

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

September 17-Youth Retreat to Camp Lee!

—Pastor Andy

Children's Ministry



**Wonderful Wednesday
Please Make a Reservation!**

5:15 pm, Wednesday,

August 31

Menu:

Pizza

Cookies

Tea

\$5 Donation

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FALL 2022

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
6:00PM ROOM 108

AUG 17	WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME W/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL
OCT 19	FALL FESTIVAL AT GFUMC 
NOV 16	FRIENDSGIVING! 
DEC 4	 LUNCH WITH SANTA AT 12:00 
DEC 4	CHRISTMAS PLAY AT 3:00 
DEC 14	 UGLY SWEATER PARTY 

KATHARINE BARNES • 256-543-8200 • WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG/CHILDREN • PROVERBS 22:6

August Mission Focus



Our church continues striving to make a difference for all the sweet students at Striplin Elementary School. Principal Ash, the teachers, and the students' families appreciate our church for adopting their school many years ago. In order to

continue providing support and encouragement for the students and teachers through

- **A/B Honor Roll parties**
- **"Welcome Back" Teacher Breakfast**
- **Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the Year Recognition and Gift Cards**
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

August Missions has been designated for Striplin Elementary. *Please help us shine God's Love by giving to the "Striplin Fund" during the month of August.*

UMW NEWS

UMW Luncheon is Monday, September 12 at noon
Program: CommUnity Thanksgiving
Guest Speakers: Craig Scott and Darlene Harcrow
Executive Board meeting @10:30 am.
Lunch catered by "Downtown Chief".

"Where is a woman's place?
Anywhere God wants her to be."

—Barbara Bennett, President



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

Please hold your fall and winter donations of clothing until the first of September. Thank you!

Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in
July 2022

Ladle of Love	465
Clothes Closet	303

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

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

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



**Inviting Ministries
welcomes you to our 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!***

There is nothing like being here!

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FUMC
Brunch
Club

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

**Sunday, September 18– Jefferson's
All Young Adults and Families Welcome!**



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



First UMC Gadsden

Pathways for Our Future

<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Awareness</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">August 28, 9 & 11 am Monica Harbarger, Directory of United Counseling</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">August 28*</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Speakers: Rev. Dee Dowdy & Rev. Tammy Jackson</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">September 11*</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Speakers- Rev. Belinda Rives & Rev. Eddie Gooch</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">October 2*</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Speakers- Rev. Harvey Beck & Rev. Kevin Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">*Sanctuary, 3-6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">All sessions available via livestream and on demand @ www.fumcgadsden.org/media</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Assessment</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">August 17- September 11 Wednesdays @ 6 pm, Learning Session based on the book, <u>United Methodist Divided</u> with Pastor Sam</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">August 31, 6 pm Bishop Wallace-Padgett, Christ Central UMC</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">September 11 through October 6</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"><i>Daily Prayer & Weekly Fasting</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"><i>Listening Sessions</i></p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Action</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">October 3, 6 pm Church Conference*</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"><i>A Called Church Conference led by the D.S. Jeff Davis</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">*Only full members present at the time of the vote will be eligible to vote – no proxy votes or absentee ballots. If 2/3 of those present and voting vote to disaffiliate, then we will proceed in the disaffiliation process. If the 2/3 majority is not reached, we will remain UMC.</p>
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Additional information and answers to frequently asked questions are available at
www.fumcgadsden.org/pathways4future password: Pathways2022

Pathways for our Future Phase 1: Awareness (Prayer, Listening, and Learning)
Rev. Monica Harbarger will preach this **Sunday, August 28, 2022** at both the 9 am and the 11 am worship services. **Come to worship or take part in worship online. Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/media to watch online** and the live stream will appear in the media player when the stream becomes active. *You can also watch later at your convenience on demand on the church website or app.*

Pathways for Our Future Phase 1--Awareness Sessions begin this **Sunday, August 28 from 3 pm to 6 pm in the sanctuary**. The speakers for this Sunday's session are **Rev. Dee Dowdy and Rev. Tammy Jackson**. **Everyone is invited to come in person or you may go to www.fumcgadsden.org/media to watch online**—the live stream will appear in the media player when the stream becomes active. *You can also watch later at your convenience on demand on the church website or app.*

GFUMC Member Survey —We value your opinion!

The purpose of this survey is to determine what members want to know about the differences in our denomination and the vote that will take place in the fall of 2022 about whether we will stay UMC or disaffiliate from the denomination. Printed survey forms are available in the church office or you can fill out the online survey form @ <https://forms.gle/itKvoHZAMsA5kV8S7>



Calendar for August 28-Sept 3, 2022

Aug 28, Sunday

10:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary
 10:00 am, Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee Ministry
 11:00 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary
 3:00 pm-6:00pm, Pathways for Our Future, Sanctuary

Aug 29, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Aug 30, Tuesday

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

Aug 31, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 11:00am, Bible Study, Room 208 (Facebook Live @ 6pm)
 5:15 pm, Pizza Night, Gathering Room
 NO Adult Bible Study at 6:00 pm
 6:00 pm, Children activities, Room 108
 Youth activities, Gym & Room 211
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

Sept 1, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Sept 2, Friday

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

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Mountain Lakes District.
 In memory of Sue Roberts, given by Pat Walker.
 In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Jill Vincent.
 In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Venus Long.
 In memory of Darrell Yarnell given by Susan Whitt.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Darrell Yarnell given by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Payton.

Youth Ministry

In memory of Darrell Yarnell given by Steve & Lynne Frederick.

UMCOR

In memory of Darrell Yarnell given by Dotty Ivey.

Immediate Prayer Concerns



Jane Gardner

Continued Prayer Concerns

Jerry Casey Asher Mae Collins
 John Jones (Dottie Roger's son) Dottie Rogers
 Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)
Unspoken Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

Aug 29 Janet Edwards, Taylor Means,
 Erin DeLucca, Afton Yarnell,
 Henry Hopper
Aug 30 Jane Weaver, Tommy Hood,
 Aaron Andrews, Jenn Yarnell,
 Warren Vallejo
Aug 31 Dr. Cecil Dorsett,
 Faye Kennah, Bill Green
Sept 1 Louis Loveman
Sept 2 Sherry Bridges, Neita Taylor,
 Susan George, Frances Isbell,
 Sam Blackstock, Sarah Blackstock



Week of August 21, 2022

In Person Total *143 Online 242
 Worship Total 385 Thursday Worship *5
 Celebration Service *58/125
 Traditional Worship *80/117
 Adult Sunday School *31/1 Children *0
 Bible Study Groups *27/19 UMW *8
 Children *22 Youth *15 Nursery *11
 Total Attendance *114/20 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00
 General Offering Received \$8,742.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$447,950.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$454,383.00

2022 Pledges: 82 for \$420,924.85
Text to Give: 256.344.8464



NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Morgan
Delores Abney
Bob and Becky Oltman

Update

Your Contact Information
Submit your current
Address, Phone #, Email and
Birthdays for the church
records: 256-543-8200 or
Susan@fumcgadsden.org