



Dec 1, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; **10:00 am**, Sunday School;
10:55 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary; **5:00 pm**, "Hanging of the Green" Service, Sanctuary
Dec 2, Monday, ELC 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym;
Dec 3, Tuesday, ELC 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday;
4:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, Room 108; **5:00 pm**, Yoga, Gym; **5:00 pm**, Finance Team, Parlor;
6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, Gathering Room; **6:30 pm**, Mosaic, Back Forty
Dec 4, Wednesday, ELC 9:00-1:00 pm; 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open;
11:00 am, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 201-Gathering Room; **12:15 pm**, Prayer Team, Sanctuary;
5:15 pm, Wednesday Meal, Gathering Room; **6:00 pm**, Adult Journey Groups, Rooms 110 & 201-
Gathering Room; Childrens Journey Groups & Choir, Rooms 102, 106, 108; Youth Activities, 211, Gym;
6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Room 100
Dec 5, Thursday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym;
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
Dec 6, Friday, 11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love

**Note: The church is closed Wed., Nov. 27
@ 12 noon, and Nov, 28 & Nov. 29.**

Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: Blaise Jarecki
Ushers: * Donny Gray, Bill Campbell,
Mike Piper, Ricky Young
Greeters: Janie Gray, Dotty Ivey,
Sandi Piper
Acolytes: Sara Margaret Waits
Children's Church
Celebration: Jillian Sherrouse
Tradition: Beth Kelley
***Head Usher**

Newsletter/Bulletin Deadline

Information for the bulletin/newsletter and
worship folders is due by noon on
Wednesday each week. This includes all
announcements or requests for special
inserts.

Deadlines for Holiday closings
Wed. Dec 18- info for Sunday Dec 22 &
Dec 29

Fri. Dec 27- info for Sunday Jan 5

*Your help in giving us the information to
keep our deadlines is appreciated!*

Church office closed: Dec. 24, 25, & 26

Memorials and Honoraria

Howell Erwin Fund:

In memory of Jane Trotter and John Wiggins given by Jane & Larry Hughes.
In memory of John Wiggins and Bobby Bugg given by The Sington Family.

The Johnson Family Children's Library

"The Amazing Adventures of Harry Moon" donated in memory of
Gary Stephen Vincent by Harriet, Keith, & Hannah Murray

*In Celebration of
Marge Ross'*

102nd Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 1

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Wanda Hemby (Jill Moran's mother)
Bill Haller, Jr. Tom Quinn
Ina Davis Marj Ross
Ellen Cummans Ormond Grimes
Susie Blackman (Mary Hager's sister)
Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Joanne Hightower
Madeline Beck
Telea Cody
Thomas Jehn
(Jeff & Cathea Poland's Grandson)



Sermon Outline Key

More, memory, remember, John, teacher,
better, hard, speak, recall, current, hope

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MANNA needs volunteers to deliver meals,
mostly in the Rainbow City area. Please call
256-543-5876 and find out how to sign up.

Birthdays.....

Dec 1 Marj Ross
Dec 2 Barbara Johnson, Elizabeth Hyatt
Dec 3 Stan Walker
Dec 4 John McCord, Bill Hale, Ginger Ross,
Richard McCoy, Victoria Ogletree
Dec 5 Shannon Campbell, Tiger Jones,
Matthew Vance
Dec 6 Anna Katherine Hollingsworth,
Erica Shumate, John Waid
Dec 7 Margie Freeman, Austin Waits



Week of November 24 2019

Total Attendance	302	Mosaic	29
Traditional Service	165	Thursday	20
Celebration Service	82		
Sunday School	89		
Volunteer Service Hours	180		
People Served	360		
General Offering Budget	\$14,879.00		
General Offering Received	\$19,703.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$699,313.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$661,131.04		

Sunday's Schedule

8:45 am, Celebration
10:00 am, Sunday School
10:55 am, Traditional Service

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am- 1:00 pm ELC Schedule

Monday

9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Tuesday

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty

Wednesday

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study

5:15 pm, Wednesday Night Meal

6:00 pm, Adult Journey Groups;
Children's Journey Groups & Choir;

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

Friday

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

Church Office 256-543-8200

Mon-Thur 8:00-4:00

Friday 8:00-1:00

5:00 PM, In the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 1

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Join us for two sermon series during Advent:

Celebration: A Christmas Movie ADVENTure

8:45 am, In the Gym, Pastor Carrie & Pastor Andy

Traditions: Light of the World

10:55 am, In the Sanctuary, Pastor Sam

Community Thanksgiving Meal

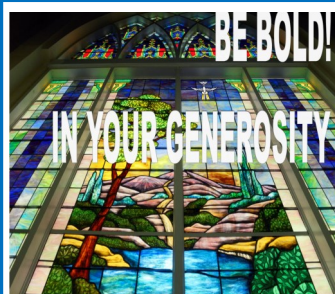
We are asking everyone that can to donate their time and help prepare for this event. Go to this link to sign up to volunteer on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday @

<https://signup.com/go/nhZzUHu>

Gadsden First UMC will be receiving donations for the cakes again this year! We have made this mission happen each year by buying the cakes that are served with the meal. Make your check payable to GFUMC and mark it "cakes".



Youth & Children from Gadsden First are going on Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am to help with whatever is needed. Our church has signed up for 1:00 pm to slice the cakes.



BE BOLD! 2020

Because you give we are able to do new outreach ministries like Mosaic, reaching new people in new ways with the love of Christ! Because you give we are able to make plans to expand our already-great children ministry, youth ministry, music and missions.

To Date: 57% of 2020 Goal
Promise Cards Received: 86
Total Pledged: \$445,745

*Be Bold! Be Counted for 2020! Ministry planning for 2020 will begin soon and your response is needed!
 Contact the church office for a 2020 Promise Card!*

—Pastor Sam, Senior Pastor —Jay Hedgspeth, Generosity Chair

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School 10 am

Preschool-Nursery-Room 115

Grades K-1st-2nd-Room 114, Grades 3rd-4th-5th-Room 106

Children's Church- December 1 Tradition: Beth Kelley

Celebration: Jillian Sherrouse



Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Musical "It's a Wonder-Full Life" have begun – Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm. All children age 3 through 5th Grade are invited to participate. Save the date for our Performance on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00pm.

It's going to be Wonder-Full!

Youth Sunday School, 10 am-Rm 211

The Book of John

Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm

"Dare to Dream"



Youth Christmas Party: December 18, 6 pm @ the Church
December 27-29-Youth Winter Retreat

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam
Wednesday, December 4



Wonderful Wednesday, December 4

Dinner @ 5:15 pm, \$5 Adults, \$2 Children <12

Small Groups for Adults, 6 PM

Light of the World, w/ Pastor Sam, Rm 101, Gathering Room

Scrooge, w/ Harriet Murray, Room 110, Pathfinders

Small Groups and Activities for Children and Youth, 6 pm

Dinner Menu: Barbecue Pork or Chicken

 Name _____
 # Adults _____ # Children _____
 _____ December 4, 2019 _____ Permanent Reservation

"Light of the World" Traditions Worship

Sunday, December 1, Hanging of the Green, 5 pm, Sanctuary

Sundays of Advent, 10:55 am, In the Sanctuary

December 1, "The Meaning of Memory"

December 8, "The Promise of Potential"

December 15, "Chancel Choir Cantata"

December 22, "The Journey to Joy"

Christmas Eve Worship, Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm, Christmas Eve Early Worship & Holy Communion

5:00 pm, Live Nativity, Chestnut & 5th St

6:00 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion



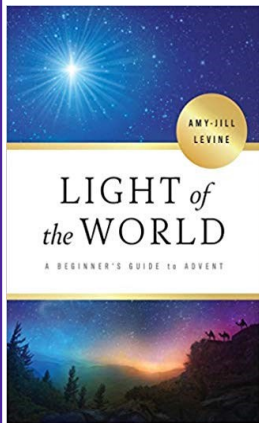
Gadsden First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

Special Advent Study & Traditions Sermon Series

10:00 AM, Sunday Mornings
Adult Library, Room 202 (2nd Floor)

"Light of the World:

A Beginner's Guide to Advent"



In this study, biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. We will look at Christmas through the eyes of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, and the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women's in first-century Jewish culture, etc...

Books are \$13 and are available in the church office.



December Missions & Outreach Opportunities

- ◆ Pick up a stocking from the Chestnut St Lobby to fill for the Salvation Army. Return stockings to the church by 12/13.
- ◆ Buy Gifts for a child on the Angel Tree in the Gathering Room. Return Angel Tree gifts to the church by 12/13.
- ◆ Give to the White Christmas Offering for the United Methodist Children's Home.
- ◆ Shop at the UMW Christmas Boutique, December 1, 8, 15, 22—supports missions.

Advent Studies on Sunday Mornings:



"The Gift of the Nutcracker"
Pathfinders
Room 110



"Almost Christmas"
Living Waters
Room 112



"Christmas Is Not Your Birthday"
Seekers
Room 208

Poinsettias

Select the Worship Service and Date
Cost \$20.00 each

____ Celebration
____ Traditions

____ December 1
____ December 15
____ December 22

Donated by _____

____ In Honor of

____ In Memory of

Name _____

JOIN US ON OUR CHRISTMAS MOVIE ADVENTURE

Celebration Worship Sundays @ 9:00am

12/1 HOPE
Awake, Sleeping Scrooge
Pictures with Scrooge

12/8 PEACE
Face Your Fears You Filthy Animal
Pictures with Santa

12/15 JOY
How to Grow Your Heart
Pictures with The Grinch

12/22 LOVE
If You Just Believe
Pictures in Your Pajamas

WEEKLY MOVIE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

GADSDEN FIRST Methodist Church
Changing Lives Giving Hope

115 S 5th St. Gadsden, AL
www.fumcgadsden.org

DEC 1
Disney's A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DEC 8
HOME ALONE

DEC 15
Dr. Seuss' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!

DEC 22
TOM HANKS' THE POLAR EXPRESS

December 27-29

GFUMC YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 The Message (MSG)
The First Ever
Youth Group Winter Games Retreat!

\$100 a person. Includes lodging, 2 days of breakfasts, one dinner, ice skating, Rock City Christmas Lights, Rock Climbing Wall, etc.

*** This trip only has 27 spots. Reserve your spot by paying a \$25 deposit ASAP.
Staying in a giant cabin style house.
Contact Andy Yarnell

Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 18
6 pm, Youth Room!

★ **Family Mission Project**
CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, November 27 9-11am
Join us at The Venue to help prepare for the CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal

★ **Hanging of the Greens**
Sunday, December 1 5:00pm
Join us for a special Children's Minute as we decorate the Sanctuary and learn the Symbols of the Season.

★ **Lunch with Santa and Christmas Caroling**
Sunday, December 8 12:00pm
Enjoy lunch with Santa in the Gym, then join us for Christmas Caroling as we share the JOY of the season.

★ **"It's A Wonder-Full Life" Musical and Happy Birthday Jesus Party**
Sunday, December 15 5:00pm
Rehearsals: Nov 6, 13, 20 and Dec 4, 11
Come hear the Wonder-Full Story our Children are preparing, and to celebrate Jesus — the Reason for the Season!
A Special Offering will be collected for the United Methodist Children's Home

★ **Children's Ministry Christmas Party**
Wednesday, December 18 5-7pm.
Join us for Pizza, Games, Dirty Santa, and Fellowship with our Children's Ministry Families. Location TBA

★ **Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight Communion**
Tuesday, December 24 6:00pm
The Children will process into the sanctuary & sing Away in A Manger.

Gadsden First Kids December Schedule
115 S 5th St. Gadsden
www.fumcgadsden.org

United Methodist Women

UMW Raffle for Missions: The winner is "Bob Blount"

Thanks to everyone who participated! A total of \$116.00 to UMW Missions!

Blessings of the Quilts will be on Sunday, Dec. 8th in both services. This is a ministry of Jean Holtsford Circle and the quilts are donated to Success by Six!

UMW Luncheon: December 9 @ noon in Gathering Room. The special Christmas Program is the Early Learning Center children's program. Please make your reservations with your circle leader or by calling Shelby Smith at 256-442-7117 by Friday, December 6 at noon.



Shop the Christmas Boutique:

2019 Christmas card

Past years' cards

Note cards

UMW Trinity Body Cream "Peppermint Patty" for your body mind and soul.

UMW Christmas Boutique

**Sunday Mornings, Chestnut Lobby
December 1, 8, 15 & 22**

*UMW supports missions
around the world through the
Christmas Boutique.*

UMW Circle Meetings for December:

Jean Holtsford Circle will meet on Dec. 9 after UMW Luncheon

Stevens Circle Christmas Party at Ole Mexico Dec. 10 @ noon. Bring a small gift for "Dirty Santa". Everyone invited!

LuVerna Waid Christmas Party at home of Gail Spotnitz, Dec. 17th, @ 6 pm. Bring a small gift for "Dirty Santa" Everyone Invited.



December 1, 8, 15 & 22 Christmas Boutique (bring items to sell each Sunday)

Each UMW Circle will be in charge of a Sunday for the Christmas Boutique. Please make arrangements with your circle members to be present during the boutique hours.

Each Circle please update the UMW Directory for any address or phone number changes. Return the books to the church office (UMW box) or your circle leaders by December 14th. Lori Varner will update the directory and have it ready for the UMW January meeting.