Gadsden First News

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope



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115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

December 29, 2019

Calendar for December 29-January 4, 2020

Dec 29, Sunday, 9:00 am, Sunday School; 10:00 am, One United Worship Service, Gym

Dec 30, Monday, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Dec 31, Tuesday, New Years Eve; Office Closed

Jan 1, Wednesday, New Years Day; Office Closed

Jan 2, Thursday, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Jan 3, Friday, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love



Subscribe to the 3D and you will receive the 3D Devotional, weekly sermon notes in your inbox! In addition, you can receive the weekly news bulletin by email!

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org and update your information with the church office and we will add you to the email list.

It's easy to invite others, share & post events and save events to your calendar through the new church app and website!







Memorials and Honoraria

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Ormond Grimes, given by Richard and Donna Fraser.

In memory of Jane Trotter, given by Susan and Ken Griffin.

In memory of Ormond Grimes, given by John and Margie Freeman.

<u>The Johnson Family Children's Library</u>: A set of "Wonder" books has been donated in memory of Gary Vincent by his wife, Jill. "The Christmas Nativity Tale" has been donated in memory of John Wiggins by Harriet, Keith and Hannah Murray.

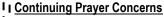
Immediate Prayer Concerns

Kathy Ferguson DeLeath Rives
Ernest McBride Joanne Hightower

Thomas Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's Grandson)

Family of Sherba Griffin

Family of Barbara Johnson



I Teleah Cody
June Longshore
I Dot Thompson
Bill Haller, Jr.
I Tom Quinn
Ina Davis
I Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)
I Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

Text to Give: 256-344-8464 Online Giving @ www.fumcgadsden.org/give



Dec 29 Shannon Waits, Ellen Cummans

Dec 30 Sheila Freeman

Dec 31 Bill Leach

Jan 2 Cathea Poland

Jan 3 Paula Wilson, Scott Adams, Molly Page

Jan 4 Steven Williams,

Shelly Hester,

Franklin Leach, Luke Barnes



Week of December 22, 2019

Total Attendance 325 Mosaic 40
Traditional Service 175 Thursday 14

Celebration Service 90 Sunday School 69

Volunteer Service Hours 125

People Served 250

General Offering Budget \$14,879.00 General Offering Received \$17,713.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$758,829.00

YTD General Offering Received \$728,961.04

Serving This Sunday
One United Service in Gym

Sound Tech: Eric Wright

Ushers:*

Greeters: Alan Ross, Ginger Ross

Acolyte: Miller Wigley

Children's Church:

Katharine Barnes & Katie Darden

*Head Usher

In Memory of Her Life Barbara Johnson December 20, 2019



In Memory of Her Life Sherba Dale Griffin December 23, 2019



Sunday's Schedule

9:00 am, Sunday School 10:00 am, One United Service, Gym

Monday-Thursday
ELC Closed
Monday

9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

<u>Tuesday</u>

New Years Eve Church Office Closed

Wednesday
New Years Day

Church Office Closed

<u>Thursday</u>

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

Friday

11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love

Church Office 256-543-8200 Mon-Thur 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday 8:00am-1:00 pm

Sunday, December 29 **Wesley Covenant Renewal Service**

10:00 AM, One United Worship Service, In the Gym 9:00 am, Sunday School

Check with your adult Sunday School Class for schedule changes.

Sunday Mornings:



Children's Church:

December 29: One United Service: Katharine Barnes & Katie Darden

Children's Ministry is ready to BLAST OFF into 2020!! To do this, we're going to figure out a few ways to grow spiritually. We'll learn how to spend time with God, spend time with others, use our gifts, and share our story. These four keys to discipleship will launch our faith into the New Year!

Weekly Children's Schedule

Children's Church, Sundays during Worship Sunday School, Sundays at 10:00am Kids Corner, Wednesdays at 6:00pm (Starting January 8)

Youth Sunday School, 10 am-Rm 211 The Book of John

Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm "Dare to Dream" Resumes, January 8

December 27-29-Youth Winter Retreat

United Methodist Women

UMW Luncheon

Methodist Monday, January 13, 12:00 pm Women \$10.00 for lunch. Please call your reservations in to Shelby Smith @256-442-7117 by January 10.

UMW Board will meet at 10:30 am, Room 106.

Jean Holtsford Circle, Monday, Jan 13 @1:15 pm, Room 208 Stevens Circle, Tuesday, Jan 14 @12:00 pm, Room 106 Peggy Casey Circle, Tuesday, January 14, (TBA) LuVerna Waid Circle, Tuesday, January 21, 6 pm, Room 208

GUIDELINES FOR END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

In order for contributions to be posted to your 2019 giving record, they must meet one of these requirements:

- 1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31st.
- 2. The contribution is put into the offering plate on December 29th or delivered to the office on or before December 30th
- 3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31st.
- **4.** An online E-Giving transaction is dated on or before December 31st.
- 5. Gifts of stock should be transferred before the market closes on December 31st. Please inform Jane at the office about a stock transfer.

CHARITABLE IRA TRANSFERS ARE TAX-FREE

If you are 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to a qualified charity and avoid paying income taxes on the money. This type of transaction can be valuable for those who need to take a required minimum distribution from traditional IRAs because it allows them to dodge a big income tax bill on their withdrawals. It is particularly helpful due to the recent tax law changes for people who want to make a charitable contribution but cannot itemize and therefore cannot deduct the gift. The contribution would count as your required distribution but is not included in your adjusted gross income. Talk with your IRA trustee about details or call Jane at the church office for more information.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study



A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam Will resume January 8

Wonderful Wednesday will resume on Wednesday, January 8. **Have a Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year!