



Calendar for December 8– December 14, 2019

Dec 8, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; **10:00 am**, Sunday School;
10:55 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary; **12:15 pm**, Lunch with Santa, Gym
Dec 9, Monday, ELC 9:00 am-1:00 pm, **9:00 am**, Exercise Group, Gym; **10:30 am**, UMW Board
meeting, Room 106; **12:00 pm**, UMW Luncheon; **1:15 pm**, Jean Holtsford Circle, Room 208
Dec 10, Tuesday, ELC 9:00 am-1:00 pm, **12:00 pm**, Stevens Circle, Old Mexico;
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym; **6:30 pm**, Mosaic, Back Forty
Dec 11, Wednesday, ELC 9:00-1:00 pm; **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 12, Thursday, 9:30 am, ELC Christmas Program, Sanctuary; **9:00 am**, Exercise Group, Gym;
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary **Dec 13, Friday, 11:00-12:30 pm**, Ladle of Love

Sermon Outline Key

Promise, potential, Joseph, Nile, negotiate,
response, Mary, wife, courage, your

In Memory of His Life
Ormond Ralph Grimes Jr.

November 28, 2019



Immediate Prayer Concerns

June Longshore Kathy Overton
Joanne Hightower Teleah Cody
Thomas Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's Grandson)
Panthea Nabors (Cathea Poland's mother)
Elizabeth Bishop Stoffel (Terry Bishop's mother)

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Madeline Beck Bill Haller, Jr. Tom Quinn
Ina Davis
Susie Blackman
(Mary Hager's sister)
Gloria Vickery
(Chris Thrasher's sister)
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)



*Gadsden First United Methodist extends
Christian Sympathy to
DeLeath and Gloria Rives in the death
of her sister, Barbara Watts
December 1, 2019*



Memorials and Honoraria

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Suzi Beason, Sarah Shew,
Sara Nolen, and Jane Trotter given by
Sue Roberts.

Week of December 1, 2019

Total Attendance 291 Mosaic 15
Traditional Service 125
Hanging of the Green Service 65
No Thursday Service Celebration Service 80
Sunday School
Volunteer Service Hours 130
People Served 260
General Offering Budget \$14,879.00
General Offering Received \$12,026.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$714,192.00
YTD General Offering Received \$673,157.04

Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: Mike Self
Ushers: * Mike Taff, George Varner,
Phillip Johnson, Davis Varner
Greeters: Lori Varner,
Leslie Johnson, Joanie Leach
Acolytes: Elizabeth Barnes
Children's Church
Celebration: Claire Hedgspeth
Tradition: Allison Casey
***Head Usher**

**Welcome to
our church
family!**



Redia Brooks
Bessie "BJ" Crow
Jane Gargus
Crystal Cornett
Zach and Stacy Hilburn

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

Birthdays.....

Dec 8 Benilda Kelley
Dec 9 Caroline Culp
Dec 10 Debbie Hiltz, Debbie Leach,
Jamie Bowers, Bo Hayes, Noah Sherrouse
Dec 11 Mark Swann, Bryant Grizzell,
Sylvia Johnson, Kimberly Hayes, Allison Hayes
Dec 12 Jessica Hopper, Sara Freeman
Dec 13 Dick Abel, Danny Jackson, Jon Ford,
Jackson Skelton
Dec 14 Neil Mullin, Gloria Rives, Mike Haney,
Tommy Hiltz

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

Be Bold... In Mission and Service

CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal



Thanks again for supporting CommUnity Thanksgiving!

6782 people served!

132 Vounteer Hours

You gave \$2773.00!

The CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal relies solely on donations from area churches! Thank you for giving!

Reminders for December Mission Opportunities

- ♦ Take an angel from the Angel Tree & return unwrapped gifts (may be placed in gift bags) to the church by December 13.
- ♦ Pick up a stocking for a child in three locations around the church-Chestnut St Lobby, Portico Entrance or Narthex. Return stockings by December 13.

Mission and Outreach

Clients served	Sept	Oct	Nov
Ladle of Love	487	458	310
Clothes Closet	215	428	452

Thank You to all volunteers!

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 8 Tradition: Allison Casey
Celebration: Claire Hedgspeth

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 24, 5 pm- Live Nativity

December 27-29-Youth Winter Retreat



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.

For questions or more info, please contact Jane at the church office at 543-8200 or jane@fumcgadsden.org

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
Wednesday, December 4



Wonderful Wednesday, December 11

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: Italian Night

Name _____

Adults _____ # Children _____

_____ December 11, 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



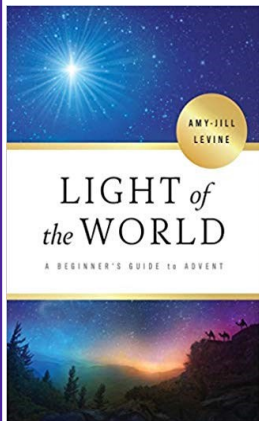
Gadsden First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

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

Poinsettias

Select the Worship Service and Date

Cost \$20.00 each

___ Traditions

___ 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

December 27-29



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, TBA



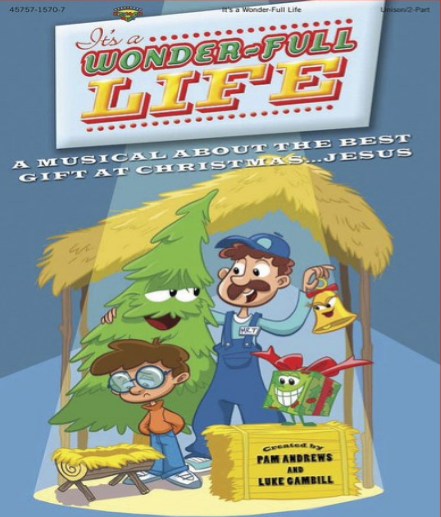
**Lunch with Santa
TODAY at 12pm**

Join us in The Gym for Lunch & Photos with Santa, then join us Christmas Caroling as we share the JOY of the season

Don't Miss These Wonder-Full Children's Ministry Events!

Children's Christmas Musical
Next Sunday, December 15 at 5:00pm

Our Children have been working hard to learn their lines and songs to tell this Wonder-Full Story about what life would be like without the Birth of Jesus! Don't miss it! Immediately following the performance, there will be a Birthday Party for Jesus, which includes finger foods. A special offering for the United Methodist Children's Home will also be collected at the Musical. Hope to see you there!



**Happy Birthday
JESUS
PARTY**

United Methodist Women

Blessings of the Quilts will be on Sunday, Dec. 8th in both services. This is a ministry of the Quilting Circle who make and donate the quilts 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.