



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

7-2-23 Sermon Notes "Ordinary to Extraordinary"

This week, we begin a six-week journey into "Extraordinary" The series starts with Jesus' extraordinary presence with us in all things, especially when we gather in His name. Jesus taught his disciples about dealing with ordinary circumstances, such as conflict, and in doing so, Jesus promised that he would be with them. This is a promise that the disciples could claim, and we can claim as well. Jesus is "Emmanuel", "God with Us."

How have you experienced Jesus' presence with you? I feel His presence with me as I begin a new chapter of ministry with you at First United Methodist of Gadsden. I feel Jesus' presence in your warm welcome and kindness. His presence has been revealed in the foundation which has been laid by Rev. Sam and Rev. Andy. These are just some of the many ways that I have experienced Jesus' extraordinary presence with me during this season. I hope you feel Jesus' presence with you in this time of transition too! Matthew 18:18-20

Blessings, Rev. Sherri

Meet Pastor Sherri

Sherri is a native of Centre, Alabama. She is a graduate of Jacksonville State and Candler School of Theology. Her previous appointments include First United Methodist Church of Pell City, Eulaton United Methodist Church in Wellborn, Christ Central Church in Rainbow City, and Superintendent of the Southwest District of the North Alabama Conference (Tuscaloosa, Alabama). Sherri is married to Rob Reynolds, of Skowhegan, Maine. Rob currently works at Love, INC (Love in the Name of Christ) a non-profit in Northport. They have two daughters, Rachel (a sophomore at Mississippi State University) and Libby (a high school senior). When not busy with ministry and mom duties, Sherri loves to plan, undertake adventures, and listen to audible books while walking.



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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Morning:

Celebration 9 am* Traditions 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or

on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

ACOLYTES

July 2: Silas Hosey & Luke Barnes

July 9: Anna Kate Casey, Hadley Hedgspeth, & Maddie Tow

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

July 2

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheils Freeman

Traditions: Neil Mullin, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

July 9

Celebration: Eric Wright, Jacob McKiven, Carmen McKiven

Traditions: Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Brad Barnes

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal will resume in August!

Enjoy your summer!

Out of Town on the Weekend?

Come to Thursday Worship!

5:30 to 6:00 pm each week

In the Sanctuary

Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesday
will resume in the Fall!
Enjoy Your Summer Break!

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.

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, **Room 208**
- Pathfinders and Seekers Classes are currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Room 208** Current study of "Me and My Big Mouth" by Andy Stanley.



Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

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>



Have you downloaded the Church APP?

Search: First UMC-Gadsden

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

ELC News

Summer 2023 session is underway. We are having a great time exploring summer themes like the beach, ocean, and camping. Tuesday, June 27th, The Dog House will be here for our first summer lunchbox revolt. Cost for students is \$4.50 for a hotdog, chips and a drink. The ELC will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th but will open on Wednesday, July 5th.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

July 12 Cookout
July 16 Pool Party
July 23 Bonfire

Contact Carmen McKiven for details.

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner will resume in August!

Children's Ministry

Children's Church
Sundays @ 9 am and 11 am



Mission Focus



Clothes Closet Donations of Socks and Underwear

We will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear for men, women, and children during the month of June! Help us fill the **RED BUCKETS** at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Foyer.

Thank you for remembering your Clothes Closet.

—Clothes Closet Team

Save the Date!

Exceptional Persons Party

3 pm Wednesday, July 5

Volunteers are needed!

GFUMC MISSIONS CHRISTMAS IN JULY

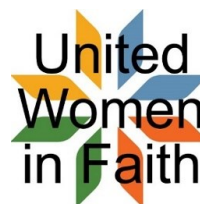
Beginning July 1, Stockings will be available to fill for the Salvation Army for Christmas.

United Women in Faith

Our summer suppers are back!!!

All ladies of the church are invited to join us Thursday, June 29th at 5:30 pm at Las Brisas, 113 N. 7th Street, for Fun, Fellowship, and Mexicana. Dutch Treat! See You There!!

—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.

Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

July open dates are

7/5 and 7/19

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

May 2023

Ladle of Love 366

Clothes Closet 194

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2023



*Preview of Classes
Registration will open July 5!*

Gift to Gadsden

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Members Sharing Their Gifts & Talents

Free Workshops & Introductory Classes

July 24—July 27, 2023

First Session: 6:15—7:30 PM

*Acrylic Painting MTWTH
Casual Cooking MTWTH
Crafts with Katharine MTWTH
Flower Arranging MTWTH
*Fly Fishing MTWTH
Redesigning Jewelry MTWTH
*Calligraphy MT
iPhone Basics MT
Mindfulness Meditation MT
Investment & Finance MT
Olive Oil Benefits 101 MT
Southern Herbal Remedies M
*Yoga for Beginners M
Health Insurance- Supplemental Policies WTH
Wills, Power of Attorney's & Medical Directive WTH

Sharon Dasinger
Harriet Murray
Katharine Barnes
June Styles & Benny Campbell
George Fant
Benny McNair
Robin Wilson
Bob Blount
Karen Owen
Jay Hedgspeth
Jeff J, Tena King & Leslie Johnson
Darryl Patton
Jane Patton
Jackie Brechin
Davis Varner

Fellowship Time: 7:30—7:45 PM

Second Session: 7:45—9:00 PM

Cooking with Kids Age 10 and Over MTWTH
Drama MTWTH
Urban Container Gardening (Vegetables & Herbs) MTWTH
**Jewelry Making MTWTH (Prayer Beads)

Carmen McKiven
Molly Page
Eric Wright
Linda Cleveland

Both Sessions: 6:15—9:00 PM

**Beginning Mahjong MTWTH
Cake Decorating MT
*Crochet for Beginners MT
*Knitting for Beginners WTH
Beginning Pickleball, 2 Nights-Select MT or WTH

Joan Bigelow
Michelle Cothran
Angela Whorton
Angela Whorton
Jana & Mac Downs

Limited Classes—Pre-Registration Required

Register @ 543-8200 or online @ <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/gift2gadsden2023>

Nursery Provided by request with pre-registration only

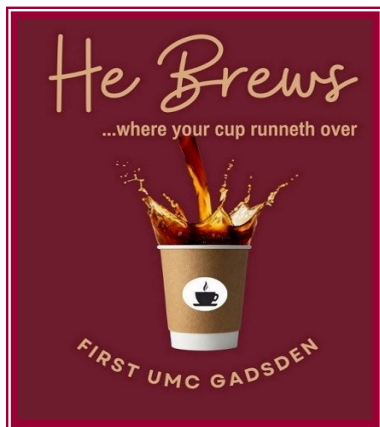
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**** Supplies provided for a fee**



**115 South 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-543-8200**

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Inviting Ministries

Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café
between the Sunday morning worship services,
from 10 am to 11 am.

We can't wait to see you there!!!

Stay Connected This Summer!

Worship Services are Livestreamed on Sunday mornings on the church website, facebook, & YouTube and are available on demand on the church website & Church app.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org

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.

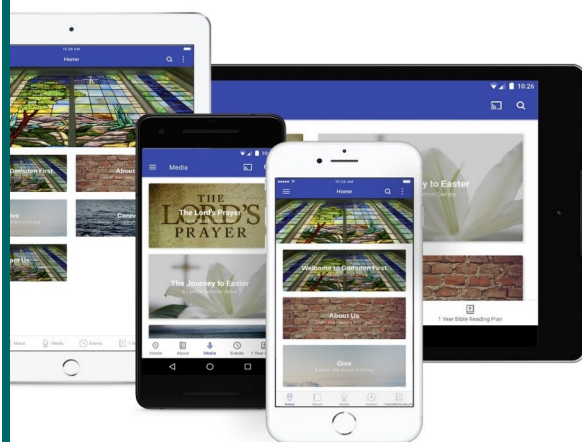
Updates may be sent to
susan@fumcgadsden.org or call Susan in the church office @ 256-543-8200.

Important Deadlines

Information for the weekly announcement sheet is due each Wednesday by noon.

Events for the church calendar are needed one month prior to the event.

All Meetings, Events and Activities must be scheduled in advance with the church secretary, Susan Swann by email or phone, susan@fumcgadsden.org or 256.543.8200. This will allow us to serve you better! We will reserve a specific room(s) for you, ensure that the air conditioning is on, and that there is access to the building.



First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Available in App Stores



Did you know....

That you can reduce your taxes by making a gift from your IRA to your church? An IRA rollover is a simple and easy way for you to use your IRA to help Gadsden First United Methodist Church fulfill its mission.

DOES AN IRA ROLLOVER MAKES SENSE THIS YEAR

If you are like many donors with the new tax law, you could be paying higher taxes this year. By transferring some of your IRA required distribution to the church, you can lower your taxable income and capital gains taxes this year. Check with your advisor to see how an IRA rollover gift could impact your taxes while helping the ministries and missions of the church.

Recently congress authorized IRA Rollover. This means that if you are 70 1/2 or older you can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA. Your gift will qualify for your required minimum distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given from your IRA to qualify.

HOW TO MAKE AN IRA ROLLOVER GIFT TO GFUMC

To make an IRA rollover gift simply contact your custodian and request that an amount be transferred to GFUMC. Your gift could be \$1000, 10,000, 50,000 or any amount up to \$100,000.

Contact Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary to learn more about how you can redirect unneeded IRA income to the church, help further our ministries and mission and enjoy valuable tax savings this year.



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 July 2-July 8, 2023

July 2 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee
11:00 am Traditions Service, Sanctuary

July 3 Monday

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

July 4 Tuesday

Office Closed. Happy 4th of July!

July 5 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet open
3:00 pm **Exceptional Persons' Party, Gathering Room**
6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

July 6 Thursday

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

5:30 pm **Thursday worship**

July 7 Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love



The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Hubert Owen's 100th birthday, which would have been on July 1, 2023, by his family. His life truly taught us to love our God and our country. Happy Birthday, America! And Happy heavenly birthday to our dad!

Dates to Remember

July 2

Pastor Sherri Reynold's 1st Sunday

July 5

Exceptional Persons' Party @ 3 pm

July 24-27

Gift to Gadsden, 6 to 9 pm

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Asher Mae Collins Ken Davis Dawn Rains
Heather Lincoln (Phillip & Leslie Johnson's daughter)
Frances Isbell (daughter of Gordon Isbell)
Annette Jones (Sherri Reynolds' mother)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Rodney Thompson Bibb Holland
Elizabeth Page (sister of Jan Humphrey)
Chris Gunnells (Gail McNair's nephew)

THANK YOU!

Tammy and I would like to thank you for the going away luncheon and for your parting gifts. It was everything we've come to expect from our years at FUMC Gadsden.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sam

Honorariums & Memorials

Howell Erwin Fund

In memory of Jane Bugg, given by Gigi Bugg & Arnold Feinstein

Music Fund

In Honor of Pastor Sam Hayes & Pastor Andy Yarnell,
given by Jan Humphrey.

Birthdays

July 2 Susan McCord, Gene Dean,
Carrie Jones, Gavin Martin

July 3 Todd Rains, Jody Sizemore

July 4 Mitch Dupont, Joyce Culp,
Dr. Kim Whitt, Jackson Camp,

Natalie Blevins, Sadie Anne Smith

July 5 Rhonda Robinson, Clay Smith,
Emanuel Vallejo

July 6 Ted Jones, Mark Echols,
Tate Sizemore

July 7 Jennifer Blount, Lillie Skipper

July 8 Beau Bone, Dohna Hocesvar,
Alex Freeman

Week of June 25, 2023

In Person Total *135 Worship Total 480
Online 345 Thursday Worship *0
Traditions Service *74/179
Celebration Service *61/166
Adult Sunday School *40 UWF *0
Bible Study Groups *6 Misc. *6
Children *15 Youth *11 Nursery *1
Total Small Groups *81 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$9,407.35
YTD General Offering Budget \$332,202.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$301,904.35

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Jill Vincent 6.25.23

We would like to welcome all visitors. Please fill out the pew pad or a connect card when you are visiting so we can let you know how glad we are that you came.