



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

7-23-23 Sermon Notes “Extraordinary Transformation”

Sunday, I had an extraordinary experience of God’s grace. Just before the Celebration service, I received some news that shook me. In previous years, this news would have distracted me from worship and any conversations, and it would have been running through my mind all day. However, Sunday brought a different experience. I absorbed the news, said a prayer, and felt supernatural peace and joy surround me. I knew the peace and joy of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. It took me a while to notice my current state verses what my response would have been at a different time of my life, but when I noticed, I was in awe of the transformation that Jesus has made. Life with the Holy Spirit has changed my life for the better.

Jesus has the power to bring change for the good in all our lives. This week, we pause to explore the ultimate transformation of death to new life, Lazarus’ resurrection. Jesus raised Lazarus from stinking decay to a completely new life. Just as Jesus brought extraordinary transformation to Lazarus, Jesus has the power to make all things new in our world. (John 11:17-44)

*In Christ,
Rev. Sherri*



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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 23: Luke Barnes & Brooks Bone

July 30: Clementine Hilburn & Quinn Darden

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

July 23

Celebration: Bill Haller, Genevieve Corley, Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

July 30

Celebration: Sheila Freeman, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Davis Varner, 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 at 7 am. Beginning July 13, the study will be focusing on leaders of the Bible. Each week the small group will discuss a key leader from the Old and New Testament. This study will conclude September 14.

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 July 2, "Proverbs", by Dominick S. Hernandez, 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. New study beginning July 16, "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton.



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

On Wednesday July 26th, the ELC will finish its Summer 2023 session. We will celebrate with Papa John's pizza and Kona Ice. On Thursday August 17th from 10 am to 11 am, will be the 2023-2024 ELC Open House. All enrolled students and parents are encouraged to come and meet their new teachers and friends

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

- ♦ July 23- Bonfire with Weenie Roast & Smores at the McKivens
- ♦ July 26- Bowling at "The Alley"
- ♦ August 4- Day Trip to Spring Valley Beach

Contact Carmen McKiven for details.

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MEGA NERF GAMES

Wednesday, August 2

GFUMC Gym 5:00

Nerf bullets and safety goggles provided!

Bring your own nerf gun and a
FRIEND!



Blessing of the backpacks
August 6

Fall Fest
October 25

GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 10

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS START BACK
AUGUST 16

FRIENDSGIVING
NOVEMBER 15

Lunch with Santa
December 10

GFUMC Children's Ministry Fall calendar 2023

Rake and Run
October 8

Community Thanksgiving
November 22

Christmas party
December 13

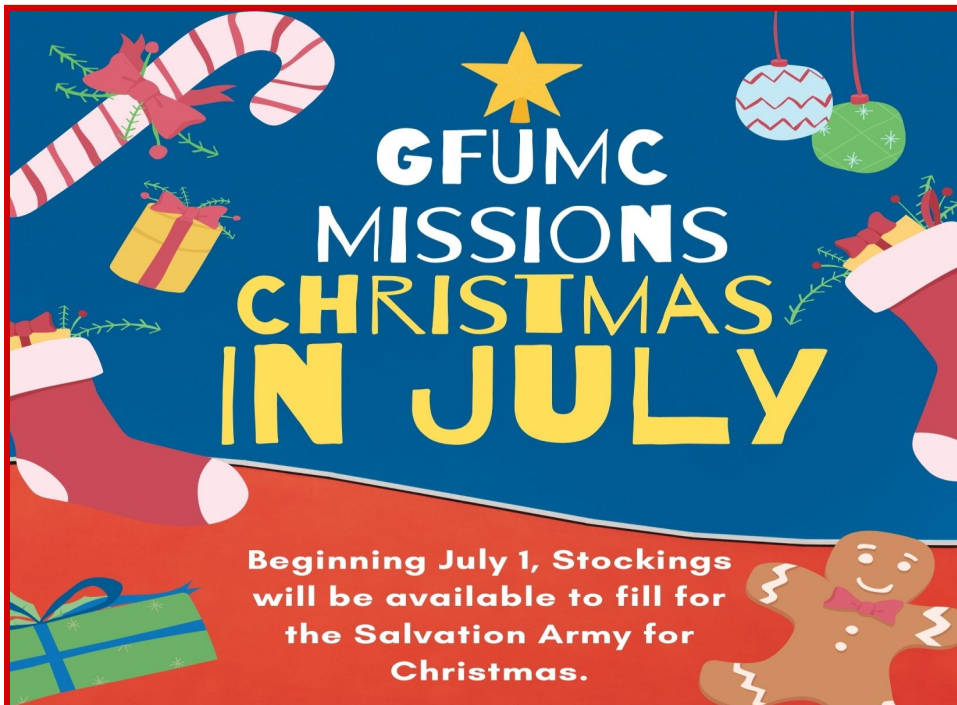
Children's Ministry

Children's Church
Sundays @
9 am & 11 am

July Mission Focus

It's Christmas in July and the GFUMC Mission Team is busy preparing shoeboxes and stockings! Visit the Christmas in July Mission Center in the Chestnut Foyer. Pick up a stocking to fill for a boy or girl—suggested items are on a list and ready for you! Stockings will be distributed locally for children in need at Christmastime. We are also filling shoeboxes for the Mountain Lakes District Shoebox Ministry that will help make Christmas bright for a child in another country! Monetary donations are being accepted to help purchase items and pay for postage for the Shoebox Ministry!

—Thank you, Missions Team



Clothes Closet Donations of Socks and Underwear

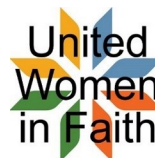
Thank you for filling the **RED BUCKETS** with your donations of new socks and underwear for men, women, and children during the month of June!

—Thank you for remembering your Clothes Closet.

United Women in Faith

Thank you to all UWF ladies and others in our church who brought cookies or refreshments for the "Welcome Reception" for Pastor Sherri Reynolds on Sunday July 16. A big thanks to Joan Bigelow and Barbara Condra for all the hard work you put into making this a special event.

—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

June 2023

Ladle of Love 475

Clothes Closet 258

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2023



**Register Now! Some classes
have limited seating!**

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 2 Nights-Select M or T
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>

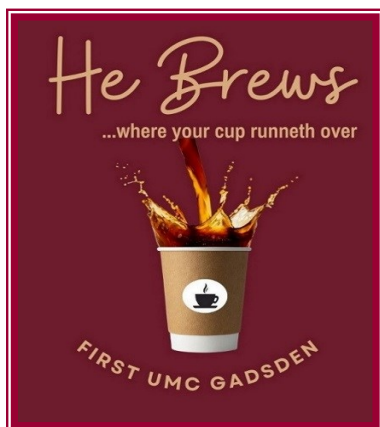
Nursery Provided by request with pre-registration only

***Supplies-you furnish supplies**

**** Supplies provided for a fee**



**115 South 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-543-8200
www.fumcgadsden.org/gifttogadsden**



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.

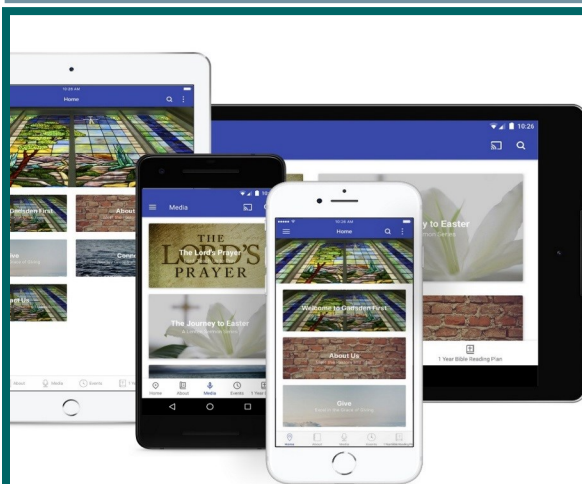
Updates may be sent to susan@fumcgadsden.org or call Susan in the church office @ 256-543-8200.

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.



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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.



Secure Online Giving



Scan the QR Code or
Text to Give: 256-344-8464
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Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

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Mail your tithe or gift: 115 S. 5th Street ,
Gadsden, AL 35901



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Calendar for July 23-July 29, 2023

July 23 Sunday

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

July 24 Monday

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym
6:00-9:00 pm Gift to Gadsden Classes

July 25 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
6:00-9:00 pm Gift to Gadsden Classes

July 26 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
6:00-9:00 pm Gift to Gadsden Classes
No choir Practice

July 27 Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm Thursday worship
6:00-9:00 pm Gift to Gadsden Classes

July 28 Friday

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



The flowers on the altar are given in honor
of Evelyn Pierson's 95th birthday on July 24,
with love from Randy and Fran Lyons, our children and grandchildren.



Save the Dates

July 24-27 Gift to Gadsden, 6 to 9 pm
July 30 Children's Min Meet & Greet w/ Pastor Sherri
August 6 Blessing of the Backpacks, both services
9:00 am & 10:55 am
August 16 Wonderful Wednesdays resume!
5:15 pm Fellowship Dinner
6:00 pm Small Groups for Adults, Youth, and Children
6:30 pm Ice Cream Social



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Immediate Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Asher Mae Collins Ken Davis
Dawn Rains

Heather Lincoln (Phillip & Leslie Johnson's daughter)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Rodney Thompson Bibb Holland
Chris Gunnells (Gail McNair's nephew)
John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)

Birthdays

July 23 Louise Ferguson, Bob Sisson,
Marsha Williams, Cameron Powell
July 24 Evelyn Pierson, Roger Kirby,
Donna Leach, Mary Ryle
July 25 Zane Kimbrough, Audria Wood,
Lauren Penn, Jake Edwards
July 27 Greta Payne,
Chandler Lindsey, Mary Clare Bone
July 28 Billie Hackney, Linton Roberts
July 29 Wayne Payton, Will Brookshire
*Please update your family's record in
the church office to include all dates of
birth. Thank you! —Susan Swann*

Week of July 16, 2023

In Person Total *169 Worship Total 526
Online 357 Thursday Worship *7
Traditions Service *90/190
Celebration Service *72/167
Adult Sunday School *37/1 UWF 0
Bible Study Groups *8 Children *29
Youth *22 Nursery *2 Misc. *23
Total Small Groups *108 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$18,504.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$370,533.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$352,208.00



**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.**