

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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



www.fumcgadsden.org

115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

July 26, 2020

Calendar for July 26-August 1, 2020

July 26, Sunday, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00 am, Living Waters Sunday School, GoToMeeting; 10:00 am, Children's Bible Break, Facebook Live; 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Live Streaming, (join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast); 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

July 27, Monday, No activities scheduled

July 28, Tuesday, 4:00 pm, Trustees; 5:00 pm, Finance Team; 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards; (All meetings at gotomeeting.com); 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard

July 29, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Children's Bible Break, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

July 30, Thursday, 3:00-6:00pm, Return Christmas Stockings to Church, Portico; 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary; 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom

July 31, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico

A MASK is required If you are attending any service or activity at the church.

If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use. During Office Hours (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday thru Friday, you may call if you have a need that we can help with. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call.

*The ministers and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to
Terry and Sheila Bishop in the death of his mother
Elizabeth Bishop Stoffel
July 12, 2020*



Welcome
Alexis McCollum



Give! Your church needs your support now more than ever! Since we have had to suspend in-person worship service, we haven't been able to receive offerings (obviously). We still need your support to keep our awesome church going. You can always do online giving through our secure e-giving site. Go to our church website www.fumcgadsden.org/give or to the App: FUMC Gadsden to find out how or drop a check in the mail to 115 S. 5th street, Gadsden, AL 35901. If you can give something extra during this time, it would really help and be much appreciated!

Call 256-543-8200 (church office) if you need any assistance.

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Dr Adrian Chandler, Mark Swann, and DeLeath Rives, given by Katie Grimes.

Ladle of Love Fund: In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Condra. In memory of Elizabeth Stoffel, given by Bill & Donna Campbell.

Music Fund: In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Sam & Leone Norris. In memory of Carolyn Humphrey, given by Nancy Mullinax.

Altar Flowers Fund: In memory of Elizabeth Stoffel, given by Jim & Barbara Bennett.

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To my church family:

I cannot thank you enough for your prayers, calls, flowers, and cards, remembering and honoring DeLeath. The outpouring of love for him was evident in many ways and felt by his family. I will miss him and our church will miss him also.

With love and appreciation,

Gloria Rives

Birthdays.....

July 27 Greta Payne, Chandler Lindsey, Mary Clare Bone

July 28 Billie Hackney, Linton Roberts

July 29 Virginia Yocum, Wayne Payton, Will Brookshire

July 30 Phillip Johnson, Angela Hood

July 31 Jacob Kelley, Hunter Lowe

Aug 1 Jackie Herlong, Sharon Quinn, Karen Owen, Charles Abney, Steve Parrish, Keith Copeland

Aug 2 Gaynor Griffin



Week of July 19, 2020

Online Viewer Total 533

*In Person Total 44 Total overall 577

Celebration 145 Traditions 158

Mosaic *24 Thursday *20

Youth & College 10 Bible Study Groups 41

Children's online Bible Study 162

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$4,936.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$447,760.00

YTD General Offering Received \$418,505.29

Special Easter Offering: \$8,220.00

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Elizabeth Bishop Stoffel

Family of Tiffanie Wilson

(Daughter of Sherba Griffith)

Nancy Smith



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Butch Herb

John Floyd

Doug Martin

Joanne Hightower

Jane Jones

Ronald Garry

Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)



Look Up

Join Pastor Carrie
on Facebook



Sundays at 10:00am
+
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

- JUL 19+22** LOOK UP KICK-OFF
JUL 26+29 *The Wonder of Creation*
AUG 2+5 *Finding Your Way When You Feel Lost*
AUG 9+12 *God Knows You + God Loves You*
AUG 16+19 *Look Up to God in Prayer*
AUG 23+26 *Jesus is Our North Star Guiding Us Home*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge God, and He will direct your path. PROVERBS 3:5-6*

All Services, Sunday School and
Wonderful Wednesday and activities for
children are postponed until a later
time.



Lessons will be posted on Sundays and Wednesdays on the
Children's Ministry Facebook page.
The theme is "Look Up" with

ELC News

Thank you to all who made our **4K 2020 Graduation** possible. Our families were so excited to participate and have this closure to the 2019-2020 school year. Special thanks to Sheila Freeman for broadcasting the ceremony live through Facebook and on the church's web page, and to Matthew Vance for running sound. You may visit the church Facebook page or web page to view the program now.

We are now preparing for our 2020-2021 school year. Currently, open house is set for **Thursday, August 13th from 10 am to 11:30 am**. Our first day will be Monday, August 17th.



Youth Activities

Join us weekly for devotionals online from the youth directors at Gadsden FUMC, Pell City, Christ Central and Southside

UMC. You can find these devotionals on the youth Facebook and Instagram pages. If you would like to be added to these pages, contact Andy.

Get ready we are planning an in person back to school event with social distancing!

Former Youth- check out our college and career Instagram page to stay up to date with future social distancing gatherings.

Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.



Facebook Live (video) Broadcast: Search for the church Facebook page: @FUMCGadsden on Facebook. Like or follow GFUMC

New:: Live Video Broadcast: Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/media and look for the "sermon player".

On Demand Video & Audio of each of the worship services will generally be available on the

"It's Christmas in Our Hearts!"



It's NOT too late! Fill a Christmas Stocking for a Child!

The GFUMC Mission Team invites you to celebrate Christmas in July! Fill a stocking for a child in need! These stockings will be given to children this Christmas! You can still pick up a stocking and the suggested shopping list at the portico of the church on July 23 from 3 pm to 6 pm.



Fill the stocking with the recommended items and then return the filled stockings to the church portico on either July 23 or July 30 from 3 pm to 6 pm. Members of the mission team will be on hand to collect the stockings.

Christmas in July!

(Please remember the church office is closed, so use the pick-up and drop-off times above.)

United Methodist Women

Well, here we are still in quarantine....Is this ever going to end?

Once again, thanks to everyone for your participation in making our 2020 Auction a huge success!!

Update for UMW summer schedule:

We have been hoping and praying that we as United Methodist Women would be able to meet this summer at a restaurant for dinner so that we could meet for fellowship and food. However, sadly, that is not to be. The number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise so we all need to be staying at home and only going out as necessary wearing a mask. If anyone would like to do a Zoom meeting, we can collect names and schedule a meeting when it is convenient for everyone. Several groups at the church have either Gotomeetings or Zoom meetings going on through this quarantine time. We can make the arrangements as needed. We do not know when we will be able to return to our usual UMW Luncheons. It will depend upon the status of this virus. Watch the newsletter for any updates. Thank you for your part in UMW and may God continue to bless each one of us.

—UMW Board



Journey Groups

All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed.

Watch for updates as some small groups, Sunday school classes and Bible Studies will be offering, FacebookLive or online GoToMeetings.

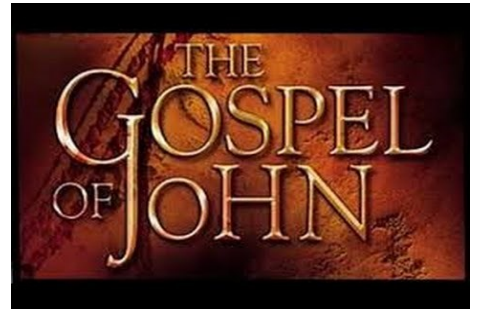
A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm beginning May 27 for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

Facebook Live

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand". Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)



GoToMeeting is a web-hosted service created and marketed by LogMeIn. It is an online meeting, desktop sharing, and video conferencing software package that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients or colleagues via the Internet in real time.

This is a super easy way for GFUMC groups to stay connected, meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study during this time.

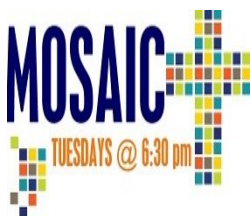
- A GoToMeeting can be joined on your computer, tablet, or smartphone through a web browser or app.
- Participants DO NOT even have to have a computer to be able to participate. A phone number is also provided to call into the meeting.
- Invitations to join the meeting are sent out via email to members.

If your small group or Sunday School Class would be interested in doing a "GoToMeeting" and inviting members to come together online, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

We can easily set up a meeting for your small group, circle or Sunday school. Each group will need to select a moderator or leader and this role can be shared.

Scheduled GoToMeetings:

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)



Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic

**Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard
Facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!**