



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

### 7-9-23 Sermon Notes "Extraordinary Together"

#### Romans 12:3-8

In his letter to the Romans, Paul encourages them to "present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship". He then goes on to share about various gifts which graciously have been given to us by God. Some are given gifts of ministry, teaching, generosity, leadership, compassion, and cheer. All of these are to be used for the work of Christ.

Paul's words challenge us to consider how we present our bodies as a living sacrifice. When we join the church, we are not given a list of ways that the church serves us (The Church does bless us, but that is not the purpose or mission of the church), but we are asked how we will support the church? Our commitment is to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Church is not for spectators, but we are commissioned to be Christ's body for a world to know Christ. Do you pray for the church? Do you attend worship when you are in town and not sick? Do you give generously? Do you serve? Do you share Jesus with others and invite people to church? Do you use your God given gifts to glorify the Lord?

This week, we continue our journey in "Extraordinary". God uses ordinary people like me and you to be the Church. He uses our gifts to show people Jesus. Isn't it extraordinary that the sum of our gifts is truly greater in God's hands?

Blessings, Sherri

*Please join us  
for a  
Welcome Reception  
honoring  
Rev. Sherri Reynolds  
and her family  
Sunday, July 16, 10 am  
in the Chestnut Street Foyer*



Pictured: Libby, Rob, Rachel & Sherri Reynolds.

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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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or

on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

### ACOLYTES

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

July 16: Marit Norris & Sara Kate Thornburg

### Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

July 9

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Jacob McKiven, Carmen McKiven

**Traditions:** Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Brad Barnes  
July 16

**Celebration:** Will Brookshire, Sheila Freeman, Bay Brown

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, 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 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 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

We are continuing our summer session on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will enjoy Papa John's Pizza on our last day, Wednesday, July 26th.

—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

A colorful poster for GFUMC Children's Ministry. It features a large grey bucket filled with colorful beach balls (yellow, purple, pink, orange). To the left of the bucket is a yellow starburst shape with the text "Donate a case of water for our Ladle of Love! Romans 14:19". Below the starburst, a cartoon boy and girl are playing with water guns. The text on the bucket reads: "GFUMC Children's Ministry invites you to **SUPER** WATER Wednesday Summer Family Activity July 12 @5:00".

Donate a case of water  
for our Ladle of Love!  
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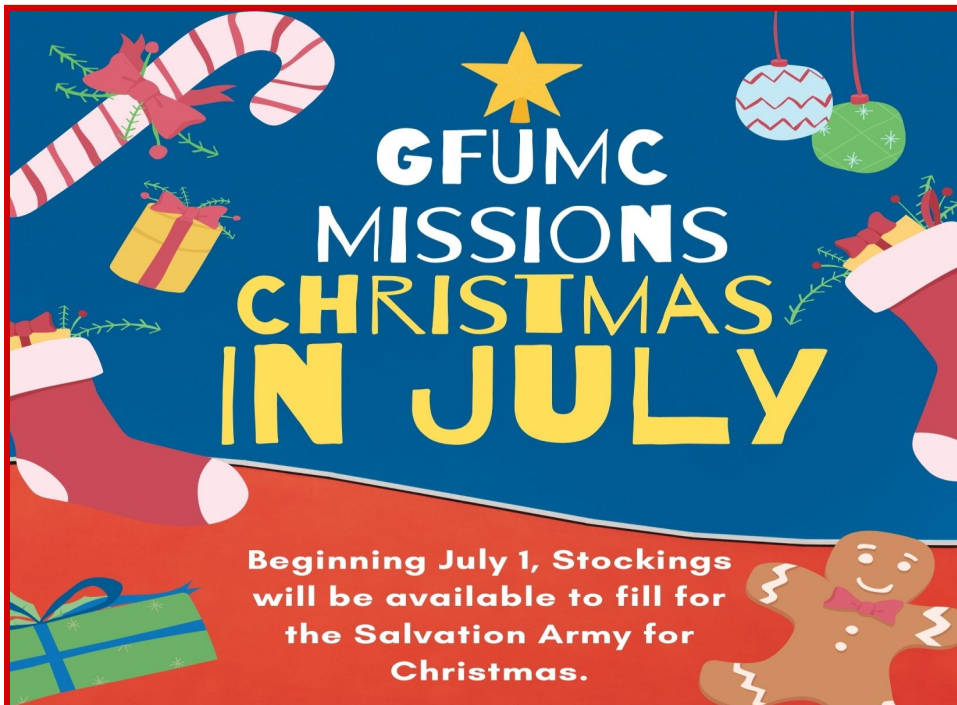
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# July Mission Focus

**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



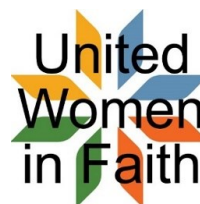
## Clothes Closet Donations of Socks and Underwear

*Thank you 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

UWF will be hosting the reception for Pastor Sherri on Sunday, July 16. Please bring 2 dozen cookies or brownies, or nuts & snack mix or small bottled waters to the church office by Friday, July 14 or on Sunday morning, July 16. Contact Joan Bigelow for more information on how you can help.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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

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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*

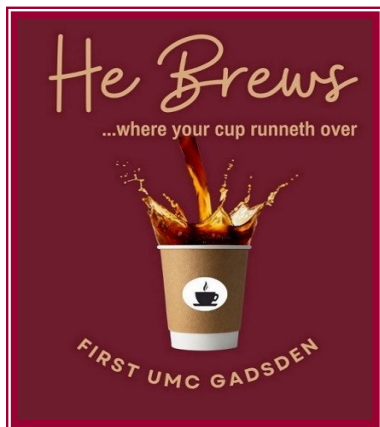
**\*Supplies-you furnish supplies**

**\*\* Supplies provided for a fee**



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

**[www.fumcgadsden.org/gifttogadsden](http://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](http://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.*

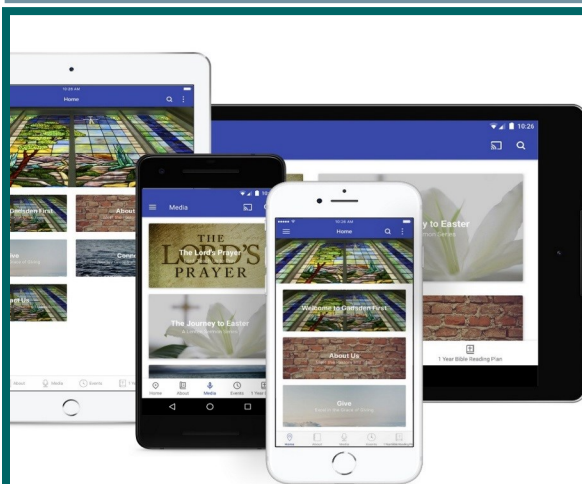
Updates may be sent to  
[susan@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:susan@fumcgadsden.org) or call Susan in the church office @ 256-543-8200.

### 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](mailto: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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## 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  
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

### Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

[www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://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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On the App Store or  
Google Play

## Calendar for July 9-July 15, 2023

### July 9 Sunday

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

### July 10 Monday

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

### July 11 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session

### July 12 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session  
6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

### July 13 Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
5:30 pm Thursday worship

### July 14 Friday

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



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Thank you, First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, for the warm welcome, gracious hospitality, and generous gift. My family and I feel blessed to be appointed to such a caring congregation.  
—In Gratitude,  
Rev. Sherri



### Save the Dates

**Sunday, July 16**

Welcome Reception honoring Rev. Sherri Reynolds

**July 17** Trustees Meeting 5 pm

**July 18** Finance, 5 pm, Board of Stewards 6 pm

**July 24-27** Gift to Gadsden, 6 to 9 pm

**July 30** Children's Min Meet & Greet w/ Pastor Sherri

### *In Memory of Her Life*

*Marie J. Lambert*

*June 27, 2023*



*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.*

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

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

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Rodney Thompson Bibb Holland  
Elizabeth Page (sister of Jan Humphrey)  
Chris Gunnells (Gail McNair's nephew)  
John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)

### **Birthdays**

**July 9** Ann Sims

**July 10** Charles Wells, Denise Lindsey,  
David Wooten

**July 11** Jane Hughes, Ray Macon,  
Lindsey McFarland, Silas Hosey

**July 12** Tate Ogletree

**July 13** Joanie Leach,  
Deborah Masters

**July 14** Keith Murray, Nancy Smith,  
Dr. Ben Hester, Clint Copeland,  
Camille Wigley

**July 15** Esker Mosley, Amy Reaves,  
Jillian Sherrouse, Atticus Selsor

### **Week of July 2, 2023**

In Person Total \*152 Worship Total 560

Online 408 Thursday Worship \*12

Traditions Service \*83/192

Celebration Service \*57/216

Adult Sunday School \*33/1 UWF \*21

Bible Study Groups \*8 Misc. \*0

Children \*9 Youth \*0 Nursery \*2

Total Small Groups \*74 \*In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00

General Offering Received \$21,356.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$344,979.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$323,260.35

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