

**Gadsden
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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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

June 28, 2020

Calendar for June 28-July 4, 2020

June 28, Sunday, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00 am, Living Waters Sunday School, GoToMeeting; 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

June 29, Monday, 6:30 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Carrie, via Zoom

June 30, Tuesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 4:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, Room 108; 5:00 pm, Finance Team meeting, Parlor; 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards meeting, Gym; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, outside in the Green Space (corner of 6th & Chestnut)

July 1, Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open; 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

July 2, Thursday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary; 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom

July 3, Friday, Office Closed; No Ladle of Love

Sunday through Friday at 10:00 am, Children and families join Pastor Carrie on Facebook Live for singing and a Bible Story.

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. Refer to the schedule of worship and times on the calendar. Stay Well. Stay Safe.



Meetings

Tuesday
June 30

Trustees	4:00 pm	Rm 108
Finance	5:00 pm	Parlor
Board of Stewards	6:00 pm	Gym



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.

In Memory of His Life

DeLeath Rives

June 23, 2020



Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund: In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Isbell, III. In memory of Mark Swann, given by Evelyn and Glen Pierson. In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler, Dr. Larry Grimes, Willene Griffith, and Holley Freeman Sparks, given by Sonya Nesbitt.

Ladle of Love Fund: In memory of Mark Swann, Willene Griffith, Dr. Larry Grimes, and Dr. Adrian Chandler, given by Pat and Stan Walker. In memory of Mark Swann, given by Sonya Nesbitt.

Howell Erwin Fund: In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes and Dr. Adrian Chandler, given by Bob and Kathy Sisson. In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler, given by Sam and Leone Norris.

memorials
& gifts

Birthdays.....

Jun 28 Albert Gibson, Jr.,
Lee Pruett, Grace Walton
July 1 Carma Rayburn,
Lauren Blackstock,
Lilly Ostendorf,
Sara Kate Brookshire
July 2 Gene Dean, Susan McCord,
Carrie Jones, Gavin Martin
July 3 Todd Rains, Jody Sizemore
July 4 Mitch Dupont, Joyce Culp,
Kim Whitt, Jackson Camp,
Natalie Blevins, Sadie Anne Smith



Birthday Blessings

Week of June 21, 2020

Total number of Live viewers 451
Celebration 144 Traditions 157
Mosaic 15 Youth & College 0
Children's Bible Story Break 50
Bible Study Groups (4) 65
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00
General Offering Received \$15,704.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$386,000.00
YTD General Offering Received \$365,349.04
Special Easter Offering: \$8,220.00
Text to Give: 256-344-8464
Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of DeLeath Rives
John Floyd Jane Jones
Ronald Garry



For all families who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19. For peace to be restored to our Nation. For ongoing healing.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin Joanne Hightower
Ina Davis Marj Ross Mary Freeman
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)



VBS took place virtually during the week of June 22-26. In case you missed it, you can still join the fun on the church Facebook page.



A love offering is being received for Pastor Carrie as we say farewell and best wishes as she moves to her new church.

You can greet Pastor Carrie and her family on Sunday Morning in a drive-through farewell in the church portico between 10:15 and 10:45 am. Please remember due to social distancing, we ask that you remain in your car. If you would like to drop off a card or love offering, there will be a basket in the portico.

Plans are also being made to celebrate and honor Pastor Carrie at a later date.

All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through June 30.



**Bible Break: 10 am
Sunday through Friday
Facebook Live**



Youth Activities

The amazing students at GFUMC took donuts to the police dispatchers, officers and fire fighters last week.

Parents: let us know the plans for band camp, sports practice at your students school. Our youth group will be bringing popsicles and water to the students this summer.

Join us on Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm in the green space.

ELC News

Summer session began June 2nd and will end July 23rd. We have 28 students participating this summer and have enjoyed getting back to school. ELC Board hopes to host some form of 4K graduation in July. More information to come. Plans are being discussed for the beginning of the Fall 2020-21 school year. *Thanks, Helene*



Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women

Pending the opening of restaurants this summer, the plan is to have a "Summer Fun Night" each month so all the ladies can get together for fellowship. This is the normal way to connect during the summer months.

If you would like to set up a GoToMeeting for your circle, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

UMW Online Auction for Local Missions

Thank you to everyone who supported the UMW Online Auction! From our UMW Circles and members who donated items for the auction, to all of you who bid on items and or helped with the auction in any way, everyone's efforts have contributed to the HUGE success of our auction! So far, UMW's Online Auction for Local Missions has raised \$3010.00 for local missions! **Give our favorite auction host, Pastor Andy a big hand for keeping the energy and excitement level high throughout the evening!** Many local missions in our communities will directly benefit from the auction and all of your contributions are very much appreciated! —UMW



Short Chapters

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Pastor Carrie Jones, June 28, 2020, Celebration-9am, Traditions-11am

Facebook Live (video) Broadcast: Search for the church Facebook page: @FUMCGadsden on Facebook. Like or follow GFUMC on Facebook and allow “notifications” in order to receive an alert when the church is broadcasting on FacebookLive.

Live “Audio Only” 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 church app and website within one hour of services.

One, one, one... Challenge!

Our theme for 2020 is #Connect2020. How do we reach out to each other and stay connected when we are in quarantine and being asked to practice social distancing? It's definitely a challenge, and it can be a bit overwhelming to think of the entire scope of this challenge. We can't reach out to *everybody*. But what if we could do for “one” what we wish that we could do for “everyone?”

When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: “*Ek, ek, ek!*” It is Hindi for “*One, one, one...*” ***She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one. She said, “I can only love one person at a time – just one, one, one. So you begin. I begin. I picked up one person...Just begin – one, one, one.”***

The one, one, one challenge is simple: Make one phone call a day to check on somebody. Just see how they are holding up. Send one text a day to someone just to encourage them. It could be a friend, a family member...anyone whom the Lord puts on your heart. And then write one note a day. It could be a thank-you card, a “thinking-of-you” note...a sticky note you put on your spouse's mirror that reminds them that you care.

Sound simple? It is. Will it make a difference? I believe it will! I would like to see 111 of our church members take the one, one, one challenge. Just think of the power of that connection! If you would like to take this challenge and sign up for one, one, one – please call the church office. I'll be giving updates as we go along. How long will the challenge last? As long as we are being asked to quarantine and practice social distancing. But who knows...we might decide we like doing this so much that we keep it going!

—Pastor Sam



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.

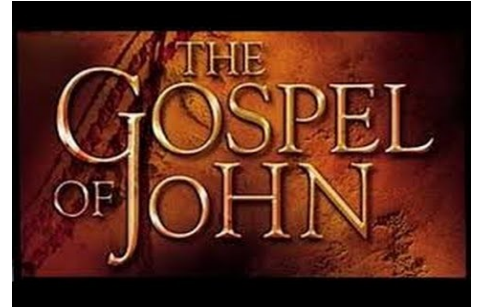
A Study of the Gospel of John

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

Facebook Live

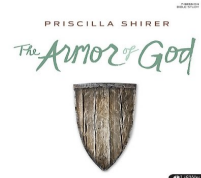
Wednesdays @ 6 pm

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



Women's Bible Study

Participants have expressed an interest in doing another study, therefore beginning June 8, I will lead a 7-week study of Priscilla Shirer's, *Armor of God* on Mondays at 6:30pm. Per the participants request, we will use ZOOM as our online platform. Anyone interested in participating in the study can contact the Church Office or contact me directly via e-mail or Facebook. —Pastor Carrie



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.

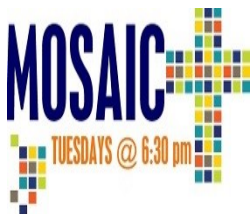
If your small group or Sunday School Class would be interested in doing a "GoToMeeting" and inviting members to come together online, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

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!)
Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards

Email sheila@fumcgadsden.org if you need the link or meeting id.



Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic

Come meet with us outside the church in the Green Space area on the corner of Chestnut & 6th Street, Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!