



Calendar for March 15-March 21, 2020

Mar 15, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; 10:00 am, Sunday School;

10:55 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

Hymns For Hunger has been cancelled

Mar 16, Monday, ELC; 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Mar 17, Tuesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday;

12:00-1:00 pm, "The Walk" A Lent Study with Pastor Carrie, Room 108; 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym;

6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty

Mar 18, Wednesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open; 11:00 am, Wednesday

Morning Bible Study, Room 201; 12:15 pm, Prayer Ministry Team, Chapel; 5:15 pm, Wednesday Night

Meal, Room 201 (Gathering Room); 6:00 pm, Adult Journey Groups, Rooms 110 & 201, Childrens Journey

Groups & Choir, Rooms 102, 106, 108; Youth Activities, 211 & Gym; 6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Rm 100

Mar 19, Thursday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym;

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Mar 20, Friday, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love

Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: Tammy Hayes

Ushers:* George Varner, Mike Piper,
Bill Campbell, Davis Varner

Greeters: Mary Tom Hale,
Sandi Piper, Lori Varner

Acolyte: Allie Haller

Children's Church Leaders:

Celebration: Allison Casey

Traditions: Beth Kelley

***Head Usher**

March 2020

The cards and gifts for Caring Angels will be ready for pickup on Sunday morning, March 15th. Please plan to deliver by St. Patrick's Day. Thank you again for visiting our members and making this ministry happen.



Eileen Graham

MEETING

Pastor Sam will be holding an informational meeting about **General Conference 2020** and the various proposals that will be considered on **Monday, March 30 at 6:00 pm** in the sanctuary of GFUMC.

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
Ada Elizabeth Blount*

March 3, 2020

Parents - Jonathan & L. Whittlee

Grandparents:

Bob & Trisha Blount

Brother: Harrison

Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC



Gadsden First United Methodist extends Christian Sympathy to John and Margie Freeman in the death of their daughter,

*Holly Freeman Sparks
March 7, 2020*



Sermon Outline Key

God, Spider, loves, sinners, sheep, coin, son, redeeming, hurt, faith

Memorials and Honoraria

General Budget: In memory of Sherba Griffin given by Sandra Hunter. In memory of Ann Battles given by Scott & Lisa Dobbins.

Ladle of Love: In memory of Sherba Griffin given by Dottie Rogers.

Howell Erwin Fund: In memory of James Keady given by Kathy & Whit Torbert.

Quilting Fabric: In memory of Hettie Marshall given by Lee Pruett.

UMCOR Disaster Relief: In memory of Sherba Griffin and Holly Sparks given by Dotty Ivey.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin DeLeath Rives
Jane Jones Joanne Hightower
Carol Callis (Gary Dial's sister)
Family of Holly Freeman Sparks



March Birthdays.....

Mar 15 Kelly Carr, Barbara Roberts, Parker Jarecki, G.W. Leach, V

Mar 16 Barry Loveman, Hannah Kennedy

Mar 17 Holly Whitt, Chuck Herb, Eli Hornik

Mar 18 Fred Feist, Adrian Leach,

Mary Elizabeth Edmondson, Benjamin Cornett

Mar 19 Sam Norris **Mar 20** Barbara Bennett,

Tricia Blount, Rex Wilson, John Floyd, Zach Hilburn, Rebecca Abel, Todd MicKiven, Kennedy Jackson

Mar 21 James Worthington, Rob Wilson, Tripp Martin



Week of March 8, 2020

Total Attendance	248	Thursday	28
Traditional Service	125	Mosaic	19
Celebration Service	70	Online	6
Sunday School	78		

Hours Served 190 People Served 380

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$16,257.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$154,400.00

YTD General Offering Received \$128,032.04

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Redia Brooks Ernest McBride
Teleah Cody Tom Quinn
Kathy Ferguson Ina Davis
Juanita Hammons
Thomas Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's grandson)
Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)



Hymns for Hunger 2020 w/Ecumenical Choir

Sunday, March 15, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

Postponed until a later date.
You can still bring donations
for the Etowah Community Food Bank.



Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School 10 am

Preschool-Nursery-Room 115

Grades K-1st-2nd-Room 114, Grades 3rd-4th-5th-Room 106

Children's Church: March 15

Children's Church, Sundays at 8:45 am & 10:55 am

Celebration: Allison Casey

Tradition: Beth Kelley

March Children's Series

REVEALED: Unveiling the Parables of Jesus

An illusionist's motto is "magicians never reveal their secrets." That is because once we figure out the mechanics of how each illusion is performed, the act loses its "magic." Jesus, however, shares with us all the trade secrets of being in a relationship with God and serving the Kingdom of God. Often times, it was through teaching with parables that these "secrets" were revealed, secrets such as:

I can be a part of something big, God will never stop loving me, God made me to do great things, and God forgives me. Of course, kids will quickly learn that these

aren't secrets at all and that they should share it with EVERYONE!

Kids Corner, Wednesdays at 6:00pm



Friends of the ELC Children's Consignment Sale

Come and Shop!

Friday, March 13th from 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday, March 14th from 7:00 am-10:00 am

(Most items half price on Saturday)

Contact Helene Haller to volunteer
for the sale!

There are lots of time slots and ways that you can serve during the week leading up to the sale, during the sale, or by helping with breakdown on Saturday afternoon!



ELC Summer and Fall 2020-2021 Registration Dates

Registration for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020-2021 is under way. For any openings the following date is available:

Monday, March 16th: Open Registration

Questions?? Email Helene at elc@fumcgadsden.org or call 256/543-9500.

United Methodist Women

Mountain Lakes District Prayer Breakfast

Date: March 28, 2020

Time: 9:30-10:00 am registration

Where: **Attalla First UMC**

Registration Deadline: March 25, 2020

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Program will begin at 10:00 am. Please call Susan Minton @256-390-0658 or email

johnandsusanminton@gmail.com. You can pay at the event. Make your check to Mountain Lakes District Methodist Women.



The Joy of Easter:

Celebrate Our Risen Savior Refresh & Retreat

Date: April 4, 2020

Where: **Camp Sumatanga**

Registration Deadline: March 25

Registration forms will be available in the church office.

Last year we celebrated 150 years of UMW. This is a wonderful retreat where we can meet other UMW members, hear the gospel, eat lots of food, have fun and fellowship. Please consider attending.

Youth Sunday School

10 am-Rm 211, The Book of John

Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6 pm, "Dare to Dream"



Sunday, March 22 at 12:30 pm— Movies & Bowling in Pell City



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor Sam

"Renovation—Building a Life with God"

Wednesday, March 18

5:15 pm Church Dinner

Adult Small Groups & Activities for Youth & Children

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, & Breadsticks

\$5 Adults \$2 Children

Name _____

_____ Adults _____ Children

Please make a reservation by Tuesday at 12 pm @ 256-543-8200.

Mark Here for Permanent Reservation _____

Journey Groups for Lent

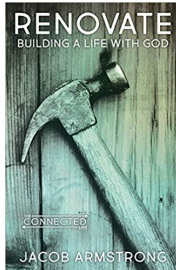
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden
115 S. 5th Street

Get connected and be challenged to take the next step on your spiritual journey.
No matter where you are in your faith journey, may you join with others to grow deeper in your faith.

Wednesdays @ 11:00 am

RENOVATE: Building a Life With God

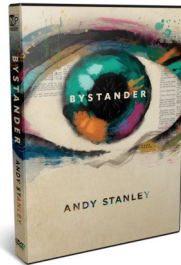
Taught by Pastor Sam at 11:00 and at 6:00 on



Wednesdays,
beginning Wed.
Mar. 4 and ending
Wed. April 8.
Student books
are \$9 each.

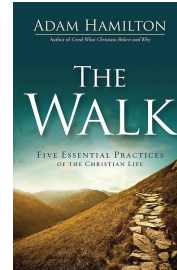
**Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm,
Room 110**

BYSTANDER John & the Rabbi
from Nazareth by Andy Stanley
Lead by Harriet Murray

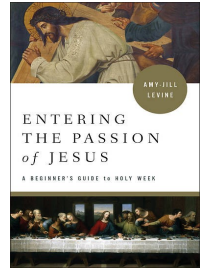



**Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm,
Room 108**

W/ Pastor Carrie
Sundays @ 10:00 AM
Pathfinders: Rm110



Sundays @ 10:00 am
Entering the Passion
of Jesus A Beginner's
Guide to Holy Week
by Amy-Jill Levine





RENOVATE

Building a Life With God

3.1.20- Never Too Late for a Renovation
3.8.20- Crying and Building
3.15.20- What to Know Before You Build
3.22.20- When Others Don't Like Your Plans
3.29.20- Inviting Others to Come Home
4.5.20- The Big Reveal

#Connect2020

*A Sermon Series for Lent
March 1 through April 5
First United Methodist Church
of Gadsden*

Save the Dates:

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday Celebration: Celebration and Traditional Services

HOLY WEEK NOON SERVICES- 12:05 pm to 12:35 pm

followed by lunch in the Gathering Room, \$5 per person

Monday, April 6 – Rev. Roger Thompson

Tuesday, April 7 – Rev. Ron Schultz

Wednesday, April 8 – Rev. Ken Casey

Thursday, April 9 - Rev. Vicki Mann

Friday, April 10 - Rev. Tammy Jackson

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Worship: Holy Communion

Saturday, April 11, Church-wide Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday Worship: Sunrise Service: 6:30 am; Celebration 9:00 am, Traditional, 10:55 am



GFUMC Kids Spring 2020

April 1 - 5:30-7:00pm
Easter Escapade Family Event
journey through interactive stations

April 5 - 10:00am
Palm Sunday Celebration
petting zoo, donkey parade, activities, palm procession, kids singing in Traditional Worship

April 9 - 6:00pm
Maundy Thursday Kids Worship
a special lesson & Holy Communion

April 11 - 10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt
inflatables, games & egg hunt

April 12 - 8:45 & 10:55am
Easter Worship & Children's Church
*Celebrate Our Risen Savior!
bring flowers for the Resurrection Cross*

May 6 - 6:00pm
Last Spring Wednesday Night Class
recap & celebrate all we've learned

May 8 - 7:00pm
MOANA Opening Night
featuring Marit Norris

May 13 - 5:00pm
Church Picnic @ Noccalula Falls
a fun evening with church family

VBS
JUNE 22-25



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What is R.A.M.?

Remote Area Medical is a major nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics. Their mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need. They do this by delivering free dental, vision, and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals. RAM will open their clinic for two days at Gadsden City High School on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29. Ticket distribution usually begins at 3 am and patients are served in numerical order according to their ticket when clinic doors open at 6 am. Due to time constraints, patients must choose between dental and vision services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. The event is free and open to the public.



Go to www.ramusa.org/event/gadsden for more information and read all about the set up for patients and how to volunteer to help with this event.

Gadsden First UMC will be hosting a dinner for R.A.M. Volunteers on Friday, March 27 at 5:00 pm in our gym. We need volunteers (men and women) to help at the dinner. Please contact the church office @ 256-543-8200 or call Delores Abney @ 256-458-0376 to sign up.

Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps
What: Free medical services
When: March 28 and 29
Where: Gadsden City High School

The North Alabama Conference Historical Society Spring Meeting March 14, 2020

Trinity United Methodist Church
1400 Oxmoor Rd., Homewood, AL.

Registration is at 9:00 am, with the program beginning at 9:45 am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10.00 for each person. Please mail your reservation form and payment for lunch by Saturday, March 7. Registration forms are available in the GFUMC Church Office. The program will be presented by Bishop Wallace-Padgett who will give an overview of her 8 years as leader of our conference. Steve Lyles will present his thoughts on Conference, District, and Local Church Lay Leaders. The history of Trinity UMC will also be discussed by a member of the staff, Rev. Bobby Scales.

Please see the membership secretary, Chester Jolly or Treasurer, Geneva Blackburn if you have not paid your dues or if you have not become a member.