Gadsden First News

#### 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

March 29, 2020

#### Calendar for March 29-April 4, 2020

There are no Church services or activities <u>through</u> April 5th. This will be assessed weekly and passed along through email, facebook, and telephone messaging. The Church is closed during this time. During Office Hours (8:00-4:00) Monday-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.

Mar 29, Sunday, 11:00 am, Worship Live Streaming Service (join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast.)

Mar 30. Monday. ELC Closed until April 6

Mar 31, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Facebook Live Streaming with Pastor Andy; 6:30 pm, Online Bible Study, "The Walk" with Pastor Carrie Apr 1, Wednesday, No Activities at the church; 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Apr 2, Thursday, No Thursday Worship- Listen to the weekly sermon audio via the app or website at any time.

Apr 3, Friday, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love, Sack Lunches, Portico entrance.



**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 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 <a href="www.fumcgadsden.org/give">www.fumcgadsden.org/give</a> or to the <a href="App: FUMC Gadsden">App: FUMC Gadsden</a> 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.

#### MISSION MOMENT

As your Mission Team is staying in and following guidelines to stay healthy, there is something exciting happening. We have a group of ladies sewing to make much needed masks for our hospital workers that are working the front lines for all of us! If you sew, and would like to help with this wonderful project please contact Eileen Graham at 256-399-1932.

Also there may be opportunities coming that we can pick up and deliver groceries with no contact, for our members who are unable to go out. If you would like to help with this mission, please call the church office and your name will be put on the Grocery Delivery list. (256-543-8200)

More to come later as the needs arise!

## General Conference 2020 has been postponed.

The meeting with Pastor Sam Hayes about General Conference set for March 30 has also been postponed.

#### Memorials and Honoraria

#### **Howell Erwin Medical Fund:**

In memory of Holly Freeman Sparks, given by Alan and Ginger Ross.

#### **Music Fund:**

In memory of Hazel Oliver and Jane Trotter given by DeLeath and Gloria Rives.

#### Birthdays.....

Mar 31 Jennifer Ross Smith Apr 1 Barbara Sheffield,

Kylar Greer

Apr 2 Mike McCartney,

Kathy Sisson, Lucca McNair

Apr 3 Cleve Estis,

Desiree Hood

Apr 4 Maddie Hall



#### Week of March 22, 2020

#### All Services Live Streamed

Sunday Service 168 viewers
Children's Bible Story Time 90 daily viewers
Mosaic 50 viewers Youth 15
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00
General Offering Received \$3,865.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$185,280.00

YTD General Offering Received \$137,641.04

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

#### Immediate Praver Concerns

Doug Martin DeLeath Rives
Jane Jones Asher Mae Collins



#### **Continuing Prayer Concerns**

I Joanne Hightower Redia Brooks
Teleah Cody Tom Quinn
Ina Davis Marj Ross
Carol Callis (Gary Dial's sister)

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)

#### #GFUMCConnect2020

Website: www.fumcgadsden.org
App: First UMC-Gadsden
Available for iPhone and Android









Subscribe to the 3D by emailing Sheila@fumcgadsden.org and you will receive the 3D Devotional, weekly sermon notes daily in your inbox!

In addition, you can receive the weekly news bulletin by email! Go to www.fumcgadsden.org and update your information with the church office or email: susan@fumcgadsden.org and we will add you to the email list for the church news.

The sermon player for the live audio broadcast of the sermon is located at the bottom of the page @ www.fumcgadsden/media. If you need assistance with downloading the App or finding the audio livestream or sermons on our website or app, please call Sheila @ 256-490-5018.

All Services , Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through March 31.



Hey Families! We find ourselves in an interesting place right now, however my prayer is that we can approach it as an opportunity to strengthen our families and our faith, rather than allowing fear or frustration to overtake us.

With that in mind, starting March 18, I will livestream a daily "Bible Break" at 10:00am on FacebookLive. Together, we will sing some songs and read a Bible story.



There will also be an interactive component, so be prepared to draw something, do something or search for something. My prayer is that we can cherish this unplanned time with our children, and spend some quality time together with Lord each day!

Pastor Carrie

#### **United Methodist Women**

Mountain Lakes District Prayer Breakfast March 28, 2020, at Attalla First UMC, has been postponed.



#### The Joy of Easter:

Celebrate Our Risen Savior Refresh & Retreat

April 4, 2020, at Camp Sumatanga has been postponed.

**UMW Luncheon** will be Monday, April 13, at 12:00 noon. The program will be Suzanne Scharfenberg with Habitat for Humanity. Deco/Cleanup is LuVerna Waid Circle. The board meeting will be at 10:30 am.

#### Circle Meetings:

April 13 Jean Holtsford Circle at 1:15 pm

April 14 Stevens Circle at 12:00 noon

April 21 LuVerna Waid Circle at 6:00 pm

#### Friends of the ELC Children's Consignment Sale

Thank you all who came and supported the consignment sale. It sure was a bit different but we feel it was a success.

We had 44 consignors to participate. They brought us over 3,400 items to sell. We sold over 1,500 items with total sales reaching about \$9,400. Proceeds for projects and future sales will be \$3,314. Our



volunteers were awesome and donated over 400 man hours.

#### ELC Summer and Fall 2020-2021 Registration Dates

Registration for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020-2021 is under way. In process of reviewing class lists for openings.

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

Youth Sunday School Postponed 10 am-Rm 211, The Book of John



Sundays & Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join Andy on FacebookLive or Instagram





# Wednesday Morning Bible Study Postponed

"Renovation-Building a Life with God"

# Wonderful Wednesday Postponed through April 6

Updates will be made as more information becomes available.

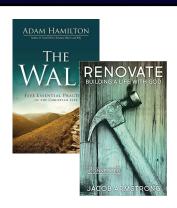


# Lessons From Quarantine Worship Online @ 11 am Sunday 3.29.20

Join us on Facebook Live @
11 am on Sunday mornings.
You can listen through the live
audio broadcast on
sermon.net or the church
website @
www.fumcgadsden.org/media.
Listen anytime to prior
sermons via the church
website:
www.fumcgadsden.org/media
or the church App: FUMC
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Tuesday @ 6:30 pm, Online Bible Study, "The Walk" with Pastor Carrie

Wednesday @ 6 pm, Online Bible Study w/Pastor Sam



# Journey Groups for Lent

All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed
Through April 5

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



# Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday Worship will be online.

## More information will be coming soon!

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

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











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:

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Pastor Carrie, "The Walk", Online Bible Study Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 pm, Pastor Sam, Online Bible Study

