



Calendar for March 8-March 14, 2020

Mar 8, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; 10:00 am, Sunday School;
10:55 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary; 12:30 pm, Children's Ministry Council Meeting;
Mar 9, Monday, ELC; 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym; 10:30 am, UMW Board Meeting,
Room 106; **12:00 pm, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room; 1:15 pm, Holtsford Circle,**
Room 208; **6:00 pm, "Hymns for Hunger" Practice, Sanctuary**
Mar 10, Tuesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 12:00-1:00 pm, "The Walk" A Lent Study with Pastor Carrie,
Room 108; **12:00 pm, Stevens Circle, Room 208; 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty**
Mar 11, Wednesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 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 12, Thursday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym;
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
Mar 13, Friday, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love



Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: Brynn Crain
Ushers:* Brynn Crain, Ken Casey,
George Day, Phillip Johnson
Greeters: Peggy Casey, Dotty Ivey,
Leslie Johnson
Acolyte: Sara Margaret Waits
Children's Church Leaders:
Celebration: Katie Darden
Traditions: Charlotte Rutland
***Head Usher**



Welcome
Amy Reaves
Welcome Back,
Roger and Deborah Thompson

Save the Dates:

Monday, March 30, 6:00 pm, GFUMC Town Hall Meeting
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



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

Memorials and Honoraria

Howell Erwin Fund: In memory of James Keady given by
Steve & Lynn Frederick. In memory of James Keady given
by Jane & Larry Hughes.

General Budget: In memory of Sherba Griffin given by
Carol Thrasher.

Sermon Outline Key

Hide, heart, trouble, broken,
gates, know, fearless, pieces,
comforted, blueprints, OK, else

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin DeLeath Rives
Jane Jones Joanne Hightower
Carol Callis (Gary Dial's sister)



March Birthdays.....

Mar 8 Ricky Young
Mar 9 Scott Whitt,
Madison Watkins
Mar 10 Paula Lang,
Tamara Kirk
Mar 11 Gail McNair,
Dee Dee McLeod
Mar 12 Megan Haller, Clementine Hilburn
Mar 13 Jess Hester, Claire Bone
Mar 14 Delilah Ogletree



Week of March 1, 2020

Total Attendance	448	Thursday	23
Traditional Service	150	Mosaic	19
Celebration Service	80	Online	6
Ash Wednesday Services	170	SS	155
Hours Served	170	People Served	340
General Offering Budget	\$15,440.00		
General Offering Received	\$14,802.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$138,960.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$111,775.04		

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
The concert is free with a donation of non-perishable canned food items. Monetary donations are also accepted.
All proceeds benefit 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 8

Children's Church, Sundays at 8:45 am & 10:55 am
Celebration: Katie Darden Tradition: Charlotte Rutland

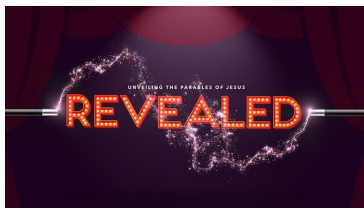
March Children's Series

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

Friday, March 13th from 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, March 14th from 7:00 am-10:00 am

Registration for consignors is still open!

See the church's website for more details.

Volunteer Registration is available online or contact Helene Haller!

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/elc and click on the link to sign up to volunteer. 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 dates apply:

Monday, March 2nd: Church members not currently enrolled
Monday, March 16th: Open Registration

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

Baby Quilts

The **UMW Quilters** are in need of more fabric to continue on our mission to make baby quilts for **Success by Six**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to GFUMC and on the memo line add the words "Quilters". If you would like to purchase materials, please purchase fabric suitable for babies, either girls or boys.



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



United Methodist Women

UMW Luncheon March 9th at 12:00 noon

Speaker will be Katie Ellison-Spring Fling Spring Floral Ideas. She will share spring flower arrangement ideas. Deco and clean-up will be Holtsford Circle. Call Shelby Smith by Friday, March 6, and make your reservation for lunch. 256-442-7117

Circle Meetings

March 9th @1:15 pm, Jean Holtsford Circle, Room 208

March 10th @12:00 pm, Stevens Circle, Room 208

March 17th @6:00 pm, LuVerna Waid Circle, Room 208

March is **Methodist Women's History** month.
Read stories at www.umc.org of women who made a difference in Methodist history.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor Sam

"Renovation—Building a Life with God"

Wednesday, March 11

5:15 pm Church Dinner

Adult Small Groups & Activities for Youth & Children

Menu: Barbecue Pork & Chicken

\$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 and 6:00 pm, Room 201

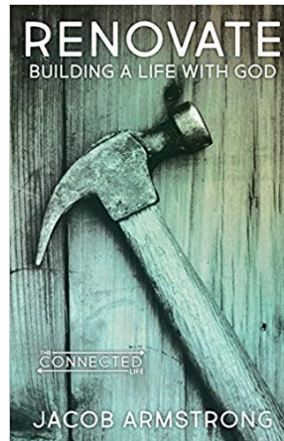
RENOVATE: Building a Life With God

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.

Renovating a house can be an exciting and rewarding experience. But the act of renovation can often leave the house in a state of disarray, causing stress and frustration. In the same way, God wants to renovate your life by altering the "old you" and creating a "new you" with an improved heart. It's not going to be easy, and your life might experience some disarray, but renovating with God is the opportunity of a lifetime.

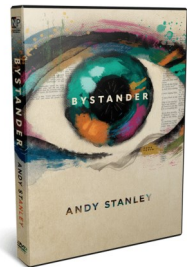
Using the Book of Nehemiah, popular author and pastor Jacob Armstrong explores the physical and spiritual renovation experienced by the nation of Judah. Nehemiah knew that his plan for renovating the wall and gates of Jerusalem would be hard work. But equally hard would be the spiritual renovation of the Jewish people as they returned to their homeland.

Thankfully, spiritual renovation is not a do-it-yourself project. We need God's great power working through us to renovate our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Chapters include:

Never Too Late for a Renovation
It Starts with Tears
What to Know Before You Build
When Others Don't Like Your Plans
Inviting Others to Come Home
The Big Reveal



Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm, Room 110

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

While believing in Jesus gives hope, Christianity is not based on hope or blind faith. It's based on evidence. As an eyewitness to many of Jesus' miracles, the apostle John reminds us that the supernatural feats of Jesus are not just random acts of kindness meant to help and inspire people. They are signs that give evidence for who Jesus is.

Chapters include:

Momma Says
Living As If
Carry On!
Lunch and Learn
Open Eyes
Coexistence
Invitation To Believe

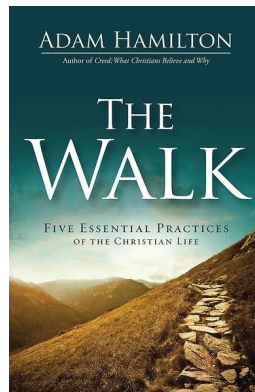
Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm, Room 108

Join Pastor Carrie on your Tuesday Lunch Break (12:00-1:00pm) to study Adam Hamilton's *The Walk*, which focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament: Worship & Prayer, Study, Serve, Give, and Share. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

Books \$15, available for pickup today.

Meeting dates are: February 25, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 31, and April 14.

A simple lunch will be provided (\$5 donation welcomed) in Room 108. Hope to see you there!



Sundays @ 10:00 AM

Examine five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God.

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Join Adam Hamilton this Lent and Easter in *The Walk* and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton's engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices—each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ—its New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church.

Pathfinders: Room 110

Open Doors: Room 209

Sundays @ 10:00 am

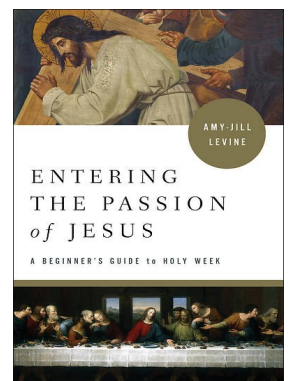
Entering the Passion of Jesus

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine

Dive deep into the history of the last days before the crucifixion.

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move He made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when He entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when He dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed Him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

Living Waters: Room 112



#Connect2020

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

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

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.