

ENGRAVED ON OUR HEARTS

Pastor Andy Yarnell

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

3-21-21

Sermon Notes

Jeremiah 31:31-24 (Common English Bible)

31 The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. 32 It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins. The people of Israel have broken the old covenant that God had with them. The prophet Jeremiah brings the good news of a new covenant that is coming. God is going to engrave his instructions on the peoples hearts. I know that I need more than just head knowledge about loving God and other people. I want God to put a tattoo on my heart that reminds me to love God and neighbor. Who wants to get a tattoo this Sunday? Maybe we will just ask God to engrave his instructions on our heart instead.

—Pastor Andy

Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, online and in person
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
- **Sunday Celebration Worship,** 9:00 am, Sanctuary online and in person
- **Sunday Traditions Worship,** 11:00 am, Sanctuary online and in person

www.fumcgadsden.org/media
or on facebook live:
[@fumcGadsden](https://www.facebook.com/fumcGadsden)

MARCH 28

10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

ONE UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE
GADSDEN AMPHITHEATER

First United Methodist
Church of Gadsden

90 Walnut Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Generosity-Ways to Give

- www.fumcgadsden.org/give
- **Text to Give:** 256-344-8464
- **Mail your tithe or gift:** 115 S. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901



**Show
Love to**



Sumatanga



3/13/21



GFUMC



"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-

12:00pm, at the portico entrance

Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ www.fumcgadsden.org/serve



MARCH MISSIONS UPDATE

GFUMC "Show Love" to the Love Center

The Love Center is a nonprofit shelter for homeless women and families. The Love Center provides food, clothing and necessities for residents as well as assistance with securing employment and housing. Counseling is provided by qualified volunteers.

Please Join Us For a

Kitchen Shower

Palm Sunday, March 28th

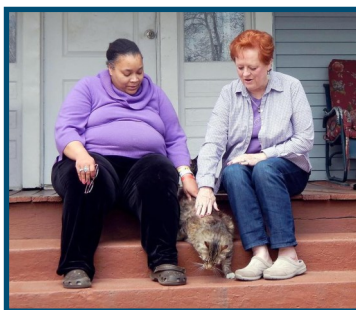
10:A.M.

at the Gadsden Amphitheater

Let's shower them with:

Dawn soap, paper towels, toilet paper, dishwasher pods, hand sanitizer bottles.

There will be Red Buckets positioned around at the amphitheater for collecting items. If you are unable to come on Palm Sunday, please drop your items at the church. Red Buckets will be in the Lobby, Narthex and Portico. We hope to fill their cabinets with these much needed items. —The Mission Team



Church Phone

256-543-8200

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2021

The Alleluia Offering 2021

will be received on **Easter Sunday, April 4**. Consider your gift to this special offering that will help **expand the mission and ministries of Gadsden First UMC in new and exciting ways!** Your Alleluia Offering may be given in the offering plates in the sanctuary or returned to the church office or through eGiving marked **"Alleluia Offering"**.



MARCH 28 10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

90 Walnut Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Gadsden First UMC will celebrate Palm Sunday at the Gadsden Amphitheater.

- One United Worship
- Praise Band
- Sunday Sermon
- Activities for All Ages
- Photo Booth
- Petting Zoo
- Food Truck

**Masks Recommended.
Social Distancing by
Households required.*

Holy Week Services

Holy Week Noon Services will be M-F, March 29 through April 2, from 12:05 PM to 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary—in person and live stream. *No lunch served.*

Guest Pastors:

Monday– Kevin Asbury, Christ Central UMC

Tuesday- Laura Satterfield, Christ Central UMC

Wednesday- Billy York, Christ Central UMC

Thursday- Matt Smith, Southside UMC

Maundy Thursday, 6 PM

Friday- Dee Dowdy, Rainbow City UMC

**Masks and Social Distancing Required.*

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service

Facebook Live

(virtual only)

Worship

9 am and 11 am

In the Sanctuary

In Person and Live Stream

*Masks and
Social Distancing Required.*



GFUMC Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

THE CASEY FARM
108 CASEY DRIVE
GADSDEN, AL 35903



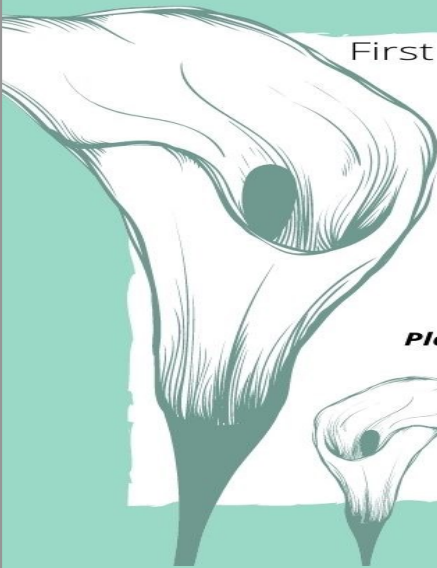
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Easter Lilies for the Altar

Given in Honor or in Memory
of a loved one.

Place your order by contacting the church office
256.543.8200 or susan@fumcgadsden.org

Lilies are \$20.00 Each



GIVEN
____ **IN MEMORY** **OR** ____ **IN HONOR**

OF _____

BY _____

_____ Celebration _____ Traditions

Number of Lilies ____ X \$20.00 = _____ Total

Have you thought about what you are “giving up” for Lent? Not everyone does this, but it is an ancient practice of self-denial for 40 days, helping us to remember Jesus’ journey through the wilderness and the testing that came with it. It is meant to help prepare us for Good Friday and for Easter!

Have you thought about what you are “picking up” for Lent? In addition to giving up something, why not also pick up something? Pick up a few minutes of prayer during your lunch hour every day. Pick up your support of a charity that means a lot to you. Or... pick up an extra devotional for the 40 Days of Lent. Need help with that last one? Pastor Sam will be posting a devotional blog from Fat Tuesday (Feb. 16) and the 40 days following. The Lenten Devotional is entitled, “Weird Is The New Normal,” and will focus on 40 questions from the Book of Genesis. The devotional blog will be posted on the “Home” tab of the GFUMC Church APP and on the church website blog page: www.fumcgadsden.org/blog We pray that picking up this spiritual practice for 40 days will help you on your Lenten Journey!

--Pastor Sam



Thursdays, Men at the Well

7:00 am, Zoom, God’s Word of Life, Daily Bible Readings
Contact the church office for more information.

Sunday Mornings, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting with Ken Case, George Varner & Grover Kitchens



Zoom Study: Lenten Study w/Barbara Condra

Mondays at 6:00 pm: New study for Lent is beginning! Call or text Barbara Condra for codes 256-328-3679. Please join us!

NEW! Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Beginning March 3 w/ Harriet Murray:
“Why Easter Matters” by Andy Stanley, Room 116

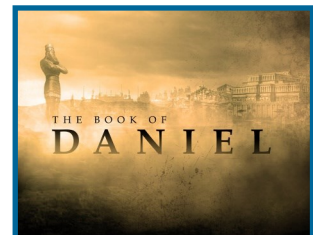
Martin Fellowship Class meets IN-PERSON on Sunday, March 7 @ 10 am, in room 116

Pathfinders Class meets IN-PERSON on Sunday, March, 7 @ 9:55 am in the Gathering Room (#201). Everyone is welcome. Masks and Social Distancing (by family group) guidelines will be followed.
Study: “Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name” by Max Lucado. Leaders: Harriet Murray, Barbara & Mark Condra and George Day. We hope to see you there!

The Book of Daniel

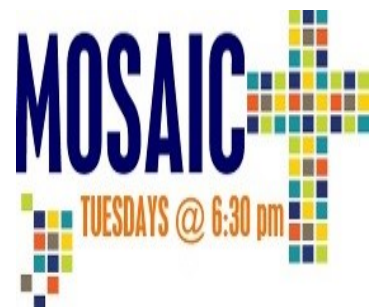
Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Wednesdays @ 6 pm, online, FACEBOOK Live
(Also, available on-demand on the GFUMC church app under the media tab.)



Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic

—A unique worship experience that includes a homily, discussion, and prayer. This service is open to everyone, but is particularly designed for those who have felt hurt or rejected. Check out the Mosaic Facebook Page for weekly devotionals and for updates about in-person worship @ 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the gym or courtyard, depending on the weather.



ELC News

Open Registration began on Monday, March 15th we will be contacting those on the waitlist first. Wednesday, March 24th will be our annual Easter parties and egg hunts; detailed notes went home this week. Spring Break is Monday March 29th through Friday, April 2nd. We will begin our Mother's Day roses sale benefiting the Sara Rabun Johnson Scholarship Fund in April. Watch for more details to come.

—Helene Haller

Youth Ministry News

Wednesday Nights at 6:00 pm

Sunday School at 10 am

Palm Sunday Service @ 10 am at the Gadsden Amphitheater

Upcoming Events:

March 20th-Hike @ Cherokee
Rock Village

April 17th-Kayaking @ Big Wills
Creek

May 8th-Max Cochran 5K run @
Noccalula Falls

May 23rd-Senior Sunday



Join Andy on Facebook Live
or Instagram.

Sunday & Wednesdays, 6pm

Children's Ministry News

Children's Church Family Night:

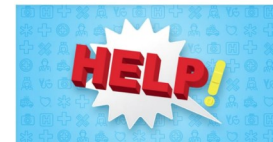
Paint Party

Wednesday, March 24 @ 6:00 in the gym

Families will create works of art with
step-by-step guidance!



*A food truck will be available.



Children's Church, Wednesday's at 6:00

A 4-WEEK SERIES ON MOSES & THE EXODUS

WE CAN ALWAYS CALL ON GOD FOR THE THINGS WE NEED!

God helps us when we're helpless.

Exodus 1:22-2:10

God helps us when we're in trouble.

Exodus 7:14-10:29

God helps us in our weakness.

Exodus 3:1-14

God helps us to help others.

Exodus 15:22-25

"Celebrate Wonder"

Facebook Live in the
Children's Ministry Group
@ 10:00 am
Sunday mornings!

Wednesday Night Children's Church

6:00 pm (in person)
Room 108 & gym

Palm Sunday, March 28

Children: please meet at 9:30 at the back/top
of the amphitheater seating area.

Palm Sunday is March 28, and we will
have one church service at the
downtown Amphitheater at 10:00. The
children will walk down the aisles
waving palm branches as we have in the
past. They will also sing two songs,
Hosanna and Grow in the Grace. We
have been singing and dancing to these
songs on Sunday's and Wednesday's for
a few weeks!— Mrs. Katharine

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**UMW April 12th, UMW Luncheon-GYM
Board Meeting at 10:30am, Gathering Room
Grover Kitchens will be our guest speaker**

The Legacy Endowment Fund Save the Date: March 23, 2021

This is a day of giving, March 23. We set this "Day of Giving" aside to honor our foremothers by giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund. This giving will endure that the United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years. Generous donors have agreed to match gifts received for the Day of Giving.

Ways to Give:

- Online at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/150
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (7 am to 4 pm CST, Monday-Friday)
- Text: 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in the message area
- By check to: United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Endowment Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor

INFORMATION REGARDING UPCOMING REFRESH & RETREAT VIRTUAL EVENT

April 10, 2021-10 am-12 pm

Virtual Event-Refresh & Retreat

Featuring Artist: Krel Buckelew

Join us as he creates art while he speaks with us Theme: Joy of Easter
Celebrate our Risen Savior, Matthew 28: 1,2,5,6a, 7a, 8



North Alabama Conference

Virtual

Refresh & Retreat

April 10th, 2021

10:00 am

Registration Form

Deadline for registration is April 8, 2021

Please notify

woodmyra@yahoo.com

205-790-2886

**To join Refresh & Retreat Zoom
Meeting on April 10, 2021**

Name _____

Address _____

Cellphone # _____ Home Phone # _____

Email _____ Church _____

To Register for the event, please notify by mail or email.
Theresa Richerson 9023 Brookline Lane, Helena, AL 35080
Phone: (205) 637-4760 or (205) 441-3467 or Email: theresaricherson@gmail.com

Calendar for March 21-27, 2021

March 21, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; In person/Online
 10:00 am, Living Waters/Seekers SS Class, GoToMeeting
 10:00 am, Martin SS Class, Room 116
 10:00 am, Pathfinders SS Class, Gathering Room
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook
 10:00 am, Youth Sunday School, Online
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship; In person/Online

March 22, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, gotomeeting
 6:00 pm, Zoom Study with Barbara Condra
 6:00-7:00 pm, Choir Practice

March 23, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule
 5:00 pm, Finance Team, gotomeeting
 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, gotomeeting
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, In person/Livestream

March 24, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule
 6:00 pm, Youth, Room 211 & gym
 6:00 pm, Children's activities, 108 & gym
 6:00 pm, Bible Study, Sam, online, Facebook live
 6:00 pm, Lent Study, "Why Easter Matters" with Harriet Murray, Room 116, in person

March 25, Thursday

7:00 am, Men at the Well Bible Group, Zoom
 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

March 26, Friday

11:00-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Portico

Honorariums and Memorials

Ladle of Love:

In memory of Holly Freeman Sparks, given by Mike and Suzy Haney.

*The flower on the altar is
 In honor of
 Alexandria Leigh Perkins
 March 11, 2021*



*Parents: Adam & Britnee
 Big Brother: Lawson
 Given by the Children's Ministry
 and the ELC*

Immediate Prayer Concerns

June Longshore
 Ruby Christine Poland
 (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)
 Meg (Ryan) Casey (granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Pat Martin Ron Garry George Fant
 Wanda Hemby Ina Davis
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

Birthdays.....

Mar 21 James Worthington, Rob Wilson, Tripp Martin
Mar 22 Mary Hager, James Waid, Harrison Jones, Brooks Bone
Mar 23 Paige Dawson, Christian Rice
Mar 24 Lynn King, Jamie Payton
Mar 26 James Kelley, Jay Dial
Mar 27 Caroline Calhoun, Keegan Powell, Beth Kelley, David Ross



Week of March 14, 2021

*In Person Total *204 Overall Total 486
 Online Viewer Total 282 Mosaic *7/4
 Celebration *36/118 Traditions *53/122
 Thursday *11 Bible Study Groups *27/38
 Youth *15 Children *15
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$11,307.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$167,200.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$127,033.00

2021 Pledges: 72 for \$300,076.00
 Camp Sumatanga offering: \$4,045.00

Tech Team Schedule

March 21

Celebration-Mark Condra, Bill Haller, Brad Barnes, Carmen & Jacob McKiven
Traditions-Matthew Vance, Tammy Hayes

March 28

Worship at the Amphitheater
 @ 10:00 am