

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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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

May 17, 2020

Calendar for May 17-May 23, 2020

May 17, 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
May 18, Monday, ELC Closed through the end of the school year
May 19, Tuesday, 6:00 pm, LuVerna Waid Circle; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Facebook Live Streaming with Pastor Andy; 6:30 pm, Online Bible Study, "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" with Pastor Carrie, via GoToMeeting
May 20, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram
May 21, Thursday, 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom
May 22, Friday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Sack Lunches, Portico entrance

There are no Church services or activities through May 18th per the latest NAC and CDC guidelines. The Church is closed during this time. During Office Hours (8:00am-4:00pm) 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. Refer to the schedule of worship and times on the calendar via Facebook live, GoToMeeting, and Zoom.

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



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.

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Holley Freeman Sparks, by Jack and Connie Brechin; In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Jack and Connie Brechin; In memory of Joe Jones, given by Dr. and Mrs. Elias Ghafary; In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Sandra and Alan Berman; In memory of Patricia McVay, given by Katie Grimes.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Joanie Leach.

UMCOR

In memory of Willene Griffith, given by Dotty Ivey.

Music Fund

In Celebration of the Marriage of David and Tracie Wooten by Alex Holtsford;
In memory of Willene Griffith, given by Marian Ford.

In Memory of His Life

Mark Godfrey Swann

May 13, 2020



*The ministers and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to
Glen and Dee Porter
in the death of Dee's mother
Lucille T. Stephens Chumley*

May 9, 2020



Birthdays.....

May 17 Scott Frederick

May 18 Alex Holtsford

May 19 Joanne Hightower,
Amy Epperson,
Kendall Wasman

May 20 Rose Schmuck, Carol Thrasher,
Martha Gray, Holt Page, Morgan Jones

May 21 Craig Ford

May 23 Don Hiltz, Dallas Moran, Anne
Byram, Owen White



Week of May 17, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 560

Celebration 112 Traditions 152

Mosaic 42 Youth & College 34

Children's Bible Story Break 28

Bible Study Groups (4) 98 Prayer Service: 94

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$33,356.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$293,360.00

YTD General Offering Received \$299,986.04

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Immediate Prayer Concerns

- | Family of Larry Grimes
- | Family of Edie Johnson (Tregg Johnson's mother)
- | Family of Lucille Chumley (Dee Porter's mother)
- | Family of Mark Swann
- | Family of Janice Fortenberry (Michael Fortenberry's stepmother)

Continuing Prayer Concerns

- | Chris Harris Doug Martin
- | DeLeath Rives Joanne Hightower
- | Ina Davis Marj Ross
- | Mary Freeman
- | Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
- | Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)



Senior High Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 17, 2020

In Our Online Services:

Celebration: 9 am

Traditions: 11 am

Mary Clare Bone

Kara Livesay

Cortland Phillips

Sara Catheryne Freeman

Ava Malone

Jackson Skelton

Michael Hayes

Drew McNair

Sara Margaret Waits

ELC News:

- ♦ May 19th, 20th, & 21st, the ELC will host spring pictures along with 4K cap and gown shots. These will be by appointment only. Call or text Helene at 256/458-2812 to schedule your time. Safer at Home guidelines will be enforced.
- ♦ The ELC Board will be reviewing CDC and Alabama Department of Human Resources guidelines regarding opening for Summer 2020 session. The current plan is to make a decision by May 15th. If the decision to open is made, all families who originally committed to Summer 2020 will be given the option to participate or not. More details to come.

All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through June 1.



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.

Join Pastor Carrie for a daily "Bible Break" at 10:00am, Sunday to Friday 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

Circle Meeting:

LuVerna Waid Circle will meet via GoToMeeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. 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.

Let us go forward together to know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

This Just In

For the Record Books: GFUMC Youth beat Pell City UMC Youth in a Family Feud Challenge Match on April 29!

Attention: All Youth, College students, and parents! Send a message of encouragement to the youth during this time. You can send Andy a letter, a video message or record yourself singing a song. They will be posted on the GFUMC Facebook page and Instagram pages. Let us encourage one another! You can even send a message to the younger elementary age kids at church! Invite your friends to join us during our zoom meetings too! Don't miss out on the fun!

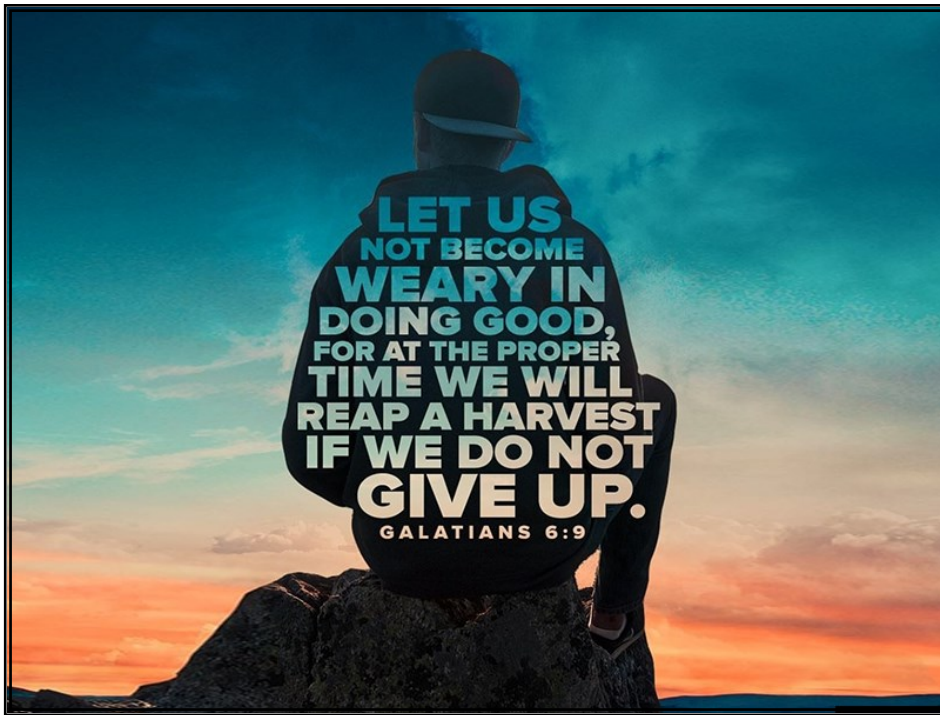


Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm
Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.

Senior Recognition Sunday for graduating high school seniors will be Sunday, May 17. We will honor our seniors in both of our online worship services that Sunday.

Please submit 10-12 photos (from birth to present) of your high school senior for the Senior Slide Show. Email photos to Andy@fumcgadsden.org by Friday, May 8. If you need help please let Andy know.





"Don't Get Tired of Doing Good" Galatians 6:9

Pastor Andy Yarnell

May 17, 2020

9 am Celebration

11 am Traditions

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?"

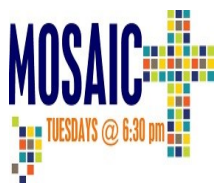
When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: "Ek, ek, ek!" It is Hindi for "One, one, one..." She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one. She 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

ONE		Call ONE
ONE		Text ONE
ONE		Write ONE
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Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic
on Facebook Live on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!

Journey Groups

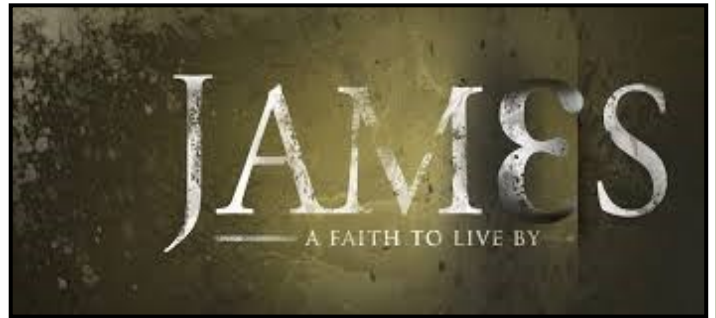
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed through May 18.

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

A Study of the Book of James

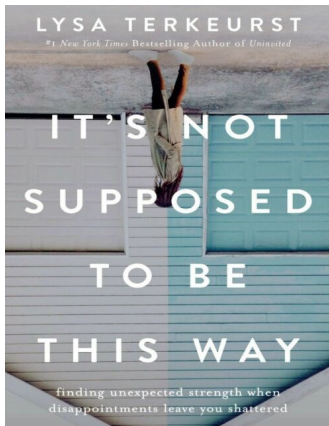
Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 for a study of the *Book of James*. This controversial, power-packed book is filled with practical instructions on Christian living, along with sharp challenges that every Christ-follower needs to take to heart.

Facebook Live
Wednesdays @ 6 pm



Beginning Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm

"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst



On Tuesdays at 6:30pm, beginning April 21, I will lead a 6-week online study of Lysa Terkeurst's book, "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered." Just like many of us, Lysa & I both understand daily disappointments and life-altering loss. The study will walk us through our valleys, and help us discover that in God, we can find unexpected strength as we wrestle well between our faith and our feelings.

The study's video will be shown in each session, however for deeper study, you are invited to purchase a copy of the book. It seems Target and Walmart have the best price (\$12.46) and shipping time at the moment.

Our online platform will be GoToMeeting, which will allow for some limited discussion, which I feel is important in a study like this. If you are interested, please email carrie@fumcgadsden.org and I will invite you to join the private Facebook page which includes all the details. —Pastor Carrie



GoToMeeting

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, Journey Group

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)

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