

IT'S A Party

ACTS 2: 1-18

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

Sermon Notes 5-23-21

It's a Party

Pentecost

Did you notice what happens when the people are filled with the Holy Spirit? They suddenly start interacting with people they normally didn't interact with. Groups of people who had barriers dividing them are now understanding each other. When we follow the Spirits leading, we are inclusive and we are connecting with people we never had before. God's love is for all people and the Holy Spirit will lead us into ministry with all people. Who is the Holy Spirit leading you to connect with?

[Join us this Sunday as we celebrate and pray for our high school seniors.](#)

Acts 2:1-18 NRSV

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. *Pastor Andy*

May 23: High School Senior Recognition Sunday, 9 am and 11 am

May 30, One United Worship Service at 10 AM

Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, online and in person
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship

Celebration Service 9:00 am
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

Traditions Service 11:00 am
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
on facebook live: @fumcgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the service.)

May 23

Celebration: Mark Condra, Bill Haller, Tammy Hayes

Tradition: Matthew Vance, Sheila Freeman

May 30

One Worship Service, 10 am

Will Brookshire, Brynn Crain
Zach Hilburn, Jacob Kelley

ELC News

Our 2020-2021 school year has come to an end. On Thursday, May 13, we hosted our annual end of year program and held 4K graduation. Class parties as well as the 4K class reception followed. We thank all our parents and faculty for a wonderful year. Summer 2021 session will begin Tuesday, June 1st.
—Helene Haller

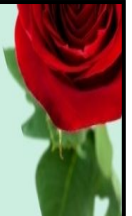
*Watch the ELC end of the year program and graduation on demand on the church website:
www.fumcgadsden.org/media*



2020-2021 ELC 4K Graduates

Mother's Day Roses Sale

THANK YOU TO ALL THE CONGREGATION AND THE EXTENDED JOHNSON FAMILY. WE RECEIVED \$6,670 THIS YEAR TOWARD THE SARA RABUN JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND. WHAT A BLESSING ALL OF YOU ARE. THE ELC BOARD AND FACULTY THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM.—HELENE HALLER, ELC DIRECTOR



UMW NEWS

Our **UMW** May Luncheon was at the **Beautiful Rainbow Café** inside the Gadsden City Library. Chip Rowan and his great staff provided us with a wonderful lunch and delicious dessert. Make plans to have lunch at the Beautiful Rainbow Café, you will not be disappointed.

United Methodist Women will not be meeting during the months of June, July and August for a luncheon. We will try to get together for a dinner at one of our local restaurants each of these months.

Watch the newsletter or from an email/text from your circle leader to keep up with **UMW** information for the summer months.

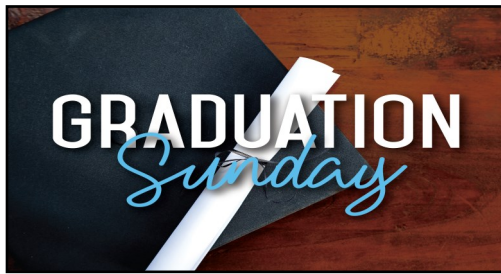


UMW Quilting Circle

Our quilting circle is in desperate need of volunteers who would be able to make baby quilts for Success by Six.

If you would like to help please contact Susan Swann at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email her at susan@fumcgadsden.org





Congratulations Seniors!
May 23 - Senior Recognition Sunday

Coming Summer 2021

Summer service day opportunities– more info coming soon!



Junior High Camp @ Camp Sumatanga
 Dates: June 6-11
 Age: 6th-8th Grades
 Ministers: Andy Yarnell & David Thompson



Youth Ministry News
Wednesday Night Youth Group
 6:00 pm Room 211/Gym



Youth Kayaking Trip: Big Wills Creek

Children's Ministry News

VBS Workshops: Come and help get ready for VBS!

May 23 and June 6 @ 12 Noon until....!

Wednesday Night
Children's Church
 Room 108 & Gym
 6:00 pm (in person)

"Celebrate Wonder"
 Children's Sunday School,
 In-Person,
 10:00 AM

GFUME Children's Ministry invites you to

Discovery on Adventure Island

REGISTER ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE!

Vacation Bible School

June 7-June 10

MAY MISSIONS UPDATE



Fill a Bucket for the Disaster Relief Warehouse

Tornado season is upon us and many of our North Alabama communities have already been hit. ***Please join us as we help UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, replenish the tornado buckets that help bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by these natural disasters.***

Remember to bring your filled bucket back by Sunday, May 30th.

The buckets with the items purchased will be blessed during the services before they are sent to the warehouse.

Thank you for helping us get our Disaster Relief Warehouse ready to share God's love when disaster strikes.

—GFUMC Mission Team



W.E. Striplin Elementary: Our Adopted School

Spring Teacher Appreciation Luncheon— A delicious boxed lunch was delivered to Striplin on May 11 by the GFUMC Mission Team!



GFUMC sent a Letter from the Pastor, Certificates and a Gift Cards honoring each of the 10 Teachers of the Month and the Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021.



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

Church Phone

256-543-8200

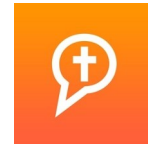
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Please join us as we say farewell to Michael Fortenberry. Michael has been our custodian and door keeper for the past several years and is moving to Birmingham. If you would like to contribute to the love offering that will be given to Michael, please send your check by Friday, May 28. You can make your check payable to GFUMC, and notate that it is for Michael's gift.



RECONNECT

Online Worship Livestream



Sermon.net App
First United Methodist Church of
Gadsden (search ministries)



Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

Worship On Demand

Church App:
FUMCGadsden
(Available in the
App Stores for
Android or iPhone/)



Worship Services are available on demand in the media tap on the app or church website.

Or Church website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media

Follow GFUMC on Instagram: [first_umcgadsden](https://www.instagram.com/first_umcgadsden)
Use our hashtag to Tag and Share your pictures of church activities: [#gfumcreconnect2020](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/gfumcreconnect2020)



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon. She is currently serving as our interim Financial Secretary.

You can reach Sheila Witherspoon at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email at giving@fumcgadsden.org.

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

Life is a journey. The most important part of the journey is our relationship with God and with others. A Journey Group is a small gathering of individuals who help you grow in your loving relationship with both. We invite all people into a relationship with God and seek to create an outwardly focused community of Christ-followers.



Journey Groups are a great way to stay connected to God and with your church family.

Contact the church office to find out how you can connect! **#GFUMCreconnect2021**

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 am

- ◆ Living Water Sunday School Class **IN-PERSON** in the Chapel, room 118.
- ◆ Martin Fellowship Class meets **IN-PERSON** in room 116.
- ◆ Pathfinders Class meets **IN-PERSON** in room 208. Current study is "Never Alone" by Max Lucado.
- ◆ Seekers Sunday School Class— is currently not meeting. Members are welcome to meet with another class until Seekers return.

In-person

Pastor Sam
Wednesday
Mornings @ 11 am
Gathering Room



Online

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

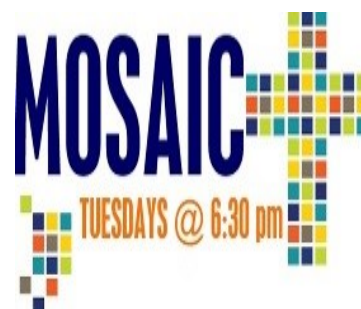
In-Person: Wednesday Nights, 6:00 pm, w/Harriet Murray
"Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado Room 116

Thursdays, Men at the Well

7:00 am, Zoom, Three week study on Bible APP. Wisdom Series on Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job.
Contact the church office for more information.

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 portico/courtyard, depending on the weather.



**A Celebration of Life
for Joanne Hightower**
Sunday, May 23rd at 1:00 pm
Gadsden Country Club



**A Memorial Service
for Marj Ross**
Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 pm
Gadsden First Methodist Church.



Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by Gloria Rives.
In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by Mary Akins.
In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by Gwen Axtell.

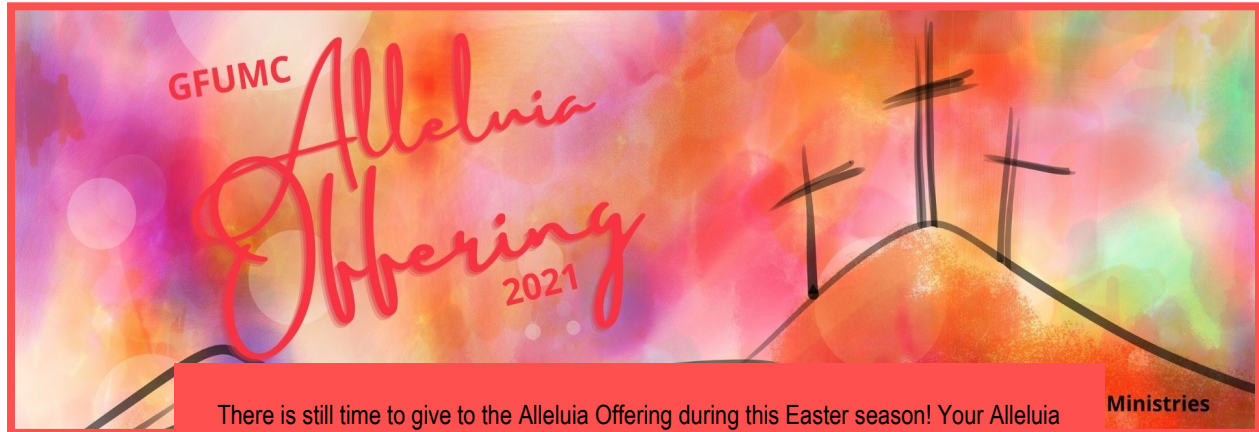
Mission Fund

In memory of Bill Golson, given by Sonya Nesbitt & family.

UMCOR Relief Buckets

In memory of Bill Golson, given by Dottie Ivey.
In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by Gwen Axtell.

*The ministers and congregation of First United
Methodist Church of Gadsden
extend Christian sympathy to
Nancy Smith
in the death of her brother,
Bill Golson
May 7, 2021*



There is still time to give to the Alleluia Offering during this Easter season! Your Alleluia Offering may be given in the offering plates in the sanctuary or returned to the

Consider your gift to this special offering that will expand the missions and ministries of Gadsden First UMC in new and exciting ways in 2021.

- ◆ **New Children's Worship Space** created in room 108 and 106, including a stage, state of the art sound system, monitors and more *and named in memory of Joanne Hightower!*
- ◆ **Technology Upgrades**—Including Permanent Wiring for Our Online Worship Services
- ◆ **Missions**—“**Showing Love**” through our Clothes Closet and “Ladle of Love” Soup Kitchen and to Healthcare Workers, Our Adopted School, Striplin Elementary, as well as, Special Mission Projects like Ohatchee Tornado Relief
- ◆ **Capital Improvements** for the Building and Grounds

***eGiving is available through the GFUMC App: First UMC Gadsden,
or the website @ www.fumcgadsden.org/give or through Text to Give: 256-344-8464.**

Calendar for May 23-29, 2021

May 23, Sunday "Graduation Sunday"

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live streamed
10:00 am, Sunday School, Children & Youth
10:00 am, Pathfinders, Martin Fellowship, and Living Waters Sunday School Classes, in person
11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & live streamed



May 24, Monday

ELC Closed
9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
5:00 pm, Trustees, gotomeeting

May 25, Tuesday

ELC Closed
5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym
5:00 pm, Finance Team, gotomeeting
6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, gotomeeting
6:30 pm, Mosaic, In person/Livestream

May 26, Wednesday

ELC Closed
11:00 am, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Room 116
6:00 pm, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, online
6:00 pm, Bible Study w/Harriet Murray, Room 116
6:00 pm, Children's Activities, Room 108/gym
6:00 pm, Youth, Room 211/gym
6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

May 27, Thursday

ELC Closed
7:00 am, Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom
9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

May 28, Friday

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



Welcome
Kennedy Gibbs-Selsor
Kendra Selsor

*The flowers on the altar today are
given in memory of
Robert G. & Charlie Nell Johnson for their
birthdays this month, given by their family.*

*The flower on the altar is
In honor of
Jeanne Clare Leach
May 12, 2021*

*Parents: Grady & Misun
Big Sister: Josephine (JoJo)
Big Brother: G.W.
Grandparent: Donna Leach*



*Given by the Children's
Ministry and the ELC*

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Bill Golson

Winnie Mae Beasley Jan Humphrey Dot Thompson
Barbara Cook (Loss of her brother, Walter)
Julia Keenum (Peggy Casey's mother)
Meg (Ryan) Casey (granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Dr. Ed Thompson

Virginia Yocum Glen Pierson Collins Tackaberry Pat Martin
George Fant Wanda Hemby Ina Davis June Longshore
Ruby Christine Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)
Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)
Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

Birthdays.....

May 23 Don Hiltz, Dallas Moran, Owen White

May 24 J.T. Harrell, Megan Salazar

May 25 Janis Hudak

May 26 Betty Echols, Ava Staton

May 27 Otis Deason, Joseph Jackson, Emily Sollie

May 28 Jennifer Swann, Anna Harrell, Asher Mae Collins

May 29 Tamiah Hood, Torrance Hood



Week of May 16, 2021

*In Person Total *271 Overall Total 522
Online Viewer Total *251 Mosaic *8
Thursday *16 Sunday School *28
Celebration *60/116 Traditions *88/127
Bible Study Groups *32/8
Youth *16 Children *23
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
General Offering Received \$9,462.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$304,000.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$283,908.00



2021 Alleluia Offering
\$15,588.00
Designated for
Children's Ministry
Room 6,650.00
Total \$22,238.00

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden Congratulates



Sarah Kate Edmondson



Haddon Jarecki



Alyssa McNair

The Class of 2021



Taylor Smith



Isaac Zuniga

Not Pictured

*John Wesley Self
Amara Smith
Nathan Whitt*