

**Gadsden
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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

May 3, 2020

Calendar for May 3-May 9, 2020

May 3, Sunday, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 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 4, Monday, ELC Closed through the end of the school year

May 5, Tuesday, 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 6, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

May 7, Thursday, 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom

May 8, Friday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Sack Lunches, Portico entrance

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

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.

MISSION MOMENT

This week, the mission team is mailing Teacher Appreciation gift cards to the faculty and staff at Striplin Elementary School for a free lunch! Since we are unable to do the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Striplin Elementary School that we sponsor each May, this will be a great way to thank these teachers!



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.

More to come later as the needs arise!

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of

Russell Curtis Hopper

December 23, 2019

Parents - David & Jessica

Grandparents: George &

Joan Hightower

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

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of

Harold George Hightower IV (Harry)

April 16, 2020

Parents - George & Brittany

Grandparents: George &

Joan

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



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.

Birthdays.....

May 3 Sissie Jensen, Carol Rice

May 4 Mike Self, Ralls Pennington,

Allie Rabon Pennington-Wilson,

Trevor Martin **May 5** Jennifer Boyd

May 6 Bethany Phillips, Michael Hayes,
Ava Ray Kelley

May 7 John Ryle, Shaun Malone,
David Whisenant

May 8 Roger Crawford, Linden Newman,
Michael Freeman

May 9 Collins Tackaberry, Logan McClendon



Week of April 26, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 401

Celebration 58 Traditions 66

Mosaic 92 Youth 20

Children's Bible Story Break 36

Bible Study Groups (5) 129

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$12,310.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$262,480.00

YTD General Offering Received \$244,695.04

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Mary Freeman

Mark Swann



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin DeLeath Rives

Jane Jones 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)

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App: First UMC-Gadsden

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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.org/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 May 18.



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, 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



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.

United Methodist Women

UMW Luncheon

May 11 has been cancelled.

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.



ELC News

- Zoom Meetings are taking place for students and teachers to get to see each other and talk via audio/video.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-May 8. The ELC teachers will be honored with a gift card! Make sure to reach out to the favorite teacher in your life!
- More plans are being made to help teachers and students stay connected!

ELC Summer and Fall 2020-2021 Registration

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

"The Voice of the Shepherd"

Pastor Carrie Jones

May 3, 2020

9 am Celebration

11 am Traditions



Facebook Live (video) Broadcast: Search for @FUMCGadsden on Facebook—like or follow GFUMC on Facebook.

Live Audio Broadcast: Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/media.

On Demand Video & Audio 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?"

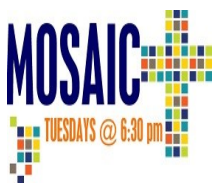
When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: *"Ek, ek, ek!"* It is Hindi for **"One, one, one..."** *She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one.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

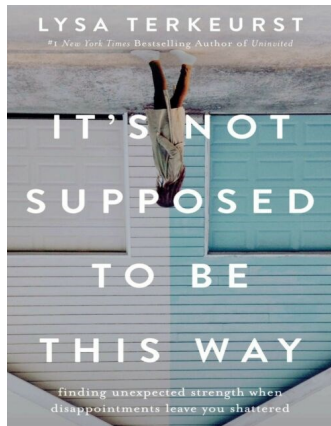
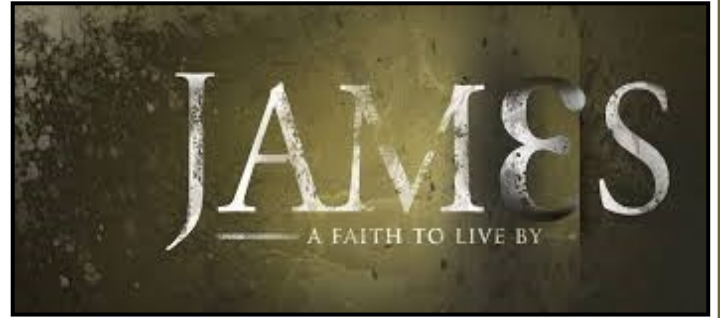
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed through May 18.

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.