



Remember

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

Sermon Notes May 30

"Do You Remember?"

Tomorrow we will celebrate Memorial Day in our country. It used to be known as "Decoration Day," and it is still called that by some folks. Memorial Day originated in the years following the Civil War, but didn't become an official federal holiday until 1971. Many Americans visit cemeteries or memorials that day. Communities have parades...families have gatherings... Did you know that each year on Memorial Day, a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 pm local time?

Whom do we remember on Memorial Day? We remember all those who died in wars in our country from 1775 – Present...a number that, according to statistica.com, adds up to almost 1.2 million people. Will you remember their sacrifice? I hope so. Remembering is a very big part of what we do every Sunday when we gather for worship. I like the way Rob Webber puts it in his book, *Ancient-Future Time*: "Every Sunday is a 'little Easter'...The work of the people in 'doing the Christ event' through memory and hope is the source for personal and corporate formation into resurrection spirituality." Just by the fact that we gather on Sunday – the day Jesus rose from the dead – means that we are remembering.

This Sunday, we will use Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6: 1-8 to remember (1) Who God is (2) Who we are (3) What God can do (4) What we can do.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6: 1-8 NRSV)

I hope you join us at our **10:00 am COMBINED SERVICE** this Sunday!

Pastor Sam

Worship Opportunities

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

Sunday Worship

May 30
One United Worship
Service at 10 AM

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

Tech Team Schedule

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

May 30

One Worship Service, 10 am

Brynn Crain, Zach Hilburn, Jacob Kelley

June 6

Celebration: Mark Condra, Bill Haller, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Matthew Vance, Tammy Hayes



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

Summer 2021

June 7th-10th– Help with VBS

June 16th– Make dog biscuits at church for Humane Society

June 18th–Work at United Way Day of Action at Humane Society



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

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

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Children's Ministry News

VBS Workshops: Come and help get ready for VBS!

May 30 @11 am until.. & 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

CFUMC Children's Ministry invites you to

Discovery on Adventure Island

REGISTER ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE!

DISCOVERY ON Adventure ISLAND

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



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



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

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

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.



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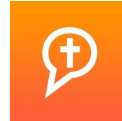
Online Worship Livestream



LIVE



YouTube



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

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

Worship On Demand

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

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

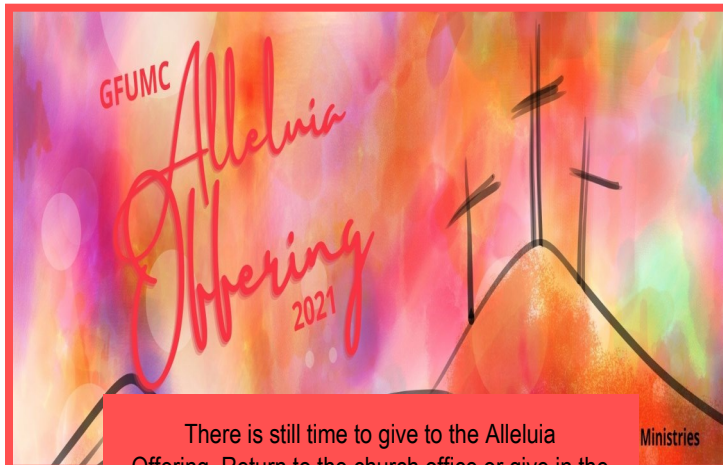


Or Church website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media

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.**



There is still time to give to the Alleluia Offering. Return to the church office or give in the offering plates in the sanctuary.

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

GIVING

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 – In Person

- ◆ Living Water Sunday School Class, “Mysteries of the Messiah” by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
- ◆ Martin Fellowship Class, “International Sunday School Lessons”, Room 116.
- ◆ Pathfinders Class, “Which Way, Lord”, by Rob Fuquay, Room 208.
- ◆ 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.)

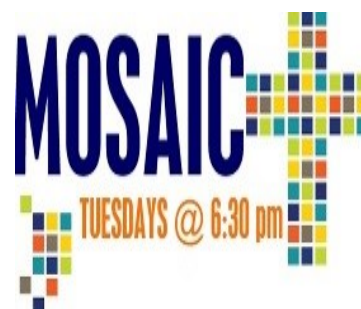
**In-Person: Wednesday Nights, 6:00 pm, w/Harriet Murray
will not meet during June and July. Return in August.**

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

A Study of Parables with Roger Thompson. *Contact the church office for more information on how to join this online study.*

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.



Calendar for May 30-June 5, 2021

May 30, Sunday

10:00 am, One Service,
in Sanctuary & live streamed

May 31, Monday

Office Closed for **Memorial Day**

June 1, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule
5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym
6:30 pm, Mosaic, In person/Livestream

One Worship Service

June 2, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule
9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open
11:00 am, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Room 116
6:00 pm, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, online
6:00 pm, Children's Activities, Room 108/gym
6:00 pm, Youth, Room 211/gym
6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

June 3, Thursday

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

June 4, Friday

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



Welcome
Kiri Weaver



*The flowers on the altar today are in gratitude for God's divine care
and in tribute to the men and women who have loved God and country
enough to risk their own lives to protect our freedom.*

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund: In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by
Ruth Chandler. In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by Jane Gardner.
In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by Jane Gardner.

UMCOR Relief Buckets:

In memory of Marjorie Ross, given by Dottie Ivey.

A Memorial Service for Marj Ross

Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 pm
Gadsden First Methodist Church



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Jack Floyd 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 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 30 Jason Knowles,
Sheila Witherspoon, Grace Anne Page
May 31 Alan Ross
June 1 Clate McGwier,
Carter Thornburg
June 2 Sara Holland, Rebecca Horst,
Carter Rains, Bailey Womack,
Carter Womack
June 3 Dick McCoy, Greg Griffin
June 4 Mary Cowart, Tyler Roberts
June 5 Wells Ford



Week of May 23, 2021

*In Person Total *286 Overall Total 539
Online Viewer Total *253 Mosaic *10
Thursday *15 Sunday School *29
Celebration *57/116 Traditions *126/117
Bible Study Groups *10/20
Youth *17 Children *22
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
General Offering Received \$9,724.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$319,200.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$293,632.00



2021 Alleluia Offering
\$15,588.00

Designated for
Children's Ministry
Room 6,650.00

Total \$22,238.00