



**Calendar for November 17– November 23, 2019**

**Nov 17, Sunday, 10:00 am, ONE UNITED SERVICE, SANCTUARY;**  
9:00 am, Sunday School; 11:15 am, **POT LUCK LUNCH**, Gym; 12:00 pm -1:30 pm, **Choir Rehearsal**  
**Nov 18, Monday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym**  
**Nov 19, Tuesday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty**  
**Nov 20, Wednesday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open;**  
11:00 am, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 201-Gathering Room; 12:15 pm, Prayer Team, Sanctuary;  
5:15 pm, Wednesday Meal, Gathering Room; 6:00 pm, Adult Journey Groups, Rooms 110 & 201-  
Gathering Room; Childrens Journey Groups & Choir, Rooms 102, 106, 108; Youth Activities, 211, Gym;  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Room 100  
**Nov 21, Thursday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym;**  
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary **Nov 22, Friday, 11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love**

**Serving This Sunday**

**Sound Tech:** Wayne Payton  
**Ushers:**\* Bill Campbell, Terry Bishop,  
Grover Kitchens, Mike Piper  
**Greeters:** Sheila Bishop, Gail McNair,  
Sandi Piper  
**Acolytes:** Parker Casey  
**Children's Church**  
Beth Kelley, Claire Hedgspeth  
\*Head Usher

**Newsletter/Bulletin Deadline**

Information for the bulletin/newsletter and worship folders is due by noon on Wednesday each week. This includes all announcements or requests for special inserts.

**Deadlines for Holiday closings**

**Wed. Nov 20-** info for Sunday Nov 24 and Dec 1.

**Wed. Dec 18-** info for Sunday Dec 22 and Dec 29

**Fri. Dec 27-** info for Sunday Jan 5

*Your help in giving us the information to keep our deadlines is appreciated!*

**Counting Our Blessings**

*"For Our Church Family"*

**Sunday, November 17**

**ONE UNITED**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10: 00 am in Sanctuary**

**11:15 Potluck Lunch in Gym**

*(Bring a dish to share!)*

**Sunday School: 9 am**

*Check with your Adult Sunday School Class*

**Schedule Changes for Thanksgiving Week**

**November 24-November 30**

**Monday, Nov. 25,** Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, Nov. 27,** Church office closes at 12 pm. **No Wonderful Wednesday Meal or Small Groups, No Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, Nov. 28,** Church Office Closed.  
**No Thursday Worship**

**Friday, Nov. 29,** Church Office Closed.  
**No Ladle of Love (Soup Kitchen)**

**Memorials and Honoraria**

**Ladle of Love Fund:**

In memory of Jane Trotter and Bobby Bugg given by Dotty Ivey.

**Music Fund:**

In memory of Jane Trotter given by Jane and Sidney Gardner.

**Immediate Prayer Concerns**

Joanne Hightower Bill Hale  
Mark Swann Telea Cody  
Susie Blackman (Mary Hager's sister)

**Continuing Prayer Concerns**

Wanda Hemby (Jill Moran's mother)  
Bill Haller, Jr. Tom Quinn  
Ina Davis Marj Ross  
Ellen Cummans Ormond Grimes  
Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)  
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)  
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

**Sermon Outline Key**

Healthy, sweet, Father, connect, grow,  
serve, All, belong, walls, body, unity,  
diversity, gifts, maturity, equip, Christ

**Week of November 10, 2019**

Total Attendance	243	Tradition	130
Mosaic	23	Thursday	19
Celebration	65	Online	6
Sunday School	73		
Volunteer Service Hours	165		
People Served	330		
General Offering Budget	\$14,879.00		
General Offering Received	\$13,109.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$669,555.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$636,024.04		

**Birthdays.....**

**Nov 17** Zane Lindsey, Will Roach,  
Liz Barnes  
**Nov 19** Connie McEwen, Sam Hayes,  
Adam Walton, Malone Johnson  
**Nov 21** Charles Cantrell, Tommy Lowe,  
Jamie Kelley  
**Nov 23** Jane Norris, Lisa Thornburg



**Sunday's Schedule**

**8:45 am, Celebration**

**10:00 am, Sunday School**

**10:55 am, Traditional Service**

**Monday-Thursday**

**9:00-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule**

**Monday**

**9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym**

**Tuesday**

**5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym**

**6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty**

**Wednesday**

**11:00 am** Wednesday Bible Study

**5:15 pm** Wednesday Night Meal

**6:00 pm** Adult Journey Groups;

Children's Journey Groups

**6:00 pm** Choir Practice

**Thursday**

**9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym**

**5:30 pm Thursday Worship**

**Friday**

**11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love**

**Church Office**

**256-543-8200**

# "Counting Our Blessings"

## NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

Sun. Nov. 17 - "For Our Church Family"

ONE UNITED SERVICE AT 10:00 am in Sanctuary

9:00 AM Sunday School (Check with your adult Sunday school classes for schedule changes.)

11:15 Church Potluck Lunch in Gym  
(Bring a dish to share!)

### Community Thanksgiving Meal

We are asking everyone that can to donate their time and help prepare for this event.

Go to this link to sign up to volunteer on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday @

<https://signup.com/go/nhZzUHu>

Gadsden First UMC will be receiving donations for the cakes again this year! We have made this mission happen each year by buying the cakes that are served with the meal. Make your check payable to GFUMC and mark it "cakes".

Youth & Children from Gadsden First are going on Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am to help with whatever is needed. Our church has signed up for 1:00 pm to slice the cakes.

AND...Now available in the Chestnut St Lobby and entrances—Thanksgiving Bags (w/suggested list attached) to pickup and fill for a family to have a Happy Thanksgiving! These are given to the Salvation Army for distribution each year.

### Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School 10 am

Preschool-Nursery-Room 115

Grades K-1st-2nd-Room 114, Grades 3rd-4th-5th-Room 106

Children's Church- November 17 Beth Kelley and Claire Hedgspeth

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Musical "It's a Wonder-Full Life" have begun - Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm. All children age 3 through 5th Grade are invited to participate. Save the date for our Performance on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00pm.



Youth Sunday School, 10 am-Rm 211

The Book of John

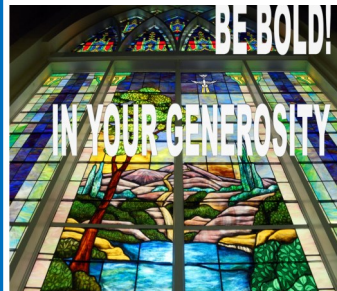
Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm

"Dare to Dream"

November 17-2-4 pm, Media Day with FCA, Gym

November 20- 6:00 pm, Volleyball Game "Young Punks vs Old Grumps"

December 27-29-Youth Winter Retreat



### BE BOLD! 2020

Because you give we are able to do new outreach ministries like Mosaic, reaching new people in new ways with the love of Christ! Because you give we are able to make plans to expand our already-great children ministry, youth ministry, music and missions.

To Date: 57% of 2020 Goal  
Promise Cards Received: 86  
Total Pledged: \$445,745

Be Bold! Be Counted for 2020! Ministry planning for 2020 will begin soon and your response is needed!  
Contact the church office for a 2020 Promise Card!

—Pastor Sam, Senior Pastor —Jay Hedgspeth, Generosity Chair

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study



A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam  
at 11:00 am, Gathering Room

### Wonderful Wednesday and Dinner Nov 20, 5:15 pm

Small Groups for Adults, 6 pm

A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam, Gathering Room

The Redemption of Scrooge by Matt Rawles with Harriet Murray, Rm 110

Small Groups & Activities for Youth : 6:00 PM

Menu: Chicken Fingers 5:15PM, \$5, \$2 Kids <12

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 20, 2019

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12  
\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Reservation



# "Light of the World" Traditions Worship

Sunday, December 1, Hanging of the Green, 5 pm, Sanctuary

Sundays of Advent, 10:55 am, In the Sanctuary

December 1, "The Meaning of Memory"

December 8, "The Promise of Potential"

December 15, "Chancel Choir Cantata"

December 22, "The Journey to Joy"

Christmas Eve Worship, Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm, Christmas Eve Early Worship & Holy Communion

5:00 pm, Live Nativity, Chestnut & 5th St

6:00 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion



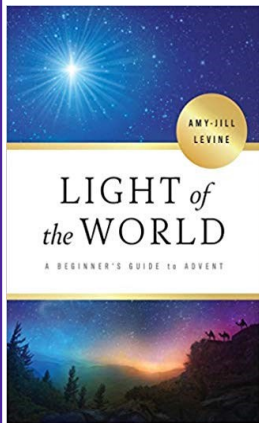
Gadsden First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

## Special Advent Study & Traditions Sermon Series

10:00 AM, Sunday Mornings  
Adult Library, Room 202 (2nd Floor)

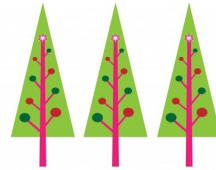
"Light of the World:

A Beginner's Guide to Advent"



In this study, biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. We will look at Christmas through the eyes of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, and the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women's in first-century Jewish culture, etc...

**Books are \$13 and are available in the church office.**



## December Missions & Outreach Opportunities

\*Fill a Stocking for the Salvation Army

\*Buy Gifts from the Angel Tree

\*Give to the White Christmas Offering

\*Shop at the UMW Christmas Boutique, December 1, 8, 15, 22—supports missions around the world.

More Information Coming Soon!

## Advent Studies on Sunday Mornings:



"The Gift of the Nutcracker"  
Pathfinders  
Room 110



"Almost Christmas"  
Living Waters  
Room 112



"Christmas Is Not Your Birthday"  
Seekers  
Room 208

## Poinsettias

Select the Worship Service and Date

\_\_\_ Celebration

\_\_\_ December 1

\_\_\_ Traditions

\_\_\_ December 15

\_\_\_ December 22

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_



**JOIN US ON OUR CHRISTMAS MOVIE ADVENTURE**

**Celebration Worship Sundays @ 9:00am**

**12/1 HOPE**  
Awake, Sleeping Scrooge  
Pictures with Scrooge

**12/8 PEACE**  
Face Your Fears You Filthy Animal  
Pictures with Santa

**12/15 JOY**  
How to Grow Your Heart  
Pictures with The Grinch

**12/22 LOVE**  
If You Just Believe  
Pictures in Your Pajamas

**WEEKLY MOVIE GIFT CARD RAFFLE**

**GADSDEN FIRST Methodist Church**  
Changing Lives Giving Hope

115 S 5th St. Gadsden, AL  
[www.fumcgadsden.org](http://www.fumcgadsden.org)

**DEC 1**  
Disney's A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
JIM CARREY

**DEC 8**  
HOME ALONE

**DEC 15**  
Dr. Seuss' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!

**DEC 22**  
TOM HANKS' THE POLAR EXPRESS

**December 27-29**

**GFUMC YOUTH WINTER RETREAT**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 The Message (MSG)

**The First Ever Youth Group Winter Games Retreat!**

\$100 a person.

Includes lodging, 2 days of breakfasts, one dinner, ice skating, Rock City Christmas Lights, Rock Climbing Wall, etc.

\*\*\* This trip only has 27 spots. Reserve your spot by paying a \$25 deposit ASAP.

Staying in a giant cabin style house.

Contact Andy Yarnell

**Family Mission Project CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal**  
Wednesday, November 27 9-11am  
Join us at The Venue to help prepare for the CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal

**Hanging of the Greens**  
Sunday, December 1 5:00pm  
Join us for a special Children's Minute as we decorate the Sanctuary and learn the Symbols of the Season.

**Lunch with Santa and Christmas Caroling**  
Sunday, December 8 12:00pm  
Enjoy lunch with Santa in the Gym, then join us for Christmas Caroling as we share the JOY of the season.

**"It's A Wonder-Full Life" Musical and Happy Birthday Jesus Party**  
Sunday, December 15 5:00pm  
Rehearsals: Nov 6, 13, 20 and Dec 4, 11  
Come hear the Wonder-Full Story our Children are preparing, and to celebrate Jesus — the Reason for the Season!  
A Special Offering will be collected for the United Methodist Children's Home

**Children's Ministry Christmas Party**  
Wednesday, December 18 5-7pm  
Join us for Pizza, Games, Dirty Santa, and Fellowship with our Children's Ministry Families. Location TBA

**Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight Communion**  
Tuesday, December 24 6:00pm  
The Children will process into the sanctuary & sing Away in A Manger.

**Gadsden First Kids December Schedule**  
115 S 5th St. Gadsden  
[www.fumcgadsden.org](http://www.fumcgadsden.org)



## You Are Invited:

UMW LuVerna Waid Circle, November 19, 6:00 pm, Room 208, Study: "Let it Go"



### The UMW Bake Sale and Christmas Boutique & Raffle for Missions, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> *Buy homemade baked goods and casseroles and shop for Christmas*

**Raffle for Missions:** UMW has a ceramic lighted Christmas tree that we will raffle off on Nov. 24. The tickets are 2 for \$5. You do not need to be present to win. The winner will be announced in the church newsletter dated December 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, all proceeds of the Bake Sale, Christmas Boutique and Christmas Tree Raffle will go to UMW Missions.



**Tuesday, November 25, 11:30 am,** Meet for lunch at Gadsden Variety and return to the church to decorate the Chrismon Tree.



## UMW Christmas Boutique Sunday Mornings, Chestnut Lobby December 1, 8, 15 & 22

*UMW supports missions  
around the world through the  
Christmas Boutique.*

### **Monday, December 9, 12:00 pm, UMW Christmas Luncheon**

*Early Learning Center Children will sing.*

*Poinsettias will be taken to "at-home" members following the luncheon.*



### **Reminders for UMW:**

The UMW Bake Sale is November 24<sup>th</sup>. Ladies please buy or bake 3 items for the bake sale. The Christmas Boutique will also be open on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. This year's Christmas cards will be available for purchase. If you have items you would like to sell please bring them to the church on that date.

#### **UMW Calendar for November and December 2019**

November 24, UMW Bake Sale and Christmas Boutique

November 25, UMW decorate Chrismon Tree, 11:30 am lunch at Gadsden Variety and back to the church to decorate the tree

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 Christmas Boutique (bring items to sell each Sunday)

*Each UMW Circle will be in charge of a Sunday for the Christmas Boutique. Please make arrangements with your circle members to be present during the boutique hours. Each circle leader please contact Jill Moran at 256-393-1996 and let her know what date the circle has chosen.*

*Each Circle please update the UMW Directory for any address or phone number changes. Return the books to the church office (UMW box) or your circle leaders by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Lori Varner will update the directory and have it ready for the UMW January meeting.*