

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Calendar for November 24– November 30, 2019

**UMW
Bake Sale
This Sunday!**

Nov 24, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; **10:00 am,** Sunday School; **10:55 am,** Traditional Service, Sanctuary

Nov 25, Monday, ELC Closed; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym; **6:00-7:30 pm;** Choir Practice

Nov 26, Tuesday, ELC Closed; 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym; **6:30 pm,** Mosaic, Back Forty

Nov 27, Wednesday, ELC Closed; 9:00-11:00 am, **12:00 pm, Office Closed**

Nov 21, Thursday, Office Closed for Holiday; No Thursday Worship.

Nov 22, Friday, Office Closed for Holiday, No Ladle of Love (Soup Kitchen)
Happy Thanksgiving! **No Basketball Practice this week!**

Memorials and Honoraria

Benevolence Fund:

In memory of Dave Wilson given by Susan & Keith Copeland.

Homebound/Caring Angels:

In memory of Jane Gomillion given by Joan Bigelow. In memory of Jane Gomillion given by Jim & Carolyn Mathews.

Music Fund:

In memory of Jane Trotter given by Mr. & Mrs. Mandell Tillman. In memory of Sara Nolen given by Susan & Keith Copeland.

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 & Dec 1.

Wed. Dec 18- info for Sunday Dec 22 & Dec 29

Fri. Dec 27- info for Sunday Jan 5

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

Sermon Outline Key

King, child, homage, you, kid, are, hail, emperor, human, God, what, rescued, redeeming

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)

Birthdays.....

Nov 24 Lori Varner, Dele Cannon
Nov 25 Sandy Self
Nov 26 Butch Herb
Nov 27 Jane Jones
Nov 28 Sally Moss, Lucy Edwards, Kim Reed
Nov 29 Susan Hand, Sandra Hill
Nov 30 Kevin Thornburg, Jake Thornburg



*Gadsden First United Methodist extends
Christian Sympathy to
Tommy & Cathy Lowe & Family
In the death of her Mother
Mary Pauline (Polly) Brunson
November 15, 2019*



*Gadsden First United Methodist extends
Christian Sympathy to
Jacob & Beth Kelley & Family
In the death of her Father
Gary Stephen Vincent
November 14, 2019*



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Joanne Hightower Madeline Beck
Telea Cody
Susie Blackman (Mary Hager's sister)
Family of Polly Brunson
Family of Gary Vincent
Thomas Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's Grandson)

Week of November 107 2019

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| Total Attendance | 217 | Mosaic | 31 |
| One United Service | 160 | Thursday | 20 |
| Sunday School | 0 | | |
| Volunteer Service Hours | 115 | | |
| People Served | 230 | | |
| General Offering Budget | \$14,879.00 | | |
| General Offering Received | \$5,404.00 | | |
| YTD General Offering Budget | \$684,434.00 | | |
| YTD General Offering Received | \$641,428.04 | | |

Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: Matthew Vance

Ushers:* George Varner, Brynn Crain, Phillip Johnson, Jason Knowles

Greeters: Lori Varner, Leslie Johnson

Acolytes: Miller Wigley

Children's Church

Celebration: Charlotte Rutland

Tradition: Charlotte Rutland

*Head Usher

Sunday's Schedule

8:45 am, Celebration

10:00 am, Sunday School

10:55 am, Traditional Service

Monday-Thursday

ELC Closed

Monday

9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

6:00-7:30 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty

Wednesday

Church Office Closed at Noon

No Wednesday Bible Study

No Wednesday Night Meal

No Adult Journey Groups;

Children's Journey Groups

No Choir Practice

Thursday

Church Office Closed

No Thursday Worship

Friday

Church Office Closed

No Ladle of Love

"Counting Our Blessings"

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

Sunday, Nov. 24

"For Christ & the Kingdom"
Christ the King Sunday

Community Thanksgiving Meal

We are asking everyone that can 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.

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 24 Tradition: Charlotte Rutland

Celebration: Charlotte Rutland

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.

It's going to be Wonder-Full!



Youth Sunday School, 10 am-Rm 211

The Book of John

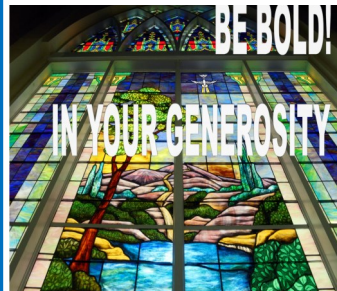
Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm

"Dare to Dream"

November 27-9:00-11:00 am, helping prepare the Community

Thanksgiving Meal at the Venue

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

Will resume December 4



No Wonderful Wednesday on November 27

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Small Groups for Adults will not meet.
 Small Groups & Activities for Youth & Children will not meet.

Wonderful Wednesday will resume December 4.

December Schedule: Wonderful Wednesday will meet December 4, 11 and 18

"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



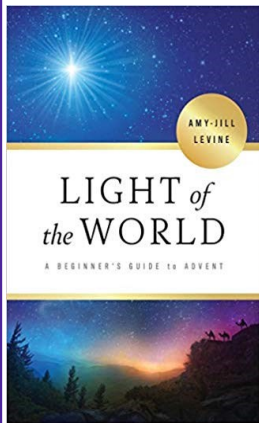
Gadsden First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

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

- ◆ Pick up a stocking from the Chestnut St Lobby to fill for the Salvation Army. Return stockings to the church by 12/13.
- ◆ Buy Gifts for a child on the Angel Tree in the Gathering Room. Return Angel Tree gifts to the church by 12/13.
- ◆ Give to the White Christmas Offering for the United Methodist Children's Home.
- ◆ Shop at the UMW Christmas Boutique, December 1, 8, 15, 22—supports missions.

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
Cost \$20.50 each

____ Celebration
____ Traditions

____ December 1
____ December 15
____ December 22

Donated by _____

____ In Honor of

____ In Memory of

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

DEC 1
Disney's A CHRISTMAS CAROL

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

Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 18
6 pm, Youth Room!

★ **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

You Are Invited:



The UMW Bake Sale and Christmas Boutique & Raffle for Missions, Sunday, November 24th *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 1st. As always, all proceeds of the Bake Sale, Christmas Boutique and Christmas Tree Raffle will go to UMW Missions.



Monday, 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 24th. Ladies please buy or bake 3 items for the bake sale. The Christmas Boutique will also be open on the 24th 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 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 14th. Lori Varner will update the directory and have it ready for the UMW January meeting.

