

# So You Might Remember

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

## Thursday November 16 & Sunday November 19

### Sermon Notes *"So You Might Remember"*

As Moses was instructing the people, giving them the law, he warned them when they entered a land of prosperity, to not forget God. He encouraged them to recall what God has done and give thanks by keeping God's law. Moses knew that it would be easy for the Israelites to be distracted and forget to be grateful. Without remembrance and grateful hearts, it would be easy for them to fail to keep God's commands. So, Moses called them to remember and be thankful. (Deuteronomy 8:7-18)

This Thursday and Sunday, we prepare for Thanksgiving with worshipping God. Isn't this where thanksgiving should start? Worship is adoration and praise of God. A life of thanksgiving is one filled with adoration and praise to God, the source of all our many blessings. This week, I encourage you to not forget to praise God from whom all blessings flow. Like with Moses lesson to the Israelites, remember where God has led you and take stock of the blessings which are before you. As the hymn goes, "Count your blessings and see what God has done." With Gratitude for You, Rev. Sherri

### November Sermons:

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| November 5  | <i>"The Great Cloud of Witnesses"</i> | All Saints' Sunday     |
| November 12 | <i>"Living for the Last Days"</i>     |                        |
| November 19 | <i>"So You Might Remember"</i>        | Thanksgiving Sunday    |
| November 26 | <i>"Preparing for Holy Seasons"</i>   | Christ the King Sunday |

### Advent & Christmas: PREPARE

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|-------------|--------------|--|
| December 3  | 9 am & 11 am | 1st Sunday of Advent   |
| December 10 | 9 am & 11 am | <i>"Preparing for a Perfect Christmas"</i>                       |
| December 17 | 9 am         | Christmas Unplugged, Chapel                                      |
|             | 11 am        | Christmas Music Chancel Choir & Orchestra, Sanctuary             |
| December 24 | 10 am        | One Worship Service  |
|             |              | <i>"Preparing for the Unexpected"</i>                            |
|             | 4 pm         | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service                                |
|             | 6 pm         | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service                                |
|             |              | <i>"Preparing for the Baby"</i>                                  |
| December 31 | 10 am        | One Worship Service  |
|             |              | <i>"A New Year's Covenant Service in the Wesleyan Tradition"</i> |

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### Worship Opportunities

No Thursday Worship November 23

### Sunday Mornings:

Celebration 9 am\* Traditions 11 am\*

\*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

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### ACOLYTES

November 19 Volunteer  
 November 26 Marit Norris

### Security for Thursday Worship

November 16 Mark Casey  
 November 30 Kirk Mabeus

### Tech Team Schedule

#### November 19

**Celebration** Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Brad Barnes  
**Traditions** Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Wayne Payton

#### November 26

**Celebration** Eric Wright, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven  
**Traditions** Davis Varner, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**Sunday SCHOOL**  
**Sunday School Classes for All Ages!**

Children's Sunday School Rooms 108 and 104  
 Youth Sunday School Room 211  
 New Adult Sunday School Room 209  
 Pathfinder/Seekers Room 208  
 Living Water Room 116  
 (Nursery provided for Children under 3)

**SUNDAYS 10:00 AM**  
 FIRST UMC GADSDEN  
 115 S. 5TH ST, GADSDEN, AL 35901

It's Time for **New Beginnings...** Maybe you have never participated in Sunday School or you have been out for a while! **YOU** Belong in Sunday School! Choose a class to visit—there are lots to choose from!



Join Pastor Sherri for **"A Charlie Brown Christmas" Advent Study**

Beginning Wed. November 15

11/15, 11/29, 12/6, & 12/13

Wednesday Mornings @ 11 am

Gathering Room, 201

Wonderful Wednesday @ 6 pm

Room 208

**Prepare and learn this Advent season with "A Charlie Brown Christmas."** This cartoon classic includes the message of Jesus' birth and reminds us of the real meaning of Christmas. Join this study for all ages, which brings the Biblical message of Jesus' birth and deals with the real issues around the holidays. This study uses clips from the cartoon to enhance Biblical study and reflection.

### **Men at the Well Thursday Mornings, 7:00 am**

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the Men at the Well small group. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant at 7 am. Their current study is the "12 Tribes of Israel".

Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.

**Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner 5:15 pm**

**No Dinner on 11/22**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### **Adult Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesdays**

**"A Charlie Brown Christmas" Advent Study w/ Pastor Sherri**

Wonderful Wednesday @ 6 pm

Room 208

**Advent Study beginning 11/15**

**"Why In the World-The Reason God Became One of Us"**

6 pm, Room 110

# Basketball Team Practice Time Requests

**Scheduling Requests for use of the First UMC Gadsden Gym for Youth Basketball practice must be turned in by November 15, 2023.** Once all requests have been received, team practice times will be finalized and approved by the church office. Each team is required to submit the following documents to the church prior to the first practice.

- 1) *Coach's Acknowledgements of Safe Sanctuary Policy and Gym Use Rules*
- 2) *Team Roster*
- 3) *Emergency contact information for Coach and Sponsor.*



The goal of Gadsden First United Methodist Church is to care for children and youth and administer to their needs in responsible ways. This includes helping to ensure their safety with trained security monitoring the building and following our Safe Sanctuary policy. Both help protect participants, coaches, parents, and FUMC from dangerous situations, unforeseen hazards, and potential liability. Therefore, Gadsden First United Methodist Church has instituted new rules regarding the use of the gymnasium for basketball practice. These rules start for the 13-week time period between mid-November 2023 to mid-January 2024.

This policy is for practice only. Member-based teams receive priority over non-members. One-hour practice sessions for basketball are limited to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday nights. The gym is not available for practice on Tuesdays from 5- 6 pm or anytime on Wednesday nights. Church events or other scheduled activities may take priority over basketball practice times. Please refer to the complete GFUMC Facility Use Policy for more information. Effective this season, GFUMC is asking for a one-time, minimum donation of \$500 from each basketball team for the season. Any additional donations are appreciated. This donation serves to help offset building and security expenses.

## Order Poinsettias to be placed on the Altar during Advent and Christmas Worship Services!



**Cost: \$25.00\*    \_\_\_ # of Poinsettias**

**Select Date:    \_\_\_ Dec 10    \_\_\_ Dec 17    \_\_\_ Dec 24**

*(Poinsettias will be placed in both services.)*

**Circle One:    In honor of    In memory of**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given By** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*subject to change**

**Orders must be placed Monday at noon prior to the date you are requesting.**

## ELC News

The ELC will be closed for Thanksgiving from November 20<sup>th</sup> through November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> will be Christmas PJ Day. On Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, our 3k and 4k students will sing for UWF. Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Program at 9:30 in the sanctuary. Class parties will follow with early dismissal at 11:00.

—Helene Haller



## Youth Ministry News

- Youth Sundays 10 am, Room 211



- Youth Group, Wednesdays 6 pm, Room 211

Youth Counselor:

## Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

Will Return on November 29

5:15 pm RSVP: 256-490-5018

\$7 Adults, \$3 Children 11 & under

# Children's Ministry



# November Missions

## CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal

It is that time of year when we begin preparing for the CommUnity Thanksgiving event. As in the past, our church will provide the money to purchase the desserts for the meal. They are planning on feeding 8,000 people this year. We are going to have individually wrapped cakes (Little Debbie) for the pick-up and delivered meals. Then, the usual pound cakes for those eating in the Venue. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check or e-give and mark it for CommUnity Thanksgiving. Donations of approximately \$1200.00 are needed to provide these cakes. Thanks, as always, for your unending generosity!



## Many Volunteers are needed for CommUnity Thanksgiving

There will also be an opportunity for you to sign up to volunteer prior to Thanksgiving Day to slice cakes or help in other ways. If you would like to serve please contact the church office for more information.

*If you would like to serve or need more information on receiving a meal by pickup or deliver, please call:*

## Thanksgiving Bags for Salvation Army

Now is the time to fill a bag with groceries for a family who has applied through Salvation Army for help with a meal for Thanksgiving. The bags will be located at each entrance to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Street lobby for you to pick up. The deadline to return them is November 16.

—GFUMC Mission Team

## United Women in Faith

**November 21**— LuVerna Waid Circle Meeting at 6:00 pm in the parlor. BYO Brown Bag for supper. Cookies and drinks will be provided.

### UWF December Luncheon

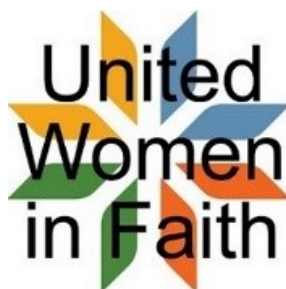
**When:** December 4

**Time:** 12:00 noon

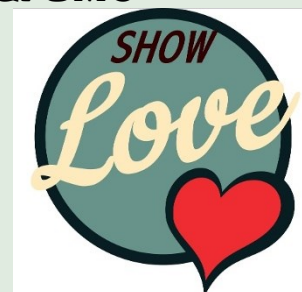
**Program:** ELC children will sing for us.

Please call or text your reservations in to Delores Abney by Friday, December 1 at noon. 256-458-0376

—Barbara Bennett



## GFUMC



*"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35*

## Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm,  
at the Portico entrance.

*Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.*

## Clothes Closet

### Workdays

are Tuesdays before open  
days from 9:00-11:00 am.

### Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

November open dates are

11/1 and 11/15

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Find out more about mission  
and service opportunities @

### Clients Served

September 2023

Ladle of Love 488

Clothes Closet 260

Thanks to our  
volunteers!

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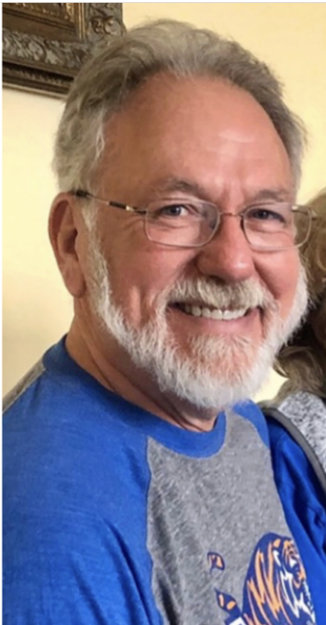
Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: [fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)

#gfumcreconnect2023

# Do You Know?

## GEORGE FANT

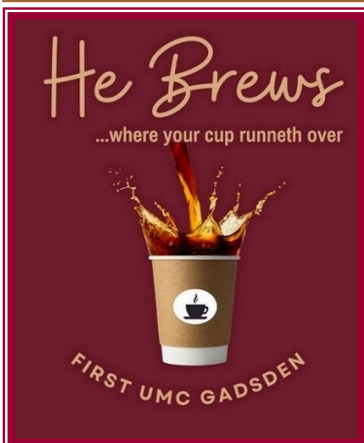


George grew up in Memphis, TN, and attended Memphis State University. He met his future wife, Jane, who was studying Anthropology at Memphis State, and married her before starting Medical School at the University of Tennessee. George then attended Duke University for 4 years, where he specialized in Cardiac Anesthesia.

Their daughter, Susan, was born in 1986, and the family moved to Gadsden two years later for George to take the position of Cardiac Anesthesiologist at Holy Name of Jesus Hospital (now Riverview Regional Medical Center). In 1989, their son, Corey, was born, completing the family.

George has been a lifelong Methodist. He has a number of interesting hobbies, including fly fishing, making wine, and tending flowers in his garden, including one variety that only blooms one day each year.

## Inviting Ministries



**Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café  
between the Sunday morning worship  
services, from 10 am to 11 am.  
We can't wait to see you there!!!**



**Fifty-three (53)  
"New Beginnings  
Estimate of Giving" Cards  
have been returned  
as of 11.15.23  
Thank You!**

During the month of October, we journeyed through Generosity: New Beginnings. In this emphasis you were invited to consider how God is calling you to a new beginning and how you are committing to a new beginning. Through the spiritual disciplines of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness God transforms us and makes us new. God may have called you to a new prayer emphasis, or a renewed commitment to worship. The Lord might have invited you to tithe or a new avenue of service. God could have nudged you to invite someone to church or share your faith in another way. I am excited to hear about all the new beginning at First United Methodist Church of Gadsden.

If you have not made a commitment to your new beginning and completed your estimate of giving card, I encourage you to do so. Fifty-three giving units within the church have done so already. Your card may be turned into the church office, in the offering plate, or electronically on the church website/app. If you have lost your card, blank estimate of giving cards are available at the information table in the Chestnut Street lobby. Please turn your card in as soon as possible, this helps the leadership plan for 2024 and to be good stewards of resources. Remember that your estimate is just an estimate, and not a binding contract. The information is kept confidential with the financial secretary. In addition to the logistical aspect of stewardship, this year's card includes a space for you to indicate and commit to how God might be calling you to step up in 2024.

God is doing a new thing in the life of First United Methodist Church and I can't wait to see how you are going to be a part of it!

In Christ,

*Rev. Shari Reynolds*

### **Generosity: Ways to Give**

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

[www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

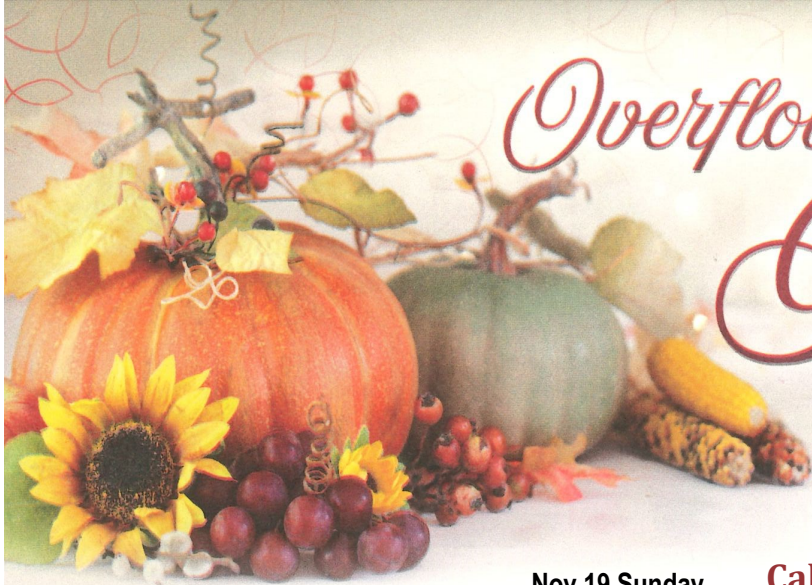
Mail your tithe or gift: 115 S. 5th Street,  
Gadsden, AL 35901



### **Secure Online Giving**



Scan the QR Code or  
Text to Give: 256-344-8464  
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden



# Overflowing with Gratitude

*Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NIV®)

## Nov 19 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Worship, Sanctuary  
**9:15 am Handbell Choir Practice, Room 112**  
 10:00 am **Sunday School for All Ages**  
 HeBrews Coffee, Chestnut Street Foyer  
 11:00 am Traditions Worship, Sanctuary  
 4:00 pm Charge Conference, Southside UMC

## Nov 20 Monday

ELC closed  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
**6:00 pm-8:00 pm Choir Practice**

## Nov 21 Tuesday

ELC closed  
 No Yoga  
**6:00 pm LuVerna Waid Circle, Parlor**

## **Charge Conference**

**GFUMC Charge conference will be  
 November 19th at 4 pm at Southside UMC**

**Nov 27 Trustees meeting @ 5:00 pm**

**Nov 28 Finance meeting @ 5:00 pm**

**Nov 28 Board of Stewards meeting @ 6:00 pm**

## **Birthdays**

**Nov 19** Connie McEwen,  
 Rev. Sam Hayes, Adam Walton,  
 Malone Johnson  
**Nov 21** Charles Cantrell,  
 Tommy Lowe, Rev. Sherri Reynolds,  
 Jamie Kelley  
**Nov 23** Jane Norris, Lisa Thornburg  
**Nov 24** Dele Cannon, Lori Varner  
**Nov 25** Tim Staton



## **Week of November 12, 2023**

In Person Total \*152 Worship Total 570  
 Online 418 Thursday Worship \*18  
 Traditions Service \*83/228  
 Celebration Service \*51/190  
 Adult Sunday School \*27/1 Children \*5  
 Bible Study Groups \*25 Children \*23  
 Youth \*12 Nursery \*3  
 Volunteers \* \*In person

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General Offering Budget \$12,777.00  
 General Offering Received \$11,306.44  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$587,742.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$510,381.14

## **Calendar for November 19-25, 2023**

### Nov 22 Wednesday

ELC closed  
 Church Office closed at 12:00 pm (noon)  
 No Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
 No Wednesday night meal, Children's activities,  
 Youth Activities, or Small Group Studies

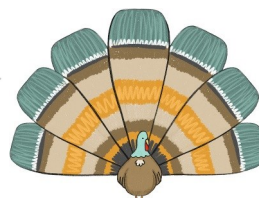
**No choir practice**

### Nov 23 Thursday

Church Closed for Holiday  
 No Thursday Worship

### Nov 24 Friday

Church Closed for Holiday  
**No Ladle of Love**



GIVE THANKS

## **CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal**

**will be November 23 at the Venue.**  
**Volunteers needed to help serve and deliver meals!**

## **Immediate Prayer Concerns**

Lisa Dobbins Nancy Smith  
 Family of Carey Harden (Jared Payton's girlfriend's father)

## **Continued Prayer Concerns**

Asher Mae Collins Rodney Thompson Juanita Hammons

## **Important Deadlines**

**For the week of Thanksgiving,**  
**information for the newsletter is**  
**needed by Monday, Nov.20.**

**Information for the weekly  
 newsletter is due each Tuesday  
 by noon.**

**All Meetings, Events and Activities**  
**must be scheduled in advance with**  
**the church secretary, Susan Swann**  
**by email or phone,**  
**susan@fumcgadsden.org or**  
**256.543.8200.**