

# First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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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

April 19, 2020

## Calendar for April 19-April 25, 2020

- April 19, Sunday, 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Live Streaming,**  
(join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast)
- April 20, Monday, ELC Closed through the end of the school year**
- April 21, 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
- April 22, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live**
- April 23, Thursday, No activities**
- April 24, 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 April 30th per the latest Federal mandate. 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.



**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](http://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.

*Gadsden First United Methodist  
extends Christian Sympathy to  
Sidney & Jane Gardner  
in the death of her sister*

*Pat McVea  
April 10, 2020*



## MISSION MOMENT

As your Mission Team is staying in and following guidelines to stay healthy, there is something exciting happening. 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. Also there may be opportunities coming that we can pick up and deliver groceries with no contact, for our members who are unable to go out. If you would like to help with this mission, please call the church office and your name will be put on the Grocery Delivery list. (256-543-8200) *More to come later as the needs arise!*



## Memorials and Honoraria

**Howell Erwin Medical Fund:**  
In memory of James Keady give by  
Katherine Rowe.

## 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)

## Birthdays.....

**Oops! Left out...Apr 14** Jan Humphrey  
**Apr 19** Dorothy Robinson, Jared Gladden  
**Apr 20** Lauren Brechin Cain  
**Apr 21** Brooke Vallejo,  
Savannah Beth Phillips,  
Marit Norris  
**Apr 22** Shep Midgley,  
Tom Dawson, II  
**Apr 24** Redia Brooks, Daniel Sherrouse,  
John Rollins McCord  
**Apr 25** Tyler Trotter



## Week of April 12, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 773  
Celebration 120 Traditions 180 Mosaic 42  
Maundy Thursday 115 Youth 20  
Holy Week Noon Day Services 229  
Children's Bible Story Break 41  
Bible Study Groups (3) 46  
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00  
General Offering Received \$30,222.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$231,600.00  
YTD General Offering Received \$210,765.04  
**Text to Give: 256-344-8464**

## #GFUMCConnect2020

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App: First UMC-Gadsden

Available for iPhone and Android



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**The sermon player for the live audio broadcast of the sermon is located at the bottom of the page @ [www.fumcgadsden/media](http://www.fumcgadsden/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 April 30.



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*



## United Methodist Women

### UMW Sunday

has been postponed until a later time.

### Circle Meeting:

LuVerna Waid Circle will meet on April 21 by GoToMeeting at 6 pm. Look for instructions in your email on how to join this meeting.

**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

- Classrooms have been cleaned and disinfected by teachers and staff.
- Teachers delivered bubbles to students front stoops to say hello and stay in touch. (No contact delivery!)
- Learning packets and other teaching tools were prepared and handed out for 3K and 4K.
- Zoom Meetings are taking place for students and teachers to get to see each other and talk via audio/video.
- More plans are being made to help teachers and students stay connected!

**ELC Summer and Fall 2020-2021  
Registration Dates**

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](mailto:elc@fumcgadsden.org)

### 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 FacebookLive or Instagram



## Wonderful Wednesday Postponed through April 30

Updates will be made as more information becomes available.





# So I Send You

Pastor Carrie Jones

4.19.20

## 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

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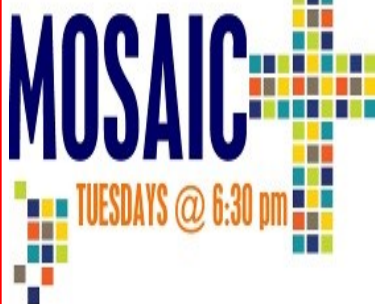
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Write ONE

#GFUMCCONNECT2020



### Mosaic is having a 1 year anniversary this Tuesday!

We are celebrating on the Mosaic Facebook and Instagram live on Tuesday the 21st @ 6:30pm. We will have video testimonies from members of the group. Bake a cake and celebrate with us from home.



# Journey Groups

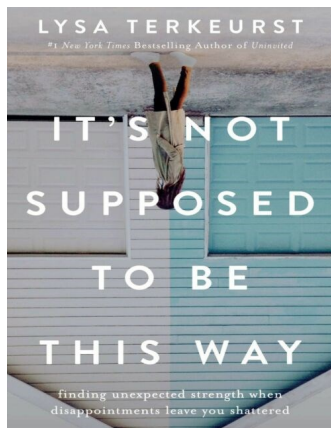
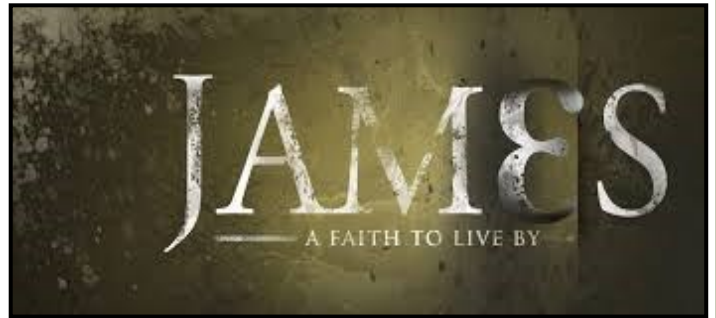
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed  
Through April 30.

*Watch for updates as some small groups, Sunday school classes and Bible Studies will be offering,*

## 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](mailto:carrie@fumcgadsden.org) and I will invite you to join the private Facebook page which includes all the details. —Pastor Carrie



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, 9 am, Martin Fellowship Sunday School  
Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School