

115 So. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

August 2, 2020

Gadsden First UMC

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope
#GFUMCConnect2020

RESET

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be filled with the Spirit

¹⁵ So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. ¹⁶ Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. ¹⁷ Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. ¹⁸ Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: ¹⁹ speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; ²⁰ always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

For the month of August we will be in a sermon series called, Reset. With school starting back, and some things getting back to some kind of normal, I've been challenged with resetting priorities. It's good for us to re-evaluate what's really important once in a while.

Have any of your priorities shifted due to Covid? Have you been putting God as a first priority or has something taken its place? How can we make wise decisions in such confusing times? Let us be challenged this Sunday. Let's ask God for help to put Him in the number one priority spot, get our other priorities that follow in the right order, and lastly let's take advantage of this crazy year and ask for God to use us for Kingdom work.

—Pastor Andy

Upcoming Sermon Series

Sunday, August 2- "Resetting Our Priorities"

Sunday, August 9- "The Reset of Forgiveness"

Sunday, August 16- "Resetting through Self-Care"

Sunday, August 23- "Resetting Our Attitude"

Sunday, August 30- "Resetting our Expectations"



Worship Opportunities

- Mosaic: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Church Courtyard (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Thursday Worship, 5:30 pm, Thursday (Social Distancing and Masks required.)
- Sunday Celebration Online Worship, 9:00 am
- Sunday Traditions, Online Worship, 11:00 am
- **August 2, Holy Communion, Drive through the Portico, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Generosity

- **Give online:**
www.fumcgadsden.org/give
- **Text to Give: 256-344-8464**
- **Mail your tithe or gift to the church:**
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Communion Sunday

Sunday, August 2, drive through the portico from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to receive Holy Communion. Pastor Sam and Pastor Andy will be there to share the sacraments with you.



Sunday Morning w/Ken Casey and George Varner, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting

Thursday, Men at the Well, 7:00 am, Zoom, Mark Condra, Todd Rains, Bob Blount or Mark Casey

Coming Sunday August 9: Sunday Morning w/ Mark Condra, 10:am, GoToMeeting

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 God and with your church family. All Journey Groups are currently meeting virtually.

New opportunities will begin in August! It's easy to join via GoToMeeting or Zoom! Contact one of the Journey Group leaders or the church office to find out more about how to get started!

Contact: sheila@fumcgadsden.org or 256-543-8200

Interested in leading or teaching a journey group? Contact one of the pastors or Sheila Freeman at 256-490-5018 or Sheila@fumcgadsden.org

Bible Study w/Pastor Sam



A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

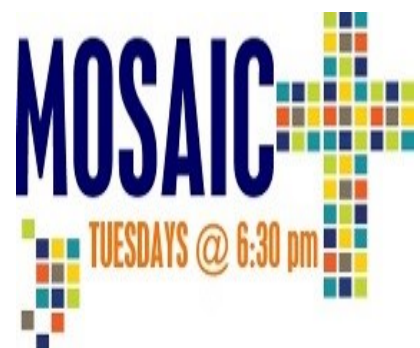
Facebook Live

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand" via the church app or website. Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)

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. Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm! Social distancing is required. (In case of rain, Mosaic will meet in the gym.)



Christmas in



Fill a Stocking for a Child for Christmas

It's Christmas in our hearts!

- **Already picked up a stocking?** Fill with suggested items and return to the church portico on July 30 between 3 pm and 6 pm. You may also return stockings @ Thursday Worship or Mosaic by 8/4/20.
- **Would you like a stocking delivered to you so that you can fill and return?** Contact Charlotte @ 256-504-9718
- **Would you like for Santa's helpers to do your shopping for you?** You can sponsor a stocking with your donation of \$15.00 and one of the remaining stockings will be filled!

*(Remember the church office is closed,
so please use the pick-up and drop-off times above.)*

AUGUST MISSION SUPPORTING OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL STRIPLIN ELEMENTARY



It is time for school to begin, although extremely different this year!

Our students will be starting with Virtual School but there are still many needs that we can help the teachers meet. The three biggest requests from teachers are: HAND SANITIZER REFILL BOTTLES, PUMP HAND SOAP, AND DISINFECTANT WIPES

Please help us collect these items!

On the next three Thursdays, August 6th, August 13th, August 20th, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, there will be Drop Off Tubs outside the Chestnut Street Entrance. The church will remain closed but these three items can be dropped there securely. The Mission Team THANKS you for your generous support of this Mission Project!!!

Along with the Beginning of School comes our FUNDRAISER to support our teachers at Striplin through the year.

These funds will provide **The Teacher of The Month Program** (50.00 / month), **Teacher of the Year** (100.00) and the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** in May.

Our teachers work so hard, especially now with Covid 19, so your support will enable us to say, " **THANK YOU!**" Please add a donation to your pledge, mail a check to the Church Office, or use e-giving to make sure we are able to provide a much needed " **JOB WELL DONE!**"

Clothes Closet

Workday

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00 am to

12:00 pm

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Hair items

Small Bible

School supplies

Small toys

Gloves

Hats

Socks

Cards

Books

Candy

**Donations for Striplin
Elementary School**

Hand Sanitizer (large
refill size)

Pump Hand Soap

Disinfectant Wipes

ELC News

Thank you to all who made our **4K 2020 Graduation** possible. Our families were so excited to participate and have this closure to the 2019-2020 school year. Special thanks to Sheila Freeman for broadcasting the ceremony live through Facebook and on the church's web page, and to Matthew Vance for running sound. You may visit the church Facebook page or web page to view the program now. We are now preparing for our 2020-2021 school year. Currently, open house is set for **Thursday, August 13th from 10 am to 11:30 am**. Our first day back will be Monday, August 17th.

Youth News

Join us weekly for devotionals online from the youth directors at Gadsden FUMC, Pell City, Christ Central and Southside UMC. You can find these devotionals on the youth Facebook and Instagram pages. If you would like to be added to these pages, contact Andy.

Get ready!!!! We are planning an in-person back to school event with social distancing!

Former Youth- check out our college and career Instagram page to stay up to date with future social distancing gatherings.

Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.

Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm



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Look Up

Join Pastor Carrie
on Facebook



Sundays at 10:00am
+
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

- JUL 19+22** LOOK UP KICK-OFF
- JUL 26+29** *The Wonder of Creation*
- AUG 2+5** *Finding Your Way When You Feel Lost*
- AUG 9+12** *God Knows You + God Loves You*
- AUG 16+19** *Look Up to God in Prayer*
- AUG 23+26** *Jesus is Our North Star Guiding Us Home*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge God, and He will direct your path. PROVERBS 3:5-6

United Methodist Women

Well, here we are still in quarantine....Is this ever going to end?

Once again, thanks to everyone for your participation in making our 2020 Auction a huge success!!

Update for UMW summer schedule:

We have been hoping and praying that we as United Methodist Women would be able to meet this summer at a restaurant for dinner so that we could meet for fellowship and food. However, sadly, that is not to be. The number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise so we all need to be staying at home and only going out as necessary wearing a mask.

If anyone would like to do a Zoom meeting, we can collect names and schedule a meeting when it is convenient for everyone. Several groups at the church have either Gotomeetings or Zoom meetings going on through this quarantine time. We can make the arrangements as needed. We do not know when we will be able to return to our usual UMW Luncheons. It will depend upon the status of this virus. Watch the newsletter for any updates. Thank you for your part in UMW and may God continue to bless each one of us. —**UMW Board**



Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11

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Worship with GFUMC on Sunday mornings online

Live:

9:00 am Celebration

11:00 am Traditions

Where to connect:

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media

Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

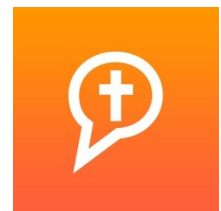
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

Watch on demand:

Church App: FUMCGadsden

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media



Calendar for week of August 2-August 8, 2020

Aug 2, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship Online
 10:00 am, Sunday School, GoToMeeting
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Online
 5:00-7:00 pm, Communion, Drive-thru Portico
 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

Aug 3, Monday

No Activities scheduled

Aug 4, Tuesday

9:00 am to 11:00 am, Clothes Closet Workday

Aug 5, Wednesday

9:00 am to 11:00 am, Clothes Closet Open
 6:00 pm Children's Bible Study, Facebook
 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam
 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

Aug 6, Thursday

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom or Instagram

Aug 7, Friday

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

The church office is still closed. You may call if you have a need that we can help with between 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

A MASK is required If you are attending any service or activity at the church.

If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use. Stay Well. Stay Safe.

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund: In memory of Willene Griffith, Jane Trotter, DeLeath Rives, and Mark Swann, given by Ruth Chandler. In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler, given by 21 Supper Club.

UMCOR: In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler and DeLeath Rives, given by Dotty Ivey.

The ministers and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to Dorothy Robinson in the death of her brother Johnathan Woods Sullivan

July 24, 2020



Birthdays.....

Aug 2 Gaynor Griffin
Aug 3 Gary Griffin, Jessie Timmons, Mac McIntyre
Aug 4 Jane Patton, Patricia Probyn, Jill Moran, Lori Walker, Mary Elizabeth Dial, Kaden Epperson
Aug 5 Laurie Holtsford, Katie Wilson
Aug 6 Karen Blackstock, David Freeman, Jade Collins
Aug 7 Ruthie Hester, Ray Smith, Carol Roberts, Sellers Kirk
Aug 8 Jennifer Jackson, Sawyer Cornett

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

You can submit your email to the church office to receive the weekly announcements on Friday.

Important Deadlines

Information for the weekly announcement sheet is due each Wednesday by noon.
 Events for the church calendar are needed one month prior to the event.

Please contact Susan Swann
 256-543-8200 / susan@fumcgadsden.org

Week of July 26, 2020

Online Viewer Total 497
 *In Person Total *48 Total overall 545
 Celebration 142 Traditions 153
 Mosaic *26 Thursday *22
 Youth & College 10 Bible Study Groups 42
 Children's online Bible Study 150
 General Offering Budget \$15,440.00
 General Offering Received \$8,526.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$463,200.00
 YTD General Offering Received \$427,031.29
 Special Easter Offering: \$8,220.00
Text to Give: 256-344-8464