

## Calendar for December 22– December 28, 2019

**Dec 22, Sunday, 8:45 am**, Celebration Service, Gym; **10:00 am**, Sunday School; **10:55 am**, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

**Dec 23, Monday, 9:00 am**, Exercise Group, Gym;

**Dec 24, Tuesday, Christmas Eve; Office Closed; 4:30 pm**, Christmas Eve Early Worship & Communion; **5:00 pm**, Live Nativity, Chestnut & 5th Street; **6:00 pm**, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion

**Dec 25, Wednesday, Christmas Day; Office Closed**

**Dec 26, Thursday, 5:30 pm**, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

**Dec 27, Friday, No Ladle of Love**

### First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

#### Sermon Outline Key

Joy, Christmas, dreaded, happy, problem, involvement, only, attitude, love, community, word

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#### Serving This Sunday

**Sound Tech:** George Varner  
**Ushers:**\* Terry Bishop, Brynn Crain, Eldred Davis, Rick Moran  
**Greeters:** Sheila Bishop, Joan Bigelow, Jill Moran  
**Acolyte:** Parker Casey  
**Children's Church Celebration:** Charlotte Rutland & Helene Haller  
**Tradition:** Beth Kelley  
**\*Head Usher**

#### *Memorials and Honoraria*

**General Budget Fund:** In memory of Jane Finney given by Glen Pierson & Evelyn Pierson. In memory of James Rayburn given by Scott & Angela Rayburn.

**ELC Sara Johnson Scholarship Fund:**

In memory of Tripp Leach given by Nan MacFadyen.

**White Christmas-UMC Children's Home:**

In honor of Rev. Carrie Jones given by Bill & Helene Haller.

**Music Fund:**

In honor of Pat Martin given by DeLeath & Gloria Rives. In honor of Anna and Neil Mullin given by Gloria Rives. In honor of Eileen Graham given by Gloria Rives.

**The Johnson Family Children's Library:** "The Christmas Nativity Tale" donated by Harriet, Keith and Hannah Murray.

#### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Kathy Ferguson DeLeath Rives  
Teleah Cody Ernest McBride  
Sherba Griffin Joanne Hightower  
Thomas Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's Grandson)

#### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Patsy Powers June Longshore  
Dot Thompson Bill Haller, Jr.  
Tom Quinn Ina Davis  
Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)  
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)  
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

#### Birthdays.....

**Dec 22** Jane Herb, Larry Grimes,  
Jane Gargus, Caroline Long  
**Dec 23** Rodney Thompson  
**Dec 24** Claire Wigley, Ross Isbell,  
Mary Ragan Whisenant, Matthew Stewart  
**Dec 25** Larry Hughes, Karen Crawford,  
Dawn Rains, Leah Livingston  
**Dec 26** Kaity Dorsett, Victoria Mills,  
Morris Gladden  
**Dec 27** Jon Hand, Belinda Tackaberry  
**Dec 28** Will Edwards



#### Week of December 15, 2019

Total Attendance	416	Mosaic	12
Traditional Service	294	Thursday	14
Celebration Service	90		
Sunday School	82		
Volunteer Service Hours	150		
People Served	300		
General Offering Budget	\$14,879.00		
General Offering Received	\$18,392.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$743,950.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$711,148.04		

#### 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

#### Tuesday

Church Office Closed

4:30 pm, Christmas Eve Early  
Worship & Communion

5:00 pm, Live Nativity

6:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Worship & Communion

#### Wednesday

Church Office Closed

#### Thursday

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

#### Friday

No Ladle of Love

Church Office 256-543-8200

Mon-Thur 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday 8:00am-1:00 pm

# Sunday, December 29

## Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

10:00 AM, One United Worship Service, In the Gym

9:00 am, Sunday School

*Check with your adult Sunday School Class for schedule changes.*

Join us for two sermon series during Advent:

**Celebration: A Christmas Movie ADVENTure**  
8:45 am, In the Gym, Pastor Carrie & Pastor Andy  
**Traditions: Light of the World**  
10:55 am, In the Sanctuary, Pastor Sam

**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- December 22:**



**Celebration: Charlotte Rutland & Helene Haller**  
**Tradition: Beth Kelley**

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**Youth Sunday School, 10 am-Rm 211**  
**The Book of John**



**Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm**  
**"Dare to Dream" Resumes, January 8**

**December 27-29-Youth Winter Retreat**



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App: First UMC-Gadsden



### GUIDELINES FOR END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

*In order for contributions to be posted to your 2019 giving record, they must meet one of these requirements:*

- 1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- 2. The contribution is put into the offering plate on December 29<sup>th</sup> or delivered to the office on or before December 30<sup>th</sup>.*
- 3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- 4. An online E-Giving transaction is dated on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- 5. Gifts of stock should be transferred before the market closes on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please inform Jane at the office about a stock transfer.*

### CHARITABLE IRA TRANSFERS ARE TAX-FREE

If you are 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to a qualified charity and avoid paying income taxes on the money. This type of transaction can be valuable for those who need to take a required minimum distribution from traditional IRAs because it allows them to dodge a big income tax bill on their withdrawals. It is particularly helpful due to the recent tax law changes for people who want to make a charitable contribution but cannot itemize and therefore cannot deduct the gift. The contribution would count as your required distribution but is not included in your adjusted gross income. Talk with your IRA trustee about details or call Jane at the church office

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam

**Will resume January 8**



Wonderful Wednesday  
will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

**Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**



# "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



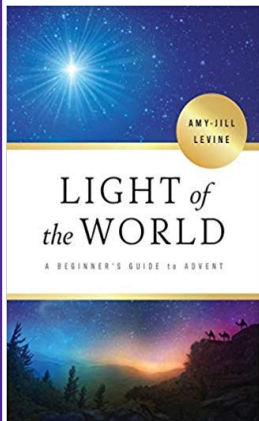
Gadsden First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

## 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

- ◆ Give to the White Christmas Offering for the United Methodist Children's Home this holiday season.
- ◆ Shop at the UMW Christmas Boutique, December 22.

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## 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



**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  
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**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

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

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