



Calendar for February 23-February 29, 2020

Feb 23, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; 10:00 am, Sunday School; 10:00 am, Jazz Brunch, Gym, 10:55 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary; 12:30 pm, Children's Ministry Picnic, Home of Mark & Allison Casey; 2:30 pm, JSU A Capello Choir, Sanctuary
Feb 24, Monday, ELC; 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym; 6:00 pm, CLICK Dinner, Gym
Feb 25, Tuesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 4:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, Room 108; 5:00 pm, Finance Team Meeting, Parlor; 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym; 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, Gathering Room; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty
Feb 26, Wednesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; NO Wednesday Morning Bible Study; 12:15 pm, Prayer Ministry Team, Chapel; 5:00 pm, Wednesday Meal, Gathering Room; 6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
Feb 27, Thursday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC; 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym; 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
Feb 28, Friday, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love

Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: Blaise Jarecki
Ushers:* Mike Taff, Terry Bishop, Donny Gray, Sam Norris
Greeters: Sheila Bishop, Janie Gray, Leone Norris
Acolyte: Parker Casey
Children's Church Leaders:
Celebration: Katie Darden
Traditions: Charlotte Rutland
***Head Usher**
Church Office 256-543-8200

Save the Dates: **Jazz Brunch, Sunday, Feb 23, 10 am; CLICK Dinner, Monday, Feb 24, 6 pm, Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, Feb 25, 4 pm; Finance Team, 5 pm; Board of Stewards, 6 pm; Ash Wednesday Worship, Wednesday, Feb 26 @ 6 pm.**

retired & ready

Retired and Ready
February 24
11:00 am.
 The program will be presented by Mark Condra who will explain RAM (Remote Area Medical Clinic) which is coming to Gadsden, March 28 and 29. To make a reservation, contact Laura Condra (256 442 6380) or Kathye Vance (256 543 2925)

Sermon Outline Key

Divide, staying, nations, comfort, grace

Memorials and Honoraria

Howell Erwin Fund:

In memory of James Keady, given by Gail and Seth Spotnitz.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship, 6 pm
February 26

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin DeLeath Rives
 Joanne Hightower Redia Brooks
 Carol Callis (Gary Dial's sister)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Ernest McBride Teleah Cody
 Tom Quinn Kathy Ferguson
 Ina Davis
 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)

Sunday's Schedule

8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym
10:00 am, Sunday School
10:55 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC
Monday
9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
Tuesday
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym
6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty
Wednesday
11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study
12:15 pm, Prayer Ministry
5:15 pm, Wednesday Night Meal
6:00 pm, Adult Journey Groups; Children's Journey Groups & Choir; 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Thursday
9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship
Friday
11:00 am-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love

February Birthdays.....

Feb 24 Terry Bishop, Cindy Isbell
Feb 26 George White, Stanley Taylor, Susan Copeland, John Turnipseed
Feb 27 Andy Yarnell, Leigh Carroll Phillips, Donald Edwards, Leah Rhodes, Inez McDonald
Feb 28 Scott Dobbins
Feb 29 Elisabeth Hardin, George Day

Birthday Blessings

Week of February 16, 2020

Total Attendance	308	Thursday	23
Traditional Service	188	Mosaic	18
Celebration Service	73	Online	6
Hours Served	175	Sunday School	97
People Served	350		
General Offering Budget	\$15,440.00		
General Offering Received	\$6,173.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$108,080.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$85,933.04		

Text to Give: 256-344-8464
Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Jazz Brunch
Sunday, February 23
10:00 am

Pick up a ticket in the Chestnut St lobby and **sign up on the guest list** or make a reservation by 2/19/20 by calling call the church office @ 256-543-8200.



Plan to come and invite a friend!
There is no charge for the brunch.
(Donations will be accepted.)

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: February 23

Celebration Service: **Katie Darden** Tradition Service: **Charlotte Rutland**

Children's Ministry Family Picnic



Join us **today** after church from 12:30-2:30pm as we carpool to the Casey's for a Children's Ministry Family Picnic. Weather permitting, we will play outside on the ☠️ Pirate Ship & 👑 Princess Castle, and meet their new piggies 🐷. Be sure to wear messy clothes/shoes and/or rain boots! ****Please respond if you are coming so we can plan our ☐ Hot Dog ☐ Lunch accordingly**** It's going to be a great day, and we hope to see all our children there!

Weekly Children's Schedule

Children's Church, Sundays during Worship
 Sunday School, Sundays at 10:00am
 Kids Corner, Wednesdays at 6:00pm

United Methodist Women

UMW Luncheon March 9th at 12:00 noon
 Speaker will be Katie Ellison-Spring Fling Spring Floral Ideas. She will share spring flower arrangement ideas. Deco and clean-up will be Holtsford Circle. Call Shelby Smith by Friday, March 6, and make your reservation for lunch. 256-442-7117



Circle Meetings

March 9th @1:15 pm, Jean Holtsford Circle, Room 208
March 10th @12:00 pm, Stevens Circle, Room 208
March 17th @6:00 pm, LuVerna Waid Circle, Room 208

March is **Methodist Women's History** month.
 Read stories at www.umc.org of women who made a difference in Methodist history.

Don't Miss These Musical Events

JSU A Cappella Choir

Sunday, Feb 23, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary

Hymns for Hunger 2020 w/Ecumenical Choir

Sunday, March 15, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

The concert is free with a donation of non-perishable canned food items. Monetary donations are also accepted. All proceeds benefit the Etowah County Food Bank

Friends of the ELC Children's Consignment Sale

Friday, March 13th from 9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Saturday, March 14th from 7:00 am-10:00 am

Registration for consignors is still open!
 See the church's website for more details.

Volunteer Registration is available online or contact Helene Haller!

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/elc and click on the link to sign up to volunteer. There are lots of time slots and ways that you can serve during the week leading up to the sale, during the sale, or by helping with breakdown on Saturday afternoon!



ELC Fall 2020 Registration dates:

Monday, Feb 10-Thursday, Feb 13: Church members currently enrolled
 Monday, Feb 17-Thursday, Feb 20: Non-members currently enrolled
 March 2: Church members not currently enrolled
 March 16: General Public Open Registration

Registration forms will not be accepted in advance. Registration will begin each morning at 8:00 a.m. Please be sure to register during your designated day. Class sizes are limited and spaces will be filled on a first come first serve basis without exception.

Youth Sunday School

10 am-Rm 211, The Book of John

Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6 pm, "Dare to Dream"



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor Sam

Will Resume March 4



Ash Wednesday, February 26

5:00 pm Church Dinner

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Menu: Pizza, Salad, Dessert

\$5 Adults \$2 Children

Name _____
 _____ Adults _____ Children

Ash

February 26



Wednesday

Dinner: 5:00 pm Worship & Imposition of Ashes: 6:00 pm

Journey Groups for Lent

Get connected and be challenged to take the next step on your spiritual journey.
No matter where you are in your faith journey, may you join with others to grow deeper in your faith.

Wednesdays @ 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

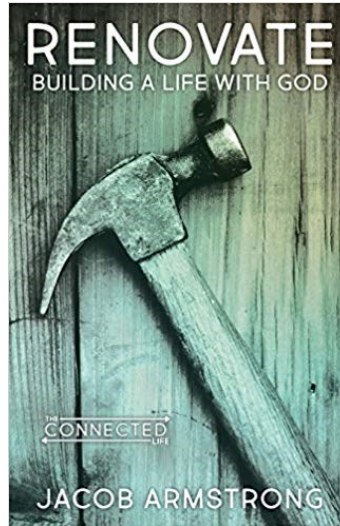
RENOVATE: Building a Life With God

Taught by Pastor Sam at 11:00 and at 6:00 on Wednesdays, beginning Wed. Mar. 4 and ending Wed. April 8. Student books are \$9 each.

Renovating a house can be an exciting and rewarding experience. But the act of renovation can often leave the house in a state of disarray, causing stress and frustration. In the same way, God wants to renovate your life by altering the "old you" and creating a "new you" with an improved heart. It's not going to be easy, and your life might experience some disarray, but renovating with God is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Using the Book of Nehemiah, popular author and pastor Jacob Armstrong explores the physical and spiritual renovation experienced by the nation of Judah. Nehemiah knew that his plan for renovating the wall and gates of Jerusalem would be hard work. But equally hard would be the spiritual renovation of the Jewish people as they returned to their homeland.

Thankfully, spiritual renovation is not a do-it-yourself project. We need God's great power working through us to renovate our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Chapters include:

Never Too Late for a Renovation
It Starts with Tears
What to Know Before You Build
When Others Don't Like Your Plans
Inviting Others to Come Home
The Big Reveal

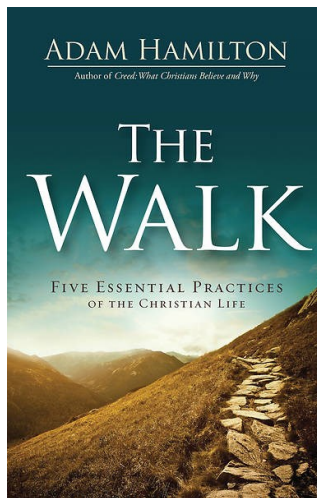
Tuesdays @ Lunch (12:00 pm)

Join Pastor Carrie on your Tuesday Lunch Break (12:00-1:00pm) to study Adam Hamilton's *The Walk*, which focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament: Worship & Prayer, Study, Serve, Give, and Share. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

Books \$15, available for pickup today.

Meeting dates are: February 25, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 31, and April 14.

A simple lunch will be provided (\$5 donation welcomed) in Room 108. Hope to see you there!



Sundays @ 10:00 AM

Examine five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God.

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Join Adam Hamilton this Lent and Easter in *The Walk* and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton's engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices—each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ—its New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church.

Pathfinders: Room 110
Open Doors: Room 209

Sundays @ 10:00 am

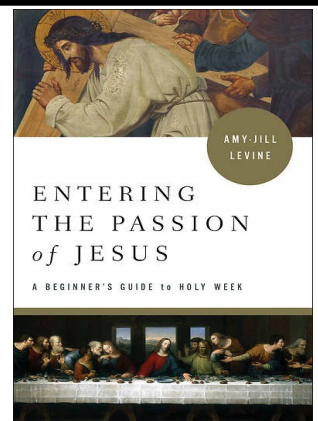
Entering the Passion of Jesus

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine

Dive deep into the history of the last days before the crucifixion.

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

Living Waters: Room 112



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Love Lifted Me

#Connect2020

A Sermon Series
by Pastor Sam Hayes
SUNDAYS @ 9:00 AM
AND 10:55 AM
THURSDAYS @ 5:30 PM
115 S. 5TH STREET,
GADSDEN, AL 35901

FEB 2 | ...AND PUT ME BACK IN THE BOAT
FEB 9 | ... AND BROUGHT ME TO JESUS
FEB 16 | ...SO I COULD PASS IT ON
FEB 23 | ...OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE

The North Alabama Conference Historical Society Spring Meeting

March 14, 2020

Trinity United Methodist Church

1400 Oxmoor Rd., Homewood, AL.

Registration is at 9:00 am, with the program beginning at 9:45 am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10.00 for each person. Please mail your reservation form and payment for lunch by Saturday, March 7. Registration forms are available in the GFUMC Church Office. The program will be presented by Bishop Wallace-Padgett who will give an overview of her 8 years as leader of our conference. Steve Lyles will present his thoughts on Conference, District, and Local Church Lay Leaders. The history of Trinity UMC will also be discussed by a member of the staff, Rev. Bobby Scales.

Please see the membership secretary, Chester Jolly or Treasurer, Geneva Blackburn if you have not paid your dues or if you have not become a member.

What is R.A.M.?

Remote Area Medical is a major nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics. Their mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need. They do this by delivering free *dental, vision, and medical* services to underserved and uninsured individuals. RAM will open their clinic for two days at Gadsden City High School on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29. Ticket distribution usually begins at 3 am and patients are served in numerical order according to their ticket when clinic doors open at 6 am. Due to time constraints, patients must choose between dental and vision services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. The event is free and open to the public.



Go to www.ramusa.org/event/gadsden for more information and read all about the set up for patients and how to volunteer to help with this event.

Gadsden First UMC will be hosting a dinner for R.A.M. Volunteers on Friday, March 27 at 5:00 pm in our gym. If you would like to volunteer at the dinner, please contact the church office @ 256-543-8200 or contact Delores Abney @ 256-458-0376.

Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps

What: Free medical services

When: March 28 and 29

Where: Gadsden City High School

Cost: Free

The **CLICK** Program
proudly presents

**A Night
AMONG THE
Stars**

A Fundraiser Dinner Celebrating Our Stars

Monday

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

6:00pm

**Gadsden First
United Methodist Church**

115 SOUTH 5TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA

\$50

INCLUDES 3-COURSE *Steak* DINNER
CATERED BY LOCAL JOE'S
& ENTERTAINMENT BY CLICK

**CLICK invites you to join us for our 2nd
Annual Fundraiser Dinner "A Night Among The
Stars" on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 pm**

The dinner will be held in the GFUMC Gym, and all proceeds from the dinner will benefit the CLICK After-School Ministry. **Seats are \$50 and include a 3-Course Steak Dinner, catered by Local Joe's.** The best part of the evening is that we will share it with the Stars of our CLICK Program. They will recite scriptures & perform songs they have learned throughout the year, and then we will have a special Awards Ceremony which will highlight the gifts & attributes of all our amazing students! It is sure to be an enjoyable evening of food, fellowship and entertainment that will also support an amazing cause — and we hope you will plan to join us!

**Reserve your seat at the dinner by contacting
Carrie Jones at 256.872.6758 or
carrie@fumcgadsden.org or placing money in the
offering plate labeled "For: CLICK Dinner".**