



OUT OF  
ORDER

*Pastor Sam Hayes* February 28, 2021

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

## 2-28-21 Sermon Notes "Out of Order"

According to Merriam Webster, there are three definitions commonly used for being "out of order."

Not working properly: not able to be used. (as in "The elevator's out of order.")

Not following the formal rules of a meeting, court session, etc... (as in "The judge ruled the lawyer out of order.")

Beyond what is reasonable or allowable: not right or appropriate. (as in "Your behavior was completely out of order!")

Any way you look at it, when something is "out of order," then there is something wrong with the picture. A re-ordering is called for. Things need to be set straight. That's what I think of when I read our gospel passage for Sunday.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8: 31-38 NRSV)

In a court of law, the judge gets to decide what is out of order. In terms of our Christian discipleship, it is Christ, and Christ alone, who gets to decide what is out of order. Our decision is to follow...or not to follow.

Follow me to worship this Sunday!

Pastor Sam

## Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, online and in person
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
- **Sunday Celebration Worship,** 9:00 am, Sanctuary online and in person
- **Sunday Traditions Worship,** 11:00 am, Sanctuary online and in person

[www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)  
or on facebook live:  
[@fumcGadsden](https://www.facebook.com/fumcGadsden)

**A MASK is required If you are coming to the office for an appointment or attending any service or activity at the church.** If you do not have one, we have masks available for you.

**Stay Well. Stay Safe.**

# Show Love to Sumatanga

**Who:** All Ages

**What:** GFUMC Camp Sumatanga Service Day

Camp Sumatanga Rd, Gallant, AL 35972

**When:** A new date for the "Show Love to Sumatanga" Day of Service will be Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm!

A second GFUMC "Show Love" T-Shirt Order will be placed soon! These are great Canvas Bella T-shirts that can be worn on future GFUMC Service Days. The cost of these shirts will be \$20 per shirt, with all proceeds going to Camp Sumatanga.

Sizes YXS through Adult 4XL.

Order by 3.5.21. Please text or email your order:

256.490.5018 or Sheila@fumcgadsden.org

## GFUMC



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

## MISSIONS UPDATE

Your Mission Team is at work with much thanks to all of you. Without your pledges to our budget none of these wonderful ministries could happen. Because of your giving, this is what has already happened in 2021:

- Lunch from Fire House Subs was taken to all eight Gadsden City Fire Stations and the Dispatch center to say "Thank you" to our First Responders.
- 200 bags filled with pencils, bookmarks, goodies, and a bumper sticker, were packed and delivered to the A/B Honor Roll students at Striplin Elementary, saying "Bravo, you're on the road to Success!".
- On Friday, February 19, Fire House Subs Box lunches (80) were taken to Gadsden Regional Medical Center, along with boards that had post-it notes written by our members to say "Thank You". These were sent to the ER and COVID Units for nurses, techs, lab employees, custodial staff, and anyone else working in those areas. The same was done for Riverview Hospital on February 24.

"Thank you" for giving and helping your Mission Team make a difference by being the Hands and Feet of Christ!

—Mission Team



## Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

## Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-

12:00pm, at the portico entrance

Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/serve](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

Church Phone

256-543-8200

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

#gfumcreconnect2021

**Have you thought about what you are “giving up” for Lent?** Not everyone does this, but it is an ancient practice of self-denial for 40 days, helping us to remember Jesus’ journey through the wilderness and the testing that came with it. It is meant to help prepare us for Good Friday and for Easter!

**Have you thought about what you are “picking up” for Lent?** In addition to giving up something, why not also pick up something? Pick up a few minutes of prayer during your lunch hour every day. Pick up your support of a charity that means a lot to you. Or... pick up an extra devotional for the 40 Days of

Lent. Need help with that last one? Pastor Sam will be posting a devotional blog from Fat Tuesday (Feb. 16) and the 40 days following. The Lenten Devotional is entitled, **“Weird Is The New Normal,”** and will focus on 40 questions from the Book of Genesis.

The devotional blog will be posted on the **“Home” tab of the GFUMC Church APP** and on the **church website blog page: [www.fumcgadsden.org/blog](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/blog)** We pray that picking up this spiritual practice for 40 days will help you on your Lenten Journey! --Pastor Sam



### Thursdays, Men at the Well

7:00 am, Zoom, God’s Word of Life, Daily Bible Readings  
Contact the church office for more information.



**Sunday Mornings**, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting with Ken Casey, George Varner & Grover Kitchens  
The Wesley Prayer Challenge by Chris Folmbee is now being discussed.

### Zoom Study: One in a Million w/Barbara Condra

**Mondays** at 6:00 pm: Priscilla Shirer- One in a Million—A study of the two Israelites who made it into the promised land out of the approximate 2 million that left Egypt. They were brave enough to put abundant life to work no matter where they were or what outside influences tried to change them. Call or text Barbara Condra for codes 256-328-3679. Please join us!

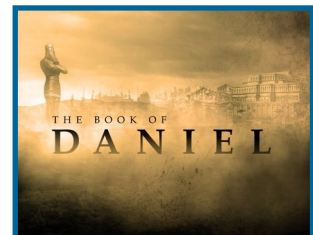
**NEW! Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Beginning March 3 w/ Harriet Murray:**  
**“Why Easter Matters” by Andy Stanley, Room 116.**

**Martin Fellowship Class meets IN-PERSON on Sunday, March 7 @ 10 am, in room 116.**

## The Book of Daniel

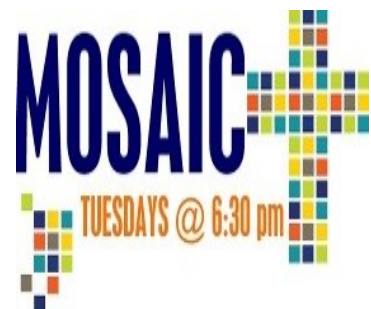
### Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Wednesdays @ 6 pm, online, FACEBOOK Live  
(Also, available on-demand on the GFUMC church app under the media tab.)



### 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. Check out the Mosaic Facebook Page for weekly devotionals and for updates about in-person worship @ 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the gym or courtyard, depending on the weather.





## ELC News

This week 2K and 4K had special visitors to discuss healthy teeth. Thank you Forrest Bailey and Nina Robinson. Registration for currently enrolled non-church member students will take place March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>. Spring pictures have been scheduled for Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Easter parties and egg hunts. More details coming soon.

—Helene Haller

## Youth Ministry News

### Wednesday Night

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6 pm! We are currently going through a Lent series. We would love for you to come and grow in your faith with us! We have pizza, games, and lots of fun!

**Upcoming events to announced in March, April and May.**



**Virtual Sunday School**  
Sundays at 10:00 am

Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.

## CUPCAKE WARS



## Children's Ministry News

### Wednesday Night Children's Church

(in person)

6:00 pm

Room 108 & gym

### "Celebrate Wonder"

Facebook Live in the Children's Ministry Group

@ 10:00 am

Sunday mornings!

May be viewed live or

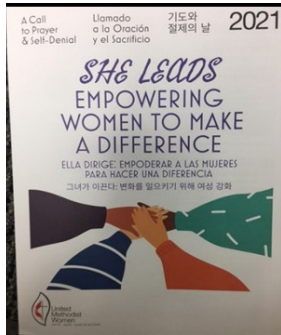
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## UMW News

The UMW board met on February 15, to discuss continuing our suspension or moving forward with a UMW luncheon. The board as a group, decided they would tentatively set April 12<sup>th</sup> as the next luncheon. Our Covid-19 numbers are trending down and the number of individuals getting the vaccine are rising. With this in mind we believe we can safely have a program and luncheon on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the gym with social distancing, wearing of masks and having a catered lunch. Also, please continue to watch the newsletter and information from your circle leaders for all new information. —**UMW Board**



## A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL



February is the month that the UMW invites each of us to help our low income communities with prayers and self-denial. We pray and give so that others may gain control over their lives and futures. Year after year UMW has faithfully answered the call to prayer and sacrificial giving by raising funds to help women’s lives by sowing seeds of hope while nurturing women to make a difference. We deny ourselves in order to provide a monetary donation to UMW. Perhaps foregoing a lunch and giving that donation to the church for missions. If you would like to give a donation, please make a check out to UMW and write on the memo line for “Prayer and Self-denial. Your donation can be put in the offering plate, drop it by the church or mailed to the church.

—*Eileen Graham*

## Worship with GFUMC on Sunday Mornings Online LIVE

9:00 am Celebration and 11:00 am Traditions

### Where to connect:

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)

Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC



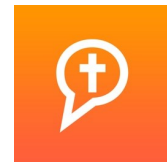
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

### Watch on demand:

Church App: [FUMCGadsden](https://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)



### “Counting Our Blessings” Estimate of Giving 2021

As of 2/14/21 we have received 70 “Estimate of Giving” Cards with a total of \$279,716.00.

**It’s not too late to turn your card in.** *Additional cards are available in the church office.* Budget planning for 2021 has begun.



### Generosity-Ways to Give

- [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

## Calendar for February 28-March 6, 2021

### Feb 28, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; In person/Online  
 10:00 am, Sunday School, Ken Casey & George Varner, GoToMeeting  
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook  
 10:00 am, Youth Sunday School, Online  
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship; In person/Online

### March 1, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
 6:00 pm, "One in a Million", Zoom Study with Barbara Condra

### March 2, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday  
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, In person/Livestream

#### Honorariums and Memorials

**Music Fund:** In Honor of Rhonda Robinson, J.T. Harrell, and Benny McNair, given by Robin Wilson.

#### Immediate Prayer Concerns

George Fant                      Family of John Bowman Greer  
 Allan Jones (Allison Casey's brother)  
 Ruby Christine Poland  
 (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)  
 Meg (Ryan) Casey (granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

#### Continued Prayer Concerns

Pat Martin    Ron Garry    Wanda Hemby    Ina Davis  
 Susan Keady (Debbie Hiltz's sister)  
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)  
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)  
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

### March 3, Wednesday


9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open  
 6:00 pm, Youth, Room 211/gym  
 6:00 pm, Children's activities, 108/gym  
 6:00 pm, Bible Study, Sam, online, Facebook live  
 6:00 pm, Lent Study, "Why Easter Matters", Harriet Murray, Room 116, in person

### March 4, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

### March 5, Friday

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

*The ministers and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to Bill & Susanna Greer in the death of their son, John Bowman Greer*  
  
*February 20, 2021*

*The flower on the altar is In honor of Lucy Jane Langston*  
*February 20, 2021*



*Parents: Brad & Davis Ann*  
*Big Sister: Madeline*  
*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*

#### Birthdays.....

**Feb 28** Scott Dobbins  
**Feb 29** Elisabeth Hardin, George Day  
**Mar 2** Jim Phillips  
**Mar 3** Joe Murphy, Sheila Bishop, Dana Rice, Jeanne Sims, Todd Frederick  
**Mar 4** Allie Cannon Smith  
**Mar 5** Darby Hayes  
**Mar 6** Beth Kimball, Tristan Hocevar



#### Week of February 21, 2021

\*In Person Total \*163    Overall Total 465  
 Online Viewer Total 302    Mosaic 17  
 Celebration \*36/122    Traditions \*39/132  
 Thursday \*8    Bible Study Groups 31  
 Ash Wednesday Service \*51  
 Youth \*14            Children \*15  
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00  
 General Offering Received \$15,827.01  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$121,600.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$83,785.01  
**2021 Pledges: 70 for \$279,716.00**  
**Camp Sumatanga offerings: \$4,045.00**

#### 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.