

# MYSTERIOUS *Women* of the Bible

**SERMON SERIES**  
June 2021  
Pastor Sam Hayes

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

**6-13-21**

**Sermon Notes**

**"She Made Jesus Cry"**

Have you already guessed who this week's "mysterious woman of the Bible" is? Let me give you a few more hints. She and her sister and brother were pretty well off for their day and time. There is no mention of their parents, but they had

a house that was large enough to accommodate many people, and they were generous with their hospitality. Probably orphans, none of the three siblings was married.

Jesus was very close to this family. Think about it...everyone needs a group of people that they feel comfortable being around – people to hang out with... Jesus had that kind of friendship with this mysterious woman, her older sister, and her brother.

Simply put: Jesus loved them.

This mysterious woman's name means "wise woman." Her older sister's name meant "lady of the house" (and wow, did that ever fit her sister!) Her brother's name meant, "God has given help." (also very fitting, when you consider what Jesus did for him!)

The main hint for this week is "she made Jesus cry."

Our scripture this Sunday will be John 11: 35. You might want to go ahead and read the whole 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of John before Sunday. We will also look at two other places in the New Testament where we see something about our mysterious woman. She teaches us about discipleship, worship, and even something about mourning. I hope you can join us.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Sam



## Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, (in person and online)
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday Worship

**Celebration Service 9:00 am**  
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

**Traditions Service 11:00 am**  
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

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

## Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the service.)

**June 13**

**Celebration:** Will Brookshire, Zach Hilburn, Brynn Crain, Jacob Kelley  
**Traditions:** Matthew Vance, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**June 20**

**Celebration:** Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Brad Barnes, Sheila Freeman  
**Traditions:** Matthew Vance, Sheila Freeman



**Youth Ministry News**  
**Wednesday Night**  
**Youth Group 6:00 pm**  
**Room 211/Gym**

**Youth Summer 2021**

*June 16th– Make dog biscuits at church for Humane Society*  
*June 18th–Work at United Way Day of Action at Humane Society*



**ELC News**

Our 2021 Summer Session started this week. We will take a break next week for VBS but be back strong on June 15<sup>th</sup> and finish out on July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will explore many summer themes including sea life, the beach, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and camping.

The faculty and parents, as well as the students, are so excited about the new playground flooring as well. Come check it out.

Helene Haller

**Children’s Ministry News**

**GFUMC SUMMER EVENTS 2021**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 TYE-DYE T-SHIRTS**  
 MEET AT 6:00 IN THE PORTICO  
 \*BRING YOUR OWN WHITE SHIRT

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7**  
**MOVIE IN OUR NEW KIDS WORSHIP ROOM**  
 MEET AT 6:00. WEAR PAJAMAS, BRING PILLOWS, BLANKETS, AND A SNACK TO SHARE!

**SUNDAY, JULY 11 SKATING**  
 MEET AT MERRY-GO-ROUND SKATING RINK FROM 3:00-5:00

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
 MEET AT 6:00 IN THE PORTICO. WE’LL PUT TOGETHER SHOEBOXES FOR “OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD”

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS!**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES START BACK!**  
**MEET IN OUR NEW KID’S WORSHIP ROOM**  
**6:00-7:00**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, PROMOTION SUNDAY**  
**MEET IN THE KID’S WORSHIP ROOM TO CELEBRATE AND GET PROMOTED TO THE NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

*“Celebrate Wonder”*  
 Children’s Church  
 In-Person,  
 9 am and 11 am Worship

**Thanks for a Great VBS!**

**Pictures Coming Soon!**

**Honorariums and Memorials**

**General Budget Fund:**

In memory of Jimmie Dan Atkins, given by Gary Atkins.  
In memory of Marj Ross, given by Steve & Lynne Frederick.  
In memory of Marj Ross given by Lee Trotter, Jr.  
In memory of Marj Ross, given by Dave & Sissie Jensen

**UMCOR:**

In memory of Rabun Johnson, given by Dotty Ivey.

**Sara Rabun Johnson Scholarship Fund:**

In memory of Rabun Johnson, given by Salem Shunnarah.  
In memory of Rabun Johnson, given by Kerry Thomas.

**Music Fund:**

In memory of Marj Ross, given by Alex Holtsford.

*The ministers and congregation of  
First United Methodist Church of  
Gadsden*

*extend Christian sympathy to  
Joni Smith  
in the death of her brother,  
Rick Countryman  
June 2, 2021*



REMEMBER  
TO  
GIVE

Have you downloaded the Church App?

*It is a great way to reconnect!*

Go to: **FUMCGadsden**

(Available in the App Stores for Android or iPhone!)

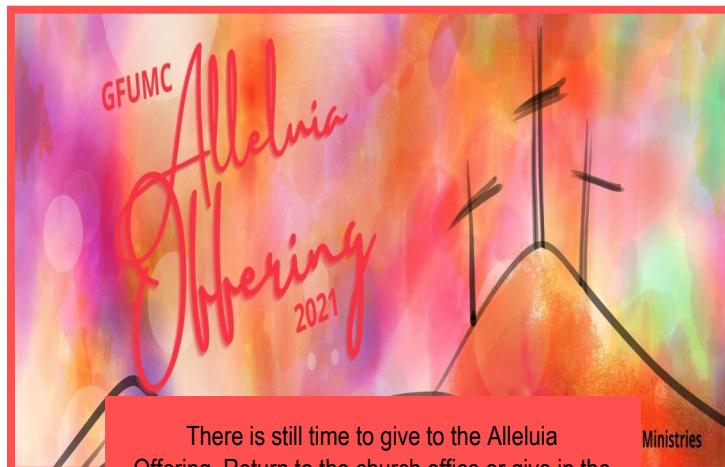


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Use our hashtag to Tag and Share your pictures  
of church activities: **#gfumcreconnect2020**



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon. She is currently serving as our interim Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email at [giving@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:giving@fumcgadsden.org).**

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There is still time to give to the Alleluia Offering. Return to the church office or give in the offering plates in the sanctuary.

- 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



## June is Missionary Month

Watch for highlights during the month of June to learn more about United Methodist Missionaries around the world! We will also offer special prayers for our missionaries during our worship services.

## MAY MISSIONS UPDATE



**Bravo to All Who Filled a Bucket for the Disaster Relief Warehouse!  
We are so close to having them all back!**

You have helped the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** replenish the **tornado buckets that help bring God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by these natural disasters.**

**Those few that have not been brought back, can still be brought to the church by Sunday, June 61.** (Even if unable to fill the bucket, please return the empty bucket.)

Thank you for helping us get our Disaster Relief Warehouse ready to share God's love when disaster strikes.  
—GFUMC Mission Team

## GFUMC



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

## 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](https://twitter.com/gfumcreconnect2021)

## UMW NEWS

Our **UMW** May Luncheon was at the **Beautiful Rainbow Café** inside the Gadsden City Library. Chip Rowan and his great staff provided us with a wonderful lunch and delicious dessert. Make plans to have lunch at the Beautiful Rainbow Café, you will not be disappointed.

United Methodist Women will not be meeting during the months of June, July and August for a luncheon. We will try to get together for a dinner at one of our local restaurants each of these months.

Watch the newsletter or from an email/text from your circle leader to keep up with **UMW** information for the summer months.



## UMW Quilting Circle

Our quilting circle is in desperate need of volunteers who would be able to make baby quilts for Success by Six.

If you would like to help please contact Susan Swann at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email her at



## Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 am – In Person



- ◆ Living Water Sunday School Class, "Mysteries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
- ◆ Martin Fellowship Class, "International Sunday School Lessons", Room 116.
- ◆ Pathfinders Class, "Which Way, Lord", by Rob Fuquay, Room 208.
- ◆ Seekers Sunday School Class– is currently not meeting. *Members are welcome to meet with another*

**In-person**  
Pastor Sam  
Wednesday  
Mornings @ 11 am  
Gathering Room

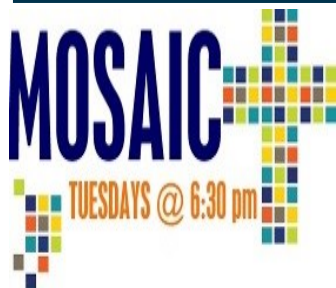


**Online**  
Pastor Sam  
Wednesdays @ 6 pm,  
online, FACEBOOK Live  
(Also, available on-demand on  
the GFUMC website or church  
app under the media tab.)

**In-Person: Wednesday Nights, 6:00 pm, w/Harriet Murray  
will not meet during June and July. Return in August.**

## Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

A Study of Parables with Roger Thompson. *Contact the church office for more information on how to join this online study.*



## Calendar for June 13-19, 2021

### June 13, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live streamed  
 10:00 am, Martin Fellowship, Pathfinders, and Living Water  
 Sunday School classes, in person  
 11:00 am, Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live streamed

### June 14, Monday

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

### June 15, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule  
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday  
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym  
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, In person/Livestream

### June 16, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule  
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open  
 11:00 am, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, in person  
 6:00 pm, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, online  
 6:00 pm, Youth, Gym & 211  
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

### June 17, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
 7:00 am, Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom  
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

### June 18, Friday

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

*The flower on the altar is  
 In honor of*

*Amelia James Hedgspeth*

*June 3, 2021*



*Parents: Jay & Claire*

*Big Sister: Hadley*

*Grandparents:*

*Mark & Barbara Condra*

*Great-grandparent: Laura Condra*

*Given by the Children's  
 Ministry and the ELC*

*The flower on the altar is  
 In honor of*

*Jack Brigham Kennedy*

*June 4, 2021*



*Parents:*

*Burns & Hannah*

*Grandparents:*

*Whit & Kathy Torbert*

*Given by the Children's  
 Ministry and the ELC*

*Celebrating  
 the birth of*

*Ann Elizabeth Casey*

*June 3, 2021*



*Parents:*

*Ryan & Meg*

*Grandparents: Kay & Hal West*

*and Sheila & Jeff Casey*

*Great-Grandparent: Dotty Ivey*

*Given by the Children's  
 Ministry and the ELC*

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Rick Countryman  
 Virginia Yocum Carma Rayburn  
 Dr. Ed Thompson Dot Thompson  
 Jan Humphrey  
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of  
 Dottie Ivey)



### Continued Prayer Concerns

Jack Floyd Glen Pierson Collins Tackaberry  
 Pat Martin Winnie Mae Beasley  
 Julia Keenum (Peggy Casey's mother)  
 Ruby Christine Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)  
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)  
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

### Birthdays.....

**June 13** Gary Dial, Gail Spotnitz,  
 Steve Roach  
**June 14** Cindy Kasper, Kelly Page,  
 Shannon Muratta, Jackson Page  
**June 15** Janice Dreyer, Blaise Jarecki  
**June 16** Beth Dial  
**June 17** Judy Dressman, Rick Moran,  
 Joshua Reeves  
**June 18** Carter Murray, Cole Murray  
**June 19** David Woodall



### Week of June 6, 2021

\*In Person Total \*267 Overall Total 437  
 Online Viewer Total \*170 Mosaic \*27  
 Thursday \*7 Sunday School \*38  
 Celebration Service \*56/121  
 Traditions \*95/133 Children \*18  
 Bible Study Groups \*10/16 Youth \*16  
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00  
 General Offering Received \$16,513.00  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$349,600.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$313,926.00



### 2021 Alleluia Offering

**\$15,588.00**

**Designated for  
 Children's Ministry  
 Room 6,650.00**

**Total \$22,238.00**