



Something NEW

Pastor Ken Casey

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

6-25-23 Sermon Notes “Something New” Isaiah 43:18-19 NRSV

18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The time in this church’s history when Sam Hayes was Senior Pastor and Andy Yarnell was Associate Pastor is now a thing of the past. We can appreciate their impact on our lives and the life of this church community. We can take what they taught us and challenged us to be and continue to grow. But as far as their time with us, it is over. They have gone to other phases of their lives and ministry. Sam has gone into retirement where he will teach eighth graders with learning disabilities and Andy has moved to Pell City where he will be the Associate Pastor. I give thanks to God for His blessings to us through Sam and Andy. While they have moved on to different places, the impact of their ministry here will continue to guide and strengthen us. We are reminded to “not dwell on the past.”

God is “about to do a new thing.” A new phase in our church history is beginning. The Reverend Sherri Reynolds will join us as our new Senior Pastor on July 2. Sherri will be our first female Senior Pastor. She will also be the first minister not moving into our parsonage since the Board of Stewards voted to sell the parsonage and to give the Senior Pastor and family a monthly allowance to rent or buy a house. We welcome Sherri, her husband Rob, and her daughters to Gadsden. Sherri will lead us with new insights and visions of where God is taking us and how to be more faithful servants. She will teach us and guide us from a different and rich perspective. The experiences and wisdom she has gained as a female clergyperson will enhance our growth as Christian people. Personally, I am thankful that God is “about to do a new thing!” I thank God for His wisdom in bringing Sherri to us and for His blessings we will receive through her ministry here. Through her, God will make us a better and stronger Christian community.

Rev. Ken Casey

Meet Pastor Sherri

Sherri is a native of Centre, Alabama. She is a graduate of Jacksonville State and Candler School of Theology. Her previous appointments include First United Methodist Church of Pell City, Eulaton United Methodist Church in Wellborn, Christ Central Church in Rainbow City, and Superintendent of the Southwest District of the North Alabama Conference (Tuscaloosa, Alabama). Sherri is married to Rob Reynolds, of Skowhegan, Maine. Rob currently works at Love, INC (Love in the Name of Christ) a non-profit in Northport. They have two daughters, Rachel (a sophomore at Mississippi State University) and Libby (a high school senior). When not busy with ministry and mom duties, Sherri loves to plan, undertake adventures, and listen to audible books while walking.



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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Morning:

Celebration 9 am* Traditions 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or

on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

ACOLYTES

June 25: Jack & Sarah Kate Brookshire
July 2: Silas Hosey & Luke Barnes

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

June 25

Celebration: Eric Wright, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Davis Varner, Brad Barnes, Neil Mullin

July 2

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheils Freeman

Traditions: Neil Mullin, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal will resume in August!

Enjoy your summer!

Out of Town on the Weekend?

Come to Thursday Worship!

5:30 to 6:00 pm each week

In the Sanctuary

**Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesday will resume in the Fall!
Enjoy Your Summer Break!**

**Men at the Well
Thursday Mornings
7:00 am**

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the Men at the Well small group. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant.

Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.

There's a Place for you in Sunday School!

- Living Waters Sunday School Class, [Beginning Guide to the Kingdom](#) by Prof. Amy-Jill Levine **Room 112, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!**
- Martin Fellowship Class, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, with Eric Wright and Harriet Murray, **Room 208**
- Pathfinders and Seekers Classes are currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Room 208** Current study of "Me and My Big Mouth" by Andy Stanley.



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Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Ministry and Mission Notes, and Sermon Notes.

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ELC News

Summer 2023 session is underway. We are having a great time exploring summer themes like the beach, ocean, and camping. Tuesday, June 27th, The Dog House will be here for our first summer lunchbox revolt. Cost for students is \$4.50 for a hotdog, chips and a drink. The ELC will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th but will open on Wednesday, July 5th.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

June 25th Kayaking at Toogayak
(Leave following Celebration Service)
July 12 Cookout
July 16 Pool Party
July 23 Bonfire

Contact Carmen McKiven for details.

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner will resume in August!

Children's Ministry

Children's Church
Sundays @ 9 am and 11 am

A colorful graphic titled "GFUMC kids Summer Calendar" with a background of blue, pink, and yellow wavy patterns. It features several circular callouts for events: "JUNE 5-JUNE 8 VBS: HERO HOTLINE" with a "SCAN HERE!" QR code and a "SUPER HERO" logo; "JUNE 21 STEM DAY WEDNESDAY 5-6" with a sun and glasses icon; "JUNE 25 ACOLYTE PARTY GADROCK 12-2" with a "GADROCK" logo; "JULY 12 SUPER WATER WEDNESDAY 5-6" with a "SUPER HERO" logo; "JULY 26 GIFT TO GADSDEN"; and "AUGUST 2 MEGA NERF WAR 5-6".

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Mission Focus



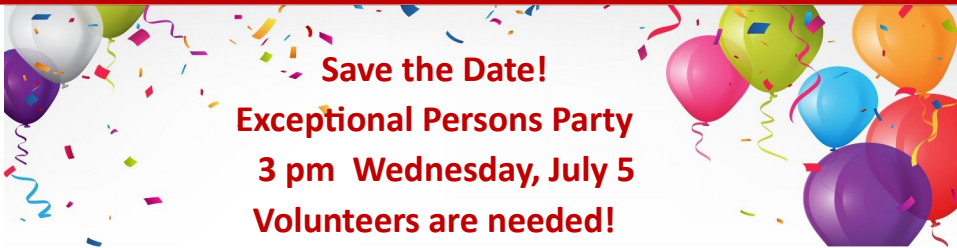
Clothes Closet Donations of Socks and Underwear

We will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear for men, women, and children during the month of June! Help us fill the **RED BUCKETS** at the

entrances to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Foyer.

Thank you for remembering your Clothes Closet.

—Clothes Closet Team



Save the Date!

Exceptional Persons Party

3 pm Wednesday, July 5

Volunteers are needed!



GFUMC MISSIONS CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Beginning July 1, Stockings will be available to fill for the Salvation Army for Christmas.

United Women in Faith

Our summer suppers are back!!!

All ladies of the church are invited to join us Thursday, June 29th at 5:30 pm at Las Brisas, 113 N. 7th Street, for Fun, Fellowship, and Mexicana. Dutch Treat! See You There!!

—Barbara Bennett, President



GFUMC



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

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm, at the Portico entrance.

Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Clothes Closet Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

June open dates are

6/7 and 6/21

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

Clients Served

May 2023

Ladle of Love 366

Clothes Closet 194

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2023



*Preview of Classes
Registration will open July 5!*

Gift to Gadsden

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden
Members Sharing Their Gifts & Talents

Free Workshops & Introductory Classes

July 24—July 27, 2023

First Session: 6:15—7:30 PM

Acrylic Painting MTWTH	Sharon Dasinger
Casual Cooking MTWTH	Harriet Murray
Crafts with Katharine MTWTH	Katharine Barnes
Crochet for Beginners MTWTH	Angela Horton
Flower Arranging MTWTH	Benny Campbell & June Styles
Fly Fishing MTWTH	George Fant
Fine Jewelry MTWTH	Benny McNair
Wills, Power of Attorney's & Medical Directive MTWTH	Davis Varner
Calligraphy MT	Robin Wilson
iPhone Basics MT	Bob Blount
Mindfulness Meditation MT	Karen Owen
Investment & Finance MT	Jay Hedgspeth
Olive Oil Benefits 101 MT	Tena King & Leslie Johnson
Southern Herbal Remedies M	Darryl Patton
Yoga for Beginners M	Jane Patton
Health Insurance- Supplemental Policies WTH	Jackie Brechin

Fellowship Time: 7:30—7:45 PM

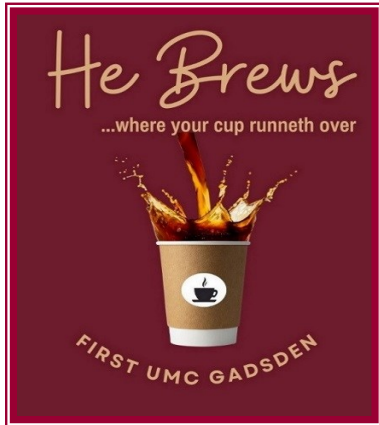
Second Session: 7:45—9:00 PM

Cooking with Kids 10 and Over MTWTH	Carmen McKiven
Drama MTWTH	Molly Page
Urban Container Gardening (Vegetables & Herbs) MTWTH	Eric Wright
Jewelry Making MT	Linda Cleveland

Both Sessions: 6:15—9:00 PM

Beginning Mahjong MTWTH	Joan Bigelow
Beginning Pickleball MTWTH	Jana & Mac Downs
Cake Decorating MTWTH	Michelle Cothran

Limited Classes—Pre-Registration Required
Please call church office 543-8200
or register online @ www.fumcgadsden.org/gifttogadsden
Nursery Provided with pre-registration only



Inviting Ministries

Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café
between the Sunday morning worship services,
from 10 am to 11 am.
We can't wait to see you there!!!

Stay Connected This Summer!

Worship Services are Livestreamed on Sunday mornings on the church website, facebook, & YouTube and are available on demand on the church website & Church app.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org

Update Your Contact Information

Please help us update the membership records in the church office with your current mailing address, phone number, email address and birthdays for all family members.

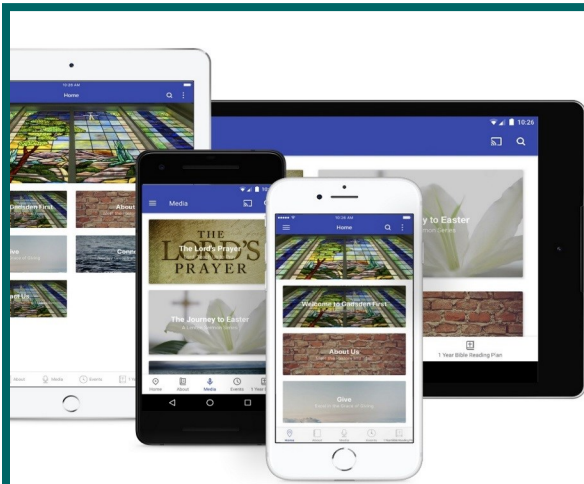
Updates may be sent to susan@fumcgadsden.org or call Susan in the church office @ 256-543-8200.

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.

All Meetings, Events and Activities must be scheduled in advance with the church secretary, Susan Swann by email or phone, susan@fumcgadsden.org or 256.543.8200. This will allow us to serve you better! We will reserve a specific room(s) for you, ensure that the air conditioning is on, and that there is access to the building.



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HOLY WEEK APRIL 2-9, 2023

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden
115 S. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

In Psalm 135, we read these powerful words:

Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God. All you priests on duty in God's temple, serving in the sacred halls of our God, shout "Hallelujah!" because God's so good, sing anthems to his beautiful name... (Ps. 135:1-3 MSG)

There is still time to give to the 2023 Alleluia Offering which will go toward our Music Ministry and Capital Improvements! Gifts so far to the 2023 Alleluia offering total \$29,618.00.

Last year, we had the biggest Alleluia Offering our church has seen in a long time! Thank you so much! With your generosity, we have had the second largest amount of giving to this offering. Thank you for caring and giving to this special offering.

Shout, "Hallelujah!" because God is so good.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sam
Senior Pastor

Pastor Andy
Associate Pastor

Jay Hedgspeth
Generosity Team Chair

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Bright Hope for Tomorrow*

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Gadsden, AL 35901



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Calendar for June 25-July 1, 2023

June 25 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary
 10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee
 11:00 am Traditions Service, Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Acolyte Party, Gadrock

June 26 Monday

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym
 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting, Parlor

June 27 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
 5:00 pm Yoga, Gym
 5:00 pm Finance Meeting, Parlor
 6:00 pm Board Meeting, Gathering Room

June 28 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
 6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

June 29 Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym
 5:30 pm UWF Summer Supper, Las Brisas
 5:30 pm Thursday worship

June 30 Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love

A Love Offering is being received for Pastor Sam and Pastor Andy. Gifts may be given through the church office or in worship. Please mark your check to indicate your gift.



Dates to Remember

June 26 Trustees meeting @ 5:00 pm
 June 27 Finance meeting @5:00 pm
 June 27 Board of Stewards @6:00 pm
 July 2 Pastor Sherri Reynold's 1st Sunday
 July 5 Exceptional Persons' Party
 July 24-27 Gift to Gadsden is Back!!

THANK YOU!
Thank you!

Tammy and I would like to thank you for the going away luncheon and for your parting gifts. It was everything we've come to expect from our years at FUMC Gadsden.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor Sam

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Heather Lincoln (Phillip & Leslie Johnson's daughter)
 Adam Ashley (Sheila Witherspoon's grandson)
 Frances Isbell (daughter of Gordon Isbell)
 Patsy Blankenship Ken Davis Dawn Rains Bibb Holland
 Elizabeth Page (sister of Jan Humphrey)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Rodney Thompson Asher Mae Collins
 Chris Gunnells (Gail McNair's nephew)
 John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)

Honorariums & Memorials

Howell Erwin Fund

In memory of Jane Bugg, given by Bill Bugg, Jr.

Birthdays

June 25 Carolyn Howren,
 Sophia Hornik, Wells Isbell
 June 26 Peggy Casey, Raymond Lane,
 Cortland Phillips, Taylor Smith
 June 27 Ciara Caldwell, John Freeman
 June 28 Albert Gibson, Jr., Lee Pruett,
 Grace Walton
 July 1 Carma Rayburn,
 Lauren Blackstock, Lilly Ostendorf,
 Sarah Kate Brookshire

Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth. Thank you! —Susan

Week of June 18, 2023

In Person Total *132 Worship Total 469
 Online 337 Thursday Worship *7
 Traditions Service *69/159
 Celebration Service *56/178
 Adult Sunday School *31/1 UWF *0
 Bible Study Groups *4 Misc. *4
 Children *6 Youth *14 Nursery *2
 Total Small Groups *63 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
 General Offering Received \$4,729.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$319,425.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$292,497.00

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