

MYSTERIOUS *Women* of the Bible

SERMON SERIES

June 2021

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

6-6-21

Sermon Notes

“She Was Doggone Smart”

If the title of this week’s sermon makes you sit up and take notice...then mission accomplished! (sort of) I’ll be doing a sermon series in the month of June entitled, “Mysterious Women of the Bible.” Each week (except for

Fathers’ Day) we will highlight a different woman whose life teaches us a faith lesson. The “mysterious” part is this: I will give you a hint as to the identity of the woman... and you are supposed to guess. Then AFTER you guess – read the passage to see how you did. Everyone who guesses correctly gets a piece of leftover Halloween Candy from the Craft Room at church.

Here is an example: “She had a fruitful discussion with a snake.” Anybody? Of course, I’m talking about Eve. Something to know about these women - none of the women we will talk about this month is perfect. None of them has life handed to them on a silver platter. Nobody has it easy. They all lived in a time when women were overlooked, treated as property, forgotten... They had to overcome GIANT barriers – gender, race and ethnicity, grief, their own failures being among those barriers. I don’t know about you, but I can relate to a person like that!

Something else they all have in common: God used all of them, and is still using them to teach us today, all these centuries later. What will we learn this week? How will God use us?

So, what is your guess for this week’s mysterious woman? “She was doggone smart” is your clue. After you guess, then go and read Matthew 15: 21-28. (And let me know if you win some candy!)

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 or
on facebook live: @fumcgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

June 6

Celebration: Mark Condra, Bill Haller, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Matthew Vance, Tammy Hayes

June 13

Celebration: Will Brookshire, Zach Hilburn, Brynn Crain, Jacob Kelley

Traditions: Matthew Vance, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Donate snacks for our VBS Volunteers. See page 2 for details.



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

ELC News

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

Summer 2021

June 7th-10th– Help with VBS
 June 16th– Make dog biscuits at church for Humane Society
 June 18th-Work at United Way Day of Action at Humane Society



Junior High Camp
@ Camp Sumatanga
 Dates: June 6-11
 Age: 6th-8th Grades
 Ministers: Andy Yarnell & David Thompson

Children’s Ministry News

VBS Workshops: Come and help get ready for VBS!
June 6 @ 12 Noon until....!

SNACK DONATIONS FOR OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS

- BOTTLED WATER
- CHICKEN NUGGETS
- BAKED GOODS
- INDIVIDUAL BAGGED CHIPS

BRING THEM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Wednesday Night
Children’s Church
Room 108 & Gym
6:00 pm (in person)

“Celebrate Wonder”
Children’s Sunday School,
In-Person,
10:00 AM

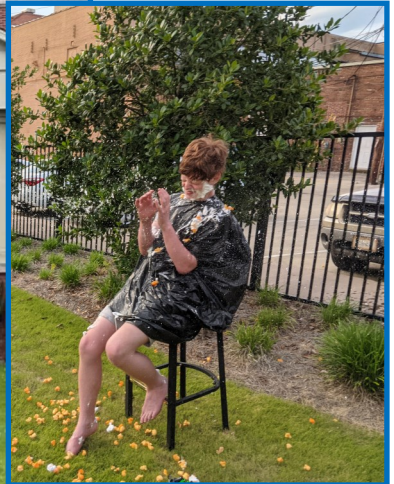
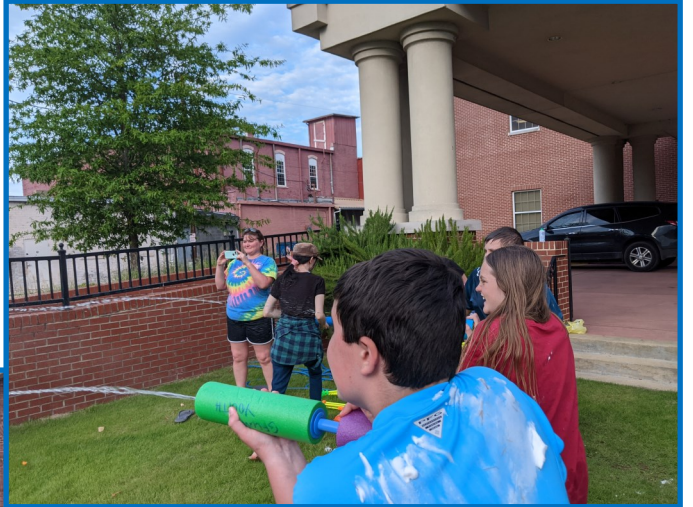
BFUMC Children’s Ministry invites you to

Discovery on Adventure Island

REGISTER ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE!

Vacation Bible School

June 7–June 10



YOUTH MAGAZINE

Dear Church family,
 How blessed I am to not only be a member of this congregation but to also serve as the Early Learning Center Director. One of my responsibilities is working with Trustees on various projects that benefit not only the church congregation but the ELC. Recently, we worked to replace the rubber playground flooring. How exciting it was to add another touch of green to this space. Though we could not add grass; we were able to add synthetic turf. Hopefully the attached picture will give you a better idea. The church staff would like to thank Mr. M.B. McCartney. It was through his generous donation to the church playground fund that this repair was able to happen so quickly. On your next visit to the church, please visit the green space and playground and see this wonderful completed project. —Helene



RECONNECT

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!)

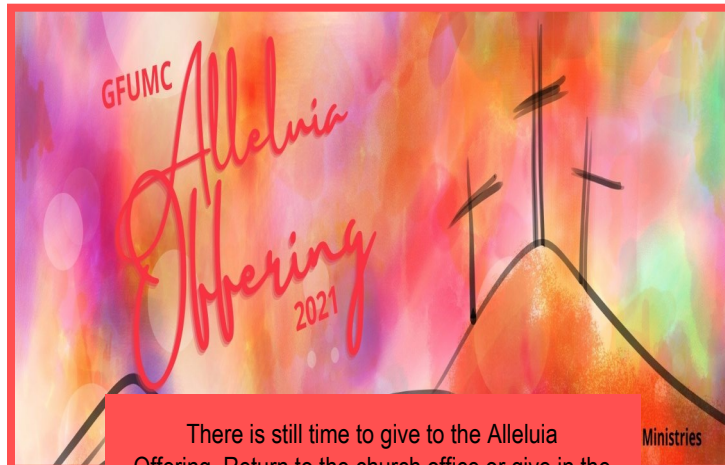


Follow GFUMC on Instagram: **first_umcgadsden**
 Use our hashtag to Tag and Share your pictures
 of church activities: **#gfumcreconnect2020**



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.**

GIVING



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
 - 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 6. (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

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"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
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[#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

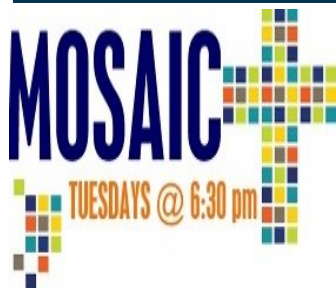


Online
Pastor Sam
Wednesdays @ 6 pm,
online, FACEBOOK Live
(Also, available on-demand on
the GFUMC website or church
app under the media tab.)

**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 6-12, 2021

June 6, 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 7, Monday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, Vacation Bible School

June 8, Tuesday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, Vacation Bible School
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, In person/Livestream

June 9, Wednesday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, Vacation Bible School
 6:00 pm, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, online
 6:00 pm, Children's Activities, Room 108/gym
 6:00 pm, Youth, Room 211/gym
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

June 10, Thursday

7:00 am, Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

June 11, Friday

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

A Memorial Service for Marj Ross

Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 pm
 Gadsden First Methodist Church

*The flower on the altar is
 In honor of
 Amelia Dill
 April 22, 2021
 Parents: Brandon & Mary
 Big Sisters: Catherine & Savannah
 Big Brothers: Noah & Max
 Given by the Children's
 Ministry and the ELC*



*In Memory of
 Her Life
 Pandora McLeod
 May 23, 2021*



*The ministers and congregation
 of First United Methodist
 Church of Gadsden
 extend Christian sympathy to
 Diana Rampey
 in the death of her brother,
 Rabun Johnson
 May 30, 2021*



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Marj Ross
 Family of Pandora McLeod
 Family of Rabun Johnson
 Carma Rayburn Jack Floyd Jan Humphrey
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of
 Dottie Ivey)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Dr. Ed Thompson Virginia Yocum Glen Pierson
 Collins Tackaberry Pat Martin Dot Thompson
 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 6 Sally Page
June 7 Danny Long, Valerie Johnson,
 Jay Hedgspeth, Alley Mac Sizemore
June 8 George Varner, Mark Whitt,
 Owen Trotter
June 9 Alejandro Hornik, Jud Burford,
 Emily Smith Riley, Patrick Watkins
June 10 Allison Casey
June 11 Tammy Hayes, Ruthie Hornik
June 12 Dot Thompson, Tyler Darden,
 Connor Jarecki



Week of May 30, 2021

*In Person Total *142 Overall Total 314
 Online Viewer Total *172 Mosaic *10
 Thursday *9 Sunday School *0
 One United Service *84/154
 Bible Study Groups *12/18
 Youth *13 Children *14
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$3,781.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$334,400.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$297,413.00



2021 Alleluia Offering
\$15,588.00
Designated for
Children's Ministry
Room 6,650.00

Total \$22,238.00