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First UMC Gadsden

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



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Weekly Volunteers

Acolytes

October 25
Sara Echols,
Lily Hindsman,
Scout Pritchard

November 1
Anna Kate, Layne Godfrey,
Lucy Gilbert

Tech Team Schedule

October 25
Celebration:
Rob Reynolds, Bill Haller,
Carmen McKiven
Traditions:
Wayne Payton,
Davis Varner
Sheila Freeman

November 1
Celebration: Bill Haller,
Sheila Freeman
Traditions:
Sheila Freeman,
Rob Reynolds

Ushers & Greeters

October 25
Celebration:
Karen Owen
Denise McCarthy

Traditions:
Charles & Delores Abney,
Jennifer Jackson,
Bobby Robinson

November 1
Celebration :
Nancy McCorkle,
Vickie Handy

Traditions:
Terry & Sheila Bishop
Bob & Becky Oltman

Now is the Time of Gifts

Sermon Notes: October 22 and October 25: Corinthians 9:6-15

Did you know that Paul had his own generosity emphasis? In 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Paul is hyping up the church at Corinth to encourage them to give to the needs in Jerusalem. In this emphasis, he reminds them that as they are generous that they will know generosity. Paul also shares that God loves it when we give out of cheerfulness and that we experience cheerfulness as we give. He notes that God provides for the increase through what they give, and their giving is a thanksgiving to God. Paul also reminds the Corinthians, that it is God who supplies

God provides for us too! Have you ever thought that all that we have is from God and we are stewards of those gifts? God supplies us with the "seeds" and the "bread", and we have the choice and responsibility of how to be good stewards of those gifts. Does our stewardship reflect the thanksgiving unto God which Paul writes about in this passage? This week, consider how we can be good stewards of God's abundant blessings.

Now is the Time,

Rev. Sherri

First UMC Gadsden's annual Charge Conference will be at 3:00 pm, Sunday, November 1, at Attalla First UMC.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner and Small Groups and Activities for all ages begin at 5:15 pm

Wednesday, October 28: Lasagna, Alfredo, Salad, Dessert

$7 per person, $20 per family (Children 11 and under $3)



◊ *Wednesday Bible Study with Rev. Sherri—11 am & 6 pm*

· ***Starting September 30, join a study on the United Methodist Book of Discipline.*** This study will focus on The Social Principles: The Community of All Creation and the official stance of the United Methodist Church on many contemporary issues. The study will be offered at 11am and 6pm and will meet in Room 208. The last session will be held on November 11.

· ***Hit the Road to Bethlehem on December 2 and 9 for a two-week Bible Study*** which will parallel and enhance the Advent sermon series of the same name. Take a closer look at the locations, characters, and scriptures which surround Jesus' birth. The study will be offered at 11am and 6pm and will meet in Room 208.

◊ *Wednesday Bible Study with Harriet Murray, 6 pm*

Twelve Women of the Bible-In this twelve-session small group journey taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers you will meet a group of women in the Bible whose lives teach us about ourselves and about who God is. Come and grow closer to God and each other through these revealing stories of frailties, struggles, brokenness, and victories of real women from both the Old and New Testaments.

Sunday Mornings at FUMC

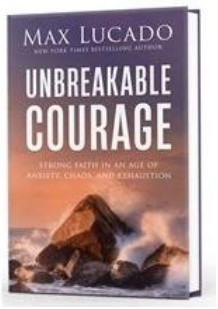


- **Odyssey Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Room 202 (Adult Library)**

Discussion of sermon topics and relevant scripture.

- **Pathfinders/Seekers 10 am, Room 208**

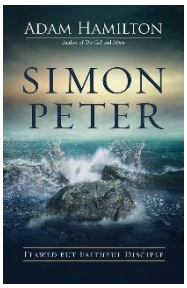
<u>Unbreakable Courage</u> by Max Lucado



Does the world feel topsy-turvy at best and toxic at worst? In Unbreakable Courage, Max Lucado brings today's chaos into conversation with the timeless truth of Scripture, offering biblical insight, encouragement, and hope for uncertain times. Through the story of Elijah, whose unwavering faith gave him courage in turbulent times, Max shows how you can stand strong no matter what challenges you face. Elijah's story can calm your fears, strengthen your faith, and guide your steps toward a renewed life of courage.

- **Living Water 10 am, Room 116-Rev. Ken Casey**

<u>Simon Peter</u> by Adam Hamilton



He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

- **New Young Adult/Family Sunday School Class, 10 am, in the Parlor-Room 117**

"Men at the Well" Thursday Mornings, 7:00 am

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the "Men at the Well" at the 278 Restaurant.

◊ Devotionals ◊ Fellowship ◊ Mission ◊ Service ◊

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

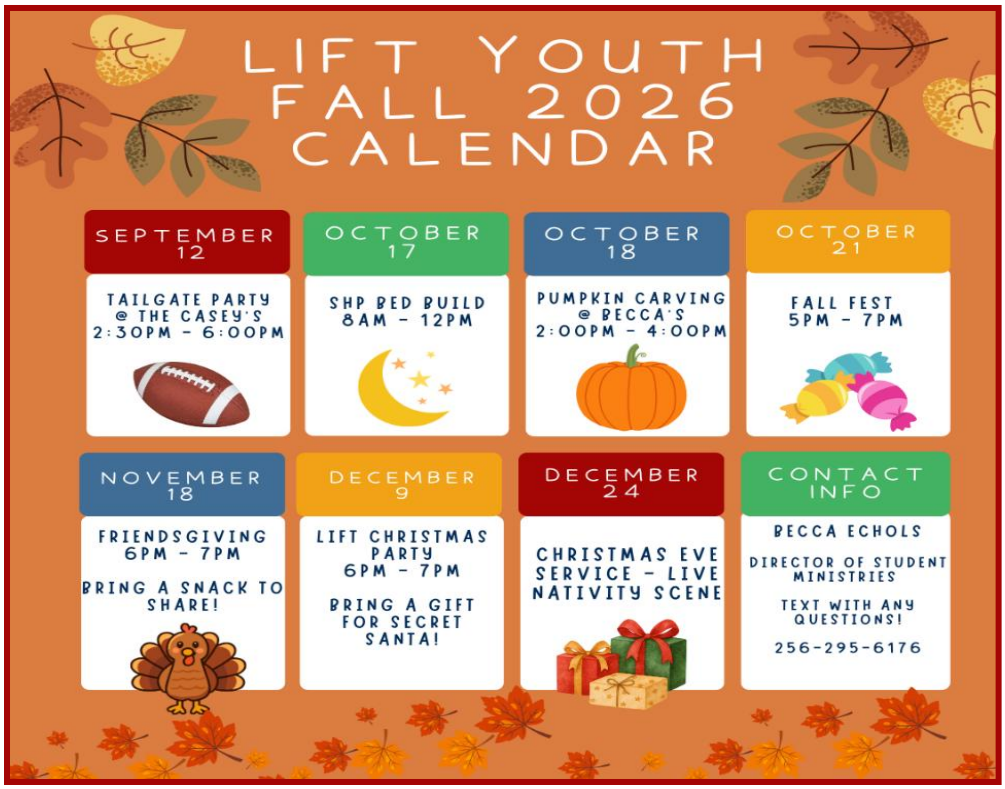


ELC News

Our 4K class and parents had a great time at Fire Station 1 and talked about all things fire safety. On Wednesday, October 28th will be our next lunchbox revolt. Papa John's Pizza and the cost is $4.00. Please join us for our annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 29th at 9:30.

Helene

Youth Sunday School
10 am-Room 211
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L.I.F.T. Youth
Wed Nights @ 6 pm



Fellowship Dinner will return on October 28.

Wed., Oct 28 Menu: Lasagna, Alfredo, Salad, Dessert

Children's Ministry



Sunday Mornings

Children's Church during worship,
9 am & 11 am
Sunday school @ 10 am

Wonderful Wednesday
5:15 pm for dinner $7 per person
($3 for 11 and under!)

6 pm Small Groups and Activities for all ages!

Need more info?
katharine@fumcgadsden.org





"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.

Volunteers are needed to serve on Ladle of Love Teams. Contact the church office for more information on how you can serve.

Clothes Closet Workdays are Tuesdays before open days from 9:00-11:00 am.
Open to Public
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
November open dates are 11/4 and 11/18
9:00 am to 11:00 am
516 Broad Street, Gadsden
Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ fumcgadsden.org/serve
Phone: 256-543-8200
Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

Ladle of Love Clothes Closet
June 2026

LOL	456
Clothes Closet	294

July 2026

LOL	428
Clothes Closet	257

Thanks to our Volunteers!



Mission Focus

The FUMCG Mission Team sponsors monthly mission focus that supports local non-profit organizations and church ministries & missions.

Donations for 2nd Chance, Inc.

During the month of October, the mission team is receiving donations for 2nd Chance. Look for the red buckets near the entrances of the church. Needed items are listed.

2nd Chance, Inc. has been assisting survivors of domestic violence since 1990. Serving Etowah, Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties, they receive almost 1000 crisis calls each year from this service area. There are two emergency shelters in Calhoun County. One is for people with limited mobility and is completely ADA compliant. They also provide case management, legal advocacy, counseling, support groups and relocation assistance, all free of charge. 2nd Chance serves women, men, and children, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability and/or sexual orientation. **24-hour crisis line: 256-236-7233**

2nd Chance Wish List

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Ethnic Hair Products
Hairbrushes
Cleaning Supplies (Kitchen, Bathroom & All Purpose Cleaners)
Sponges
Toilet Tissue
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent (High Efficiency)
Towels-All Sizes
Sheets (Twin & Full)
Blankets (Twin & Full)
Comforters (Twin & Full)
Bed Pillows
Body Lotion
Vaseline
Chap Stick/Lip Balm
Umbrellas
Baby Wipes
Over-the-Counter Medications (Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cold & Cough Medicines)

United Women in Faith

Olivia Kendrick, President
Susan Copeland, Vice-President

The Annual UWF Fall Bake Sale is coming on Sunday, November 22.
Women in the church are asked to provide 3 baked good items.

Sign up for "Lessons in Pies"

Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 11 am, Apple Pie - Kathy Trotter
Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 6 pm, Chocolate Pecan Pie, Kathy Trotter
Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 11 am, Quiche, Eileen Graham
Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 6 pm, Quiche, Eileen Graham
Watch for signup sheets in the Chestnut Foyer. Contact Karen Owen, 256-393-8552.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build such an incredible success! What began as a vision to build 100 beds for children in our community became something even bigger. Together, we raised over $30,000, collected more than 75 bedding sets, and brought together over 200 volunteers from SHP and churches across our downtown community and beyond. In just a few hours last Saturday, we built 125 beds! This was so much more than a bed build--it was a beautiful example of what can happen when people come together with one shared purpose: serving others and showing Christ's love in a tangible way. To everyone who donated, prayed, spread the word, organized and rolled up your sleeves to build, thank you! Because of you, 125 children will have a bed of their own and a more comfortable place to rest. What a blessing to be a part of a community that turns faith into action! -- Jeanne Mabeus and The Mission Team



FUMCG's Community Bed Build, 10.17.26

Go. Serve. Love.

OUR BED BUILD BY THE NUMBERS

125 beds built for children in need

175 amazing volunteers who showed up to make a difference

$30,305 donated to purchase supplies for the bed build

Approximately 1,675 pieces of lumber put to work

Approximately 9,300 screws helping turn lumber into sturdy beds

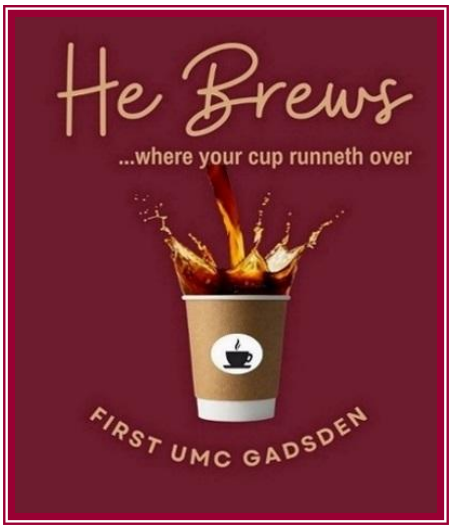
75 bedding sets donated, including sheets, comforters, pillows, blankets, and mattress pads

Work gloves to help protect busy hands

Safety glasses to help protect our hardworking volunteers

One incredible community united by one mission: ensuring every child has a safe, comfortable place to sleep.





HeBrews Coffee Café, Chestnut Foyer, Sundays, 10 am

We look forward to seeing you on each Sunday Morning!

Second Sunday Social @ HeBrews includes iced coffee and snacks!

Follow us on

Facebook and Instagram.



Out of town or working on weekends? *Thursday Worship could be just right for you! Join us in the sanctuary for a peaceful, in-person gathering where we reflect on the upcoming Sunday's scripture and sermon and spend time in prayer together. It's a meaningful way to deepen your faith and stay connected with God and your GFUMC family in a warm, welcoming setting. Please join us for Thursday Worship!*





October is
Pastor Appreciation Month.

We give thanks for

Pastor Sherri Reynolds

for her leadership and all that she gives to our church.



FUMCG Connect

You are invited to connect with the GFUMC Family in a new and exciting way. Connect through the church app today by scanning the QR code above. You will now be able to find groups and connect with Teams, Leadership Groups, Sunday school classes, UWF Circles and more within the App.

Follow these steps to connect:

- **Scan the QR Code and Click the link.**
- **"Join" by creating your profile with a password in the app (use "continue with email").**
- **Discover your connections to the GFUMC church community, a smaller community (like UWF, choir, or Children's Ministry, etc.) or a small group (like a Sunday school class or small group) or a church leadership team. There are so many ways to connect!**
- **Request to join or accept an invitation to join.**
- **You are now ready to send and receive notifications, messages, notices, reminders, prayer requests, and more within your GFUMC connections.**
- **Thank you for joining GFUMC Community Connection today!**

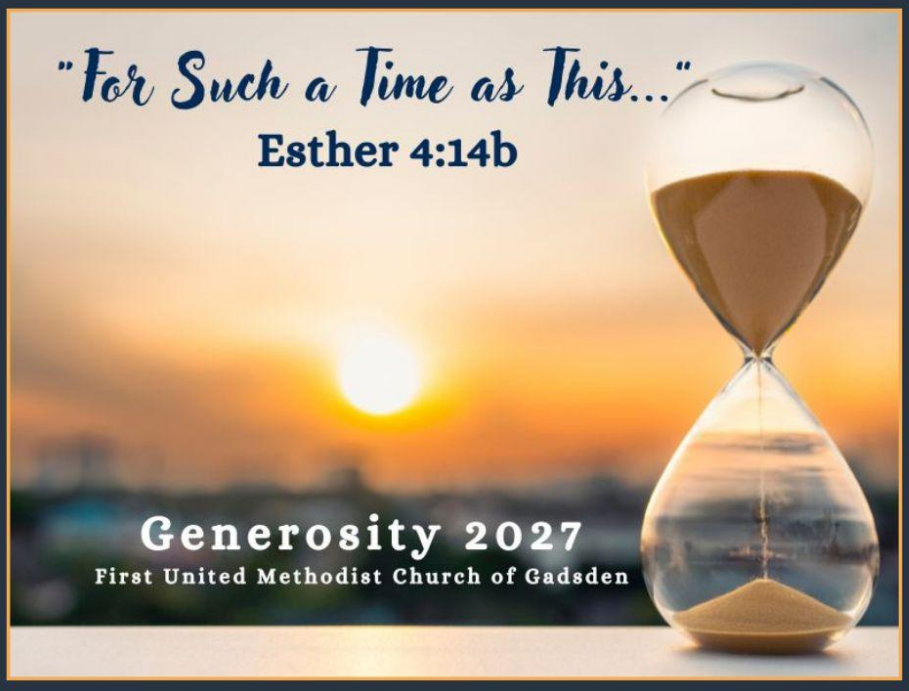


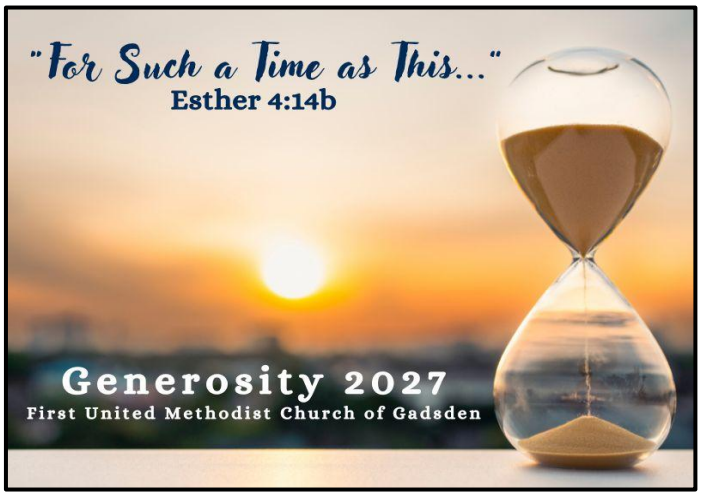
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GADSDEN

Churchwide Brunch

Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Gym/Activity Center

Please make a reservation by 11/9
www.fumcgadsden.org/give or 256.543.8200





We are in the middle of our **2027 Generosity emphasis, "For Such a Time as This..."** Remembering the story of Queen Esther, we are called to consider perhaps we have come to this place "for such a time as this." Maybe we have come to be First United Methodist Church in this season to build upon our current blessings through our membership vow of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This is opportunity to have impact in space where lives are changed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Last week, you should have gotten a letter in the mail with more information about the emphasis. If not, please contact the church office at 256.543.8200 or email susan@fumcgadsden.org. Also, be sure to register for the churchwide brunch on November 15, 2026 at 10am. We hope you make plans to be a part of this special event. You may make a reservation for the brunch by scanning the QR code below or by calling the church office at 256.543.8200. Reservations for the brunch are needed by Monday, November 9.

Make a Reservation for Brunch.

Rev Shi Reynolds Bob Blount

Senior Pastor Generosity Chairman

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Search First UMC-Gadsden

In the App Store for Android or iPhone.

First UMC Gadsden

is a registered charity and can receive donations through Venmo: @FirstUMCGadsden

(Please search in Venmo under charities or follow the link in the QR Code.)

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Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

Online: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Venmo *@FirstUMCGadsden*

Mail your tithe or gift: 115 S. 5th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

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Save the Date:

November 1 – All Saint's Sunday. Remembrance will be in all weekly worship services. Charge Conference at Attalla FUMC- 3:00 pm

November 8– Sprinkle for Becca Echols @ 10:00 am, HeBrews

November 15–10 am "*For Such a Time as This…"* Churchwide Brunch, Gym/Activity Center, between the worship services.

Oct 25, Sunday
9:00 am-Celebration Worship
HeBrews Coffee; Sunday School
11:00 am-Traditions Worship

Oct 26, Monday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
2:00 pm-4:00 pm-Pickle Ball, Gym
5:00 pm-Trustees meeting

Oct 27, Tuesday
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym
5:00 pm-Finance Team Meeting
6:00 pm-Board of Stewards meeting

Oct 28, Wednesday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC
11:00 am-12:00 pm-Wednesday Bible Study
5:15 pm-Wednesday night meal
6:00 pm-Children's Activities; Youth Activities
Bible Study Groups, rooms 110 & 208;
6:00 pm-Choir Practice

Oct 29, Thursday
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm-Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Oct 30, Friday
11:00 am-12:00 pm; Ladle of Love

The pastor and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to Chris & Amanda Hindsman in the death of his grandfather,

James David Hindsman, on October 17, 2026





Immediate Prayer Concerns

James David Hindsman Family McCullough Family
Lewis Hill Collins Tackaberry Brent Styles (June Styles' husband)
Diane Mayer (Lori Varner's sister) Lowell Dooley (J. Humphrey's cousin)
Wally Diaczenko (Belinda Tackaberry's brother)
Darrel Faulkner (Billie Faulkner's husband-ELC)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Anna Morgan (DIL of Michelle Morgan) Dawn Rains
Mark Burkett (J.T.Harrell's cousin) Jane Jones



Birthdays

Oct 25 Paige Whitt, Susan Whitt, Haley Goodwyn, Jordan Ryle
Oct 26 Stacy Hilburn, Qwintan Brothers, Gregory Ridens
Oct 27 David Schmuck
Oct 28 Jan Frasier, Haddon Jarecki
Oct 29 Cathy Bohannon
Oct 30 Katlyn Leach Blong
Oct 31 Harriet Murray

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



Attendance	**Week of Oct 18, 2026**
In Person Total *205	On Line Total 356
Thursday *7	Celebration *83/191
Traditions *115/165	Worship Total 561
Adult SS*35	Children's SS *7
Youth SS*7 UWF *50	Children Sun *20
Bible Study *25	Nursery Wed/Sun *5
Children Wed/Sun *34	Youth Wed/Sun *14

Year 2026	**Week of Oct 18, 2026**
General Offering Budget	$13,040.00
General Offering Received	$ 8,130.00
TD Gen. Offering Budget	$547,680.00
YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd	$563,257.68

Important Deadlines

Deadline for the newsletter is noon on Tuesday of each week.

All requests for spoken announcements for Sunday mornings must be turned in by Thursday @ noon, in writing to Susan Swann.

Honorariums & Memorials

Children's Ministry Fund
In memory of Elizabeth Barnes, given by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ross.

Music Fund
In memory of Rev. Ellis Grady Fulbright, given by Kathye Vance.