



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

Sunday, September 26

“Labor of Love”

We will celebrate our 175th Anniversary this Sunday! Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will be preaching, and we will have a combined service at 10:00, spotlighting not only our great Celebration Praise Team, but also our Traditions choir and musicians. The children will be singing, we will have a video on the history and timeline of the church, and there is a rumor that John Wesley and Susanna Wesley will make an appearance! I hope you will join us, either in person (please RSVP online or by calling the church office) or via our livestream.

Bishop Wallace-Padgett will be preaching on the theme of “Labor of Love,” a fitting ending to our Labor theme for September. In John chapter 13, we see that Jesus’ time with the disciples was short. If he was ever going to tell them anything, it would have to be soon. He was going to walk a road he would have to walk alone. He gave them the a command to remember him by...an example of an unselfish labor of love...He loved them sacrificially, with understanding, and with pre-meditated forgiveness. Here’s the story from John 13: 31-35:

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

See you Sunday! Pastor Sam

Did you miss out on the GFUMC “Show Love” John 13:35 T-Shirts? We will be placing a new T-Shirt order for fall with both a short-sleeve and long-sleeve option! So order yours now! See Page 3 for more details.

Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm,
Thursday, (In person @
Back Forty Beer Company)
- **Thursday Worship:**
5:30 pm, Sanctuary

This Sunday:

Worship @ 10:00 am

One United Worship

Service in the Sanctuary

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
on Facebook Live: @fumcgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

September 26

Celebrate 175-Labor of Love @ 10 am

Eric Wright, Will Brookshire,
Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman,
Carmen McKiven

October 3

Celebration

Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
Zach Hilburn

Traditions

Tammy Hayes, Sheila Freeman

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

ROCKTOBER

SERMON SERIES

60'S SUNDAY-OCT 3 • "I'M A BELIEVER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL
 70'S SUNDAY-OCT 10 • "MY SWEET LORD" • REV. SAM HAYES
 80'S SUNDAY-OCT 17 • "LIVIN' ON A PRAYER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL
 90'S SUNDAY-OCT 23 • "I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR" • PASTOR SAM HAYES
 2000'S SUNDAY-OCT 31 • "KRYPTONITE" • REV. ANDY YARNELL

SANCTUARY | 9 AM
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN
 115 S. 5TH ST

WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG MEDIA

TRADITIONS

October

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday-
 "Holding onto Integrity in Hard Times" Rev. Sam Hayes
 Oct. 10 - "Bitter Complaints" Rev. Andy Yarnell
 Oct. 17- "Answers from the Whirlwind" Rev. Sam Hayes
 Oct. 24 - "I Can See" Rev. Andy Yarnell
 Oct. 31 - "Not Far From the Kingdom" Rev Sam Hayes

Sanctuary | 11:00 A.M.

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 www.fumcgadsden.org/media

Blessing of the ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3, 10 am
 West Lawn
 (near the portico entrance)
 Gadsden First UMC



On Sunday, October 3, you are warmly invited to join us at 10 am on the West Lawn (near the portico entrance) for the "Blessing of the Animals". Pets of all sizes, shapes, and varieties are welcome! Please ensure that your pet is secured in a way that provides safety for them and for the other pets present. You are welcome to bring a photo of your pet if they are unable to accompany you. **For those who have lost a pet recently, you are invited to bring a photo to place on our Memorial Wall.**

This blessing event is a chance to give thanks for all God's Creation, especially our pets and the special place they hold in our hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing you and your pet.



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon or Pam Deru in the church office at 256-543-8200 or email to giving@fumcgadsden.org.**

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
- Offering Plates are located at the entrances the sanctuary.





Celebrate
175
Labor of Love
Worship Celebration
A Celebration of 175 Years of Ministries and Missions

BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE-PADGETT
REV. DR. SAM HAYES
REV. ANDY YARNELL

Sunday, September 26 @ 10 AM

First United Methodist Church
115 S. 5th Street, Gadsden, Alabama

Protocols are in place for the safety of our in-person guests.

- Seating Limited in the Sanctuary with Social Distancing.
- Additional Seating will be available in two overflow areas of the church where worship will be broadcast.
- Hand Sanitizer stations are located at all entrances and throughout the building.
- Masks are requested for those who have not been vaccinated and anyone who wishes to have added protection.
- We look forward to seeing you at the Celebration whether it is in-person or online!

Order Your GFUMC T-Shirt Today



You can order online on the church website @ www.fumcgadsden.org or by calling the church office to place an order. T-shirts will have a special Celebrate-175 front pocket design and our "Show Love" 13:35 logo on the back.

Sizes are Y-XS through Adult-4X. The cost is \$15.00 for Short-Sleeve and \$25.00 for Long-Sleeve. Payment may be made by check or through GFUMC's secure E-Giving site, marked "T-Shirts".

Email Sheila@fumcgadsden.org if you have any questions about your order.





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

ELC News

This week, **The Dog House** came and we ate yummy hot dogs! It's so exciting to have **Lunchbox Revolt!**

Fall Pictures Tuesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 6th.

Sale News: Thank you to all who participated in our Fall 2021 sale. We had 35 consignors who brought us 2,330 items. We sold right at 37% of these items and another 30% of the unsold items were donated to our clothes closet. Volunteer hours totaled 214. This sale would not be a success without everyone coming together and working hard to make it happen. Through consignor fees, girls' night out tickets and sale proceeds, we will clear \$2200 for special projects. One area we desperately want to improve is the third floor play area. Thank you again and many blessings to you all.
—Helene Haller

Dinner: Wednesday, Sept. 29 • \$7 per person • \$3 for 11 & Under:
Menu: Taco Night
Don't forget to make a reservation for Wonderful Wednesday Family Supper by Noon on Mondays!

Children's Ministry News



Happy Birthday

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Sunday, September 26
 Celebrate-175 Celebration
 Children will sing in service at 10am
 And then go to Children's Church!

"Celebrate Wonder"
 Children's Church
 In-Person, Sundays
 9 am and 11 am during Worship
 Children's Worship Room



GFUMC Kid's Fall Calendar
 EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 6:00-7:00

KID'S SING IN ONE SERVICE SUNDAY 9/26 10:00	THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW SUNDAY 11/14 6:00-7:00
FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 10/31 2:00-4:00	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY 12/12 TBD

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Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31
 2:00-4:00
 108 Casey Drive
 Gadsden, AL 35903

costumes games food



Life is a journey. The most important part of the journey is our relationship with God and with others. A Journey Group is a small gathering of individuals who help you grow in your loving relationship with both. We invite all people into a relationship with God and seek to create an outwardly focused community of Christ-followers. Journey Groups are a great way to stay connected to God and with your church family.

Wednesday Night Supper
 September 29, 5:15 pm
 Taco Night
 Dinner: \$7 per person
 Children 11 and under: \$3
 (Max \$20 per family.)
 Make a reservation by
 Monday, Sept 20 by calling the church
 office @ 256.543.8200 or email:
 sheila@fumcgadsden.org

In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm
“The Gospel of Luke” w/Pastor Sam

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.)

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom– New Study: Saints & Sinners

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. A different member of the small group will lead a discussion each week.. **Thursday, September 16, 2021:** Todd Rains will lead us in a discussion of Stephen, the Martyr and how his loyalty and willingness to sacrifice his own for his belief shaped Christianity. **Thursday, September 23, 2021:** Mark Condra will discuss how two wealthy merchants, Aquila and Priscilla, helped Paul in Acts 18. Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell for more details. *Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra or Mark Casey or any of the Men at the Well for more information and the Zoom link.*

Sunday School Classes will not meet this Sunday, Sept. 26.

- 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, “ The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay, Room 208, Starts Sunday, September 12.
- Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting. *Members are welcome to meet with another classes return.*

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 @ THE BACK FORTY BEER COMPANY
 A Safe, Affirming Community of Worship
 Thursdays @ 6 pm
 Starts September 9

September Missions

C.L.I.C.K.

Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom

2021-2022

GFUMC is once again providing snacks for the CLICK Program.

CLICK is an after school day care for East Gadsden Community Children who attend Donohoo Elementary School. This ministry charges parents a minimal fee and is supplemented by a number of United Methodist Churches in our city. Originally housed at East Gadsden United Methodist, 201 South 8th Street, due to COVID and other circumstances the program ended in 2020.

The church building was recently purchased by a congregation that desires to continue this outreach.

God's answer to our prayers and extravagant love for His children will allow us to continue monthly giving to this program through our mission fund. He is a Good, Good, Father!

Children are a gift from The Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3



United
Methodist
Women

UMW NEWS

Due to the increase of the Covid Virus, **We did not meet** on **September 13** for the **UMW Luncheon**.

We will assess on a month to month basis.

Watch this newsletter for updates throughout the next few months.

—Eileen Graham

Top 10 Things To Do on the Church APP

10. Meet the Pastors and Staff. (Home Tab-Meet the Pastors and Staff)
9. Fill out a Connect Card. (Home Tab-Connect)
8. Read the Church News. (Home Tab-News)
7. Check Out Upcoming Church Events (Events Tab)
6. Read the Bible in a Year (Bible Tab)
5. Look up Scripture. (Bible Tab)
4. Send a Prayer Request (Home Tab-Prayer Request)
3. Give (Home Tab-Give)
2. Watch the Pastor's Bible Study (Media Tab)
1. Watch or Listen to Worship Services and Sermons. (Media Tab)



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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



We are collecting Fall and Winter Clothing. Clean out your closets and don't forget Your Own Clothes Closet! Women, Men, Youth, and Children's clothes are needed.

Ladle of Love

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

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

Church Phone

256-543-8200

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

[#gfumcreconnect2021](https://www.facebook.com/gfumcreconnect2021)

Calendar for September 26-October 2, 2021

Sept 26, Sunday

10:00 am, ONE Service, Celebrate 175 years

Sept 27, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

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

5:00 pm, Trustees meeting, via gotomeeting.com

Sept 28, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

5:00 pm, Finance Team meeting, via gotomeeting.com

5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

6:00 pm, Board of Stewards meeting, via gotomeeting.com

Sept 29, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

11:00 am, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, w/Pastor Sam, Room 208

Sept 29, Wednesday, cont'd

5:15 pm, Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Rm 208/livestream

6:00 pm, Children's Activities, Room 108

Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

Sept 30, Thursday

7:00 am, Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty Warehouse

Oct 1, Friday

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

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Reservations may be made online @ www.fumcgadsden.org/Celebrate-175

or by calling 256-543-8200.

See Page 3 for details!

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Kermit Caldwell given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of William R. Anderson, given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of Will Downs, given by Jill Vincent.



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Stan Walker

Carma Rayburn

Lisa Dobbins

Trish Harrell

Wanda Hemby (Jill Moran's mother)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Bill Campbell Joyce Sington June Styles

William (Skip) Edwards (Jennifer Jackson's father)

Mikey Tonagel (Collins & Belinda Tackaberrys' son-in-law)

Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

Birthdays.....

Sept 27 Judge Wayne Owen,
Grant Griffin, Savannah Jones

Sept 28 Valerie Pennington, Joni Smith,
Kara Livesay, Jake Malone, Judd Malone

Sept 29 Trish Croy

Sept 30 Jami Grimes, Luke Rosser,
Winnie Mae Beasley, Connie Lane

Oct 1 Kathy Taff, Ann Guffey,
Angela Wilson, Mitchel Stewart

Oct 2 Pam Newman, Ken Keelin



Week of September 19, 2021

*In Person Total *189 Overall Total 504

Online Viewer Total 315 Mosaic *6

Thursday *2 Sunday School *29

Celebration Service *43/131 Children *16

Traditional *65/165 Youth *20

Bible Study Groups *8/19

General Offering Budget \$15,200.00

General Offering Received \$19,179.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$577,600.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$513,507.16

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Covid – Update

We have masks and hand sanitizer available at the entrances and every other pew has been marked off.

Please observe social distancing and wear a mask if you have not been fully vaccinated or as needed.

Thank you.