

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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

Sermon Notes: 4-24-22 "We Are Witnesses"

Christ is Risen, The Lord is Risen Indeed

Mary is the first to encounter the risen Christ. She is the first witness to the good news that Jesus is alive and Jesus sends her to tell the Good News to the other disciples. Mary's Good News is truly sensational, isn't it? It is like a headline we might read in the news today and say, "Really? You expect me to believe that?" All four Gospels record that the first witnesses to the Resurrection were women. However, in that time, women were not considered credible witnesses. Luke acknowledges this in his Gospel. The women share with Peter and the other disciples what they had witnessed at the empty tomb, *"but their story seemed like NONSENSE, and they did not believe them"* (Luke 24:11). Even after receiving the good news from the women, the disciples are frozen with fear and grieving the loss of their master, teacher, and friend. They are hiding and locked in a room.

This Sunday, we will talk more about the first witnesses to the Resurrection. What is required of a witness and what are the different types of witnesses? Why are witnesses important? What does it mean for YOU and ME to be "witnesses" for Jesus Christ?

John 20:19-31 *19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe [b] that Jesus is the Messiah, [c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

This is the second Sunday of Easter and it is also UMW Sunday! We look forward to seeing each one of you there!

Sheila Freeman, Connectional Ministries

UMW Sunday
April 24, 2022



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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
Mosaic, Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Back Forty

Sunday Mornings:

Celebration, 9 am* Traditions, 11 am*

*In Person (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.)

April 24 (UMW Sunday)

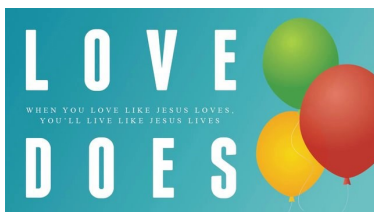
Celebration: Eric Wright, Carmen McKiven,
Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes

May 1

Celebration: Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
Zach Hilburn, Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Sheila Freeman,
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven



**LOVE
DOES**
By Bob Goff

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!
In the Gathering Room @ 10 am
All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy
(You will love the food!)

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Which Way, Lord? By Rob Fuquay
Wednesday Morning, 11 AM
& Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm
With Pastor Sam

In the Gathering Room! Everyone Welcome!

Small Group Study w/ Harriet Murray

40 Days of Prayer
Wednesdays @ 6 pm
Room 110

Wednesday Activities & Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, April 27

Italian Night

\$7 per person, \$3 for age 11 and under (Max \$20 per family)

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

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. If you are interested please see the contact information below to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am.

Beginning March 3rd the study will be "40 Days of Prayer" by Rick Warren

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.

RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, Chapel, In person and online. Meet in the Chapel or Contact a member of the class for the link to join online! "No Wonder They Crucified Him", Discover why Jesus was a dangerous man, by Daniel Myer
- Martin Fellowship Class, Room 116, International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class, "Love Does" by Bob Goff, Gathering Room.
- Looking for a Sunday School Class? We can help. Contact one of the Pastor Sam Hayes, Pastor Andy Yarnell or Sheila Freeman, Director of Connectional Ministries for help! Email: sheila@fumcgadsden.org



ELC News

We had a great time visiting with our dads on Tuesday and enjoyed a donut or two. On Tuesday (April 26th), Greg from The Dog House will be here for our last lunchbox revolt. Cost is \$4.00 for students and \$5.00 for teachers. A teacher appreciation breakfast will be hosted by ELC parents on Wednesday, April 27th. If anyone would like to help with this event, please contact Haley Carn at 662-380-1197. We will shower our moms with love and donuts on Tuesday, May 3rd from 8:50 am to 9:30 am.

Helene Haller

*Wednesday Night Dinner April 27:
Italian Night \$7 per person, \$3 under age 11
(\$20 Max per Family)*



Youth Ministry News

May 4: Star Wars Themed Activities

May 11: Church Picnic, Nocalula Falls Kiwanis Pavilion

**May 15: Senior Sunday, Recognize High School Seniors
Brunch in the Gathering Room at 10am**

May 18, Wednesday: Youth hike at the falls.

**May 22, Sunday: Youth kayaking. Leave after Celebration
Service, Bus Trip**

May 25, Wednesday: Youth are cooking dinner!

June 1, Wednesday: Youth Service night

A poster for "GLOW! FOR JESUS" with a black background and a starry space theme. The text "GLOW!" is in large, pink, glowing letters, and "FOR JESUS" is in green, glowing letters. Below this, it says "GFUMC Kid's GLOW WORSHIP" in white, "Wednesday, May 4" in white, and "GFUMC Room 108 @6:00" in white. At the bottom, it says "Wear your white and bring a friend!" in white. To the right of the text is an image of four colorful glow sticks (pink, green, yellow, blue) arranged in a fan shape.

GLOW! FOR JESUS
GFUMC Kid's
GLOW WORSHIP
Wednesday, May 4
GFUMC Room 108 @6:00
Wear your white and bring a friend!

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A poster for GFUMC Children's Church with a white background and a colorful watercolor border. The title "GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH" is in purple. Below it, it says "Wonderful Wednesday's" and "Sunday Children's Church" in black. Under "Wonderful Wednesday's" it says "Wednesday's at 6:00 in the Kid's Worship Room Room 108". Under "Sunday Children's Church" it says "Sunday's during each service 9:00 and 11:00 Room 108". At the bottom left is a "subscribe now" button with a red background and white text. At the bottom right is the word "CELEBRATE" in large, colorful, block letters.

GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Wonderful Wednesday's Sunday Children's Church
Wednesday's at 6:00 Sunday's during each service
in the Kid's Worship Room 9:00 and 11:00
Room 108 Room 108
subscribe now CELEBRATE

A poster for a Church Picnic with a teal background and a red and white checkered border. The text "See you at the" is in a cursive font, and "CHURCH PICNIC" is in bold, black, block letters. Below this, it says "Wednesday, May 11 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm" and "Kiwanis Pavilion, Nocalula Falls". At the bottom, it says "FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN" in small, black, block letters.

See you at the
CHURCH PICNIC
Wednesday, May 11
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Kiwanis Pavilion, Nocalula Falls
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF GADSDEN

April Mission Focus



Remote Area Medical: RAM Clinic
April 22-24, 2022

Gadsden City High School
1917 Black Creek Pkwy
Gadsden, AL 35904

First UMC Gadsden's Mission Team providing lunch for the R.A.M. Volunteers on Saturday, April 23. There will approximately 438 Volunteers. Thank you for your support of Missions @ First UMC Gadsden.

R.A.M. April 23 & 24, 2022, Gadsden City High School

Free dental, vision and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 am. (Parking opens at 11:59 pm on Friday, April 22 and will remain open.) Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. <https://www.ramusa.org/event/gadsden-al-2022/>

*Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. Please check RAM's clinic FAQ page for more information.

**The above details are subject to change. Please continue to check their website for the schedule and updates as your clinic dates near.

What is R.A.M.

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is a major nonprofit provider of free pop-up clinics. Their mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need. They do this by delivering free dental, vision, and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals. RAM's Corps of more than 172,900 volunteers—licensed dental, vision, medical, and veterinary professionals—have treated more than 863,700 individuals delivering more than \$174 million worth of free care.

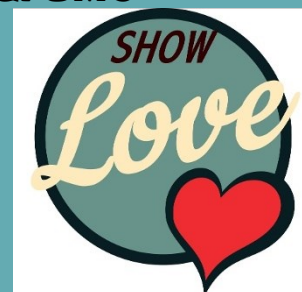
UMW NEWS

UMW Sunday is April 24 and will be celebrated in both worship services. If you are a woman and a part of our church family, YOU are a United Methodist Woman! Please join together on this special Sunday as we celebrate UMW Sunday.



May 9 at 12:00 noon is the final luncheon before summer break. Guest speaker will be Kay Moore of Downtown Gadsden. She will be talking about upcoming fun, informative, and other "don't want to miss" events, as well as plans for Gadsden's future. Board meeting at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon at noon. (Cost of luncheon: \$15.00) You **do not have to be a member of UMW** to attend. For reservations, contact Delores Abney by phone 256-458-0376 or by email (deloresdda53@gmail.com) or your circle leader. *Barbara Bennett*

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

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in
March 2022

Ladle of Love 308
Clothes Closet 218



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

Church Phone 256-543-8200
fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2021

See you at the

CHURCH PICNIC

Wednesday, May 11
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Kiwanis Pavilion, Noccalula Falls

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF GADSDEN

Everyone
is invited!

*Brought to you by
Inviting Ministries...*

He Brews

...where your cup runneth over



FIRST UMC GADSDEN

**Inviting Ministries welcomes
you to our new Coffee Café!**

We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee
waiting for you
between 10 am 11 am on Sunday
mornings.

Join us this Sunday!

*Come visit with friends, old and new,
in Christian Fellowship!*

*After Celebration and before
Traditions and on your way in or out
of Sunday school!*

We can't wait to see everyone back!



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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Season: The Great 50 Days, from Easter to Pentecost

Pathways 2022

All Leadership Meeting

Board of Stewards
Committees including Finance,
Trustees, Staff Parish,
& Vision Team
Ministry Team Leaders

5– 7 pm

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Dinner will be served.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 28
sheila@fumcgadsden.org or 256-490-5018

SARA RABUN JOHNSON
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mother's Day Roses Sale

With your donation of \$20 or more, a rose will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day, in honor or in memory of your loved one. All donations provide direct support for ELC families whose children would not otherwise be able to afford the program.

MAKE YOUR DONATION PAYABLE TO GFUMC AND MARK IT
"SRJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND". ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, MAY 1.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS TO THE FUND MAY BE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



G FUMC
Brunch
Club

MONTHLY LUNCH/BRUNCH
AT 12:30 FOLLOWING
TRADITIONAL SERVICE.

NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 24: BLACKSTONE

All Young Adults and
Families Welcome!

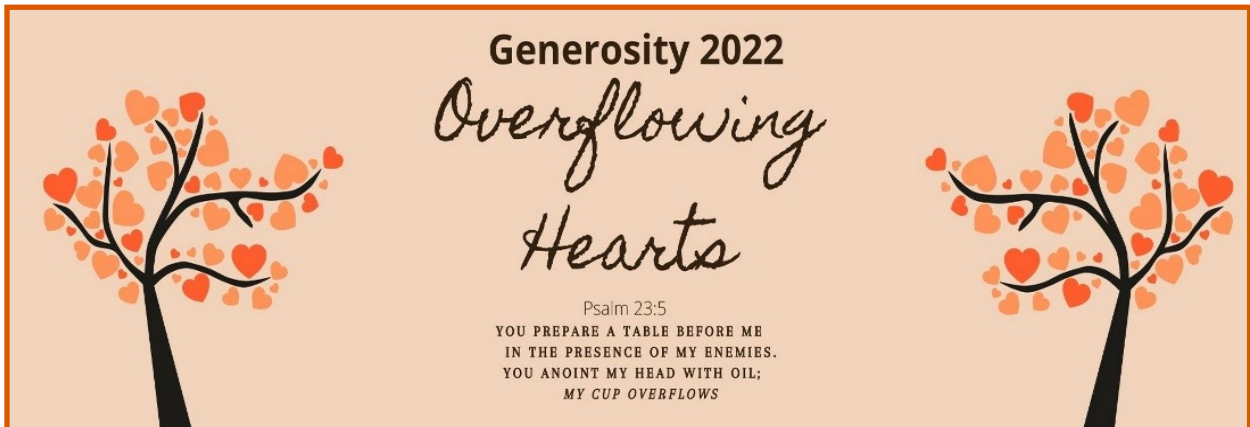
**Gadsden First UMC has a tradition
of receiving an Alleluia Offering
each year at Easter.**

It is different from our usual tithes and offerings. Please consider an additional gift for Holy Week, over and above your regular tithes and offerings. Over the years, the way our members have decided what to give as an Alleluia Offering was determined by each giver calculating how much money they made during the week of Holy Week and giving at least 10% (or more) of that as an Alleluia Offering. Your gifts make growth for many new ministries and missions at Gadsden First UMC possible.

This year's Alleluia Offering will help fund special music and choir needs, as well as new outreach ministries for our online ministries and our inviting ministries team. The Alleluia Offering will be received in worship on Easter Sunday and throughout the month of April. You may also turn in your gift to the church office. Thank you for your gifts to the Alleluia Offering. —The Generosity Team



First UMC Gadsden
APRIL 10-APRIL 17



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



Calendar for April 24-April 30, 2022

April 24, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 am-11:00 am, "He Brews Coffee Ministry"

11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

April 25, Monday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

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

April 26, Tuesday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

5:00 pm, Finance Team Meeting; 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym



UMW Sunday
April 24, 2022

Pathways 2022

All Leadership Meeting

5-7 pm, Sunday, May 1

April 27, Wednesday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering Room

5:15 pm, Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Bible Study, Gathering Room & online

6:00 pm, Childrens' activities, Room 108 & Gym

Youth activities, Room 211 & Gym

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

April 28, Thursday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

April 29, Friday

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

The flowers on the altar today are for the "Glory of God" and in recognition that
"a woman's place is wherever God wants her to be."
United Methodist Women Sunday

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Stan Walker, given by June & John Longshore.

In memory of Sam Norris, given by June & John Longshore.

In memory of Bill Campbell, given by June & John Longshore.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Juanita Hammons.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Leone Norris.

In memory of Stan Walker, given by Leone Norris.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Betty Echols Winnie Mae Beasley Chip Edwards

Continued Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

Anne Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and their families. Please notify the pastors or church office with any updates on Prayer Concerns...

Birthdays

Apr 24 Daniel Sherrouse,
John Rollins McCord

Apr 25 Tyler Trotter

Apr 26 Ellen Bridges, Kelsey
Freeman

Apr 27 Josh Holloway

Apr 28 Adair Arthur

Apr 29 Benny McNair, Pat Walker,
Becky Thompson

Apr 30 Crystal Cornett,
Dr. Charlie Newman, Joseph Jones



Week of April 17, 2022

*In Person Total *855 Overall Total 2,892

Online Viewer Total 2,037 Mosaic 20

Maundy Thursday *50/116 Egg Hunt *120

Tenebrae Good Friday *40/113

Holy Week Noonday *192/625

Sunrise Service 258

Celebration *113/87 Traditions *198/165

Bible Study Groups *16/26

Adult Sunday School *41/2

Children *69 Youth *16

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$19,526.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$210,800.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$247,791.00

2022 Pledges 82 for \$420,924.85

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.

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

You can submit your email to
the church office to receive
the weekly announcements
on Friday.