Gadsden First News

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope



www.fumcgadsden.org

115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

April 5, 2020

Calendar for April 5-April 11, 2020

Palm Sunday

There are no Church services or activities through April 30th per the latest Federal mandate. The Church is closed during this time. During Office Hours (8:00-4:00) Monday-Friday, you may call if you have a need that we can help with. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call. Below is a schedule of worship and times via Facebook live, gotomeeting, and Zoom. April 5, Sunday, Palm Sunday; 9:30-10:30 am, Drive by church and pick up palms; 11:00 am, Worship Live Streaming Service (join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast.)

<u>April 5, Monday</u>, ELC Closed through the end of the school year; 12:00 pm, Holy Week Noon Day Service, Facebook Live <u>April 6, Tuesday</u>, 12:00 pm, Holy Week Noon Day Service, Facebook Live; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Facebook Live Streaming with Pastor Andy; 6:30 pm, Online Bible Study, "The Walk" with Pastor Carrie, via gotomeeting.

April 8, Wednesday, 12:00 pm, Holy Week Noon Day Service, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live April 9, Thursday, 12:00 pm, Holy Week Noon Day Service, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Maundy Thursday, Facebook Live Apr 3, Friday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Sack Lunches, Portico entrance; 12:00 pm, Holy Week Noon Day Service, Facebook Live Daily at 10:00 am, Children and families join Pastor Carrie on Facebook Live for singing and a Bible Story.



Give! Your church needs your support now more than ever! Since we have had to suspend in-person worship service, we haven't been able receive offerings (obviously). We still need your support to keep our awesome church going. You can always do online giving through our secure e-giving site. Go to our church website www.fumcgadsden.org/give or to the App: FUMC Gadsden to find out how or drop a check in the mail to 115 S. 5th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901. If you can give something extra during this time, it would really help and be much appreciated! Call 256-543-8200 (church office) if you need any assistance.

MISSION MOMENT

As your Mission Team is staying in and following guidelines to stay healthy, there is something exciting happening. We have a group of ladies sewing to make much needed masks for our hospital workers that are working the front lines for all of us! If you sew, and would like to help with this wonderful project please contact Eileen Graham at 256-399-1932.



Also there may be opportunities coming that we can pick up and deliver groceries with no contact, for our

members who are unable to go out. If you would like to help with this mission, please call the church office and your name will be put on the Grocery Delivery list.

(256-543-8200) More to come later as the needs arise!

Birthdays.....

Apr 5 David Dean, Mark Casey, Merry Blevins, Jenny Sollie

Apr 6 Dianne Rogerson

Apr 7 Benjamin Carr

Apr 8 Bentley Roberts.

Thomas Gladden, Jan Rutheford **Apr 9** Sam Masters, Beverly McWhorter

Apr 10 Kim Abel, Amy Gladden,

Brooke Day, Claire Day, Katie Peavy

Apr 11 Sherri DeJong, B.J. Crow, Pat McLeod. Sherry Hall. B.J. Miller

Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday Service 178 live viewers
Children's Bible Story Time 90 daily viewers
Mosaic 38 live viewers Youth 20
Pastor Bible Study Groups (2) 31 live viewers
Sunday School Groups (1) 12 viewers
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00
General Offering Received \$9,414.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$200,720.00
YTD General Offering Received \$147,055.04
Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of
Gary Wayne Miller

March 27, 2020

Parents - Gary & Brittany

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Big Sisters– Maryanna and Shelby
Given by the Children's Ministry
and the ELC

Immediate Prayer Concerns Pray for our Nation!



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin
Jane Jones
Redia Brooks
Teleah Cody
Tom Quinn
DeLeath Rives
Joanne Hightower
Teleah Cody
Ina Davis

Marj Ross

Carol Callis (Gary Dial's sister)

Thomas Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's grandson)
Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

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Website: www.fumcgadsden.org App: First UMC-Gadsden Available for iPhone and Android









Subscribe to the 3D by emailing Sheila@fumcgadsden.org and you will receive the 3D Devotional, weekly sermon notes daily in your inbox!

In addition, you can receive the weekly news bulletin by email! Go to www.fumcgadsden.org and update your information with the church office or email: susan@fumcgadsden.org and we will add you to the email list for the church news.

The sermon player for the live audio broadcast of the sermon is located at the bottom of the page @ www.fumcgadsden/media . If you need assistance with downloading the App or finding the audio livestream or sermons on our website or app, please call Sheila @ 256-490-5018.

All Services , Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through March 31.



Hey Families! We find ourselves in an interesting place right now, however my prayer is that we can approach it as an opportunity to strengthen our families and our faith, rather than allowing fear or frustration to overtake us.

With that in mind. starting March 18, I will livestream a daily "Bible Break" at 10:00am on FacebookLive. Together, we will sing some songs and read



a Bible story. There will also be an interactive component, so be prepared to draw something, do something or search for something. My prayer is that we can cherish this unplanned time with our children, and spend some quality time together with Lord each day!

Pastor Carrie

United Methodist Women

UMW Luncheon

The April luncheon has been postponed.



Circle Meeting:

LuVerna Waid Circle will meet on April 21 by GoToMeeting at 6 pm. Look for instructions in your email on how to join this meeting.

If you would like to set up a GoToMeeting for your circle, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

Let us go forward together to know Christ

ELC News

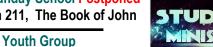
- Classrooms have been cleaned and disinfected by teachers and staff.
- Teachers delivered bubbles to students front stoops to say hello and stay in touch. (No contact delivery!)
- Learning packets and other teaching tools are being prepared for 3K and 4K.
- Zoom Meetings are taking place for students and teachers to get to see each other and talk via audio/
- More plans are being made to help teachers and students stay connected!

ELC Summer and Fall 2020-2021 **Registration Dates**

Registration for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020-2021 is under way. In process of reviewing class lists for openings.

Questions?? Email Helene at elc@fumcgadsden.org

Youth Sunday School Postponed 10 am-Rm 211, The Book of John



Sundays & Wednesdays, 6 pm Join Andy on FacebookLive or Instagram



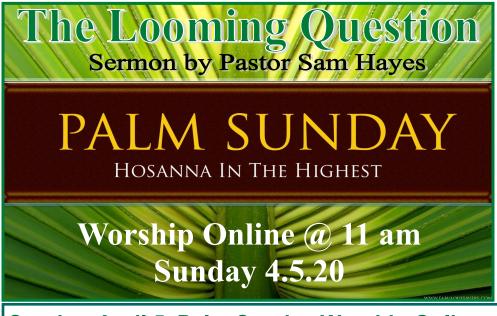
Wednesday Morning Bible Study Postponed

"Renovation-Building a Life with God"

Wonderful Wednesday Postponed through April 30

Updates will be made as more information becomes available.





Join Sam Hayes for worship on Facebook Live @ 11 am on Sunday mornings.

You can listen through the live audio broadcast on sermon.net or the church website @ www.fumcgadsden.org/media.

Listen on demand to sermons via the church website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media or the church App: FUMC Gadsden

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday Worship Online

Palms will be available in the portico for members to drive through and pick up from 9:30 am to 10:30 am on Sunday morning—you can still get home in time to watch the live broadcast @ 11:00 am.

HOLY WEEK NOON SERVICES 12:05 pm to 12:35 pm Facebook Live

Monday, April 6 – Rev. Roger Thompson Tuesday, April 7 – Rev. Ron Schultz Wednesday, April 8 – Rev. Ken Casey Thursday, April 9 - Rev. Vicki Mann Friday, April 10 - Rev. Tammy Jackson



Thursday, April 9, 6:00 pm, Maundy Thursday, "Do You Know", Pastor Sam Hayes Worship & Holy Communion ONLINE via Facebook Live

Prepare for communion by having grape juice and bread available to take communion during the online service. Easter Sunday Worship ONLINE: Celebration 9:00 am and Traditional, 11:00 amServices (Audio and Video) will be available on the app and website at 1:00 pm, Daily.





Palm Sunday Challenge: Decorate your front door for Palm Sunday and post the picture on Instagram or Facebook with the hashtag: #GFUMCConnect2020 (or you can send it to Sheila@fumcgadsden.org for posting.)

You can use any kind of greenery from your yard --let's be creative!

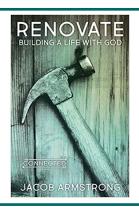
Share the Good News with your neighborhood!

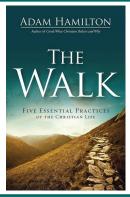
What if everyone on Sunday morning, April 5, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks.

Want to join?

We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the members of the Body of Christ. **We are the Church**.





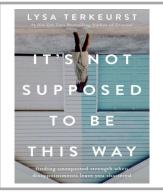
Tuesday @ 6:30 pm, Online Bible Study, "The Walk" with Pastor Carrie

Wednesday @ 6 pm, Renovate Facebook Live Online Bible Study w/Pastor Sam

Journey Groups for Lent

All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed Through April 30.

Watch for updates as some small groups, Sunday school classes and Bible Studies will be offering,



Beginning Tuesday, April 21

"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst

Bible Study by GoToMeeting

Email Carrie@fumcgadsden.org to find out more!



GoToMeeting is a web-hosted service created and marketed by LogMeIn. It is an online meeting, desktop sharing, and video conferencing software package that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients or colleagues via the Internet in real time.

This is a super easy way for GFUMC groups to stay connected, meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study during this time.

- A GoToMeeting can be joined on your computer, tablet, or smartphone through a web browser or app.
- Participants DO NOT even have to have a computer to be able to participate. A phone number is also provided to call into the meeting.
- Invitations to join the meeting are sent out via email to members.

If your small group or Sunday School Class would be interested in doing a "GoToMeeting" and inviting members to come together online, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

We can easily set up a meeting for your small group, circle or Sunday school. Each group will need to select a moderator or leader and this role can be shared.

Scheduled GoToMeetings:

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Pastor Carrie, "The Walk", Online Bible Study