



THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

08.25.24

UWF SUNDAY

WORSHIP

REV. SHERRI REYNOLDS

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

Sermon Notes: Thursday, August 22 and Sunday, August 25, 2024

This coming week, Rob and I will celebrate 27 years of marriage. It seems like just yesterday that we were college sweethearts, and it really doesn't feel like 27 years. Being married 27 years is one of my proudest accomplishments. Like most couples, there have been awesome seasons and there have been challenging seasons. Our marriage has not always been without bumps in the road. However, by God's grace and our tenacity, we have made it to year 28! I am proud that we have hung in there and persevered. I am looking forward to more years and having an "empty nest." Marriage is a prime example of how my tenacious nature has paid off, I also think it has benefited me as I have followed Jesus.

The scripture reading for this week is one of perseverance, tenacity, and strength. (Mark 7:24-30). The Syrophenician Woman is not a typical Bible hero, but she is an example of perseverance in faith. She would not take "no" for an answer and her faith was rewarded. If you spend time with this scripture, you will find a lesson about true strength and determination. Perhaps, her story will cause you to think about persistence and your own faith journey. Where is God calling you to steadfast resolve in your life of discipleship?

In the Love of Christ,
Rev. Sherri



Confirmation for Adults - Everyone is welcome!

*Ever wonder what students learn
in confirmation class?*

Want to learn more about the United
Methodist Church or Wesleyan Theology?

Need a refresher on the basics of faith? Then this class is for you. Based on the We Believe curriculum, the class is an overview of the basics. Be a part of all the classes or drop in for one. The class will meet for one hour on Wednesdays at 11 am in the Gathering Room or Wednesday nights at 6 pm in classroom 208. See the schedule on page 2 for the topics of classes, dates, and times.

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Worship Opportunities

Thursdays: 5:30 pm

Sunday Mornings: Celebration 9 am*
Traditions 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

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ACOLYTES

August 25: Volunteer

September 1: Volunteer

Tech Team Schedule

August 25

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Rob Reynolds

Traditions: Davis Varner, Neil Mullin, Brad Barnes

September 1

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman, Rob Reynolds

Traditions: Sheila Freeman, Carmen McKiven

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	Wednesday at 11am	Wednesday at 6pm
Getting Started	August 14	August 14
The Bible	August 21	August 21
God the Father	September 4	August 28
God the Son	September 18	September 4
God the Holy Spirit	September 25	September 11
Church History	October 2	September 18
Sacraments	October 9	September 25
Sin and Salvation	October 16	October 2
Growing in God's Grace	October 23	October 16
Living a Christian Life	October 30	October 23
Responding to God's Grace	November 6	October 30
First United Methodist Church	November 13	November 6
	(No study on August 28 or September 11)	(No study October 9)

Advent Study @11am- November 20, December 4, and December 11
 @ 6pm- November 13, November 20, December 4, and December 11

Wednesday Fellowship, Gathering Room/201
Dinner 8/2- Barbecue Pork or Smoked Chicken
\$7 Adults & Youth \$3 Children 11 & Under

#WeAreFirst

Wednesday Morning Bible Study @ 11 am, Gathering Room

Confirmation for Adults w/ Rev. Sherri Reynolds. See full schedule and dates above.

Adult Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesdays

6 pm Confirmation for Adults w/ Rev. Sherri Reynolds, Rm 208. See full Schedule and dates above.

6 pm Small Group w/ Harriet Murray, Rm 110

Renewed: Finding Hope When You Don't Like Your Story

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Sunday
SCHOOL

Classes for All Ages!

Children's Sunday School Rooms 108 and 104
 Youth Sunday School Room 211

New Young Adult Sunday School Room 209
 Pathfinder/Seekers Room 208
 Living Water Room 116

(Nursery provided for Children under 3)

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

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the "Men at the Well" small group.

Currently meeting at 278 Restaurant.

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

ELC News

What a great first week we had!! We cannot wait to see everyone next week! Please note the ELC will be closed Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day!

—Helene



Youth Sundays

August 18

Youth Sundays w/ Becca
Sunday mornings at 10 am
Middle School and Senior High
Meet in the Youth Room, 211.

August 28: Wonderful Wednesday

Dinner is served beginning at 5:15 pm. Menu for Aug 28: Barbecue

Sr. High Youth-6 pm, Youth Room, Room 211

Middle School Youth-6 pm, Room 209

Camp Lee

Fall Festival

Lion & Lamb Café

Haunted Chicken House

Hockey Game ----schedule is not out yet

Community Thanksgiving at the Venue

Christmas Eve Live Nativity

Ice Skating in Chattanooga

Sept 13-14

October 9

October 19

November ???

November 27

December 24

December 29

For more Information for Sr. High Youth Activities Contact
Sr. High Youth Counselor, Carmen McKiven 256.458.3375 or
cmckiven@hotmail.com

Children's Ministry

Sunday Mornings @ 9 am and 11 am, Children's Church & 10 am Sunday School
 Wednesday Night Supper: Menu for August 28, Barbecue, \$7 adults, \$3 11 & Under
 Activities for Children: 6 pm, Children's Worship Room
 Take a look at all the Fall Calendar of Events & Activities for Children.

GFUMC Children's August Unit

Wednesday's
at 6:00



#WeAreFirst

WEEK 1

God loves
everyone
the same.

WEEK 2

God **watches**
over us.

WEEK 3

God will make
things **right**.

WEEK 4

We can **obey**
God above
anyone else.

"By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me."

Psalms 42:8a (NIV)

GFUMC KIDS FALL CALENDAR | 2024

AUG
14

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
WONDERFUL WED. RESUMES

FALL FESTIVAL
5:00-7:00 PM

OCT
09

NOV
20

FRIENDSGIVING
6 PM

SANTA BRUNCH
10:00 AM

DEC
8

DEC
15

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
5:00 PM

Wonderful Wednesdays, every Wed. @6:00

August Dreaming: From Genesis to Joseph

September Lead the Way: Series on Moses

October Are We There Yet? In the Wilderness

November Right Track: Series on Joshua

December Christmas Vacation: Series on Christmas

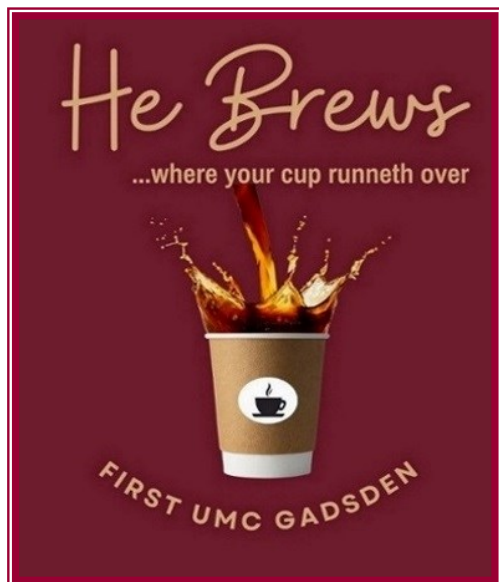
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We need your photo!



We are creating a prayer wall in the Kid's Worship Room, and we need photos of our kids! If you would like for your child to be included, bring a current photo, selfie, or portrait!

Philippians 1:3



Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café between the regular Sunday morning worship services, from 10 am to 11 am. We can't wait to see you there!!!



DO YOU KNOW?



Julie was born in Michigan and grew up in Gallant, AL. She graduated from Etowah High School, then attended Jacksonville State University, where she received a dual degree in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. She married and raised her two children, Mollie and Kaine, as a stay-at-home mother for 5 years, then went to work for the St. Clair County Board of Education. Julie taught at Ashville Elementary School for 25 years before retirement, primarily teaching students at the second grade level. Julie's hobbies include gardening, cooking, and playing with her dogs, but her favorite activities involve her grandchildren, Nora Jane Horton (left) and Lydia Horton (right), who also attend our church with their parents, Kyle and Mollie Horton.

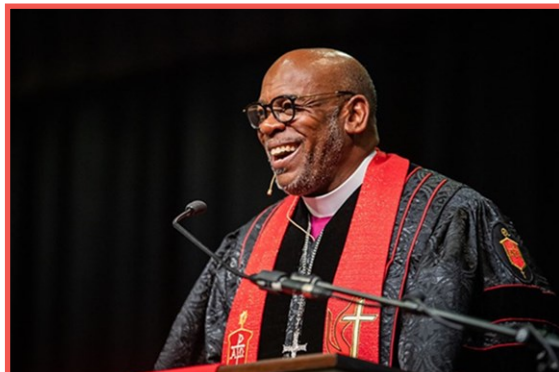


JOHN & MARGIE FREEMAN



John grew up in Gadsden and graduated from Gadsden High. He received a Business degree from Jacksonville State and took Business courses at the Master's level before joining his father's real estate company, Freeman-Kennedy. When the two partners retired, he took over the business and expanded it to include both Real Estate and Development. John is a lifelong member of our church. He was baptized here as a child and has served in the choir, on the Board of Stewards and Board of Trustees, as a leader in the acquisition of the Noojin Building, and as Chair of the renovation of the church playground. Margie grew up in East Gadsden, where her family attended East Gadsden Methodist church. She graduated from Gadsden

High, then studied Business at Jacksonville State, married John, and devoted her time to their 3 children: Alex (now 55), who works for Norfolk-Southern Railway; Holly—an Auburn graduate and mother of 3 children—who passed away at age 45 in 2020 from lifelong health problems; and David (42), an engineer with Alabama Power Company. Margie has also been very active in our church, teaching Sunday School, being in charge of the Acolytes and of Fellowship, and working in our Soup Kitchen. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, reading, and Sudoku.



SAVE THE DATE

A SERVICE CELEBRATING
THE EPISCOPAL
ASSIGNMENT
OF

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM
4 PM

Reception immediately following the service

August Mission Focus

Striplin Adopted School!

Our mission focus for August is Striplin Elementary School, our adopted school. As school begins, we had a "Welcome Back Breakfast" for the teachers on Thursday, August 1st. During this 2024-2025 school year we will continue our A/B Honor Roll parties for the children. We also support the teachers through the Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the year certificates and gift cards and a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for the entire staff (around 65 staff members). Your gifts support the teachers and make a difference in the lives of children in our community! Want to get involved? Contact the church office to find out more about serving on the GFUMC Mission team!



United Women in Faith

UWF Sunday will be August 25. The officers will be inducted during the service. The ladies will be in charge of all parts of the service during both Celebration and Traditions, except to bring the message. The monthly UWF Luncheons are at 12 noon and will resume in September.

September 9-Rev. Tammy Jackson

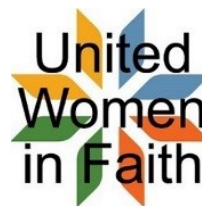
October 14-Gadsden State Community College A Capella Choir

November 11-History of Gadsden & Etowah County by Ms. Mollie Smith

December 9-Christmas Luncheon, ELC Children Sing

Delores Abney, President

Olivia Kendrick, Vice-President



GFUMC



"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.

Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Clothes Closet Workdays
are Tuesdays before open days from 9:00-11:00 am.

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

September open dates are 9/4 and 9/18

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

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Clients Served

June 2024

Ladle of Love 388

Clothes Closet 232

Thanks to our Volunteers!



REV. SHERRI REYNOLDS
GET IN THE GAME

THURSDAYS, SEPT 12, 19, & 26
SUNDAYS, SEPT 15, 22 & 29

Working or Out of Town on the Weekend?

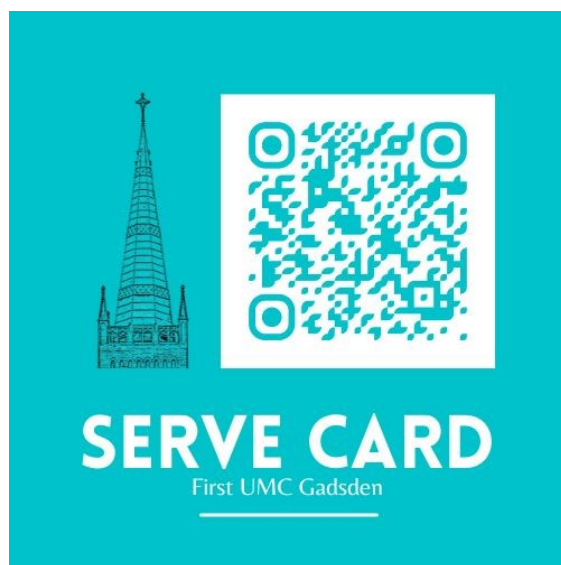
Thursday
WORSHIP

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND WORD
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm In the Sanctuary
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

It's Time! Nominations for Leadership 2025

How will you serve in 2025?

Find out more about church leadership @ www.fumcgadsden.org/leadership
Follow the QR Code Below or look for the Serve Card in the GFUMC Church APP.
Complete the Serve Card to share your interest in serving on various leadership roles and teams and a member of the nominations team will contact you!



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First UMC Gadsden
is a registered charity and can receive
donations through Venmo:
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(Please search in Venmo under charities
or follow the link in the QR Code.)



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In the App Store for Android or iPhone.



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In-person, at the offering time during worship.

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



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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Calendar for August 25-31, 2024

August 25 Sunday

9:00 am-Celebration Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 am-Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am-HeBrews Coffee, Chestnut Street Foyer
11:00 am-Traditions Worship, Sanctuary

August 26 Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
2:00 pm-4:00 pm-Pickleball, Gym
5:00 pm-Trustees Meeting, Parlor

August 27 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm- ELC Fall Schedule
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym
5:00 pm-Finance Meeting, Parlor
6:00 pm-Board of Stewards Meeting, Gathering Rm

August 28 Wednesday

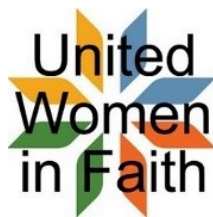
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No Wednesday morning Bible Study
5:15 pm-Wednesday Night Meal, Gathering Room
6:00 pm-Children's Activities, Room 108
Youth Activities, Gym & Room 211
6:00 pm-Bible Study w/Pastor Sherri, Rm 208
Bible Study w/Harriet Murray, Rm 110
6:00 pm-7:30 pm-Choir Practice, Choir Room

August 29 Thursday

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

August 30 Friday

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



**UWF Sunday
August 25, 2024
Celebration, 9 am
& Traditions, 11 am**

Officers and Committee Chairs
will be installed.

*In Memory of Her Life
Neita Moore Taylor
August 21, 2024*



*The ministers and congregation of First United
Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian
sympathy to Martha Kitchens and Grover Kitchens
in the death of her husband and his father,
Grover Harrison (Bobby) Kitchens
August 21, 2024*

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Bobby Kitchens Family of Neita Taylor
Jane Jones Stephe Wood Asher Mae Collins

Continued Prayer Concerns

Judy Collins (Tripp Collins' mother) Amy Epperson

Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Jay Whitt, given by Rick & Francie Vann.
In memory of John Williams, given by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Murray.
In memory of John Williams, given by Dele Cannon.

Birthdays

Aug 25 Tracy Jones,
Suzanne Phillips, Daniel Sizemore,
Jodie Hosey, Hadley Freeman
Aug 26 Connor Moran
Aug 29 Janet Edwards, Erin DeLucca,
Afton Yarnell, Henry Hopper
Aug 30 Snooky Weaver,
Tommy Hood, Marie Johnson,
Jennifer Yarnell, Warren Vallejo,
Zander Calcote
Aug 31 Dr. Cecil Dorsett,
Faye Kennah, Bill Green



Week of August 18, 2024

In Person Total-*167 Worship Total-580
Online-413 Thursday Worship-*8
Celebration Service-*66/220
Traditional Service-*93/193
Sunday School Adult-*37/1 Children *6
Youth *0 Nursery *2 Bible Study Groups-*39
Wed/Sun-Children*36 Wed/Sun-Sr.Hi Youth *8
Middle Youth *7 UWF *9 *in person

General Offering Budget \$11,400.00
General Offering Received \$20,866.44
YTD General Offering Budget \$376,200.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$433,998.17

Important Deadlines

Information for the weekly
newsletter is due each
Tuesday by noon.

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

*All Meetings, Events and
Activities must be scheduled in
advance with the church
secretary, by email or phone
susan@fumcgadsden.org*