

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

JOHN 11:25-26

REV. SHERRI REYNOLDS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 2ND

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

Sermon Notes: Thursday, Oct 30 and Sunday, Nov 2

November 1 is All Saints' Day. In the United Methodist Church, all who follow Jesus are saints. All Saints' Day is a time when we honor and remember the saints who have made their transition from earthly discipleship to being a part of that heavenly cloud of witnesses. First United Methodist Church will take the time to honor the saints among us who died in the past year during worship on October 30 and November 2. To help prepare for this sacred time, I ask that you remember these saints and those who continue to mourn (Shep Midgeley, Glen Pierson, Charles Cantrell, Bob McElory, Juanita Hammons, Pat Martin, Elisabeth Hardin, Gary Atkins, Mary Tom Hale and Elizabeth Barnes). Study and memorize the scripture for worship. (Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26) Stop and pause to thank God for that great cloud of witnesses who are with us and inspire us each day.

In Christ,
Rev. Sherri

Save the Date:

GFUMC Churchwide Brunch (in the Gym)

10 am, Sunday, November 16

RSVP by Monday, Nov. 10 see page 6 for details

Charge Conference

Charge Conference for First United Methodist Church will be November 9 at Antioch-Godsell in Attalla (514 Hammond Ave) at 3 pm.

Charge Conference is the annual business meeting of the church. This will be a joint meeting of worship, while approving the pastor's salary, lay leadership, and certified lay speakers. All members are invited to attend.

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Worship Opportunities

Thursday: Worship, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning: Celebration*, 9 am
Traditions*, 11 am

***In-Person and Livestream or On Demand**

ACOLYTES

November 2: Volunteer

November 9: Sara Kate, Jake & Carter Thornburg

Tech Team Schedule

November 2

Celebration: Sheila Freeman, Bill Haller, Rob Reynolds

Traditions: Neil Mullin, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

November 9

Celebration: Sheila Freeman, Bill Haller, Mark Condra

Traditions: Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

Bible Studies & Small Groups for Adults

—Many study *Revelation* for what it reveals about the past or future, but what does it have to reveal about today? Using Greg Robbin's *Revelation Simplified: A Commonsense Approach to the Bible's Most Mysterious Book* as a guide, see how *Revelation* provides hope-filled promises for today. The study will continue through November 19.

Bring your Bible and join Rev. Sherri in Room 208 at 11am or 6 pm on Wednesday.

—Perfectly Flawed by Lisa Toney

God makes beauty with flaws and faith.

Even with your flaws, God is moving you forward.

You can be flawed and still favored by God.

This new Bible study will help you see how God can turn your weaknesses into strengths. Join Harriet Murray and friends for this exciting new study.

Room 110, Wednesdays at 6 pm.

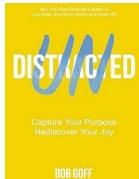
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner

November 5: Italian Trio-Lasagna, Pasta Alfredo, Spaghetti

\$3 Children under 11 \$7 per Person

Please text 256.490.5018 to make or change a reservation.

Sunday School: New Adult Series

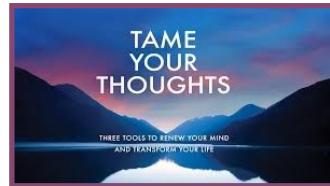


Transitions 10 am, Room 209 Undistracted w/ Bob Goff

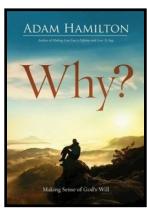
Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time. They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our attention from the God who created us for his good purpose. **Identify the distractions in your life. Eliminate them so that you can recharge and refocus on your God-given purpose. Start living a less-distracted and more joy-filled and love-oriented life.**

Pathfinders/Seekers 10 am, Room 208

Tame Your Thoughts by Max Lucado Perhaps you were overwhelmed with the weight of worry, the fear of failing, or the grip of guilt. The way we think directly impacts our joy and peace. In *Tame Your Thoughts*, Max Lucado provides three biblical and practical tools to renew your mind and transform your life.



Living Water 10 am, Room 116



Join us, as we try to answer some tough, age-old questions concerning our faith. Questions like: "where is God when tragedy and suffering strikes? Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life?" If God is all powerful, and If each one of us is a beloved child of God, then Why? How do we understand the will of God? Let's Talk About it! Why? Making Sense of God's Will by Adam Hamilton. Weekly discussions led by Dawson Harmon and Ken Casey.

“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.

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



ELC NEWS

ELC News:

We enjoyed our Papa John's Pizza this week and wow what a show and tell in 4K. Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Halloween Parade. We love this event and look forward to seeing all the cute costumes. Wednesday, Nov 5th, the ELC will close early due to the Veteran's Day Parade. Come downtown and celebrate the men and women who have fought for our freedom. **Helene Haller**



Youth

Sunday School
10 am, Room 211

Wonderful Wednesday

Dinner- 5:15 pm
Youth Group, 6:00 pm

"Let's Build a Solid Foundation!"

Matthew 7:24

Save the Date:
11/19/25
Friendsgiving
6:00 pm

**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
November 5- Italian Night**

Children's Ministry



**Wonderful Wednesday
Small Groups and Activities
@ 6 pm**

**Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm
Nov 5-Italian Night**
\$7 -per person, \$3 -11 & Under
RSVP: Text 256.490.5018 by
Tuesday of each week to make or
change a standing reservation.

Sunday Mornings

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

**Need more info?
Katharine@fumcgadsden.org
Ms. Katharine Barnes
Children's Director**

November Mission Focus



DONATE A FILLED GROCERY SACK

THANKSGIVING

food drive

Donations should be brought to the church by Thursday, November 20. THE BAGS ARE OUT AND READY FOR YOU TO FILL WITH GROCERIES SO A FAMILY CAN ENJOY A GOOD THANKSGIVING MEAL. THESE ARE IN THE CHESTNUT LOBBY ON A TABLE READY TO BE PICKED UP. REMEMBER THE ITEMS NEED TO BE NON-PERISHABLE AND A SUGGESTED LIST IS ON THE SACK. THESE BAGS WILL NEED TO BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH. THE SALVATION ARMY WILL PICK THEM UP AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE THEM! THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

— MISSION TEAM



Donate

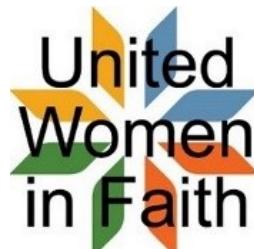
GIFT WRAP, BOWS, & TAPE

during the month of November
in the Big Red Buckets at church entrances.

In Memory of Liz Barnes

The Students and Faculty of Eura Brown School are providing a Christmas gift for every child at Floyd Elementary School this Christmas. Gifts will be stored at The Dream Center and volunteers there will wrap the gifts.

GFUMC will be donating all of the gift wrapping supplies for the gifts.



United Women in Faith

November Luncheon

will be November 10 at 12:00 noon.

Speaker will be Mike Stonecypher, former missionary from Nigeria and author.

Please call your reservation in to or text Olivia Kendrick at 205-454-4375.

November 4 The LuVerna Waid Circle will meet at 6:00 pm in room 208.

November 17, 18, and 20— Pie Classes, see page 7 for details.

November 23— UWF Bake Sale-Chestnut Street Lobby

—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

November open dates are
11/5 and 11/19

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:

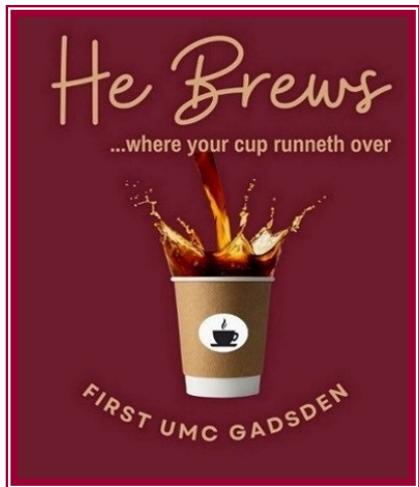
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#gfumcreconnect2025

Ladle of Love
Clothes Closet
August

LOL 407
Clothes Closet 255
September

LOL 412
Clothes Closet 280
Thanks to our
Volunteers!



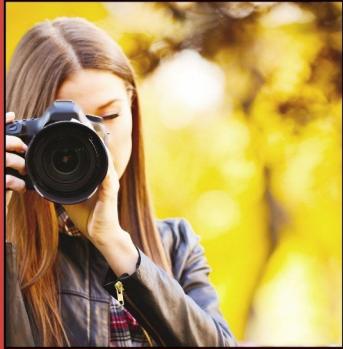
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Facebook and Instagram.



HeBrews Coffee Café 10 am, Chestnut Street Foyer
We Can't Wait to See You There!



Every Member Pictured . . .



In the NEW
GFUMC
Directory!

Photography Dates
Three New Dates
November 10, 11 & 12

Make your photography appointment* online
www.ucdir.com
Code: al217
Password: photos

*Receive a free 8X10 and a church directory!

A NEW Church Directory is coming!
Photography dates have been changed
to Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday,
November 10th-11th-12th.
Signup online for your photography
session @ www.ucdir.com.
Church Code: **al217**
Password: **photos**
**Please notify us if you need to
cancel your previous appointment
day and time: 256.490.5018**

Don't Miss
**Robbie's of Fayette will be at First
UMC Gadsden on Tuesday,
November 11, for the Fall Trunk
Show and Sale!**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Gathering
Room**

Please Invite Friends!





September 28- "How to Be Rich"

Matthew 25:14-30 **Blessing of the Animals**

October 12- "Marked by Abundance"

1 Timothy 6:6-11

October 19- "Why Generosity" Exodus 35:20-29

GFUMC Ministry Impact Report Released

October 26- "Counting the Costs" Luke 14:28-30

November 2- "New Life in Christ" John 11:25-26

All Saints' Sunday

November 9- "So You May Receive" Luke 6:38

November 16- "Making a Difference"

Corinthians 8:1-7

Churchwide Brunch, Everyone Invited!

Return your "Building a Solid Foundation"

Generosity 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards on

Sunday, November 16 in worship.



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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Download our Church App
Search First UMC-Gadsden
In the App Store for Android or iPhone.



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



Secure Online Giving



Scan the QR Code or
Text to Give: 256-344-8464
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

UWF Bake Sale & Pie Sale

Chestnut Street Lobby

Sunday, November 23

All Proceeds benefit UWF Missions.

UWF Lessons in Pies

Lessons in pies will be the week before Thanksgiving. You can sign up to bake a pie or side by side coaching by contacting Karen Owen @ 256.393.8552.

When signing up, you will receive a recipe card listing all the ingredients and items you bring to make two pies. All classes will be held in the FUMC Kitchen.

Pies will be sold along with other baked goods on Sunday, November 23. All proceeds go to local missions making our community stronger.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE



Monday, November 17

Sweet Potato Casserole	11:00 am
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Tuesday, November 18

Ham & Cheese Quiche	11:00 am
Peanut Butter Pie	6:00 pm

DUTCH APPLE OR FUDGE PIE



HAM & CHEESE QUICHE OR PEANUT BUTTER PIE



Thursday, November 20

DUTCH APPLE PIE	11:00 AM
FUDGE PIE	6:00 PM

United Women in Faith

First UMC Gadsden, AL

First UMC Gadsden Nov 2-Nov 8, 2025

FALL BACK
Remember to set your clock back one hour this weekend.

Nov 2, Sunday
9:00 am-Celebration Worship
10:00 am-Sunday School for All Ages
HeBrews, Chestnut Foyer
11:00 am-Traditions Worship
Nov 3, 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-Pickle Ball, Gym
Nov 4, Tuesday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule
9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet Workday
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym; 6:00 pm-LuVerna Waid Circle

Nov 5, Wednesday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule
9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet open
11:00 am-Wed Morning Bible Study
5:15 pm-Wed Night Meal, Gathering Room
6:00 pm-Children's Activities, Room 208
Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym
6:00 pm-Bible Study Groups, Room 110, 116 & 208
6:00 pm-Choir Practice
Nov 6, Thursday
9:00 am-11:00 am-ELC Fall Schedule
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm-Thursday Worship Service
Nov 7, Friday
11:00 am-12:00 pm- Ladle of Love
12:00 pm-Office Closed

Save the Date:
Churchwide Brunch
In the Gym/Activities Center
10 am
Sunday, November 16
RSVP by Monday, Nov. 10
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256.543.8200

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Dotty Ivey Bobby Robinson Dawn Rains
Ronald Crowe (Martha Crowe's husband)
J.P. Beason (Friend of Keith Southers)
Amy Epperson (Gene & Danna Dean's daughter)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Jackie Herlong Ruthie Hester
Betty Elliott (Cindy Archer's mother)



Nov 2*– All Saint's Sunday *Time Changes
Nov 9– Charge Conference, 3 pm, Antioch-Godsell
Nov 11– Robbie's of Fayette
Nov. 10, 11 & 12– Directory Photography
Nov. 16– Churchwide Brunch, 10 am, Gym
Nov. 23– UMW Bake Sale
Nov 30– Hanging of the Green, 11 am Traditions

Honorariums & Memorials

Children's Ministry Fund

In memory of Elizabeth Barnes, given by
Alan & Ginger Ross.

Birthdays

Nov 2 Dr. Stephen Blackstock,
Tregg Johnson, Regina Holloway,
Brody Ostendorf
Nov 3 Sam Sollie
Nov 4 Gray Skelton,
Laney Claire Wigley
Nov 5 Becky Owen, Vicki Kirk,
Daniel Whisenant, Fletcher Beckett
Nov 6 Ted Johnson, Sheila Ford,
Maddie Frickey
Nov 7 Allison McCoy
Nov 8 Dee Grimes, Hunter Skipper

Attendance Week of Oct 26, 2025

In Person Total *169	On Line Total 574
Worship Total 743	Thursday Worship *9
Celebration *61/236	Traditions *99/338
Adult Sunday School *41	Children SS *3
Middle School & Senior Hi SS *2	UWF *10
Bible Study Groups *25	Children Sun *12
Middle & Sen Hi Wed/Sun *12	Nursery *6

Year 2025 Week of Oct 26, 2025

General Offering Budget	\$12,400.00
General Offering Received	\$ 8,373.00
YTD Gen. Offering Budget	\$533,200.00
YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd	\$538,788.00

New Dates for

Directory Photos

November 10, 11 & 12

New Dates and Times for Photography Sessions are available online. Your appointment was transferred to a new date.

If you need to pick a different time, go to

www.ucdir.com

User name: al217

Password: Photos