

# 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.

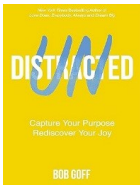
You can be flawed and still favored by God.

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

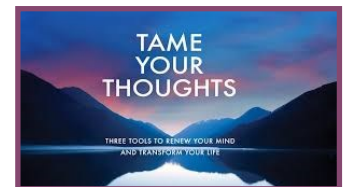


### Transitions 10 am, Room 209 Undistracted w/ Bob Goff

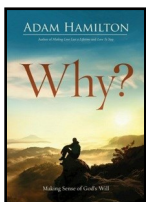
Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time. They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our attention from the God who created us for his good purpose. **Identify the distractions in your life. Eliminate 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.

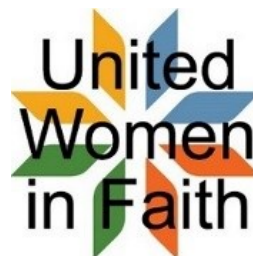
**November 4** The LuVerna Waid Circle will meet at 6:00 pm in room 208.

**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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)

**#gfumcreconnect2025**

**Ladle of Love  
Clothes Closet  
August**

**LOL 407**

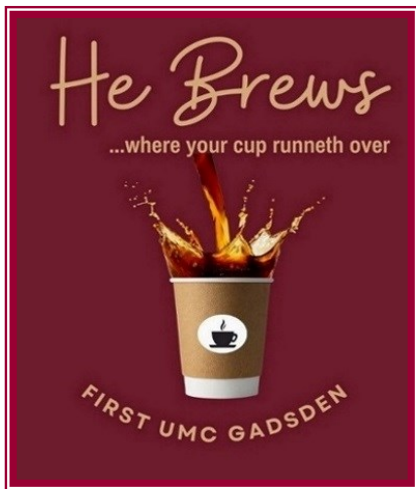
**Clothes Closet 255**

**September**

**LOL 412**

**Clothes Closet 280**

**Thanks to our  
Volunteers!**



Follow us on  
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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

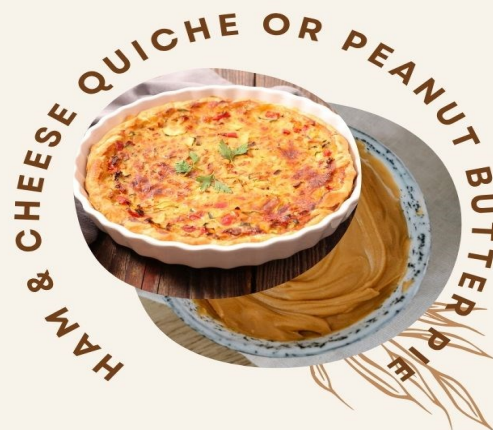


Monday, November 17

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



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**  
**Sheila@fumcgadsden.org or call**  
**256.543.8200**



**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

## 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)

## **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**