



COACHES DON'T RETIRE

REV. SHERRI REYNOLDS

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

Sermon Notes: Thursday, Sept. 12 & Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

It is a new season and a new series to kick off the season: Get in the Game 2.0. With so many folks living and breathing football this time of year, I thought it would be fun to spend some time with the Bible using illustrations learned from the football field. This is not a sermon series on football, but rather a sermon series about discipleship with some football illustrations thrown in for fun.

This year, many of you lamented when Nick Saban announced his retirement. After his legendary career, he is now pursuing other interests beyond coaching. You can still find him as a commentator, spokesman, businessman, and philanthropist. While he may have retired as a football coach at the University of Alabama, he is still far from the retirement home.

What do we have in common with Nick Saban? We really don't retire either. The work of followers of Christ continues from when we commit to follow Jesus until we meet him in heaven. Why? Because the harvest is plentiful, and the workers are few. The Good News is that God promises fruitfulness and vitality as we serve him. (Psalm 92).

Go Team FUMC!

Rev. Sherri

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Worship Opportunities

Thursdays: 5:30 pm

Sunday Mornings: Celebration 9 am*

Traditions 11 am*

***In Person (Sanctuary) and Online**

www.fumcgadsden.org/media

on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

ACOLYTES

September 15: Rhett and Clementine Hilburn

September 22: Marit Norris

Tech Team Schedule

September 15

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Rob Reynolds, Neil Mullin, Sheila Freeman

September 22

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Carmen McKiven

Traditions: Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

Annual First UMC Gadsden Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, September 22 @ 12:15 PM, Room 108

Safe Sanctuary Training is required for ALL staff and volunteers who work in Children and Youth Ministry and open to everyone to attend.

What is Safe Sanctuary?

Safe Sanctuary is a policy that protects children, youth and vulnerable adults. Everyone (staff and volunteers) working with youth, children and vulnerable adults is required to complete Safe Sanctuary Training and Screening. The GFUMC Safe Sanctuary Policy includes the “**2, 5, 6 rules**”: **2** unrelated adults leading all ministry activities; volunteer leaders must be **5** years older than the group that they are leading; and volunteer leaders must be active in the church for at least **6** months. It also includes additional guidelines for chaperones, field trips, and overnight camping trips, as well as ministry with vulnerable adults.



Confirmation for Adults - w/ Rev. Sherri

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 below for the topics of classes, dates, and times.

—Rev. Sherri Reynolds

	Wednesday at 11am	Wednesday at 6pm
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 25
Sacraments	October 9	October 2
Sin and Salvation	October 16	October 16
Growing in God's Grace	October 23	October 23
Living a Christian Life	October 30	October 30
Responding to God's Grace	November 6	November 6
First United Methodist Church	November 13	November 13
	(No study on August 28 or September 11)	(No study September 18 or October 8)

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

Wednesday Fellowship, Gathering Room/201

Dinner 9/18-Pizza & Salad

\$7 Adults & Youth \$3 Children 11 & Under



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

Sunday School

for all ages

Children's Sunday School Room 104 & 108
4 years through 5th Grade

Youth Sunday School Room 211 w/ Becca
6th Grade through 12th Grade

Transitions (New Young Adult) Room 209

Pathfinders/Seekers Room 208

Living Water/Martin Fellowship Room 116

Nursery Available for Children 3 and under

"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. They are 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

Repair work on the portico entrance is going fast. We continue to use our modified carline and look forward to the painting to be completed soon. ELC will have its first lunchbox revolt on Tuesday, September 24th. Cost will be \$5.00 per combo of hot dog, chips and drink. A special dessert will be provided by the ELC.

—Helene



Youth Sundays

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

September 18: Wonderful Wednesday

Dinner is served beginning at 5:15 pm. Menu: Pizza & Salad

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

Middle School Youth-6 pm, Room 209

Camp Lee

Sept 13-14

Fall Festival

October 9

Lion & Lamb Café

Haunted Chicken House

October 19

Hockey Game ----schedule is not out yet

November ???

Community Thanksgiving at the Venue

November 27

Christmas Eve Live Nativity

December 24

Ice Skating in Chattanooga

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 September 18: Pizza & Salad

\$7-Adults, \$3-11 & Under

Activities for Children: 6 pm, Children's Worship Room

GFUMC Children's
September Unit

LEAD THE WAY

Wednesday's
at 6:00

#WeAreFirst

WEEK 1

God teaches us
HOW TO LEAD.

WEEK 2

We **FOLLOW**
God's lead.

WEEK 3

God leads us to
SAFETY.

WEEK 4

God will lead
us to **WHAT
WE NEED.**

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths."

Psalm 25:4 (NIV)



GFUMC KIDS
FALL
CALENDAR

20
24

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.FUMCGADSSEN.ORG/CHILDREN

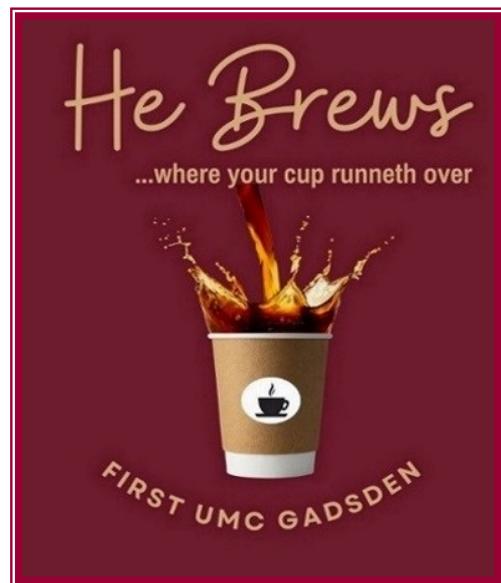
We need your photo!



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?

DANNY & JENNIFER JACKSON



Jennifer grew up in Gadsden and graduated from Gaston High School. She received two degrees from Auburn University in Agricultural Economics and Accounting. She worked for AmSouth Bank (now Regions Bank) for 16 years and currently works as the Financial Manager for Clinical Urology Associates on Goodyear Avenue. Her hobbies include walking, running, hiking, and reading. Danny grew up in Oneonta and graduated from West End High School. He then received a degree in Journalism from Jacksonville State University. Danny worked in the Mortgage Industry for over 20 years before joining Resourcing Edge, which offers administration and consultation regarding companies' Benefit Packages. In his free time, he enjoys watching sports (both Auburn and the Dallas Cowboys), as well as exercising. Danny and Jennifer have a daughter, Kennedy (age 12), who plays the saxophone and is an artist. Kennedy was christened in our church and is active in our Wednesday night activities, while her mother is part of Harriet Murray's Wednesday night Bible Study group.

September Mission Focus



Etowah Free COMMUNITY CLINIC

The Etowah Free Community Clinic provides uninsured patients of Etowah County with access to physicians, nurses, support staff, prescription medication and a variety of holistic care services, at no cost. The clinic has had a dramatic impact, not just in the lives of those served, but also in the community in which they live, work and play. The clinic is located at 423 South 3rd Street · Gadsden, AL 35901 · (256) 546-3456

(You may also donate directly to the clinic any medicine you have been prescribed and are unable to take.)

Donate paper products, such as paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper, during the month of September. Items may be placed in the Red Buckets located at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Foyer.

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"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.

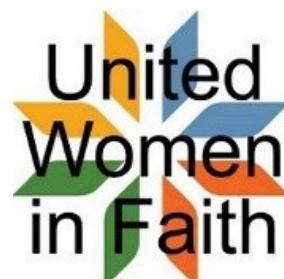
Clothes Closet Workdays are Tuesdays before open days from 9:00-11:00 am.

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

#gfumcreconnect2023



United Women in Faith
September 17-LuVerna Waid Circle
Meeting at 6:00 pm in Church Parlor.

The monthly luncheons are open to all. Please make a reservation by calling or texting Olivia Kendricks prior to the meeting date. 205.454.4375

- ♦ **October 14– Luncheon, 12 pm**
Gadsden State Community College
A Capella Choir
- ♦ **November 11-History of Gadsden & Etowah County, by Ms. Mollie Smith**
- ♦ **December 9-Christmas Luncheon, ELC Children singing**

Delores Abney, President
Olivia Kendrick, Vice-President

Clients Served

July 2024

Ladle of Love 300

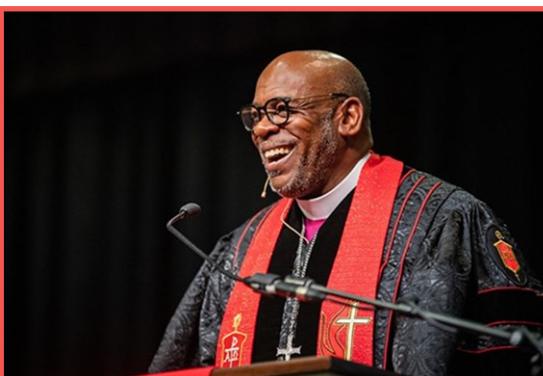
Clothes Closet 288

August 2024

Ladle of Love 500

Clothes Closet 321

**Thanks to our
Volunteers!**



SAVE THE DATE

A SERVICE CELEBRATING
THE EPISCOPAL
ASSIGNMENT
OF

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

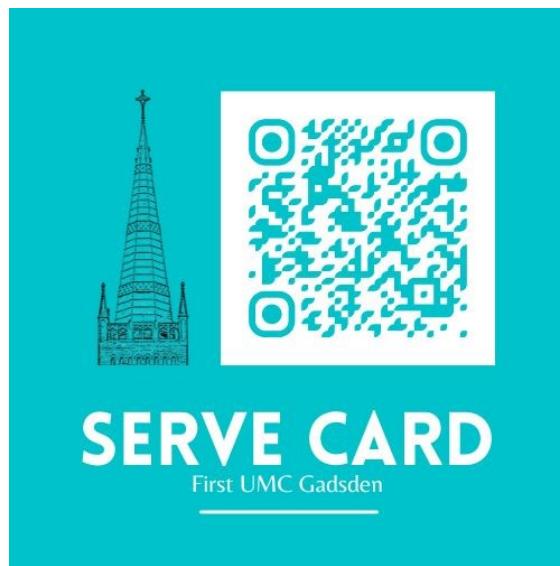
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM
4 PM

Reception immediately following the service

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!



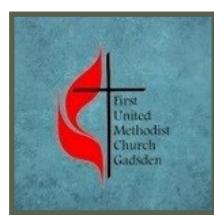
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is a registered charity and can receive
donations through Venmo:
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(Please search in Venmo under charities
or follow the link in the QR Code.)*



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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

Calendar for September 15-21, 2024

September 15 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

September 16 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

September 17 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm- ELC Fall Schedule

9:00-11:00 am-Clothes Closet workday

5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

6:00 pm-LuVerna Waid Circle, Parlor

Save the Dates:

Sun., Sept. 22, Safe Sanctuary Training, 12:15 pm

Sun., October 6, Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 am

Wed., October 9, Fall Fest, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

September 18 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule

9:00-11:00 am-Clothes Closet open

11:00 am-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-**No Bible Study w/Sherri;**

Small Group w/Harriet in Room 110

6:00 pm-7:30 pm-Choir Practice, Choir Room

September 19 Thursday

7:00 am-Men at the Well Bible Group

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule

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

5:30 pm-Thursday Worship

September 20 Friday

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



Sept. 1, 2024: Jacob Gilbert
Julia Lopez

Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund In memory of Neita Taylor, given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard McCoy.

Music Fund In memory of Bobby Kitchens, given by Jill Vincent.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Suzanne Phillips

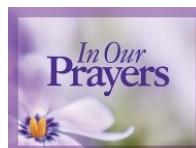
Family of Albert Gibson, Jr. Jane Jones

Stephe Wood Asher Mae Collins

Continued Prayer Concerns

Judy Collins (Tripp Collins' mother)

Amy Epperson



In Memory of Her Life

Suzanne Phillips

September 11, 2024



In Memory of His Life

Albert Gibson, Jr.

September 8, 2024



Birthdays

Sept 15 Alicia Dowling, Lucas Selsor, Anna Dobbins

Sept 16 Elaine Spearman, Bibb Holland

Sept 17 Doug Frickey

Sept 18 Hunter Grimes

Sept 19 Gwen Ford, Sophia Norris, William Leach, Jr, Julian Salazar

Sept 20 Pat Martin, Cherie Cornelius, Phil Owen

Sept 21 Randy Holland, Hannah Badgett



Week of September 8, 2024

In Person Total-*160 Worship Total-749

Online-589 Thursday Worship-*13

Celebration Service-*57/218

Traditional Service-*90/371

Sunday School Adult-*32/3 Children *6

Sr Hi & Middle *3 Bible Study Groups-*37

Wed/Sun-Children*34 Wed/Sun-Sr.Hi *9

Middle Youth *4 Wed/Sun-Nursery *4

General Offering Budget \$11,400.00

General Offering Received \$11,869.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$410,400.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$468,463.00



There will be an Emmaus Cluster Meeting on October 15 at First UMC Gadsden. If you have completed an Emmaus Walk, please contact Susan in the church office, 256-543-8200.