

# Have You Washed Your Hands?

Rev. Ken Casey

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

## Sermon Notes: Thursday, Sept. 5 & Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

### “Have You Washed Your Hands?”

The children’s story of Beauty and the Beast has been a favorite forever. As a matter of fact, the story in various forms has been told for over 4000 years. Beauty and the Beast is a story about a young prince that was cast under a spell. His spell could only be broken with true love. Through many ups and downs, he found love with Beauty, and she, in time, returned his love. They marry and the prince's spell is broken, and they lived happily ever after. In the story fear is overcome by love. Pharisees and Sadducees use rules and fear of those rules to control people. But Jesus uses love to break the shackles of fear to set people free. Perfect love casts out fear. If love casts out fear, then why are we afraid? Come Sunday to understand the relationship between rules, fear and the freedom love brings. Discover the love that destroys fear and sets free.

Scripture: Mark 7:1-8

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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

September 8: Luke Barnes

September 15: Rhett and Clementine Hilburn

## Tech Team Schedule

### September 8

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Davis Varner, Sheila Freeman, Brad Barnes

### September 15

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Rob Reynolds, Neil Mullin, Sheila Freeman

Wednesday, September 11, 5:15 pm

## “Get in the Game” Tailgate

Join us for this special Fellowship Dinner  
 in the Gathering Room

@ Wonderful Wednesday

Everyone is invited!

\$7 per person

\$3 Ages 11 and Under

Wear your team colors!

## 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 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 9/11: Sliders, Chips & Dips, Fruit, Dessert**  
**\$7 Adults & Youth \$3 Children 11 & Under**

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**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

ELC faculty and family have adjusted nicely to our new carline drop off and pick up process. We appreciate FUMC members utilizing the Chestnut Street parking lot and leaving the sidewalk spaces free. ELC will have its first lunchbox revolt on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

—Helene



## Youth Sundays

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

### September 11: Wonderful Wednesday

Dinner is served beginning at 5:15 pm. Menu: Sliders, Fruit, Potato Chips, Dessert

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](mailto: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 11—Sliders, Fruit, Potato Chips  
 \$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

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### 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

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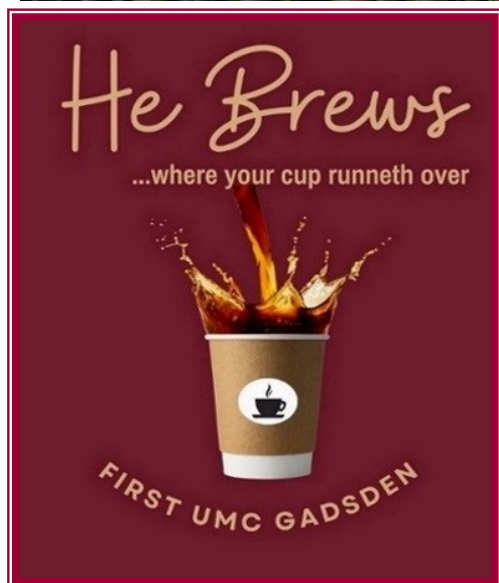
We need your photo!



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  
?

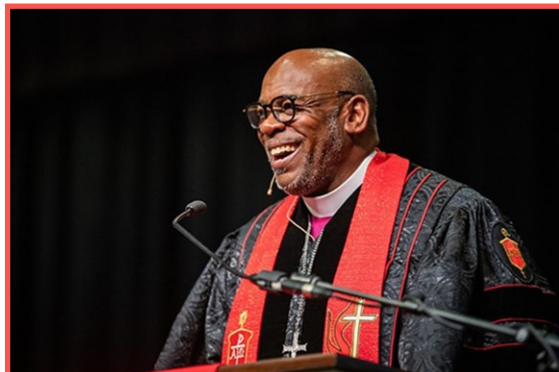


Sharon grew up in Birmingham, AL, and graduated from Ensley High School. She then attended Auburn University, where she received a B.S. in Elementary Education. While working as a teacher, she got her Master's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Sharon taught elementary school for 42 years before retiring in 2009, which is also the year she joined our church. Twenty of those years were at Central Park Elementary in Birmingham, while twenty-two were at Carlisle Elementary, part of the Etowah County School System. She taught first grade for all but 2 years in her career. Sharon is a member of United Women in Faith and photographs many events at our church. On Mondays and Fridays, she enjoys playing the domino game, "Mexican Train," and she also enjoys working crossword puzzles and reading mystery books. Sharon loves spending time with her 3 dogs—Miss Dixie, Cosmo, and Monji—and is a big supporter of rescue dogs.

## BILL & SUZY HALLER



Bill Haller, Jr., grew up in Little Rock, AK, and Dallas, TX, and studied Chemistry at the University of Arkansas and at LSU in Baton Rouge, LA. He received his Medical degree at LSU, then served 2 years in the Air Force during the Vietnam War before serving a 4-year Orthopedic Residency at Emory University in Atlanta. In 1974, he joined Gadsden Orthopedics (along with Philip Williams, Jack Reagan, and Bill Hartzog) and later welcomed his son Bill III into the practice. Bill Jr. has been active in our church through the years, serving several times on the Board of Stewards and teaching the "Living Waters" class intermittently. In his free time, he loves tennis, boating, and gardening. Suzy was born in Ottawa, Illinois, and graduated from Beloit College in Wisconsin. She taught elementary school in Chicago and New Orleans before moving to Gadsden in 1974. Suzy was very active in our church before she passed away on Aug. 7, 2018. She helped with the Ladle of Love and participated in the "Seekers" Sunday School class. She also was involved with the Cultural Arts Center and other civic organizations. Suzy loved to cook and entertain at their home and their lake house in Gunterville. She also enjoyed Mahjong, working out at the gym, and helping others. Bill and Suzy have 3 children: Bill III, an orthopedic surgeon and member of our church; Scott, an attorney in Birmingham, AL; and Sara, a teacher in the St. Louis area.



## 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*



## September Mission Focus



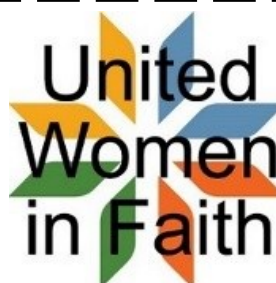
Donate paper products, such as paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper, during the month of September. Items may be placed in the Red Buckets located at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Foyer.

*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*

### United Women in Faith

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

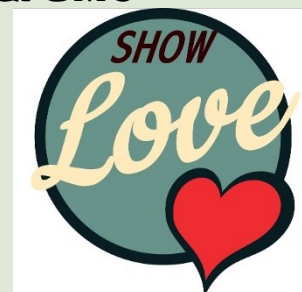
- ♦ **September 9– Luncheon, 12 pm**  
**Rev. Tammy Jackson,**  
**Book signing**



**Please note: The Portico entrance is closed and the Chestnut Street parking is being utilized for the ELC Carpool Line. There will be drop off and pickup only in these areas near the Chestnut Foyer doors and the Hazel Oliver ramp entrance. If you need assistance, there will be volunteers available to assist you.**

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

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

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

**#gfumcreconnect2023**

### Clients Served July 2024

Ladle of Love	300
Clothes Closet	288

### August 2024

Ladle of Love	500
Clothes Closet	321

**Thanks to our  
Volunteers!**



**Working or Out of Town on the Weekend?  
Come to**

## *Thursday* **WORSHIP**

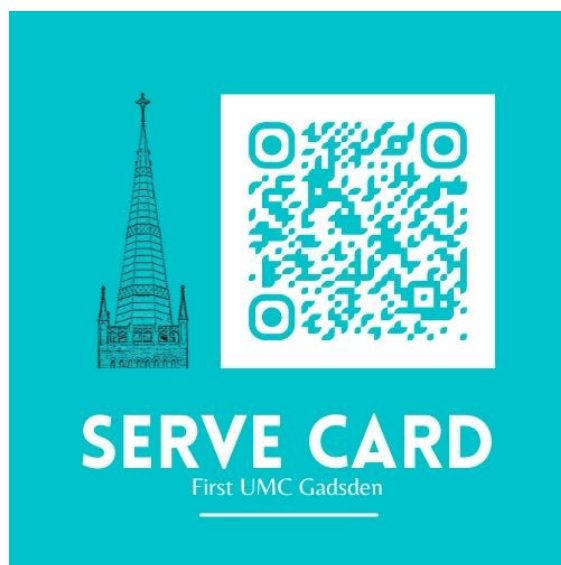
A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND WORD  
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm In the Sanctuary  
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden



# It's Time! Nominations for Leadership 2025

## How will you serve in 2025?

Find out more about church leadership @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/leadership](http://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**  
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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

## Calendar for September 8-14, 2024

### September 8 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 9 Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm- ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
10:30 am-Executive Board for UWF, Room 208  
12:00 pm-UWF Lunch, Gathering Room

### September 10 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm- ELC Fall Schedule  
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

### Save the Dates:

Sun. September 29, Blessing of the Animals, 10 am

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

### September 11 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule  
11:00 am- 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

### September 12 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 13 Friday

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



### NOTICE

Due to construction on the Portico overhang that has started and will last 3 weeks or longer, we ask that no one park on Chestnut Street in parking spaces from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 am until 12:30 pm on Friday. This will be used as a car lane for the ELC and Ladle of Love. Thank you for your help in this matter. —Office Staff & Trustees

### Annual 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's and Youth Ministry and open to everyone to attend.

*The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of  
Morgan Frances Kennedy  
August 23, 2024*



*Parents: Burns & Hannah Kennedy*

*Grandparents: Whitt & Kathy Torbert*

*Given by GFUMC Children's Ministry & Early Learning Center*

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Albert Gibson, Jr. 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 Bobby Kitchens, given by Gloria Rives.

### Birthdays

**Sept 8** Lydia Horton, Mark Condra, Michael McKiven  
**Sept 9** Roberta Clonts, Mallory White, Anderson Roberts  
**Sept 12** Chris Hill, Makenzie Staton  
**Sept 13** Betty Ballard, Linda Marble  
**Sept 14** Tommy Bone, Marihugh Leach

Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth.  
Thank you!



### Week of September 1, 2024

In Person Total-\*143 Worship Total-693  
Online-550 Thursday Worship-\*11  
Celebration Service-\*52/222  
Traditional Service-\*80/328  
Sunday School Adult-\*36 Children \*1  
Sr Hi \*4 Middle \*3 Bible Study Groups-\*25  
Wed/Sun-Children\*14 Wed/Sun-Sr.Hi \*11  
Middle Youth \*9 Wed/Sun-Nursery \*4  
General Offering Budget \$11,400.00  
General Offering Received \$16,613.83  
YTD General Offering Budget \$399,000.00  
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$456,594.00

### 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](mailto:susan@fumcgadsden.org)**