

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



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 24th. More details to come.

—Helene



STUDENT MINISTRY



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

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 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

#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



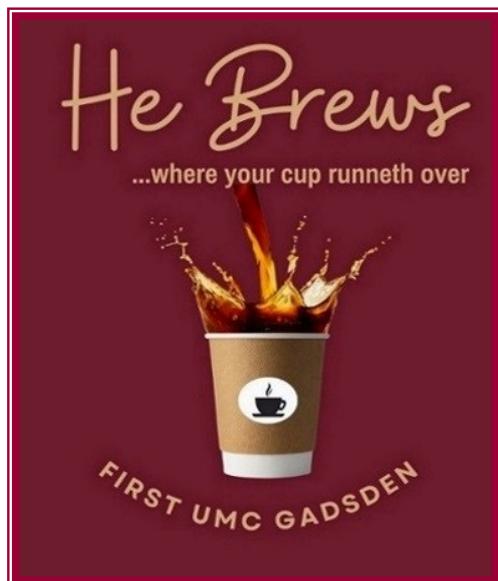
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG/CHILDREN

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?

SHARON MORRIS



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.

DO YOU KNOW WHO?



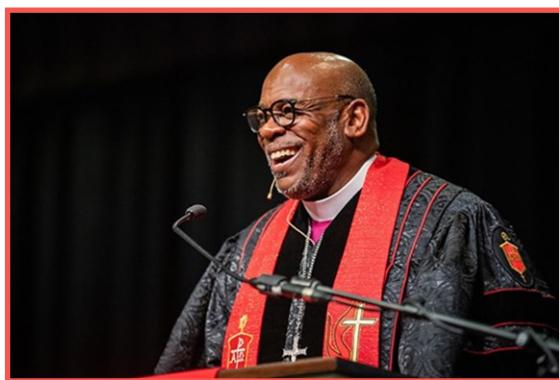
BILL & SUZY HALLER

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 Guntersville. 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.



NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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



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

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.

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

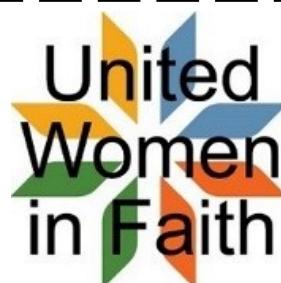
Email:

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

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**

Clients Served

July 2024

Ladle of Love 300

Clothes Closet 288

August 2024

Ladle of Love 500

Clothes Closet 321

Thanks to our
Volunteers!



REV. SHERRI REYNOLDS
GET IN THE GAME

THURSDAY 9/12 & SUNDAY 9/15 COACHES DON'T RETIRE

THURSDAY 9/19 & SUNDAY 9/22 THE GAME HAS CHANGED

THURSDAY 9/26 & SUNDAY 9/29 MONEY MATTERS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN

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

Thursday
WORSHIP

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND WORD

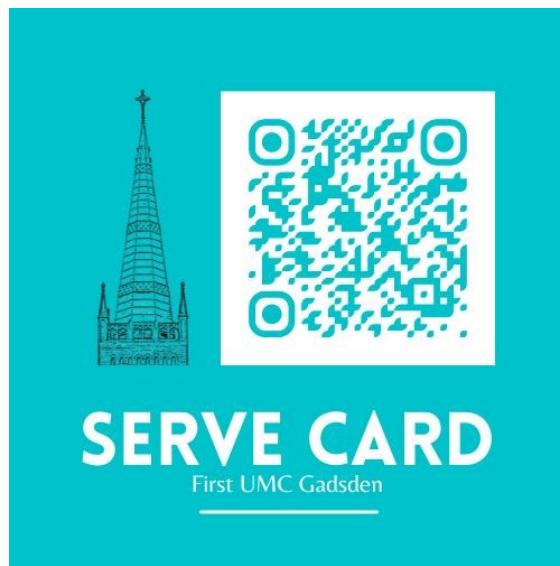
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm In the Sanctuary

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
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!



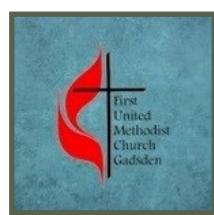
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*First UMC Gadsden
is a registered charity and can receive
donations through Venmo:
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(Please search in Venmo under charities
or follow the link in the QR Code.)*



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



Secure Online Giving



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Text to Give: 256-344-8464
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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



NOTICE

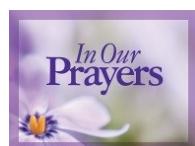
Due to construction on the Portico overhang that has started and will last 3 weeks or longer, we ask that no one park on Chestnut Street in parking spaces from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 am until 12:30 pm on Friday. This will be used as a car lane for the ELC and Ladle of Love.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

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Albert Gibson, Jr. Jane Jones Stephe Wood
 Asher Mae Collins

Continued Prayer Concerns

Judy Collins (Tripp Collins' mother)
 Amy Epperson



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!



Calendar for September 8-14, 2024

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

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

Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Bobby Kitchens, given by Gloria Rives.

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