



Calendar for January 3–January 9, 2016

- January 3**, Sunday schedule
- January 4**, Monday, **9:00 am**, Exercise Group, Gym;
6:00 pm, Boy Scout Troops, Rooms 207-208-209-210-211-Gathering Room
- January 5**, Tuesday, **9:00-11:00 am**, Clothes Closet workday, Broad Street, **5:00 pm**, Yoga, Gym;
6:00 pm, NAMI, Room 110
- January 6**, Wednesday, **9:00-12:00 am**, Clothes Closet open, Broad Street; **12:15 pm**, Prayer Team, Sanctuary; **5:00 pm**, Wednesday Meal, Gathering Room; **6:00 pm**, Journey Groups, Rooms 112 & 208; Journey Groups & Activities for Children & Youth, various rooms; **7:00 pm**, Choir Practice, Choir room
- January 7**, Thursday, **5:00 pm**, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
- January 8**, Friday, **11:00–12:30 pm**, Ladle of Love, Gathering Room

**Serving This Sunday
 January 3**

- Sound Tech:** Tim Staton
- Ushers:** * Bill Campbell, Ken Davis, Bob McElroy, Scott Wilson
- Greeters:** Patsy Blankenship, Laura Condra, Sidney McElroy
- Acolytes:** Sara Margaret Waits, Madeline Beck, Natalie Blevins
- *Head Usher**

Children's Church

- Jan 3** No Children's Church
- Jan 10** Freeman
- Jan 17** Freeman
- Jan 24** Freeman
- Jan 31** Freeman

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget: In memory of Bill Burnett and Hazel Oliver given by Mr. & Mrs. DeLeath Rives. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Stella Burnett Blenner. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stivender. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Thomas Stewart. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Batey & Sanders, Inc. In honor of Hubert Owen given by Brian & Janice Gordon. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Hughes. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Craig & Mary Inzer. In memory of Bill Burnett and Dr. Todd Cross given by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Taylor. In memory of Bill Burnett given by Charlotte Cohn.

Ladle of Love: In memory of Hazel Oliver and Bill Burnett given by Juanita Hammons. In memory of Lisa Hale Goodwyn given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hale.

Howell Erwin Fund: In honor of Ginger Ross given by Marjorie Ross.

The pastors and congregation of First United Methodist Church extend Christian sympathy to Marsha Moon Williams in the death of her daughter,
Kristi Diane James
December 25, 2015



In Memory of Her Life
Hazel Pierce Oliver
December 26, 2015



Welcome
New Members
Harry L. Bonda
Vance
December 20, 2015



Immediate Prayer Concerns:

- Mary Lee Willard Greg Lang
- Lynn Mathis
- Edgar Hardman (Anita Waid's father)
- Amy Epperson (Gene & Danna Dean's daughter)
- Ken Roark (Eric Wright's father-in-law)
- Family of Hazel Oliver
- Family of Kristi Diane James (Marsha Williams' daughter)

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

- Gloria Blackwood Jane Kirby Newman Hettie Marshall
- Billie Ruth Stansell Ken Herlong Sallie Hallmark
- Dave Beck Harry Yocum Lura "Tis" Culli
- Kathy Overton Carol Kiernicki Winnie Mae Beasley
- Buford Copeland Asher Mae Collins
- Pete Matthews (Charlotte Rutland's father)
- Bill Graham (Eileen Graham's son)
- Bill & Marie Lankford (Heather Staton's parents)



Birthdays This Week...

- Jan 3** Paula Wilson, Scott Adams, Molly Page
- Jan 4** Steven Williams, Shelly Hester, Franklin Leach, Anthony Staats
- Jan 5** Christie Knowles, Suzi Beason, Dave Beck, David McCoy
- Jan 6** Nancy Whitt, George Harrison, Harry Hager, Robert Hager
- Jan 7** Ina Davis, Katie Grimes, Jenny Skelton, Ross Hudak
- Jan 8** Teresa Kuechle
- Jan 9** Anna Mullin, Sue Roberts, Timothy Isbell



December 27, 2015

Volunteer Service Hours--70
 People Served-- 140 Christmas Eve:
 Total Attendance--722 Candlelight-452
 Traditional-- 108 Come & Go-67
 Celebration-95 Sunday School-107
 General Offering Budget--\$14,019.00
 General Offering Received--\$19,907.00
 YTD General Offering Budget--\$728,988.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd--\$650,362.00
Please turn in your volunteer hours!
If you miss a Sunday, turn them in the next week.

Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 am**, Celebration, Gym
- 10:00 am**, Sunday School
- 10:55 am**, Traditions, Sanctuary
- Monday & Thursday**
 Exercise Group
9-10 am in the gym.
- Monday thru Thursday**
ELC 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Tuesday**
5:00 pm, Yoga
- Wednesday**
12:15 pm Prayer Team
5:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Journey Groups
 For Adults, Youth, & Children
- 7:00 pm** Choir Practice
- Thursday**
 Exercise Group
9-10 am in the gym
- 5:30 pm**, Thursday Worship
 In the Sanctuary
- Friday**
11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love
 Gathering Room

Your picture is important to us!



Although there are no more professional photography sessions for the church directory, we would still like to submit a picture of you for the directory. We will take casual photos in the Chestnut Street Lobby on January 3 between 10:30 am & 10:50 am. Please contact Sheila @ 256-490-5018 or sheila@fumcgadsden.org if you would like to have your picture or your family's picture made or submit a picture for the new church directory. This will be the last opportunity!

Thank you!



Your donation to the United Methodist Children's Home can help provide shelter, love, support and even scholarships for children in need this holiday season and throughout the year. It's one of the most meaningful gifts you can give. White Christmas Sunday will be December 13, but you can give to White Christmas throughout Advent and Christmas.

Supplying and Sowing: Generosity

To Date: 95 Pledges for \$388,268.00

There's still time! Estimate of Giving Cards for 2016 may be turned in to the church office and will guide the ministries and budget planning for 2016.

GUIDELINES FOR END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

In order for contributions to be posted to your 2015 giving record, they must meet one of these requirements:

1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31st.
2. The contribution is put into the offering plate on December 27th or delivered to the office on or before December 30th. (office is closed on 12/31)
3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31st.
4. An online E-Giving transaction is dated on or before December 31st. (Find link at fumcgadsden.org/giving)
5. Gifts of stock should be transferred before the market closes on December 31st. Please inform Jane at the office about a stock transfer.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Jane at the church office at 543-8200 no later than December 30th (or at jane@fumcgadsden.org).

2016 Offering Envelopes are now available for those who have requested them and may be picked up in the Chestnut Street Foyer.

UMW NEWS

The next UMW Luncheon will be **January 11, 2016**. Heather New will speak about "Growth in Downtown Gadsden".

Call in your reservation to your circle leader or to Shelby Smith by Friday, January 9.

Start now saving items to sell at our

Silent Auction FUNraiser, March 14, 2016.



Save the Date:

Community Concert and Food Drive—January 24, 2016

A Community Concert and Food Drive will be held at 3:00 PM on January 24, 2016 at First United Methodist Church of Gadsden. The concert will feature varied musical pieces including sacred music and will be presented by an ecumenical choir from area churches. The concert is open to the community and free with the donation of non-perishable and canned food items. The "Champions Against Hunger" Food Drive will benefit the Etowah Community Food bank. For more information, contact First United Methodist Church @ 256-543-8200 or go to www.fumcgadsden.org.



CREDO Confirmation Class

All 4th, 5th & 6th Grade students are invited to attend the special session of their Sunday school class covering topics for discussion and knowledge that will help them in their spiritual growth and journey toward Confirmation. This will include sessions with Pastor Harvey, Pastor Vicki, Chris Self & Sheila Freeman, in addition to the regular teachers. CREDO Confirmation Class will be from January 10 through March 13 at 10:00 am in room 106.

The Mountain Lakes District will be teaching a Basic Lay Ministries Course from 8am-6pm, on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The cost is \$25 which includes breakfast, lunch and the materials for the class. The location at this time is the District Office. This may change based on the number of people who register. If interested please contact Amy Marbut at amarbut@umcna.org or 256-546-7405. Checks can be mailed to Mountain Lakes District, P O Box 429, Gadsden, AL 35902. The deadline for registration is Monday, January 4, 2016. You must be present for the full 10 hrs. to receive credit for the course.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Vicki will resume January 13. The new study will be "The Invitation" which is an overview of the Bible. This is a 10 week study. Contact Vicki or Susan in the Church Office about ordering your book for this study.



Wonderful Wednesday Kickoff January 6, 2015!

5:00 PM, Church Dinner and Fellowship, Gathering Room

Journey Groups for Adults, 6:00 PM

Digging Deeper-1 and II Thessalonians, Harvey Beck, Room 208
What Makes You Happy?-Harriet Murray and George Day, Room 112

Worship, Journey Groups and Activities for Youth, 6:00 PM
Chapel, Your Rooms, 209 & 211

Children's Journey Groups, 1st through 5th Grades, 6:00 PM

Join us for the New Year's Bash, Room 108 & 102 & Gym

Cherubs Bible Buddies and Choir, Age 3 through 5K, 6:00 PM

New Year Celebration and Cherub Choir, Room 111 & 116

5:00 PM, Chili and Hotdog Supper

Come and join the fellowship, even if you don't attend Journey Groups! There is NO CHARGE for this week's meal, but donations are welcome and will be used to offset the cost of Wonderful Wednesdays.

Let us know you are coming! Reservations are needed by Monday, 12:00 Noon.

Adults _____ # Children _____

