

A Message from Tim

Approaching Holy Week



On the Day of Resurrection, we proclaim “He has risen indeed”. But Easter goes beyond the Day of Resurrection. In the church’s calendar there are seven Sundays of Easter. The Sundays after Easter are a time in the church’s year to celebrate new life in Christ.

We are now currently in the weeks after Easter and we have many things to celebrate. We will celebrate new faith commitments with confirmands, the joyful songs of children, the wisdom and commitment of our older adults, the love of our mothers, new chapters in the lives of our graduating seniors, and the honoring of veterans who died in service to their country. We also celebrate our youth ministry and will receive a special concert from Michigan Glee Club.

We celebrate new life during the weeks after Easter. Come and join in the celebration!

	<p>After-Easter Celebrations</p>
	<p>April 27 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the OLEC Daddy Crow Jubilee Youth Fundraiser</p>
	<p>April 28 All Three Worship Services Older Adult Ministries Celebration</p>
	<p>May 5 11 a.m. Worship Service Confirmation Celebration</p>
	<p>May 5 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary All Children’s Choirs Concert Celebration <i>Featured performance of “Oh Jonah”</i></p>
	<p>May 12 All Three Worship Services Mother’s Day Celebration</p>
	<p>May 13 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary University of Michigan Glee Club <i>Dr. Mark Stover, Director</i></p>
	<p>May 19 9:40 a.m. Worship Service Graduating Seniors Celebration</p>
	<p>May 26 All Three Worship Services Memorial Day Remembrance Celebration</p>

Membership

Fay and Jim Szalay joined Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 7th at the 11:00 worship service by transfer of their membership from Liberty United Methodist Church in Camden, Tennessee. Their Sponsors are their son, David, and daughter-in-law, Ginny Szalay.

When asked what about Germantown United Methodist Church made them wish to become a part of our church community, they responded: *"We originally started attending GUMC because our son and family are members. After joining the Seekers Sunday School Class and attending the worship services at GUMC for several years, we decided it was a 'fit' for us! It is a wonderful community of Godliness filled with grace and goodness. Thank you for the opportunity to become members and grow in our faith and service."*



Robyn and John Michael Pela joined Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 7th at the 11:00 worship service by transfer of their membership from a sister United Methodist Church in the Memphis area. Their Sponsors are Christina and Ben Tempel.

When asked what about Germantown United Methodist Church made them wish to become a part of our church community, they responded: *"We love the feel of community here at GUMC. We have felt so welcomed and brought into the fold. The children's programs are wonderful and our boys love coming to church – we are grateful to have found a place where the whole family can grow in our walk with Christ."*

Christina and Colin Lacey joined Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 31 at the 8:30 worship service by transfer of their membership from Baton Rouge First United Methodist Church. Their Sponsors are Melanie and Chris Sobczak.

When asked what about Germantown United Methodist Church made them wish to become a part of our church community, they responded:

"When we moved back from Louisiana early last year, we were anxious about finding a new church home that would compare to our last five years at FUMC Baton Rouge. GUMC was the second church we visited, and we quickly knew that we needed to be part of this church community. The fellowship we were so genuinely welcomed into in the Wesley 2.0 Sunday School Class, along with the traditional worship service, showed us what we were missing. We also love the care that is given to the nursery and the youth of the church."



Membership continued

Kim and Scott Beasley joined Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 31 at the 11:00 worship service by Reaffirmation of Faith. Their Sponsors are Lauren and Chris King.

When asked what about Germantown United Methodist Church made them wish to become a part of our church community, they responded: *"We have felt very welcomed into the community each time we have visited for worship. The church matches our values and beliefs well. We also like the many things available for children and adult education and worship."*

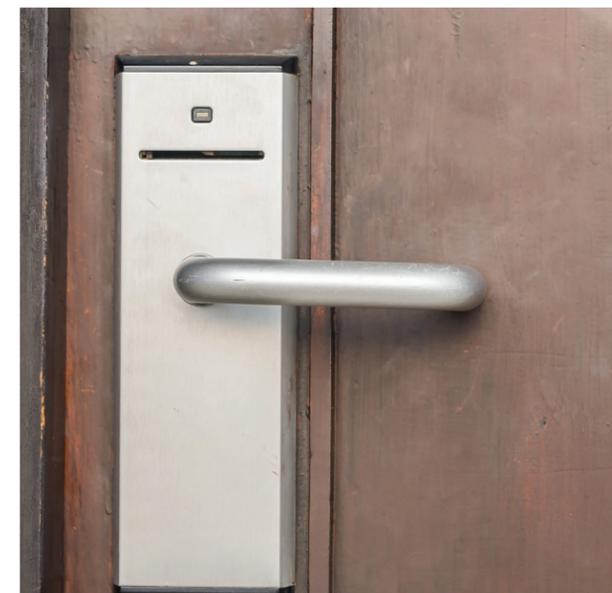


Emily and Chris Wiltse joined Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 17 at the 11:00 worship service by transfer of their membership from sister denominations in the Memphis area. Their Sponsors are Nancy and Ed Barnett.

When asked what about Germantown United Methodist Church made them wish to become a part of our church community, they responded: *"We have several friends who are members and they speak highly of the church."*

New Security at the Welcome Center Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel - bgabriel@germantownumc.org

Beginning in May, to protect more fully the people and property of Germantown United Methodist Church, the inner Welcome Center doors will be locked after business hours, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. the following morning. The outer doors will remain unlocked so in case of excess cold, heat, or other inclement weather conditions persons may enter that ante-chamber. This arrangement will not apply to regularly scheduled times of church activities such as monthly meeting nights, Wednesday evening activities, worship, etc. or special events. For those times, as always, the door will be unlocked. To monitor the doors and permit entrance after regular business hours, from 4:30p.m.-8:30 p.m., the Welcome Center will be staffed by a designated individual. Any GUMC member with a key fob that grants entry to the OLEC will find that fob also works on the Welcome Center doors.



Rev. Gabriel

Project Transformation Needs You!

Sunday, May 19 Meagan Cloutier, Interim Director of Project Transformation Memphis, will be the Mission Moment Speaker at all 3 worship services. She will share about the ministry's vision for the 2019 summer literacy enrichment program.

Many GUMC members have participated in the PT for the past three summers, so we pray that you will wish to volunteer again and encourage others to join you.

Listed below are ways in which you may serve:

1. Read with 3 different elementary children at Centenary UMC for 45 minutes each during the hours of 9-12 one or more days during the week of June 24 – 27.
2. Prepare, deliver and share two evening meals at Wesley Foundation on Midland with 27 interns who will be serving as camp instructors and mentors. This would be a perfect mission project for a Sunday School Class.
3. Donations to help support the program are welcomed.

Please plan to visit the information table located in the narthex between services on May 19 to talk with Meagan Cloutier and to sign up to be a volunteer. You may also contact Ruth King, ruthmking@bellsouth.net, 853-0511 for additional information.



United Methodist Men

May UMM Breakfast

The May UMM Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Ron Wade, Executive Director at HopeWorks. HopeWorks helps those who wish to break the cycle of crime, addiction and generational poverty to lead a changed life. All men are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about this organization. \$5 payable at the door. Members need only call with regret.



Spotlight On Gilbert

In the late sixties, Dr. J.C. Gilbert, the minister at Germantown United Methodist, appointed a “young man” named Ray Wooten to start a young adult class..... hence the name, “Gilbert Class”. Dr. Gilbert served as the first teacher of the class along with Betsy Foster West (Mrs. Dan); Betsy’s daughter, Cissy West Whittaker, and her nephews, Andrew and Walter Foster, are still GUMC members.

When we look at the support staff we have today, it is amazing to think that when the Gilbert Class began the staff consisted of the minister, his secretary, a part-time choir director, organist, and a maid!

At the time the Gilbert Class began, there were only two adult classes at our church, the Finney Memorial Class and the Kimbrough Ladies Class. The Finney Class was named to memorialize Frank Finney, a young Germantown Presbyterian Church friend who was killed in World War II.

The Kimbrough Ladies Class was named for Mrs. Emma Kimbrough, a church member and benefactor who lived on Cotton Plant plantation, located a few miles south of Germantown Methodist.

In the seventies and eighties as church membership increased, more adult classes were formed. Many people in those classes had been “young adults” in the Gilbert Class. In recent years, some Finney Class members joined us and have become valuable members serving as class officers and teachers.

Today our members are eighty years old or older but remain diligent students of God’s Word and related topics. We have outstanding speakers from within the church who generously give of their time to teach us, and occasionally class members serve as presenters.

We are very supportive of the mission endeavors of our church both locally and in other areas. In our area we support Room in the Inn, Golden Cross, Team Read, Starfish/Urban Ministry Initiative, and others. One of our favorites outside the local area is Amy Speake’s Alturas mission in Costa Rica.

Many of the ladies in our class are very active UMW members, and some of the men participate in the Wednesday morning prayer group and the United Methodist Men. There are some of us who serve on various church committees such as the prayer ministry team, ushers, and greeters.

The first Friday of each month you may see some of us at the Brown Bag lunches, and many of us enjoy various trips sponsored by the XYZ committee throughout the year.

Socially, we enjoy quarterly gatherings at a restaurant, a club, the fellowship hall, or in someone’s home.

We welcome visitors and know you would find a warm welcome in our class. We are on the same level as the sanctuary, so you won’t have steps to navigate as you make your way to Room 232 just across the hall from the chapel. We would love to see you!



Adult Education continued

Spotlight On Lamplighters Sunday School Class

Our class is a supportive fellowship of couples and singles, age 65 and above. We are a busy, active class involved in serving the church and the community.

We are blessed to have very qualified and interesting teachers who come primarily from our church family, both lay and ministerial. Our studies include both biblical topics and contemporary family and social issues.

Our service to others is a class priority.

We give our time, talents and resources to service projects that include supporting Alturas, a ministry begun in Lomas Del Rio, Costa Rica by Amy Speake, daughter of our members, Tracy and Bettye Speake; hosting guests of Room In The Inn at The Cottage; tutoring in the Team Read program; and sponsoring children and volunteering to pack boxes for the

Weekend Food Program. Each Thanksgiving we support the Methodist Neighborhood Center's food drive and at Christmas we support Golden Cross Ministries with gifts and donations to help the Wesley Senior Living residents with basic needs. In addition to these ministries we participate in the annual Walk to Defeat ALS in memory of the son of our members, JB and Carol Kiser.

We have an active social calendar with fun outings and fellowships scheduled throughout the year. As a class, we enjoy an annual Day at the Lake, Italian Dinner Night, Trivia Night, evenings at Germantown Community Theater, and a Fall Picnic, to name a few. Our small Dinner Groups enjoy sharing a meal at a restaurant or at someone's home for fellowship. In addition to class socials, many members enjoy the fellowship of men and women who serve others through the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women.

Our class is a loving fellowship of good friends in Christ, who care deeply for one another during good times and bad, by offering support with prayer and a helping hand when needed. Please join us for study, service and fellowship in Room 342 on Sunday mornings at 9:40. If you need additional information, feel free to call Conrad Schanson 901-755-7608



Music Todd Wilson, Director of Music Ministry - twilson@germantownumc.org

The end of the program year is coming to a close. We will celebrate with many wonderful offerings.

Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. the Children's Choir Program will take place. After many months of work the Cherub, Alleluia and Hosanna choirs will share the fruits of their labors. The Allen Pote musical, Oh Jonah, will be featured. Having heard rehearsal, I can say without a doubt, you should come!

Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. we host a special concert. The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will be on tour and GUMC is the only place in town you can hear them. This is a ticketed event, I encourage you to hear one of the finest touring groups in the nation, right in our own sanctuary. Bonus, childcare has been scheduled! Use this link to secure tickets and learn more about the ensemble. <https://ummgc.org/calendar/2019/4/7/midwest-tour-memphis-concert>. Learn more about these passionate young men, and listen, here <https://youtu.be/9qQfX5KhulA>.

The GUMC Chancel Choir is taking their message of music on the road. June 7-9 we will be in St. Louis and singing morning worship at Christ Church Cathedral, the Episcopal Cathedral of Missouri. Organist/Choirmaster Pat Partridge has extended our choir an invitation to help celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Cathedral. We are thrilled to participate on Pentecost Sunday at this historic church.

While our Chancel Choir is away GUMC will host the youth choir from FUMC Duluth, Georgia. They'll sing in all 3 worship services.

And another date to hold on to. Sunday, August 11 at 4:00 p.m. we will host concert pianist, David Francis. You'll learn more about David as the date approaches. Enjoy his arrangement of Whispering Hope. https://youtu.be/Lf2_cOj9_v0

There is so much to sing about, so much to be thankful for!

Pax,

Todd Wilson



Senior News—Don't Forget the May Brown Bag Lunch Program!

Dan Conaway, author, columnist, and consultant, will tell us some of his stories, "I'm a Memphian: Character References for a City". This presentation will be Friday, May 3, 2019, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 AM with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed. **There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**



Older Adult Programming to Resume in September...

Don't forget—the next Brown Bag Lunch program will be September 6. XYZ programming will start on August 30. Watch for information about these kick-off events in the June Tidings. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer break.

Our events are open to all adults age 55 and older, singles and couples, regardless of church membership. Mark your calendar and make your reservations for these events today!

Second in a Series of Notes on Stewardship

"You mean people just give you money?" asked our non-church going nephew.

"Yes, I replied, "about \$3,000,000.00 a year."

"And they give without tickets or membership fees or monthly dues or anything like that?"

"That's right." "What if they don't?"

"Then Germantown United Methodist Church as we know it ceases to exist."

We continued our conversation, my adult, non-church attending nephew and me. "So," he continued, "what else do people want you to do with that money, besides educate children?"

"Fair question," I answered.

We started with children, so let's step up the age ladder to youth. I have nothing but respect and admiration for people who work with our youth. The pressures and demands that today's teens must face are simply not fair. Two and three generations back local norms were not threatened by messages from across the state, the country, and the world. Today, the church must compete in an open market place of ideas.

The budget for youth ministry at Germantown UMC \$42,000 for 2019. That reflects the restoration this year of cuts made in previous years. That is for supplies and curriculum, transportation rental, food, material of all sorts. This facilitates weekly worship, education, and formation activities. Sunday morning and nights, along with Wednesday nights see over 150 youth meet for Trek, Element, Prayer Breakfast, Synergy, and Synago. And there is more.

Because you gave in December, 26 High School students attended an intensive weekend of spiritual renewal just as classes re-started.

Because you gave in January, 93 students attended Discovery Weekend in February, an intensive weekend of spiritual renewal.

Because you give, this summer over 70 of our youth will take part in BigStufWorship retreat, Mountain TOP rural mission trip, and S.O.S urban mission trip, along with service at Manna House Memphis Athletic Ministries and regular joyous, fun filled activities.

Because you give, close to 100 youth will attend CRAVE the Annual Fall Retreat with guest speaker and band and intense discussions for spiritual formation.

Many of our youth ministry activities require some financial buy in from parents. Without your stewardship, though, the costs would simply exclude too many people. So, because you gave, our youth have a viable, vital, functioning alternative vision, vision that is rooted in scripture, in prayer, and in Christin relationships.

Because you give, a new generation will claim the promise of the Gospel in a world increasingly uninterested. All this because you give.

Stewardship simply is not something that we talk about once a year. Stewardship is not simply a discussion of money, either. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Take a moment or two in this season of Lent to reflect on where your heart is. If your treasure; your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are here, helping shape the souls and form the characters of children and grandchildren, then we will see your heart here as well.

"So," my nephew asked, "you use the money to indoctrinate?"

"No. We use the money to intentionally form their spirits. At some point in the future, they'll have to claim this truth for themselves. We give to make sure they know what they are accepting. Children and youth have incredible pressures on their developing souls from all sources. The money and time we spend is to claim that at these impressionable years, the Church is going to do all we can to set these youth on the path to Christian living."

Spring Bridge and Games Benefit – A Winner!

We played our hearts, spades, clubs, and diamonds out at this year's Spring Bridge and Games Benefit! Now our GUMW Missions will receive our blessings! What a fun day we had thanks to the many who volunteered their time and efforts to make this annual event an overwhelming winner. There were so many who volunteered to help at this event – it could not have been “played” without YOU ALL. A special shout out to our wonderful church staff. You are so special and loved!

This fundraiser allows us to open our church and its missions to our Community. A big thank you to all of our game players, fashion show models, Celebration Circle Cooks, all who carted and priced items for the Unique Boutique, the ones who helped with set up and those who dismantled it all afterwards. This event was a SUCCESS because of you!

The GUMW Spring Bridge & Games Benefit and Unique Boutique Committee is so grateful for your support. Thanks for coming out to play!



All women are welcome to attend Germantown United Methodist Women events. If you are looking for the camaraderie of Christian women, fellowship while serving others, and the opportunity to make lifelong friends, consider joining one of GUMW's many Circles (small groups). For information, contact GUMW Membership Chair Yolanda Toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org.



Vacation Bible School: ROAR!

Weeknight VBS: June 5-7; 5:30-8:00 PM
Weekday VBS: June 10-14; 9:00 AM – noon
(12:15 for rising grades 4-6)

We are excited to announce we will be going on a jungle safari this summer as we explore God's goodness and celebrate our ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life! This epic adventure will engage the whole herd – preschool through rising sixth grade.

Online registration opened April 1 and closes May 28. The \$25 registration fee covers all expenses including materials, food, T-shirt, and music CD. Scholarships are available; please contact Lisa Pierce to make arrangements.

Children who are four years old by August 15, 2019 are eligible to participate in preschool VBS. If your child is younger than that age, we have a special VBS just for them which is available (free of charge) to children of volunteers.

This is a great production which requires many hands. We need help with decorations, curriculum preparation, and administrative tasks. Of course, we need many hands on deck during the week to lead stations and small groups. We have a place for you if you are interested in participating. Please contact Lisa Pierce to find where you are best suited to serve.

How to Help With VBS

1. Pray for this ministry, the children we serve as well as those who serve in it.
2. Help with preparations. We have work days listed below as well as “take-home” work.
3. Offer to serve during one of the weeks. We need nighttime helpers as well as daytime helpers. We need behind-the-scenes helpers. We can find a spot that uses your talents. Register online or contact Lisa Pierce if you are not sure where to serve.
4. Bring us your junk. Specifically, we need:
Empty toilet paper rolls, empty paper towel rolls, empty wrapping paper rolls, empty carpet rolls, “African themed” fabrics, huge stuffed (safari) animals, HUGE (appliance type) boxes, assortments of African percussion instruments (we will protect these – for use in the music station).



5th and 6th Grade Mission Camp: July 8-12, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

In this hands-on camp, we will explore three specific types of mission; inner-church mission, urban mission, and rural mission. The idea is that each child will have a chance to experience different types of work, hopefully creating an appetite for missional work. Some days will make our lunches and other days we will explore some Memphis eateries. We will finish each day with some seriously serious “capture the flag” or other games at McVay Gardens. This camp is only for rising fifth and sixth grade students. Space is limited; registration opens online May 1. Cost is \$100 which includes all activities, transportation, food, and a T-shirt.

Lakeshore Camp: July 15-20

We are taking a crew from GUMC to Lakeshore for this week of fun and fellowship. If you are interested in attending this week, please register through Lakeshore's Website (<https://lakeshorecamp.org/>) and then drop an email to Lisa Pierce (Lpierce@germantownumc.org) so we can coordinate this trip together. Lisa will be staying the week as an instructor and will be driving the church van up and back. Feel free to contact Lisa with any questions.

If this week does not work for your schedule, check out other options on the Lakeshore website. There are a variety of camps offered all summer long!



Easter Egg Hunt

We all enjoyed a great time of fellowship and fun at our annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt itself lasted about five minutes, but the festivities continued for a couple of hours. The petting zoo was a favorite once again followed closely by train rides through the grounds. Families of three and even four generations gathered and made memories. Thanks to everyone for their participation and support of this longstanding GUMC tradition!

GUMP Weekday Preschool Sarah Sutton - ssutton@germantownumc.org - 901-753-3109

We are quickly approaching the final stretch of our school year, but we still have a number of fun activities planned. Our final unit, "Animals All Around Us," brought many fun learning opportunities including a visit from a petting zoo! It was so fun to feed the goats, brush a llama, pet a donkey and ride the train. In each classroom our friends learned about the Resurrection of our Lord and celebrated with Easter Egg Hunts.

G.U.M.P is happy to announce that we once again received the highest rating during our state assessment. We are a 3 Star School based on criteria that includes items such as healthy lunches, safety procedures, the variety of classroom materials, hygiene precautions, teacher education and training, child teacher ratios, classroom schedule, support for children with delays, how teachers speak to children and how children are encouraged or redirected. We cannot express how thankful we are for such a remarkable group of teachers and staff!

We have had a very successful school year. Our teachers and students have enjoyed a year of laughter, learning and growth. To all of our parents, thank you for sharing your precious children with us. We wish you all a safe, relaxing summer and look forward to a new school year in August!



Lauren Wright Hobbs Nursing Scholarship - 2019

A scholarship has been established through Germantown United Methodist Church to benefit a student from our church who is pursuing a degree in nursing. This scholarship was created by the Emmaus Class in honor of Lauren Wright Hobbs who lost her battle with cervical cancer at the age of 29 in October of 2013.

The recipient must be a member of GUMC and attending nursing school now or in the coming fall semester. The \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best fits the model that Lauren exemplified in her love of nursing. Applications may be obtained via an email sent to karen.oppenheim@gmail.com. All completed applications must be received by Monday, May 20, 2019. The Scholarship committee will review and select the recipient prior to June 17.

Donations can be made to this scholarship fund by writing your check to GUMC with Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship noted in the memo line. 2019 is the sixth year for this scholarship that is dedicated to the memory of Lauren and her gift of serving others.



Youth Ministry continued

Confirmation Sunday & Reception: May 5th, 11:00 AM

You are invited to join us for worship on Sunday morning, May 5th as we confirm the 2019 confirmation class. We have had thirty sixth grade students journeying since August to figure out what they believe, why they believe it, and now why they want to join the church. We are so excited to celebrate them on a very special Sunday with a worship service and then a reception immediately following. We are encouraging the whole church body to gather around these students with their prayers and their presence now and on Sunday, May 5th.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the reception please contact Sue Hyland for more information.



Youth Ministry continued

Where Are All The Youth At?!

Everyone has heard this phrase, “Where are all the youth at?” muttered around the halls of any church building. It’s easy to miss them unless they are serving in plain sight on a Sunday morning, or making more noise than they should be. (Sorry!) However, here at GUMC when you hear someone ask a question similar to this, the response should be, “They are outside the walls of this place fulfilling their call to the Great Commission!” Christ gave us the command to “Go!”, and that is exactly what our youth are doing.



In addition to a busy summer schedule so many of our youth have found time to serve in some way,

shape, or form. Whether that means they are showing up to the church before 7am on a Monday morning to serve alongside the ministries at Manna House, providing hospitality to citizens of Memphis, or sweating for hours on end with the kids at Memphis Athletic Ministries. These types of service opportunities are happening all summer long here at GUMC. In addition to these local opportunities for service throughout the week, GUMC Youth takes roughly 50 students to serve for an entire week at Mountain TOP, and Service Over Self. Mountain TOP and GUMC have partnered together for over 40 years now meeting the various needs of the Cumberland Plateau, and we are also entering our 13th summer with S.O.S. making homes warmer, safer, and drier, here in the heart of Memphis.

These activities all sponsored by GUMC barely break the surface as to what all of our youth are doing throughout the summer. One of the places that GUMC Youth love, and cherish is a place called Lakeshore. While most people encourage their high school age children to go and get a summer job, they didn’t necessarily count on them feeling a call to be a volunteer councilor at Lakeshore UMA. A tiresome job that requires an immense amount of patience and responsibility. GUMC provides approximately 15 councilors to Lakeshore for multiple weeks over the summer, the largest being while our Children’s ministry is there. While they can sleep in a cabin with rowdy elementary kids, and eat the same camp meals over and over free of charge, they don’t do this job for the paycheck, because there is none! A huge testament to how passionate our students are about the ministries of Lakeshore.

So the next time you hear someone ask “Where are all the youth?” you will be ready and equipped to answer with confidence! Of course, none of these wonderful opportunities would be possible without an ample amount of Adults volunteering their time, and we can never have enough hands on deck. So please, if you could partner with us to make sure all of these programs are successful we would love to have your help!

For any addition information on GUMC Youth or how to get involved please email Brian Richards or Sue Hyland at Brichards@germantownumc.org ; Shyland@germantownumc.org

Scouting Improvements at Germantown UMC Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel - bgabriel@germantownumc.org

The BSA and the UMC have an active relationship. At the end of 2010, the United Methodist Church’s involvement with Scouting included:

- 235,672 Cub Scouts from 5,136 packs
- 127,419 Boy Scouts from 5,005 troops
- 8,408 Venturers from 1,146 crews

Germantown United Methodist Church especially is fortunate to have a robust Scouting ministry. One result of the recent growth in the number of participants is the flurry of Eagle projects carried on GUMC campus. As one source notes, the “Eagle Scout Service Project, or simply Eagle Project, is the opportunity for a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or qualified Venturer in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for...” community benefit. The Scout must conceive of a beneficial project, have it accepted by the community and approved by the local Scouting “Council”, raise the funds, and demonstrate the ability to lead and supervise Scouts in completion of the project. Successful completion of the project is a requirement to achieve the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle. The purpose is to develop leadership skills.

Germantown UMC has benefited from the following projects in recent months.



Matthew Fischer Eagle Project benefiting RITI and all users of the Cottage



David Zak Eagle project providing stair access to the Prescott house via the OLEC - primary benefit is Youth Ministries.



Fall Johnson Eagle Project - Donation drive to supply RITI with needed clothing



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Editor's Note: The deadline for submitting articles for Tidings is the 10th of the month prior. Submissions received after this deadline are not guaranteed to run.

All Children's Choirs Concert Celebration

May 5, 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Featuring a performance of Allen Pote's "Oh Jonah". Looking for a great way to show support for our children? Come to this musical, you won't be disappointed.

