

Missions Ministry

Please contact John Gregory at jrgregory111@gmail.com for mission needs.

Blanket Drive! Room in the Inn. Memphis hands out blankets to individuals who do not have a spot with RITI overnight. The goal is to collect 1000 blankets by Nov 27. Gently used or new twin or full size warm blankets (no knitted blankets) can be given to Alise Davis by emailing alisedavis4@gmail.com or texting/calling 901-496-6402.

United Methodist Women (GUMW)

Chesley Porteous, women@germantownumc.org. All women are invited to attend any of our GUMW events! Website www.germantownumc.org/umw

GUMW Christmas Brunch | Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m. | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a delicious catered brunch, festive fellowship, and sounds of the season! We will also be installing our new 2019 officers. Registration closes at 12 noon on December 6.

Elder Care Ministry

Pat Smith, psmith@germantownumc.org

The Flower Ministry is in need of small vases and bud vases. If you have some that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the Welcome Center. Thanks!

United Methodist Men

Church office, 901-754-7216, or contact Jack Henton at jhenton1@earthlink.net.

Bible Study/Prayer Group, Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. The Men’s Sonrise group is studying the book of Hebrews. Join us in room 338 for discussion and prayer. No registration is required. All men are welcome.

Gary Rutherford Prayer Group. GUMC Men Praying, Studying, and Working Together. Our meetings include scripture, a lesson from DISCIPLINES, review of the congregational prayer list, prayer concerns from the group, and our prayer circle. We conclude with breakfast or service project, Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have a place in our prayer circle for you!

Prayer Concerns

To submit a prayer request, please contact Leanne Bailey at 754-7216 or lbailey@germantownumc.org. In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available by calling 412-5776.

In Hospital or Care Facility

Will Consolo
Laura Solomon
Marcia Wagner

Hospice Care

Chuck Blake
Mildred Dollar
Clarice Perry

Congregational Concerns

Raymond Clapsadle, Hiram Fry, Janette Hawkins, Mistie Hawkins, Vauneida Henton, Sharon Hicks, Linda Hopper, Howard Johnson, Rev. Lloyd Moore, Ruth Morrison, Dick White



November 25, 2018

Christmas Cookie Shoppe. Saturday, December 8 | 9 a.m. –12 noon | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Thousands of cookies await you at the 6th Annual Christmas Cookie Shoppe! Come create boxes of your favorites to enjoy yourself and share with loved ones. Cost is \$8 per pound. Don’t miss this holiday tradition! Funds raised benefit the many missions of GUMW. If you are baking, please bring cookies to Fellowship Hall kitchen on Dec. 7 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Upcoming Dates for Advent: Children’s Alternative Christmas December 2 (during KidsQuest); Journey to Bethlehem with Milk and Muffins December 8 (9:30-11:00 a.m.); Plum Pudding December 9 (5:00 p.m.).

Children’s Ministry

Lisa Pierce, Director, 758-6512, lpierce@germantownumc.org
Callie Beaver, Assoc. Director, Elementary, cbeaver@germantownumc.org
Kristin Dickerson, Assoc. Director, Preschool, kdickerson@germantownumc.org
Natalie Adkinson, Assoc. Dir. Special Needs, nadkinson@germantownumc.org

Alternative Christmas: Next week during the SS hour, children (K-5) will have an opportunity to purchase free-trade gifts. Each gift is \$5, wrapped, and tagged. Please send your child with money and a shopping list if they plan to participate. Preschoolers can shop between worship hours or at noon.

Children’s Mission: Stop by the fence outside the Huddle to purchase gifts that support children’s mission projects.

Angel Tree: Help children’s ministry support the children of United Methodist Neighborhood Center by adopting an angel from the tree near the Huddle. Each angel represents one gift.

Special Needs Ministry: If you are interested in participating in this ministry in any way, Contact Natalie Adkinson.

Elementary Expedition: Our Wednesday night program has taken a break for the semester. We will resume meeting on January 16.

Parent Night Out: Our next PNO is December 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please see details and register online.

Preschool Stepping Stones: We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. This month, we are learning that *“I am thankful for people who help me.” (Ephesians 5:20).* Please join us in the Hamilton Nursery, directly across from the main sanctuary entrance.

KidsQuest: Elementary children grades K-5 gather each week in the Huddle (room 240). This month we will take a look at *“Cooperation—Working together to do more than you can do alone.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9)* Please join us at either 9:40 or 11:00 a.m.

OLEC Drop-In Care: Drop-in childcare is available at the OLEC from 9:00 a.m. to noon, M-F. Children 6 months – prekindergarten are eligible. See our website for full details.

Germantown United Methodist Preschool

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

GUMP Weekday Preschool focused this month on all the things we are thankful for as we learn through our thematic unit titled “Family Celebrations.” We will celebrate our friends with “Share a Sweet.” GUMP hopes all of our families, friends, teachers and staff had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Please contact us at 753-3109 to schedule a tour of our preschool.

Youth Ministry

Sue Hyland, Director of Confirmation & Middle School Ministry, 758-6516, shyland@germantownumc.org
Brian Richards, Director of High School & College Aged Ministry, 758-6515, brichards@germantownumc.org

TURKEY BOWL our annual Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser will be on **TODAY** from 6-8 p.m. in the OLEC. Put a team together and join us for a great night! Instead of taking monetary donations, we will collect blankets for Room in the Inn. Please bring a new or gently used full size blanket with you as your entry fee.

Room in the Inn hosting will begin for our youth on Friday, Dec. 7. You can find a link to sign up on all of our social media sites as well as on our weekly email. Don’t miss your chance to show “Holy Hospitality” this RITI season.

Trek will meet today at 9:40 and 11 a.m. in the OLEC. Join us as we wrap up our “After You” series. Check out our weekly email for more info on what we are teaching and for a few helpful hints.

Element will meet tonight for Turkey Bowl. Check out our weekly email for more info! Don’t forget to bring a blanket to donate to RITI.

Prayer Breakfast for High School Guys and Gals will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:00 a.m. The girls meet at Starbuck’s on Houston Levee and the guys meet at Chick-fil-A in Collierville. Come study scripture, pray, and fill your bucket before you head off to school. Open to all 9th through 12th grade students.

Synergy and Synago will meet again on Wednesday, November 28, as they continue their small group studies for the semester. Check out our weekly email for more details on how you might plug into these small groups. We would LOVE for you to join us for some mid-week time in community.

The Middle

Rev. Erin Beasley, ebeasley@germantownumc.org

Are you in your 20s, 30s, or 40s? Join The Middle for a Family Lunch on Sunday, December 2, at 12 noon. Families with children of all ages as well as individuals are welcome to fellowship with others while enjoying a catered lunch in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Online registration required at germantownumc.org by Wednesday, November 29, at 12 noon.

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 755-0803, luci2@comcast.net. Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in Tidings.

Senior News—December Brown Bag Lunch Series! Col. Elmer Follis, Jr., retired fighter pilot, will talk about how his squadron saved thousands of U.S. lives in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. This presentation will be on Pearl Harbor Day, Friday, December 7, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 a.m. 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.**

XYZ’s January Event! Be one of the first to see the newly-renovated Pink Palace Mansion and eat lunch at Patrick’s on Park when you come with us on Thursday, January 24, 2019. We depart at 9:30 a.m. from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$11.50 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, December 12.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org, 754-5093.

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 338 for a discussion of The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks. No need to register, just purchase the book or checkout from the library and join us for a spirited conversation!

Preston Class is starting a NEW and EXCITING fundraiser for missions. Preston Class members will be wrapping Christmas gifts in exchange for donations from November 25 to December 23. Drop off and pick up gifts at the church. Preston Class members will wrap your gifts & save you time during this busy season! Contact Natalie at cathcarn@gmail.com for more info.