## Missions Ministry

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

**Thank You!** GUMC collected approx. 135 blankets for Room in the Inn - Memphis. Outstanding job! With the aid of other generous supports, it looks like RITI-Memphis has met their goal of 1000 blankets!

## 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.

**United Methodist Women Mailing List.** Did you know there's an email list for United Methodist Women? We'll be ramping up our email blasts about UMW-related events in the coming months. You can stay in the loop by going to http://www.germantownumc.org/email and selecting "Women's Ministry."

## 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!

## College and Young Professionals Ministry

*Brian Richards, brichards@germantownumc.org*

College Birthday Cards. GUMW Faith Circle will be praying for each GUMC college student by name this Thursday morning, December 6. They will also be sending birthday cards to all students with birthdays in the month of December. For more information about Faith Circle, contact either Lauren Boswell at laurenrboswell@icloud.com or Laurie Pakis at ljpakis@bellsouth.net.

**All charitable contributions for the 2018 tax year** must be received in worship on Sunday, December 30, or postmarked or transacted electronically by December 31. Arrangements may be made to be received on December 31, by calling the church office before December 31.

## 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 Deepest Sympathy**
Elizabeth Butler, sister of Marian Carruth (Dick), November 22

**Hospice Care**
Chuck Blake
Mildred Dollar
Clarice Perry

**Congregational Concerns**
Raymond Clapsadle, Will Consolo, Hiram Fry, Janette Hawkins, Mistie Hawkins, Vauneida Henton, Sharon Hicks, Linda Hopper, Howard Johnson, Wally Krug, Rev. Lloyd Moore, Ruth Morrison, Laura Solomon, Marcia Wagner, Dick White, Logan Williams

# Ministry News & Events

Germantown United Methodist Church

***December 2, 2018***

**Alternative Christmas for children is today during the Sunday School hour.** Your child may purchase a gift for $5, wrapped and tagged. Preschoolers can shop between worship hours or at noon.

**Advent Devotional Booklets** are available in the narthex and Hamilton Welcome Center to be picked up at your convenience or online on the church website, germantownumc.org.

**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.

**Journey to Bethlehem with Milk and Muffins, Saturday, December 8, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** In the Hamilton wing, the children travel through the nativity story: from angels to manger, and from shepherds to wise men, creating memories and understanding that will last a long time. Of course, there will be a visit from the "Jolly Guy" himself with photo opportunities.

**Children's Musical and Plum Pudding, Sunday, December 9, 5:00 p.m.** This annual event features the Alleluia Choir, Hosanna Choir and Cherub Choir, led by directors Mary Groh, Peggy Warner and Libby Schielke. Music to include, "Mary Had a Baby", "There Were Lots of Animals in the Barn Where Jesus Christ Was Born", and "Tell It! Tell the Good News!" Congregational carols and festive reception to follow. Join us!

## 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:** TODAY 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. Help us support children in Haiti and Kenya.

**Angel Tree:** All angels have been adopted. Please return gifts with the angels attached to the boxes near the Huddle.

**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 *"Jesus is God's son." (John 3:16).* 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 *"Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's need." (John 3:16)* Please join us at either 9:40 or 11:00 a.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.).

**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.

## 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*

**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 sights 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 begin a new Advent series about Justice. Check out our weekly email for more info on what we are teaching and for a few helpful hints.

**Element** will meet tonight from 6-8 p.m. in the OLEC. Our Middle School and High School groups will both be starting new series and we sure hope you will be with us! We'll have dinner, small groups, a BIG GROUP GAME, and worship.

**Prayer Breakfast** for High School Guys and Gals will meet on Tuesday, December 4, 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, December 5, as they continue their small group studies for the semester. This will be Synergy's last week to meet. 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.

## 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.*

**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.

**The 2019 Women's Retreat is January 25-26.** Join the GUMC ladies for an enriching retreat of fellowship and inspiration at St. Columba Conference Center where we will gather for discussions based on the theme "Real Women Realize Emmanuel's Amazing Love" led by GUMC member, Yolanda Toney. You can stay overnight or join us on Saturday. Pick up a brochure at one of the kiosks or call Mary Groh. Register soon - we are limited to 70 participants!