



## A Message from Tim

### "An Ash Valentine"

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on Valentine's Day this year. How appropriate. That we should place ashes on our heads and humbly remember our mortality on a day remembering St. Valentine is fitting. Though little is known of Valentine, the earliest report of his life from the Nuremburg Chronicle tells us

he was a priest martyred for his faith. His crime was marrying Christian couples and aiding Christian families who had been persecuted. In his own persecution, he tried to convert Emperor Claudius II and was ordered to be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

A tragic ending for a faithful servant. Perhaps more tragic is that we have forgotten Valentine's dedication and faith.

We celebrate romantic love on the 14th because of Valentine's decision against the Emperor's edict to marry Christian couples. Yet, we forget the price he paid for his decision.

It is good that Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day. More fitting than receiving a card with Cupid is receiving the ashes of repentance on the forehead.

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13.

Instead of giving up something for Lent, let us dedicate this Lent to developing a greater love, a love that is willing to give unto death; a love that is sacrificial; a love that is eternal, found in God's own love for us all; a love that humbly remembers our own mortality and our need for repentance.

A love like Valentine's, whose love for God and his brothers and sisters in Christ cost him everything.



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## Lent Begins: Ash Wednesday Worship: February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

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Lent begins, as always, with our Ash Wednesday worship. This year, Ash Wednesday is February 14. GUMC's service will be at 6:30 p.m. During Lent, many of the faithful give up certain foods or behaviors to help them focus on spiritual health and growth. Some foods given up are chocolate, meat, rich desserts, soda, coffee, alcohol, and the like. Some behaviors given up are TV sports, gossip, eating out for lunch, and such. Others of the faith take on certain behaviors for the same reason. These people may spend extra time in daily devotional reading and prayer, additional financial giving above a tithe, extra physical exercise, and such. The point of all of these disciplines is a deeper

spiritual awareness, an increased maturity in the faith, and a closer walk with Jesus. Though Ash Wednesday falls on a traditional day for lovers, this year, remember the One who loves us most of all, Whose love never fails, and meet us in the sanctuary Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

# Lenten Series

Coming Sundays in February and March



Join us as we journey in Scripture through events in the life of Christ as he set himself on the road to the cross.

**February 18** *“3, 2, 1”* **Mark 1:9-15**

Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, preaching

**February 25** *“Plain Talk”* **Mark 8:31-38**

Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching

**March 4** *“Cleaning House”* **John 2:13-22**

Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching

**March 11** *“Lifting Life”* **John 3:14-21**

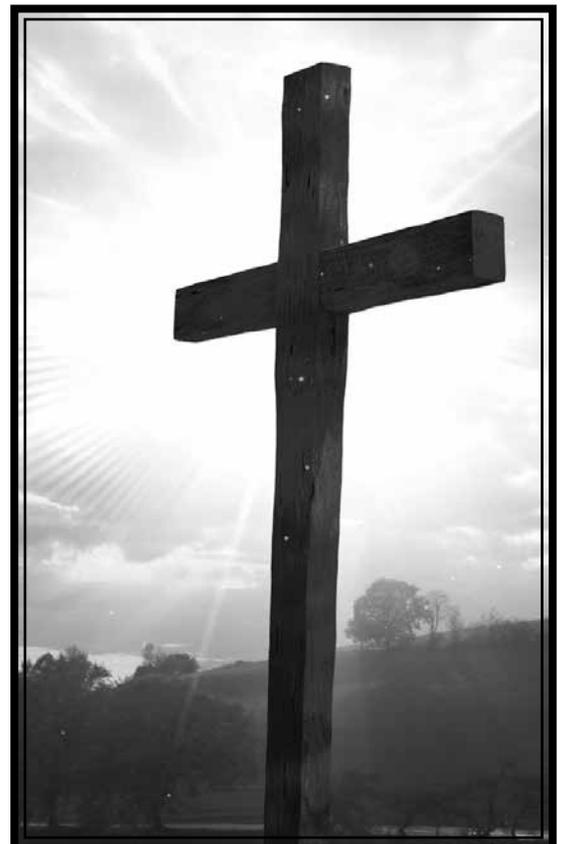
Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching

**March 18** *“The Hour has Come”* **John 12:20-33**

Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching

**March 25** *“I Love a Parade”* **Mark 11:1-11**

Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching



## Beverly Rhoads Retiring

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Beverly Rhoads has announced that she will be retiring from her work at Germantown UMC as Elder Care Health Ministry Coordinator. She has served in this position since joining the staff in 2008. Beverly's last day will be March 9.

We are forever grateful for the wonderful ministry performed by Beverly

for ten years. We praise God for Beverly's kind, professional, and compassionate work with us, and we wish Beverly and Don a wonderful time of retirement.

## Membership

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Germantown United Methodist Church welcomed Suzanne and Joe Wyrick into membership on Sunday, December 31st at the 9:40 worship service. They joined by transfer of their membership from a sister United Methodist Church in the Memphis area.



## Membership Class

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### WELCOME TO GUMC!

**Sunday, February 11th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

What's distinctive about the United Methodist Church? Even if you're in church every Sunday, it can be difficult to feel like you really know the UMC's history, beliefs, mission, and culture. Join Rev. Tim Carpenter to learn about the roots of the United Methodist Church going back to John Wesley, his devotion to inviting people to experience God's grace, to grow in their love of God through disciplined Christian living and by putting faith and love into action. Hear about the United Methodist Church structure, sacraments, and get an overview of the mission and ministries of Germantown UMC. This workshop is open to members, prospective members, or anyone wanting to know more about The United Methodist Church and GUMC. Childcare is available by reservation. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call Mary Groh, 901-754-5093.



## February Communion Offering

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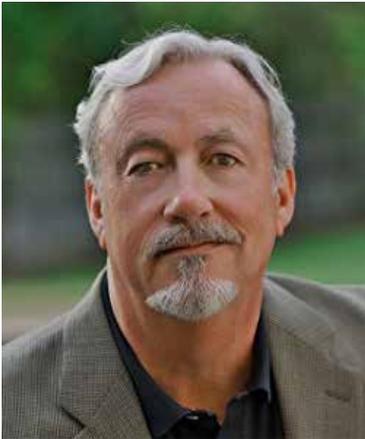
The February communion offering will upgrade GUMC's digital communications. We hope to provide members and guests ease of access to web based services, Sunday school classes smoother connectivity for lessons, and a better approach to live streaming of worship services.

## **Don't Forget the February Brown Bag Lunch Program!**

Cathi Johnson, Director of Philanthropy for the Pink Palace Family of Museums, will describe "Reimagining the Future of the Pink Palace." This presentation will be Friday, February 2, 2018, 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.**



## **Author Steve Bradshaw Thrills at March Brown Bag Lunch!**



Steve Bradshaw is the author of "The Bell Trilogy," a three-part series based in Memphis. Before taking up writing, he investigated more than 3,000 unexplained deaths for the Medical Examiner's Office in Dallas County as the youngest forensic investigator in Texas history. Now a Collierville resident, he will discuss his writing and share stories about fringe science and modern investigation techniques and practices at the March Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council. He will also take questions from the audience, and personalized signed copies of his novels will be available to purchase.

**TOPIC: "Forensic Investigation: The Chilling Pursuit of Real Monsters"**

**SPEAKER: Steve Bradshaw, Author**

**WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall**

**WHEN: March 2, 2018. Program starts at 11 a.m.; Lunch is at Noon.**

**COST: FREE – the church will supply beverages.**

**RESERVATIONS: No reservations are needed. Just bring your sack lunch and enjoy the program and the fellowship.**

**QUESTIONS? Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107.**

**\*\*There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking. \*\***

## **AARP Smart Driver™ Course**

Germantown United Methodist Church and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course," the nation's largest driving refresher course. This 8-hour course is scheduled for March 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. There is no driving test or written exam. Register early because the class will be closed at 28 participants. The results of taking these classes have been proven – class participants have few accidents and tickets.

**WHERE: Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom) in the Ministry Center.**

**WHEN: Thursday and Friday, March 15 & 16, 2018, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**COST: \$15 fee for AARP members (\$20 for non-members) payable to AARP**

**RESERVATIONS: Call Jan Cameron at 366-2772**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Reservations will be taken until class is full.**

The objectives of the course are to help you:

- Be independent, safe, and confident while on the road
- Keep up with changes so you don't put yourself and others at risk
- Learn state-specific information throughout the course
- Focus on areas such as roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, redlight running, and safety issues such as speeding and seatbelt and turn-signal use

Check your calendar and register now. Your check is your ticket to this class.

## **XYZ's Attend Lenten Preaching Series and Tour St. Patrick Catholic Church in March!**

As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to the Rev. Becca Stevens, an Episcopal priest and writer who is chaplain at Vanderbilt University's St. Augustine's Chapel in Nashville, at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church and eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop. She is notable for her work helping former prostitutes leave the sex industry and start new lives. She has been featured in the *New York Times*, on *ABC World News* and *NPR*, was named a 2016 CNN Hero and a White House "Champion of Change." On the way home, we will tour St. Patrick Catholic Church, which was founded in 1866 and has become one of the most progressive churches in Memphis. The St. Patrick Center is home to the first elementary Jubilee School which educates neighborhood children.



**WHERE:** Calvary Episcopal Church and St. Patrick Catholic Church

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018

**COST:** \$3 per person plus lunch on your own

**DEPARTURE:** 10:00 a.m. from OLEC parking lot.  
(Be there by 9:45 a.m.)

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711.

**You must make your reservation before paying.**

**DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS:** Wednesday, February 14.



## **XYZ's Hear Jim Witter's *Fire & Rain* in April!**

Jim Witter has been entertaining crowds for over 30 years with his multimedia tributes to decades gone by, creating a musical time capsule for all to enjoy. His music and songwriting have earned him multiple awards, and his versatility as an artist has allowed him the opportunity to reach out and share his own music as well as the music of others. Come with us to hear a celebration of the era of James Taylor and Carole King, singer-songwriters who were at the forefront of the 1970's, taking them all the way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and both continue to perform today. Whether you sing along to "You've Got a Friend" or you prefer to "Feel the Earth Move," you are guaranteed to have a fun-filled evening of great music.



**WHERE:** Halloran Centre

**WHEN:** Friday, April 20, 2018

**COST:** \$27 per person cost includes reserved seat.

**DEPARTURE:** 6:15 p.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 6:00 p.m.)

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711.  
**You must make your reservation before paying.**

**DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS:** Tuesday, March 20

**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!**

## GUMW February Luncheon

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

*"Whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."* – Proverbs 11:25

Please join us for a catered lunch, fellowship, and an inspirational message from our own GUMC member, Alise Davis, at our February Luncheon on February 13, 2018, at 11:30 a.m., in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Alise not only serves as champion and cheerleader for Room In The Inn, but she is also Secretary on the Board of Directors, Site Coordinator, Liaison with The Cottage's partnering congregations, and Fundraising Coordinator.

Alise's involvement with Room In The Inn began in 2013, and she has become a vital part of this homeless ministry. Room In The Inn provides emergency shelter and meals to some of the more than 2,000 Memphians faced with homelessness during the coldest months of the year – November through March. Volunteers and faith communities such as GUMC provide a safe haven including warmth, hospitality, food, kindness and respect.

Alise and her husband Scott have three wonderfully active children. Stepping away from a career in finance after the birth of her first child, Alise has devoted herself to her family, volunteer work, and selflessness. She fills her days raising her children, working with the GUMC Youth, participating in the Emmanuel Sunday School class, and being active in the Grace Women's Circle. She is also heavily involved in her children's school lives by fulfilling the roles of Parent Ambassador and Parent Teacher Fellowship Vice President at Evangelical Christian School.

Please join Alise and GUMW to experience and gain insight into the incredible role GUMC, and all of us as Christians and Memphians, play in Room In The Inn. Alise is truly "Blessed to Be a Blessing," as you will be after hearing her incredible journey with Room In The Inn.



**Cost:** \$10

**Deadline to Register:** February 8, 2018, by noon

**Two Methods to Register:**

- Check to GUMW, "GUMW Feb. Luncheon" in memo line, placed in drop box outside Fellowship Hall.
- Credit Card online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org)

Childcare is free. Indicate a need for childcare when registering online or by writing "Need Childcare" on your check.

*"I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing."* – Genesis 12:2 ESV

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](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).



## Spring/Summer GUMW Children's Consignment Sale

**Shop Friday and Saturday, March 23-24**

It's that time of year! Clean out the closets, rummage through the attic, and sort through the garage for children's clothing, furniture, toys, baby equipment, and more. GUMW Children's Consignment Sale registration is now open! Visit [gumwclothingsale.com](http://gumwclothingsale.com) to review guidelines and details. All proceeds from this sale benefit GUMW missions. It's a 29-year tradition of community outreach!

Can't consign? We love donations! Coordinate with us in advance of the sale to donate your gently used items. We will price and tag each item, with 100% of the sale price going to local missions! You receive an early consignor shopping pass in return, along with a thank you letter as your receipt for tax purposes. Please be sure your donated items have an approximate value of more than \$40. Email [info@gumwclothingsale.com](mailto:info@gumwclothingsale.com) for more information.

We also need volunteer help and have many shifts available! Volunteers who work at least four hours get to shop early at the Thursday pre-sale event. Sign up online at [gumwclothingsale.com](http://gumwclothingsale.com).

Our consignment sale serves as a wonderful outreach to the community, attracting people from all over the Mid-South and bringing them into our church as consignors, shoppers, and volunteers. Join us and help make a difference. Thank you for your support!



The poster features a red header with the GUMW logo and the text "GERMANTOWN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN". Below this is a large graphic of a clothes hanger with a teal tag that says "GUMW". The hanger has "Children's Consignment Sale" written on it in a cursive font, and a teal heart is attached to the bottom. Below the hanger, the text "Buy. Sell. Serve." is written in a teal font. The main title "Spring/Summer Sale" is in a large, bold, teal font, with "March 23-24, 2018" written below it in a cursive font. The location "Germantown United Methodist Church Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC) Gym" is listed in a bold, orange font. Below this, the text "Sell or shop for gently worn, excellent condition children's clothing, furniture, toys, baby equipment and more! To learn more about our sale or to register to sell, visit [gumwclothingsale.com](http://gumwclothingsale.com)." is written in a teal font. The phrase "Open to the public!" is in a bold, teal font, followed by the times: "Friday, March 23, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m." and "Saturday, March 24, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m." in a teal font. At the bottom, "Find us on Facebook: GUMW Children's Consignment Sale" is written in a bold, teal font. The footer of the poster is a solid orange bar with the text "All proceeds benefit the locally supported missions of GUMW." in a white font.

### **Important Dates:**

**Consignor registration deadline/inventory entry is Tuesday, March 20, at midnight.** Refer to the website for complete information about accepted merchandise and consignment instructions.

**Drop off:** Wednesday, March 21, 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, March 22, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Pre-sale:** Thursday, March 22, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Volunteers who work 8 or more hours may shop at 5:30 p.m. Those who volunteer 4 or more hours may shop at 6:00 p.m. Consignors may shop at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Sale:** Friday, March 23, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Public Half-price Sale:** Friday, March 23, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Pick-up:** Sunday, March 25, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Lent by Candlelight

February 20, 2018

6:30 p.m.

**Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall and the Chapel**

Come and prepare your heart and mind for the season of Lent at this women's only annual event. You will experience a meaningful time of fellowship while enjoying desserts, coffee and tea in the Fellowship Hall. We will then process through the candlelit hallways and convene in the Chapel for special music, and time for reflection and devotion. Our speaker will be Emily Moore.

All women are invited, but space is limited. Free childcare is available. You must register for this event at [www.germantownumc.org/umw](http://www.germantownumc.org/umw) or email Yolanda Toney at [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).



## GUMW's 2018 Spring Bridge and Games Benefit

Tuesday, April 10th | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | OLEC



Get ready for **GUMW's Annual Spring Bridge and Games Benefit!** All proceeds from this event benefit GUMW Missions. This eagerly awaited day of fun features bridge, card and board games. Remember to bring your own card and game supplies. In addition to playing cards and games, you'll have a heavenly lunch prepared by Celebration Circle, a Spring Fashion Show by Dillard's, and some great Door Prizes! Perhaps best of all – is our Unique Boutique which promises to bring shoppers all kinds of treasures at great bargain prices! Shopping starts early at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Pat Gill at 756-8151 or Tina Gregory at 854-0848. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center, OLEC or online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).



### Unique Boutique Items for Spring Bridge and Games Benefit

Donations are now being collected for GUMW's annual **Unique Boutique at the Spring Bridge and Games Benefit**. We are collecting household goods, small furniture, lamps, kitchen, bed and bath items, table linens, books, puzzles, luggage, pictures, holiday décor and accessories such as jewelry, purses and scarves. (no toys or clothing!)

To arrange drop off, please contact Stephanie Adams at 756-9748 or 488-4748 at [monacodog@aol.com](mailto:monacodog@aol.com). Items can be dropped off at 2931 Mallard Lane any time before April 7.

## **Lenten Study**

### **Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week**

***Tuesdays, February 20 – March 27, 9:30-11:00 a.m. (skipping March 13)***

*Facilitated by Mary Groh / mgroh@germantownumc.org / 754-7216*

In this 5-session study we will explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus' life and with the resurrection. We will focus on the "main events" of Holy Week and explore different ways to view and understand what God is doing in these events. Participants will be challenged to think about what the death of Jesus means, what message from God is in the resurrection, and how the Church is the body of Christ. Cost for the study is \$15 and childcare is available by advance reservation. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call Mary Groh.

## **2018 Faith Seeking Understanding**

### **A Weekend with Dr. James Fleming, April 27 - 29**

#### ***GROWING PAINS IN THE EARLY CHURCH***

The early church was increasing in size and included diverse people from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. As a result problems arose. There was friction within the fellowship. It was a major miracle that the church held together.

Join us to hear Dr. James Fleming discuss the barriers to growth and unity in the New Testament Church; such as economic diversity, language, prejudice, pagan influences, and Scriptural interpretations. How men and women worked on these problems offers a blueprint for Christians today.

Dr. Fleming, who is one of the best-known teachers of Biblical archaeology, will bring his insights to GUMC with a series of lectures on April 27-29. He spent 37 years working in Israel and is now director of Biblical Resources and CEO of the Biblical History Center in Georgia, a museum of daily life in biblical times.

His visit will include a dinner on Friday evening as well as a presentation during the Sunday school hours on April 29. Be sure to join us – plan to be captivated! Look for more information soon!



*Faith Seeking Understanding*  
2018: GROWING PAINS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

## **Elder Care Health** *Beverly Rhoads*

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**AED's – Automated External Defibrillators** - There are seven AED's on the campus, located at: the Welcome Center, the hallway before the double doors into the nursery area, the wall opposite the Huddle, the Preschool by the office, the Cottage in the main kitchen under the clock, the Adult Education building above the water fountain in the restroom area, and the lobby of the OLEC.

**First Aid Kits and Diabetic Emergency Kits** - First Aid Kits and Diabetic Emergency Kits are located near each of the AED's on the main campus – in the cupboard at the Welcome Center, near the AED closet to the Sanctuary, and in the copy room near The Huddle. Please inform the Campus Manager when you have used supplies from these kits so they can be restocked.

## Discovery Weekend 2018

February 16-18, 2018

Our spring retreat is right around the corner and we cannot wait to experience what the Lord will do in and through each of our youth and in and through each of our volunteers. Discovery Weekend is designed to empower our Senior High Youth to plan and lead a retreat that is meaningful, fun, and life giving. This weekend is designed for all of us to draw closer to Jesus.



One other great thing about Discovery is the way that the local church partners with the youth program to show their love and support of each teenager. During the weekend we will have over 100 church members volunteering to serve meals, stay overnight, decorate our space, and more!

We sure hope each youth and youth family will join us for a weekend of worship, games, small groups, lots of food, and more! We also hope that each church member will partner with us in prayer, service, and fellowship. Please contact Sue Hyland to volunteer or check out the church website for more details.

### Discovery Weekend Youth Led Worship Service | Sunday, February 18 at 9:40

Please join us for our annual Youth Led Discovery Weekend Service. This is a great way to show your support for the youth of our congregation and a great way to get to know them just a little bit more. During the service we will have a senior student give the sermon. We will also have students read scripture, lead worship, and more! Please join us for a special morning of worship and fellowship. We hope that each person from the congregation will be able to attend.

## Confirmation 2018

Confirmation Orientation meetings were held on January 17th and 21st. Our first Confirmation class started out with a bang on Sunday, January 28th. This year confirmation will take place each Sunday morning at 11 and it is not too late to join! If you'd like to be a part of this year's confirmation class please email Sue as soon as possible so we can get your caught up on all needed information and get you plugged in. We cannot wait for you to join us!!

## Room In The Inn From Jensen Lewis - GUMC Youth - Junior

During January I had the opportunity to serve our friends from the homeless community of Memphis at Room in the Inn. Friday and Saturday night were filled with seemingly unsolvable puzzles with James, discussions about Jurassic Park with Tony and Rikki, and talking about New York with Richard, all after a delicious dinner enjoyed together. These experiences were some that I will not soon forget, and I'm glad I was able to spend a couple of snowy evenings surrounded by wonderful people.

My experiences serving at Room in the Inn have been instrumental in shaping my view of Memphis, and also of service in my community. Friday was youth night, where specifically students from Element come and serve at Room in the Inn. It is especially exciting to serve alongside your friends and meet new friends as well. I have so enjoyed every opportunity I have received to talk to new people and learn about their lives and experiences. These are not everyday opportunities, and I am grateful for them.



**SOZO Children's Choir** From Josh Jacobs - GUMC Youth - Junior



A few weeks ago I had the joyful opportunity to watch the SozoChildren's Choir worship the Lord at our very own GUMC. On top of this, I was given the honor of serving and fellowshiping with the children afterward. But before I get into how deeply I was affected by my experience, a little background on the Sozo ministry is necessary. Sozo Children is an organization in Uganda that brings in and raises children of all ages that are either orphaned or suffer from abuse in their own homes. The children are given an education and are able to build relationships with each other and Jesus Christ. They can play sports and pursue their interests just like any child here. In essence, the Sozo Children can live normal and healthy lives because of this ministry. During part of the year, these children travel to the United States and go on a five month tour during which they worship with churches all across the country, one of which was GUMC. From the moment the service began last Wednesday until long after it ended, I had a sense of joy and peace that could have only come from the Holy Spirit. I smiled and laughed and felt pulled closer and closer to God as the children of the Sozo choir sang. It is rare and heartwarming to see such

happy and genuine love in the world, but these Sons and Daughters of God, these Brothers and Sisters in Christ, created an infectious atmosphere of peace that led my heart and those of everyone in the sanctuary nearer to God. Following the service, and after serving the children a meal, I was able to get to know these children personally, and my joy grew more at the conversations we had. We talked about sports and games. I lost an arm wrestling match to one of my new friends, Benjamin, and was bested by another boy, Francis, in tic tac toe. We laughed from sheer joy and happiness. I began to feel the love of Christ connecting all of us in a new and deeper way and I knew that I had made some close friends, whom I hope to see again one day soon. Overall, the night was one of peace and joy and I am so grateful to the Lord for giving me the chance to be a part of it and to GUMC for hosting the Sozo Children's Choir. In the words of my friends at Sozo: Praise God, Church!



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

GUMP hopes that the New Year is off to a wonderful start!! GUMP continues to be blessed by serving families with an age-appropriate curriculum enhancing all developmental domains, as well as additional services to care for families: an extended care program (before and after school), a class for children with developmental delays named G.R.A.C.E. (GUMP Recognizes All Can Excel), and outside support for families through LeBonheur's L.E.A.D. program. GUMP strives to serve all of our friends and support each family though the journey of early education. We gladly serve and support our dedicated and trained staff, as well. GUMP has a wonderful team!

GUMP is currently accepting applications for enrollment for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Our current families have recently completed enrollment and GUMP is now accepting applications from families in the community. If your family is interested in visiting or attending GUMP, please call our preschool office at 901-753-3109 to set up a tour of our preschool. Part of the enrollment process is that families and their potentially enrolling child come and tour in order to learn more about GUMP, have a real sense of what a school day looks and feels like, and see if we are a great fit for your family. We love meeting families and their children, as well as telling them about what GUMP offers.

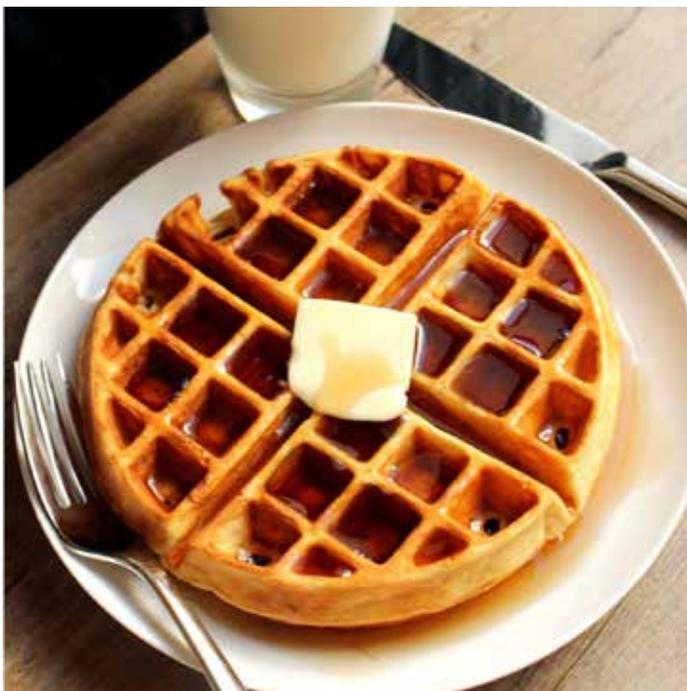
If you, or a friend, are looking for a fabulous preschool experience for the upcoming school year, please come visit! Should you have further questions, please feel free to call or visit our website at [www.mygump.org](http://www.mygump.org).



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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.*

## The Waffle Shop at Cavalry Episcopal Church



Waiting tables at the annual Waffle Shop at Cavalry Episcopal Church is a service project of a small group at GUMC as well as other area churches of all denominations. We invite you to join us this year! A stipend is paid by Cavalry for each volunteer which our group donates to one of our GUMC missions. We will serve each **Thursday** starting **February 15 through March 22**. We **depart from the OLEC at 9:45** for downtown and park free. **Servers work from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Volunteers are served a complimentary waffle and also lunch. Anyone – men or ladies may help. You may serve one or more of the 6 Thursdays. For more information contact Jim or Pat Gill at 756-8151 or at [jamesbo429@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamesbo429@bellsouth.net)