



A Message from Tim

On Sunday, February 10, our church commissioned Jennifer Brezina, Donna Haley, Linda McAnally, Bill McLaughlin, Sr., Tina Pound, Jennifer Predmore, Ben Tempel, and Tim Whelan as new Stephen Ministers. These persons trained for more than fifty hours over several months to meet the requirements to be a Stephen Minister.



Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community. Congregations receive a practical and powerful way to respond to Christ's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV). Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to help minister to hurting people. Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others. People who are hurting have a compassionate companion—a caring Christian friend who provides emotional and spiritual support.



The Stephen Ministry is a tremendous asset to Germantown United Methodist Church.

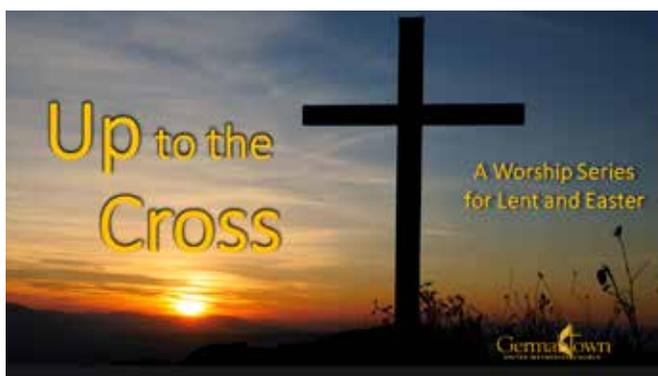
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- If you are interested in Stephen Ministry training
- If you would like to receive care
- If you would like to recommend someone to receive care



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I hope all will please join me in remembering the Stephen Ministry in thankful prayer.



Lenten Sermon Series

Sunday, March 10 through Sunday April 14, we will journey through Lent with the sermon series, "Up to the Cross". Join us as our Sunday themes remind us of Christ's taking up the cross and our own call to do the same.

Giving

Giving, Serving, and Connecting Among Religious People

A series of recent studies are, again, coming to significant conclusions: religious people behave differently than non-religious people.

Volunteering

For example, the Pew Center “...investigators examined the behavior of a large sample of the public across a typical seven-day period. They found that among Americans who attend services weekly and pray daily, 45 percent had done volunteer work during the previous week. Among all other Americans, only 27 percent had volunteered somewhere.”

The study goes on to note that people active in faith communities:

- are more involved in community groups
- have stronger links with their neighbors
- are more engaged with their own
- of all the “associational” activity that takes place in the U.S., almost half is church-related

According to Tim Keller, secularism “makes people very fragmented—they might talk about community, but they aren’t sacrificing their own personal goals for community, as religion requires you to do.”

Putting Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

Additional studies “...show that people with a religious affiliation give away several times as much every year as other Americans. The average giving of regular church attenders is \$2,935 “...versus \$704 for the non-attenders. In addition to giving larger amounts, the religious give more often—making gifts about half again as frequently.”

Service to Others

New studies find that:

- Religious Americans adopt children at two and a half times the overall national rate, and play a particularly large role in fostering and adopting troubled and hard-to-place kids.
- Local congregations provide 130,000 alcohol-recovery programs.
- Local congregations provide 120,000 programs that assist the unemployed.
- Local congregations provide 26,000 programs to help people living with HIV/AIDS—one ministry for every 46 people infected with the virus.

As we read these findings we discover once again that we are not alone in proclaiming the Gospel with our time and treasure. How is it with your personal support of the missions and ministries of Germantown UMC? Have you made a pledge of financial support? Have you volunteered to teach Sunday school or tutor at one of your parent schools of serve in some other way? Remember that you are not alone when you make these commitments. Both the saints of the past and the saints on earth today walk along side you.

United Methodist Men

March UMM Breakfast

The March UMM Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Mark Griffy, Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide - Memphis. This organization builds and provides self-propelled vehicles to individuals in developing countries around the world who are unable to walk. All men are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about this extraordinary ministry. \$5 payable at the door. Members need only call with regret.



March Communion Offering and Capital Reserves

The March Communion offering will go to the Germantown UMC Capital Reserve Fund to help ensure that when major building, HVAC, sewer, roof, or other such problems arise, the congregation will have money in the bank to pay for the work that goes far beyond “repairs”.

Often our “second mile giving” on Communion Sundays (money left on the rail after we receive the sacrament) is designated for specific missions or ministries of the church, or those we support, such as Golden Cross Ministries. This month we can do something else because the 2019 mission and ministry budget of Germantown UMC restores cuts made in previous years to Missions, Children, and Youth Ministries. That being the case, we are taking a step back to fundamentally support those and other church activities.

We have the actions of our Missions committee and other missions supported directly by Sunday school classes, prayer and Bible study groups, UMW Circles and more because we have the buildings and campus that we have. We have Vacation Bible School, youth retreats and mission trips along with weekly worship for children, youth, and adults specifically because we have the buildings and campus that we do. We have wonderful worship experiences weekly and special times to gather during the year because we have a sanctuary that is well lighted, and temperature controlled according to the weather. The buildings matter. The grounds matter.

Our congregation, in August of 2016, set a goal to establish a designated fund (Capital Asset Reserve Fund) to meet the needs of major infrastructure costs. We do not worship buildings and land. Those are resources to aid us in advancing the work of Christ and His kingdom. The Capital Assets Reserve Fund goal is to be prepared to cover an average of \$250,000 in major infrastructure costs (not covered by insurance) each year over a ten-year period. A fully funded, self-sustaining Reserve of \$2,500,000 with minimal annual additions, will allow the congregation of Germantown UMC to meet whatever challenges we face in the future as we maintain this campus a place of worship, education, fellowship, and spiritual growth. As of this writing the Reserve level is \$462,946.98.

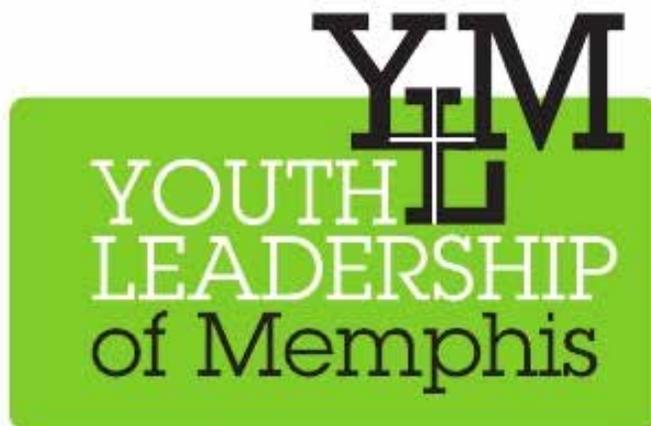
Missions

Youth Leadership of Memphis is a 501(c)(3) non profit Christian ministry with a focus on work/mentorship for fatherless inner city boys and girls. At YLM, we recognize the need for a male role model in the lives of all children. We use weekly church attendance and the platform of cutting grass in the spring and summer and lead removal in the fall and winter in order to teach the young children about Jesus Christ, His plan of salvation for each of us, a strong work ethic, team work, forgiveness, and anger management.

In order to overcome the difficult circumstances that often plague inner city families, we start working with the children at age 5 or 6 (that is the best age to form a solid Christian moral foundation), and stick with them week after week, year after year, until they graduate from high school (and longer if they go to college or vocational school).

This ministry has been in existence since 2004 and has been phenomenally successful. YLM and its volunteers have been used by The Lord to “change the trajectory” of the lives of many young people who often face many adversities that are extremely difficult to overcome. Teaching about Christ and a proper relationship with Him, developing a proper moral foundation, coupled with a strong work ethic provides the necessary tools for these young people to be successful and empowers them to rise above their circumstances and to live lives of dignity and responsibility.

Would you like to help out financially, volunteer, or provide a speaking engagement to expose the ministry to others? Please contact Steve Taylor, YLM’s founder at 901-644-0020 or email him at ylmemphis@gmail.com, or write him at 1255 Lynnfield, Suite 141, Memphis, Tennessee 38119



Missions

Room in the Inn @ The Cottage

At the end of March, GUMC and the other eight hosts at The Cottage will wrap up the Winter Shelter Season. The Cottage has been a blessing to our congregation and others, both volunteers and guests. As we look over the first three months of hosting (November, December, and January), consider these stats:

**GUMC
SPECIFIC**

231 VOLUNTEER
IMPACTS
(Includes repeat volunteers)

967
VOLUNTEER HOURS

151 GUESTS
(Includes repeat guests)

ROOM IN THE INN MEMPHIS SPECIFIC

3,849 VOLUNTEER
IMPACTS

14,094 VOLUNTEER
HOURS

4,448 GUESTS



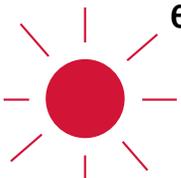
**GUEST
STATS**

56% WOMEN

41% MEN

3% WOMEN WITH
CHILDREN

Room in the Inn - Memphis also introduced Day Hospitality! On Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week, guests are welcomed inside from 1-4 p.m. Offerings include:



12 Step Programs

Art

Yoga

Movies

If you would like to volunteer or donate, visit these links: tiny.cc/SERVE-RITIMemphis or tiny.cc/DONATE-RITIMemphis



**ROOM
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Sunday School Spotlight: Fiser-Covenant

Begun in 1980, the Covenant Class was renamed the Fiser-Covenant Class in 2005, to honor its founder Jamie Fiser, who taught the class for twenty-five years before retiring as the class leader.

Our class is a warm and compassionate group of couples and singles, ages 60s to 90s. We choose a book of the bible and journey through the book as led by the teacher. Discussions and insightful additions are also a part of our lessons.

Class members are active in many church activities and missions including United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, men's prayer groups, ushering and greeting. Some members serve as teachers for other classes and in leadership positions on church committees. Our class also supports the church and community programs including Room in the Inn, Habitat for Humanity, activities at Caldwell-Guthrie School, youth programs, and Golden Cross Services.



Please join us for a time of Bible study and supportive fellowship at 9:40, Room 233, Chapel Building.



Sunday School Spotlight: Pathfinders

Do you find yourself walking on the third floor of the main church building and not remembering how you got there? Have you left the 8:30 worship service and thought, "If only I had a Sunday School class"? Have you ever longingly eyed one of the class decorated tables at a GUMC potluck? Well, wonder and wander no more!

Pathfinders, one of the newer classes to be formed at GUMC, is a community of faith seeking a closer relationship with God and one another primarily through self-facilitated study, and we would love to meet you!

Lately, we have utilized video-supported curricula from a variety of presenters such as Adam Hamilton, Bob Goff and Philip Yancey. We even took a virtual trip through the Holy Land during Advent as we studied Joseph and Mary in *The Journey*. Our discussions are robust, and we usually run out of time!

Outside of class we enjoy fellowship through a mix of activities, such as attending live theater performances, casual lunches after church and festive socials (aka parties!). We try to "party with a purpose" and most recently we collected blankets for Room in the Inn at our Christmas gathering.

Our class is composed of singles and couples, and though we feel ageless, we span from late 30s to late 50s. Some of us have kids and some of us don't, and they are all ages too. But mostly we love Jesus and we would love for you to join us in Room 320 at 9:40 each Sunday!

For more information, email Cathy Reid or Susan Armacost at gumcpathfinders@gmail.com.



Adult Education continued

Grow Together with a Small Group Study During Lent

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers a period of approximately six weeks before Easter Sunday. During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to realign our lives and focus toward God. This year, Ash Wednesday is on March 6th, and GUMC is offering two Lenten studies, giving you an opportunity for study, reflection and growth. Register online or call Mary Groh.

Plenty Good Room

Tuesdays, March 5 - April 9, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant

Facilitated by Rev. Erin Beasley

This unique, short-term Bible study combines an in-depth look at scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. This 6-session study provides biblical, social, and historical analyses of the spirituals and an opportunity to enrich your devotional and spiritual experience through God's word and music. We will meet at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at the corner of Wolf River Blvd. and South Germantown Road. You may eat before you arrive or order something from the menu, either way your body and soul will be fed and ready for the day! Cost \$10.

John the Gospel of Light and Life

Tuesdays, March 5 - April 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Terry Aust

In this DVD study, United Methodist minister and author, Adam Hamilton shares insights on the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John. In this small group study, experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring the major themes of John. Cost: \$13. Preschool childcare is available with advance registration.

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

Music Ministry Key Notes

Ash Wednesday Evensong and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

From Angela Tilby of Christ Church, Oxford. "One of my academic colleagues at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, used to say that the miracle of choral evensong was that, no matter how flustered, furious, or exhausted you were when you turned up, by the time you got to the grace at the end you were a different person."

Those of us that plan worship dream that this happens every time we suit up. That we leave worship a different person. There are so many factors that keep this from happening. Car trouble, ill children or ill parents, financial surprises, change of employment, change of address, football games, tee times and soccer match weekends. These distractions may keep us from connecting with God on any given Sunday. I'm glad that we are offering an alternative to the hustle and bustle of the week. Evensong.

You might ask, what is it? Basically, an evening service with prayer, scripture and song. A staple in the English Choral tradition, Evensong has been happening since 1549. In some Cathedrals nearly daily. Yep every day of the week at Canterbury Cathedral and every Sunday in many a parish church. The local and cathedral choirs do get time off, typically in the summer, when visiting choirs come to fill in. I hope to take our choir in the future to fill in as an Evensong Choir. Evensong is a quiet time to come and listen to our chancel choir stretch its legs with music of Mendelssohn, and a Magnificent setting by English composer Alfred Herbert Brewer. <https://youtu.be/HKaiwm2DUIQ> We'll also open our hymnals to hymns rarely seen or heard, our Evening Hymns.

Evensong, Vespers, or Evening Prayer exists in many denominations. The UMC has a lovely service in the Book of Worship, and we'll borrow mightily from that order. We are adding a unique twist to the service. The imposition of ashes. A much beloved service that guides us into Lent. I pray you'll put this Evening of Song, Praise, Reflection and Prayer on your calendar.

Choral Evensong, Wednesday March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Music continued

GUMC is fortunate to worship in our beautiful Sanctuary each week. Adorning our Sanctuary are banners, wonderful additions to our sacred space. Learn more about how they came to be with us with this information form the Banner Brochure provided by Eva McPeters.

These banners (plus a Chrismon Tree banner that hangs during the Advent/Christmas season) were designed by a former member of GUMC - Peg Harding. Peg is an artist and had the vision for the design elements of the banners. She studied several books on banners, but the ideas she used were her own. Eva McPeters, our organist and music assistant, fabricated them with Peg's guidance - lots of sewing hours! Each piece of fabric in the design was bonded, then applied to the background fabric using a zig zag stitch. A lining was then sewn to the back along with tabs for hanging.



Eva McPeters

The Sanctuary Banners

The Apostles Creed (2000)

The Apostles Creed banner is a visual representation of the creed we recite which states the foundations of our Christian faith. The symbols are placed from top to bottom, as related in the creed, representing the giving Father. The vine grow from bottom to top, representing the forgiven and loved lives returning to the father.

Sun (God the Father) Earth with wings (creation) Moon and heart (Virgin Mary) Crown of thorns (crucified Christ) Butterfly (resurrected Christ) Candles (communion of saints) House on a rock (Catholic Church) Boat (forgiveness of sins) Droplets (light of Christ, Christ's blood, water of purification and sustenance) Vine (everlasting life)

Rooted in the Heart of God (2002)

All creation is rooted in the heart of God. Many good deeds done in His name on earth are not "headliners", yet, as a result of these deeds, God sweeps over us, enters our lives, and grace is experienced. From our vantage point, big things happen out of small things. As Christians, our center is the heart of God, and when we find it, we find love in its purest form.

Large circle (creation) Small circle (God)

This is My Body, This is My Blood (2007)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in this banner. The circle of God reminds us of the presence of God at the communion table through his son and the Holy Spirit. The vine with its fruit reminds us that we are entwined as a group of believers communing together.

Loaf of bread (body of Christ) Challis of wine (blood of Christ)

In the Beginning (2016)

"Something of God's essence... the same spirit who hovered over the waters of creation now lives in flawed human beings, giving us the recognition of new identities." - Philip Yancey, Reaching for the Invisible God

Sun, moon, stars (day and night) Outlined circle (darkness) Small circle (earth) Wave (waters of the earth) Mountains (dry land) Tree and flowers (vegetation) Lion and lamb (animal life) Adam and Eve (human life)

Banner commissioned by the Worship Committee of GUMC

Designed and fabricated by Peg Harding and Eva McPeters



Music continued

“I Love it When the Band Comes Together.”

The Ancient-Modern Service Praise Band by Natalie Duncan

Germantown UMC's Ancient-Modern service began, officially, in November of 2014. By March of 2015, 4 of the 5 members pictured were part of our regular praise band. The complete 5-member band would come together for the first time Easter of 2016. This band leads the A-M service 3 Sundays per month, with the 4th and 5th Sundays being led by wonderfully talented musicians in our congregation. All of the musicians who help lead our Ancient-Modern service are incredible, servant-hearted, fun-loving, talented people who just want to sing and play to praise God. It is pretty awe-inspiring to just be with them and to witness God working through them.

I'd like to tell you a little more about the folks in our regular praise band. I'll start with the one who was there from the very beginning: Dr. Ted Horrell, guitarist and vocalist. Ted came to GUMC in his elementary years when his mother, Elaine, began working for the church. He started guitar lessons at the age of 10, soon after asking his parents to switch

from the cello lessons he was taking at the time. He played with his first band in 9th grade at Germantown HS and has been playing in bands since that time. He is currently songwriter and front man for his band, Ted Horrell and the Monday Night Card. By day, Dr. Horrell serves as the Superintendent of the Lakeland School System and has been doing so for more than 5 years. When asked for his favorite part about leading 9:40 worship, Ted said, “It's really hard to pick one. I really feel like all of my previous experience playing music was preparing me to help lead worship at GUMC. It is such a blessing to be part of the service and to feel like I'm using the talents that God gave me to praise Him. I also really love the other musicians in the praise band and look forward to our rehearsals and worship services.” Ted is married to Sarah, and they have two sons, Fletcher and Archer.

Mrs. Amy Gunnell has been singing, in her words, pretty much her entire life. She grew up singing with her sister, and they were known as “The Stolarick Sisters.” They once won the Mid-South Fair Youth Talent competition as a duet. Amy grew up in Halls, Tennessee and moved to Germantown at the end of her 7th grade year. After attending MTSU as a music major and taking some time to sing in the Nashville area, Amy returned home to the U of M to complete her BBA in accounting. Having worked in corporate America for 18 years as an accountant, Amy now teaches middle school math. An integral part of the praise band since February of 2015, Amy is a dynamic lead vocalist and has incredible talent in hearing and creating harmonies. Amy said this about being part of the A-M praise band: “I love that I can continue to use my voice in a way that glorifies God. I don't really enjoy choral music (which was one of the reasons I didn't continue as a voice major in college). The 9:40 service allows me to share my gifts in a way that I love. This opportunity has been an absolute blessing to me.” Amy is married to Patrick, and they have two daughters, Abby and Kate.

Mr. Dallas Pope, the praise band's drummer since March 2015, has been playing drums as far back as he can recall. His middle school band director thought he'd be good at trumpet; grudgingly, Dallas played trumpet for a semester, but could often be found in the drum room, playing on the set, as his trumpet sat on the floor beside him. Needless to say, his teacher let him make the switch the following semester. Some of his favorite drummers from his early years he calls the standards: Neil Peart, John Bonham, Alex Van Halen; but, he now appreciates drummers from a wide variety of genres: classic rock, big band, jazz, alt rock. Dallas works as an international trade compliance manager for a global logistics company; he is married to Tracy, and they have two sons, Dallas and Dawson. In response to the question, “What is your favorite part about serving in the A-M worship service?,” Dallas said: “Two things. I love the fact that in A-M worship I can do what I love, which is play music in a band, and worship at the same time. My other favorite part is looking out at the congregation and seeing people feel our



*GUMC Ancient-Modern Praise Band on Christmas Eve 2018
The Gentlemen, L to R: Casey Smith, Ted Horrell, Dallas Pope
The Ladies, L to R: Amy Gunnell, Natalie Duncan
Photo courtesy of Bill Kabel*

Music continued

music...tapping to the beat or singing along with smiles on their faces.”

Mr. Casey Smith, aka “The Case of Bass,” joined the A-M band Easter Sunday, 2016. Casey started playing bass when he was a teenager. He also plays acoustic guitar, a little ukulele, and a little harmonica. Bass players who have left lasting impressions on Casey are Paul McCartney and the 60s and 70s session players such as Carol Kaye, Joe Osborn, and James Jamerson. As patient as he is creative, Casey teaches Visual Arts at Presbyterian Day School in Memphis. Casey’s favorite part about A-M worship “occurs when our worship songs are a catalyst for what is to come in the scripture readings and sermon. For me, it just makes each part of worship all the more inspirational.” Casey is married to Melissa, and they have two daughters, Dorothy and Lucy.

That just leaves me, the lucky soul who gets to lead not only this regular praise band but the multiple groups of fabulously talented musicians who serve in the A-M service. Before I tell you anything about myself or what I love about my work, I first have to tell you about my amazing family: my husband, Jim, and our two boys, Bradley and Andrew. Their love and support make it possible for me to do what I love. I’ve been singing as long as I can remember and playing the piano since my mother would let me sit beside her on the piano bench and “play along.” Since pursuing and receiving a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Georgia, I have been in the classroom or the church (or both!) since 2001. I joined the GUMC staff in September of 2003 under the leadership of music director emeritus, Jim Thrash, and began leading the Ancient-Modern service music when the service began in late 2014. What is my favorite part about leading worship at 9:40? My answer is easy: it’s the people. The folks you see in the picture are not just colleagues and friends; no, these folks have become like family. There are wonderful stories attached to each member and how he or she each became part of the band. Ask me about them sometime; I love to tell these stories of God at work! GUMC and its people - from the praise bands to the congregation, from the pastoral leadership to the music staff - the people are the reason why, when you ask me how I am doing, I can honestly say, “Just livin’ the dream. Every day.”

GUMP Weekday Preschool

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As GUMP anticipates spring weather - warmer days, constant sunshine and bursts of green all around, we also begin to anticipate our annual spring assessment. Each spring season the state of Tennessee visits GUMP to observe the requirements of all preschools throughout our state. This includes a level of details covering seven categories: Directors Qualifications, Professional Development, Developmental Learning, Parent and Family Involvement, Ratios and Group Sizes, Staff Compensation, and Program Assessment. The highest attainable level is “3 Stars.” GUMP has far exceeded expectations in the past, and we anticipate another glowing report!

This month also brought a celebration of our beloved Ms. Joy.

She celebrated her 40th Anniversary of employment at Germantown United Methodist Preschool. Each day she is committed to serving our little friends and their families. Mrs. Joy is a treasure and we are forever grateful for all the love she pours into our school! We had a fun day of surprises from each class. We truly cannot thank her enough for the dedication and joy she brings to GUMP.

Enrollment continues to increase for the 2019-2020 school year and we have a limited number of openings still available. We are very excited that GUMP continues to grow! Enrollment applications and further information can be found at www.mygump.org.

Spring/Summer GUMW Children's Consignment Sale Shop Friday and Saturday, March 22-23!

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 to review guidelines and details. All proceeds from this sale benefit GUMW missions. It's a 30-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 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.

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!

Important Dates:

Consignor registration deadline/inventory entry is Tuesday, March 19, at midnight. Refer to the website for complete information about accepted merchandise and consignment instructions.

Drop off: Wednesday, March 20, 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, March 21, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pre-sale: Thursday, March 21, 5:30-8 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 p.m. Consignors may shop at 6:30 p.m.

Public Sale: Friday, March 22, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Public Half-price Sale: Friday, March 22, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 23, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Pick-up: Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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



United Methodist Women continued

Spring Bridge and Games Benefit

With Spring around the corner, it's time to play! The Spring Bridge and Games Benefit will take place Tuesday, April 9th. It is a day of fun with various card or board games, a delicious lunch prepared by Celebration Circle, Spring Fashion show, and great door prizes not to mention the popular Unique Boutique- the best little bargain shop in town! Plan to arrive early at 9 AM to shop for best selections of remarkable values.

Games are played from 10 AM to 2 PM. Just bring your cards and game supplies and we will provide the rest. Gather up your friends to join your table for the day. Admission is \$25 each which helps GUMW raise funds for our many missions. Our fundraisers greatly impact many lives.

For more information contact Pat Gill at 756-8151 or Tina Gregory at 854-0848. Registration forms will be available at the Welcome Center or online at germantownumc.org/umw.



Unique Boutique



It is time to begin accepting donations for the Unique Boutique at the annual Spring Bridge and Games Benefit. This "shop" collects and sells household goods, small furniture, lamps, holiday décor, bedroom, bath and kitchen wares, table linens, books, puzzles, luggage, pictures, garden décor items and fashion accessories such as jewelry, purses and scarves. No clothing or toys accepted.

To schedule a time for Drop Off, contact Stephanie Adams at 756-9748 or monacodog@aol.com. Items can be dropped off at 2931 Mallard Lane.

April GUMW Brunch

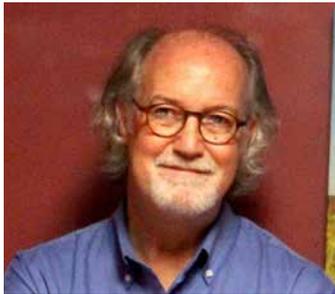
GUMW welcomes GUMC member Jackie Flaum to our brunch on Saturday, April 6, at 10:30am in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Join us to hear her story and about her work with Team Read Memphis.

Cost is \$10. Register at germantownumc.org. Deadline to register: Tuesday, April 2, noon.

Free childcare available.

Writer Jackie Ross Flaum joined GUMC in 1983 when her family moved from Connecticut. She was a freelance writer, publicist and public relations advisor for such organizations as the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Memphis City Schools and Archer/Malmo. She became involved in the Urban Haven Project in 2005 and helped start Team Read the next year. Team Read began with one school and 30 volunteers and is now in 53 schools with over 1,200 volunteers. Additional programs have sprung up in Selmer, Jackson, Covington and Huntsville, AL.





Don't Forget the March Brown Bag Lunch Program!

Willy Bearden, Memphis film maker and author, will show us "The History of Memphis in Pictures." This presentation will be on Friday, March 1, 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.**

XYZ's Attend Lenten Preaching Series and Tour Calvary Episcopal Church in April!

As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to Marie Howe, an American poet, at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church and eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop. A graduate of the University of Windsor and Columbia University, she has been called a woman who is very much of our time and yet still in touch with the sacred. She is presently on the writing faculties at Columbia University, Sarah Lawrence College, and New York University, and her most recent poetry collection is *Magdalene*. After the service, we will be given a guided tour of Calvary, which was founded in Memphis in 1832. Its sanctuary is the oldest public building in continuous use in the city; its bell tower dates to 1848 and its chancel to 1881.



WHERE: Calvary Episcopal Church

WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 2019

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

DEPARTURE: 10 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: Monday, March 11



XYZ's See Cabaret in May!

Winner of 8 Tony awards, Cabaret, with a score featuring songs that have become classics of the American Musical Theater, is a fierce, meaty musical that pushes the boundaries of the form and literally holds "the mirror up to nature." It's the early 1930s in Berlin, and life is changing. On the horizon is an ugly and dangerous threat, but that's no concern for sensational Kit Kat Klub cabaret singer Sally Bowles, whose only goal in life is to have a good time. She soon finds herself living with a young writer, Cliff Bradshaw, visiting from America to work on a new novel. As the Nazis begin taking control of the German government, the atmosphere of the Kit Kat Klub and the lives of Cliff and Sally begin to change dramatically. (Adult language and situations)



WHERE: Playhouse on the Square

WHEN: Friday, May 3, 2019

COST: \$20 per person cost includes reserved seat and opening night reception

DEPARTURE: 6:45 p.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 6:30 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: Wednesday, April 3

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 14 and 15, 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 14 & 15, 2019, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

COST: \$15.00 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, red light 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.

Learn about the Past and the Future of the Brooks Museum of Art at the April Brown Bag Lunch!

Emily Ballew Neff, Executive Director of the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, is going to talk to us about the roles that art museums play in their communities, including the Brooks. She will talk to us about its history and will give us an update on the progress the Brooks is making for its downtown relocation. Join us for a look at how art matters in Memphis at the April Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council.



TOPIC: “Art Matters: Update from the Brooks Museum of Art”

SPEAKER: Emily Ballew Neff, Executive Director, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: April 5, 2019. 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 Pat Smith, 758-6513.

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

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!

Ignite

Remember that moment of respite from the dreary winter weather? We do! We call it Ignite! Our fourth and fifth graders were blessed by the most amazing weather on our retreat February 2-3. We were able to get outside and attempt crazy things like high ropes and giant swings while wearing SHORTS. We were able to play gaga ball, gopher ball, and of course enjoy some s'mores by the campfire. We made new friends and shared a good time with old friends. We worshiped and sung beautiful songs about how God has created us amazingly unique. We learned about how each of us is so beautifully different, and how a disability is just a different kind of ability. We were able to discover that while each of us is unique, there are many more similarities than differences.

We are so thankful for the 54 kids, six youth, and six adults who joined us for the weekend. It was an incredible blessing to share this event with all of you!



Children's Ministry continued

Spaghetti Lunch

A special thank you to everyone who supported the Special Needs Ministry by attending and donating to the Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser! It took an army of people to make this event run smoothly. From the bakers who made over 500 brownies to the Wesley 2.0 Sunday School class who spent the entire day cooking, serving and cleaning- you are all VERY APPRECIATED! Germantown United Methodist Church has been blessed with a large group of servant leaders who are willing to donate their time, their talents, their gifts, and their financial support to causes they believe in. Because of your generosity, over \$2000 was raised for the Special Needs Ministry! Thank you for your support and your service!



Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out has been a huge success. We have enjoyed some wonderful evenings with our kids while parents have had an opportunity to have a little R and R without the "littles." Our last two PNOs are March 22 and April 12. Registration is open online and closes the Wednesday before the event. All are welcome – we have accommodations for those who may have special needs. We look forward to spending a little extra time with your children!

Save the Dates

Weeknight VBS June 5-7, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (registration opens April 1)

Weekday VBS June 10-14, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (registration opens April 1)

July 8-12 (rising) 5/6 grade mission camp (Registration opens May 1 and is limited)

July 15-20 GUMC goes to Lakeshore (register at Lakeshorecamp.org)

Summer Mission Trips 2019

This summer we are going on three great adventures and we sure hope that you will join us.

Big Stuf, Panama City Beach, June 16-21

We will kick the summer off with a beach trip that you are sure to never forget. Each summer we journey to Panama City Beach for a 5 days of worship, teaching, small groups, rest, and renewal. If you love the beach, want to experience the BEST worship sessions, and want to meet folks from all over the United States this is the trip for you. Check out our church website for more details and to sign up. Scholarships are available. Please contact Sue or Brian for a scholarship application form.



Big Stuf

Mountain T.O.P., Coalmont, TN, July 7-13

In July we will head to Coalmont, TN for our annual Mountain T.O.P. trip. This summer will be Germantown UMC's 41st trip to the mountain. On this trip you can serve children at Day Camp or can serve the community around camp through various construction projects. This trip will change the way you look at your life every day and will also change how you see the world. If you are looking for a rural mission trip where you also get to meet and work with new people and worship together, this one is for you. Scholarships are available. Please contact Sue or Brian for a scholarship application form.



Mountain T.O.P.

S.O.S., Memphis, TN, July 21-26

Our final trip of the summer will be to Service Over Self right here in Memphis, TN. During this trip each middle or high school youth will serve the Binghampton neighborhood through roof work or other home repair. During the week we will also worship together with a band and a speaker and we will get to explore lots of hidden gems that Memphis has to offer. If you are looking to serve your neighbors right next door, in an urban context, this is the trip for you. Scholarships are available. Please contact Sue or Brian for a scholarship application form.

If you are an adult that would like to serve as a volunteer on any of these trips, we would love to have you. There are special bonds that happen when you serve and worship with one another and those are memories that are never forgotten. When an adult makes a decision to spend an extended amount of time with a teenager we know that it makes an impact for the rest of that teenagers life. Please consider how you might partner with us this summer.



S.O.S.

Youth Ministry continued

Daddy Craw's Jubilee

April 27, 2019

Mark your calendars for your youth ministries biggest fundraiser of the year. Our annual Crawfish Boil and Silent Auction will be from 5-7 on April 27th at the OLEC. We cannot wait for all of you to join us. We will have live music provided by Ted Horrell and the Monday night card along with crawfish, burgers with all the fixings, and dessert.

Last year we raised \$13,000 and our goal this year is \$15,000. We cannot do that without the support of the entire church. All of the money raised goes to fund all three of our summer mission trips. Last year this money helped provide the opportunity for four students to attend summer trips that they would not have been able to attend without your help. If you, your Sunday school class, or your business would like to sponsor this event please contact Sue Hyland for more details. We have sponsor levels set at \$100, \$200, and \$500 with different incentives for each level.

This year we will continue to provide reserved seating with table hosts for our older adults along with a senior adult discounted ticket. Tickets will go on sale March 1st on the church website and at the Welcome Center from 9-12 Monday through Friday. Your youth will begin selling tickets on Sunday, March 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars now to join us for a fun event that is full of food, fellowship, and friendship, all things that United Methodists love! Please join us.



College Age Job Opportunities

Project Transformation - Paid Summer Internship

If you know of any college age young adults who might be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to visit the website www.pttennessee.org/ apply! Details are available on the website as well as guides for applications. GUMC members seeking a reference should reach out to Brian Richards. However, this opportunity is not limited to GUMC member's children or grandchildren. The deadline for applying is March 1.



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Service Over Self (SOS) - Paid Summer Internship

SOS is seeking college students to work in many capacities on their summer staff. A summer with SOS is extremely rewarding and is a great way to build community with other college students from all over the nation. SOS exists to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in underserved neighborhoods through home repair and leadership development. Pay is \$250 a week plus room and board. Apply here: <https://sosmemphis.org/summer-staff-application/>

Mountain T.O.P. - Partially Paid Summer Internship

An organization that GUMC has partnered with for 40 years could always use high quality staff members. If you or someone you know has a heart for rural ministry and mission this is the place for them. Mountain TOP requires that through partnerships you raise half of your salary with cost of living included, but do not be dismayed by this. It is a transformative experience. Apply here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6jxFtlyyVUnWknMMmoGiuV_q8bDUSHOKTBn6rQY662HmwRA/viewform



Looking for something a bit closer to home?

Germantown United Methodist Church has a job opportunity offering \$10 an hour for a responsible college age individual. It would be an on campus job at the Welcome Center from 4-8pm. For more information contact the GUMC office at (901)754-7216 or email brichards@germantownumc.org





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Bucket Stuffing/Food Truck Night

Wednesday, April 3rd, 5-7 p.m.

Owings Life Enrichment Center

The GUMC Missions Committee is pleased to present a different kind of "Bucket Challenge!" Come out and join us for a fun night of fellowship and service as we assemble 100 flood buckets for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Food trucks will be on-site for dinner.

\$50 donations for each bucket would also be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to "GUMC Missions Committee."



Please contact Laura Meanwell (meanwellmail@att.net) for more information or if you wish to make an item commitment. Thank you!