



A Message from Tim

Considering Stewardship

According to a January 15, 1989, article in the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, the family living in a home in West Palm Beach, Florida, told a film crew it was okay to use the front lawn as a set for an episode of the “B.L. Stryker” television series. They knew cars would be crashing violently in front of the house. While the front yard was being blown up, the owner of the home was tipped off and called from New York demanding to know what was happening to his house. It seems the people who were living in the house were only

tenants and had no right to allow the property to be destroyed as the cameras rolled.

Unfortunately, we often live our lives under the mistaken impression that everything we have belongs to us, rather than considering there might be a more ultimate owner.

Merriam Webster defines stewardship as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.

The month of September is dedicated to Stewardship at Germantown UMC; not simply stewardship of money, but of all God’s gifts. When one becomes a member of the church, vows are taken to support the church with “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.” Stewardship involves all these things.

In Genesis 2, God created man and woman, then placed them in the garden “to till it and keep it.” Even in paradise, there was a need for good stewardship. Psalm 24 tells us “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.”

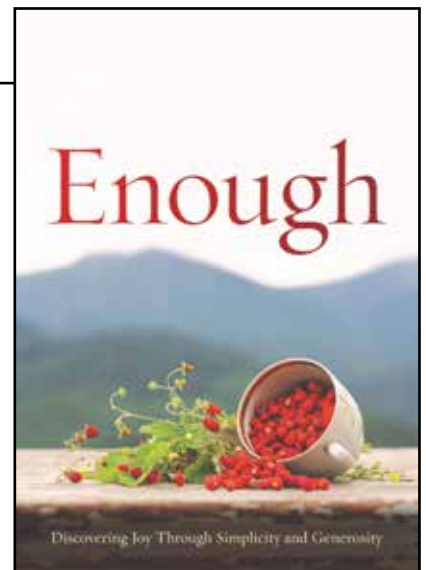
Join us on Sundays as we continue our series on “Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.” During this month, consider how God is calling you to be a steward of time, talents, and resources.

Celebration Sunday is Coming!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money we give simply as a way to pay church bills. Such congregations also understand giving as a way to grow spiritually as they support their church’s mission and ministry.

Our congregation’s Stewardship Team has selected the “*Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*” Stewardship Program as a way to teach biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. *Enough* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Enough encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What is God calling me to give?”



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Celebration Sunday continued

This is our Stewardship Schedule for 2018:

August 26:	When Dreams Become Nightmares
September 9:	Wisdom and Finance
September 16:	Cultivating Contentment
September 23:	Defined by Generosity
September 30:	Celebration Sunday

We are asking our attendees and members to celebrate your vows by making your 2019 commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries, in this community and around the world, by presenting their 2019 Estimate of Giving Card on the communion rail in the sanctuary during each of the morning worship services on Celebration Sunday, September 30. We also ask that you take this opportunity to complete the new church membership information form. There are two reasons for this: 1) We want to be in communication the best way possible with all members of GUMC, and 2) Our church information system will be upgraded soon and we want to have paper documentation of all our digital records.

On Celebration Sunday, we hope you will participate in a Celebration Brunch event in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall between 9:30 and 12:30. We do ask that you register your intention to join us that day in both worship and brunch (please register online or by calling 901.754.7216 no later than noon, Monday, September 24) so that we might be sure to have enough food for everyone!

Blessings,

Debbie Wiles
Chair, Church Board

Tim Whelan
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Tim Carpenter
Senior Pastor

Membership



John Kier was welcomed into membership with Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 29th at the 9:40 worship service. John joined by transfer of his membership from Roswell UMC, Roswell, Georgia. His sponsors are Lynn and Earl Shipp.



Dr. Jacky Horner joined Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 29th at the 11:00 worship service by transfer of his membership from a sister United Methodist Church in the Memphis area. He is pictured here with his wife, Ann. They have joined the Lamplighters Sunday School Class. Linda and Mike Hopper are his sponsors.

When asked what about Germantown United Methodist Church made him wish to become a part of our church community, he responded: *"We found this to be the friendliest congregation of any church we visited. Everyone seemed to greet us!"*

Celtic Christianity in Scotland 2019

Travel with Rev. Gabriel to Scotland Next October!

With an option to extend the travel into Ireland!

See the itinerary below, then see Rev. Gabriel for a full brochure!

Sept. 30 - Depart USA	Oct. 5 - Whithorn
Oct. 1 - Welcome to Scotland	Oct. 6 - Glasgow to Edinburgh
Oct. 2 - Lismore	Oct. 7 - Edinburgh
Oct. 3 - Mull & Iona	Oct. 8 - Dunfermline & St. Andrew's
Oct. 4 - Oban to Glasgow	Oct. 9 - Farewell

5 -Day Optional Celtic Ireland Extension:

Oct. 9 - Cliffs of Moher and Galway
Oct. 10 - Clonmacnoise, and Bunratty Castle
Oct. 11 - Rock of Cashel and Glendalough
Oct. 12 - Dublin
Oct. 13 - Return to USA with wonderful memories to share!



Labor of Love



On **September 3, 2018 (Labor Day)**, St. George's Episcopal, Germantown United Methodist, Germantown Presbyterian, and New Bethel Baptist Churches are joining together to serve the community in a **Labor of Love!**

Partnering with MIFA and Memphis Feeds Initiative, we will give our members the choice of several ministry opportunities to serve our neighbors in need: (1) filling bags for MIFA's Emergency Services, (2) cleaning yards for MIFA clients, (3) delivering meals in selected areas, and (4) packaging ready-to-prepare meals which will be given to MidSouth Food Bank for distribution to those in our community who are in need. There's something for everyone – from 3 to 103!

We will gather on Labor Day morning at 8:00 a.m. at St. George's for a time of reflection and prayer together. From that time of shared community, we will head out to share our love with our sisters and brothers.

Even if you are unable to serve that day, there are many opportunities for you to take part in Labor of Love. **Many, many items** are needed to fill the bags for Emergency Services:

Germantown United Methodist will be providing **diapers (all sizes) and wipes for baby bags for emergency services**. Feel free to leave donations at the welcome desk.

Germantown Presbyterian will be providing all other baby supplies (travel-size shampoo, baby bath, lotion, petroleum jelly, bottles, juices and baby foods) for baby bags for emergency services.

There are slots to sign up for meal delivery and yard cleaning.

Visit www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9AE2AAAF1-labor4 to sign up.

No sign up is required for meal packaging and filling emergency services bags. Please take time now to look at the many ways that we can serve our sisters and brothers on this Labor Day, and find your place in **Labor of Love!**

Music Ministry Key Notes

“The church’s music is fundamentally vocal. The essence of the church’s music is communal. I take it the highest quality is presumed. It is inconceivable to come before God with our trivia. We come before God with the best we can possibly craft, not the worst or the slovenly.”

The quote above is taken from Paul Westermeyer’s book, *Church Musicians: Reflections on Their Call, Craft, History, and Challenges*.

When thinking about whether to respond to God’s call to Germantown I dutifully read and prayed. This quote from Dr. Westermeyer came across my reading. I agree with the notion that we are best in Worship when WE are singing together. I also agree that ensemble participants practice so that they may craft a worthy offering, the best offering they can make. The best being defined by worship not the concert stage. But that doesn’t mean we don’t work at it. We do, and we take joy in our efforts!

As I begin, literally today as I write, I have many broad stroke ideas for the music ministry at GUMC. Some will develop, others will wither. I look forward to the many challenges and adventures that await us. I hope to bring our very best to worship each week. That means you too! When the congregation is singing communally, wonderful moments are achieved. Surely God will approve! I hope and pray for the spark of creation to be near the GUMC music ministry.

I invite you to pray for our church musicians that labor to bring their best to worship. I also invite prayers for the unknown, the church musicians that are wrestling with commitment to an ensemble. I invite you to pray for music ministry programming yet to be developed. May your prayers ignite future efforts!



Music Ministry Opening Dates for 2018-19 Program Year

Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Choir Suite
Testimony Youth Choir	Sunday - Starting August 19	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Choir Suite
Graded Children’s Choirs	Sunday - Starting Sept. 9	5:00-6:00 p.m.	
Cherub Choir (3 & 4 year olds)			Room 260/262
Alleluia Choir (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd graders)			Room 257
Hosanna (3rd, 4th, 5th graders)			Room 261
Matins Bell Choir	Sunday - Starting Sept. 9	6:15-7:30 p.m.	Handbell Studio
3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Chimes	Wednesday - Starting Sept 5	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Handbell Studio

Missions



Kenya Mission Trip - 2019

The GUMC Kenya Mission team will return to Kenya on August 1-14, 2019. The team will build a house for orphans, assist at Maua Methodist Mission Hospital, perform deworming at remote schools, conduct a rural medical clinic, and teach classes for a day at a school for orphans which we have supported. If you are interested in joining the team in 2019, please call or talk with Ed Clark at gec24753@aol.com or 826-3514.

9th Annual Edwin's Way 5K Making Strides

When Edwin Smith, an avid runner and passionate supporter of Youth Ministries, passed away unexpectedly in January, 2010, his family and the Trinity Sunday School class sought a way to honor his memory and promote heart health. Now in its 9th year, Edwin's Way 5K continues to contribute to the GUMC Endowment Fund which grants support for church wide projects. This year's race will be held on **September 30, 2018**.

Since that inaugural race in 2010, Edwin's Way has raised over \$80,000. With a focus on youth worship and activities, in the beginning EW5K provided new robes for Testimony Youth Choir, purchased Worship Band equipment, helped fund an intern position for ACTS (youth drama group), and bought new robes and candle lighters for our acolytes. In 2015, construction was completed on our beautiful outdoor worship space, the Trinity Centre at McVay Gardens. Much of the development and partial construction costs were funded by proceeds from 2011-2014. Now the GUMC annual sunrise Easter service is held at the Trinity Centre, as well as weddings, youth worship, Bible study and other events. It has truly become a sacred and dynamic area, and one which Edwin would have loved.

In 2017 the Church Board approved the creation of the Edwin's Way Endowment Fund to support special projects and programming at the Trinity Centre. Additionally, in keeping with the support of youth ministries, each year a portion of the race proceeds is designated for project(s) requested by the Youth Advisory Council.

What can You do?

All the good work of Edwin's Way is only possible because of the support of our wonderful congregation! Here's how you can participate:

- Sign-up for the race – Whether as an on-site participant or spirit runner, those who register by the deadline will receive a custom designed t-shirt. On race day, we will have great food and music for all who attend. Register online at racesonline.com/events/edwin-s-way-5k. **Race Day is September 30, 2018.**
- Form a team! Sunday school classes and other small groups are encouraged to sign up as a team. The class with the greatest percentage of participants will be treated to a wonderful breakfast provided by the Trinity Sunday School Class.
- Apply for an Edwin's Way Endowment Fund Grant – Applications can be made with the GUMC Endowment Fund Grant Request form. Grants may be awarded for activities to be held at the Trinity Centre. Some examples are a concert, a speaker, an educational program or other event approved by the Trinity Sunday School class.

For more information about sponsorship, registration, and grant requests, please email us at edwinsway5k@gmail.com or visit the Edwin's Way webpage on the GUMC website – germantownumc.org/edwinsway.



Missions

Germantown United Methodist Church and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis have nurtured a partnership since the early days of the organization that spans decades. Over the years, Germantown UMC has worked to provide volunteer support, meeting space, build site and board leadership, and funds to build homes. The first home that GUMC members provided site volunteers to help construct was back in 1986. The Alpha Class members began what has become a tremendous, long-standing ministry for our church and community. The work of our members with the Habitat for Humanity organization has been a beacon of our Missions Philosophy, "We are sent into the world by Jesus to continue the restoring and healing ministries... God has given each of us different gifts for the building of His kingdom..." This year Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis is celebrating their 35th Anniversary. The many contributions and involvement of the GUMC community has helped make this possible, and this fall we will again be partnering with Habitat for Humanity as a Master Build Sponsor to help them celebrate and begin construction on our 46th and 47th homes. Since its inception, more than 490 homes have been built in Greater Memphis by Habitat for Humanity. Germantown UMC's unrelenting love and support for God's children has helped local homebuyers to be able to build the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. We would love for your help to continue our efforts this fall. Please contact Derrick McNeal or Doug Warner for more information, and look for more information during the Moments for Missions this September.



Health and Recreation Todd Hinton - thinton@germantownumc.org

“Girls Rule the Kitchen” Fall Break Camp

Back by popular demand from a very successful summer camp, “Girls Rule” will be back at it during Fall Break – October 8-11th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., lunch included, Hula dancing, Zumba, Pickleball, Pilates and cooking/baking and eating! Only the first 16. Register early! joros@germantownumc.org or call 901-753-3100 for more information.



Princess Camp

Friday, October 12th from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. – Girls ages 4-6 years. Ballet, Dance, Cookie Decorating and Story Time. Taking the first 16. joros@germantownumc.org or 901-753-3100. A Princess may show up!!



United Methodist Men

UMM Breakfast

The first breakfast of the 2018-2019 year will be Saturday, September 8th at 8:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Steve Ragsdale, President of the Metro District United Methodist Men. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.00 (pay at the door). Please make your reservations by calling the church office at (901) 754-7216. Annual members need only call with regrets.

Annual Membership will be available at the breakfast for \$50.00, which includes 8 breakfasts and a donation of \$10.00 to the UMM Mission Projects. All men of the church are urged to attend.



Adult Education Mary Groh - mgroh@germantownumc.org - 901-754-5093

Fall Bible Study Classes Starting in September

The Adult Education Ministry is excited to announce our fall course line-up! Below you will find a list of classes starting in September. A complete list of all fall classes, descriptions, cost, and information is available online at germantownumc.org and in our Adult Studies brochures available at the Welcome Center kiosks. Free childcare is available for all of our studies with advance reservations.

1 Peter – A Living Hope in Christ

A study of the First Letter of Peter which is addressed to Christ-communities in Asia Minor, helping readers discover what it means to experience the living hope in Christ.

Wednesdays, Sept. 5-Nov. 7, 9:45-11:45 a.m.

Facilitator: Chesley Porteous

Jesus: His Culture and Times

A visual and biblical study of the cultural, political, and religious background of the ministry of Jesus.

Wednesdays, Sept. 5 - Oct. 10, 6:00-7:00

Rev. Tim Carpenter

Fresh Expressions

A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church

Wednesdays, Sept. 5 - Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. or

Thursdays, Sept. 6 - Oct. 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel

The Other Jesus: Stories from World Religions

A fresh exploration of Jesus based on the writings of other religions.

Thursdays, Sept. 6-27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Rev. Erin Beasley

Disciple Fast Track - Into the Word, Into the World

A 24-session, in-depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts.

Sept. 9-March 31, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Yolanda and Gerald Toney

Love & Respect for a Lifetime

A 10-session DVD marriage enrichment study.

Sundays, Sept. 9-Nov. 18, 5:00-6:30

Facilitated by Mary and Josh Jacobs

Short Stories by Jesus

A look at Jesus' parables in the way his original audience heard and understood them.

Tuesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 30, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Facilitated by Mary Groh

A New Reformation - From Luther's World to Ours

The life of Martin Luther and two important themes of the Reformation he sparked: the centrality of scripture and the power of God's grace.

Tuesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Terry Aust

Adult Education continued

Sunday School Spotlight: Alpha

Alpha members are “empty nester” couples and singles who are actively engaged in the next chapter of their lives. Alpha prides itself on being open and friendly, sharing close friendships and working to serve both GUMC and our community.

We provide leadership through various GUMC committees including the Administrative Board, Board of Trustees and the Stewardship Committee and help to enhance worship through the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir.

For more than 35 years Alpha has been mission focused. We participate in Habitat for Humanity, Mountain TOP, Golden Cross, Hannah’s Hope and Room in the Inn. An Alpha Class member was instrumental in starting Team Read, a volunteer reading help program that has spread throughout 61 schools in the Shelby County School System. Several other Alpha members are Team Read coaches and head coaches.

We enjoy each other’s company through monthly socials such as cookouts, pot luck suppers, dinners at local restaurants, and even parties like Super Bowl or Kentucky Derby. Alpha also takes field trips to places of interest like Stax Museum, Rowan Oak and LeBonheur Children’s Hospital.

Spiritual education varies from multi-week book studies to speakers from the church and community. Class discussion is always lively. We constantly question how we can apply the words of Jesus in an ever-changing world.

If fun, fellowship, service and learning sound right for you, please visit Alpha at 9:40 in Room 136 (behind the Fellowship Hall kitchen), and visit our website, AlphaClass.org



Sunday School Spotlight: Agape



A great motto for any Adult Education class is Romans 15:7 “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” The word *Agape* describes unconditional love, and class members strive to demonstrate that to each and every person who comes their way in this all-ages adult Sunday school class.

Members share engaging video bible lessons from many different teachers including Adam Hamilton, Andy Stanley, Mark Batterson, John Ortberg and Matt Rawle, to name a few. In addition, the class invites occasional guest speakers to bring new insights and information for learning.

Besides biblical study, another benefit of being part of a Sunday school class is the personal encouragement from fellow believers. Having a small group of people who know you personally and are

there when you need them most, is so important in our faith journey. Agape members enjoy coming together inside and outside of the classroom for a variety of social gatherings.

Agape class also provides members a great way to live out their faith “hands on.” The class enthusiastically supports Children, Youth and College Ministries, as well as hosting homeless guests twice each season for ‘Room in the Inn.’ Service and outreach projects are a priority and members are always on the lookout for new ways to serve those in need. If you are looking for an Adult Sunday school class at 11:00 a.m., you are encouraged to visit Agape in room #338.

Fall/Winter GUMW Children's Consignment Sale a Success

That's a wrap! A very heartfelt thank you to our hundreds of consignors, shoppers and volunteers who helped make the fall/winter GUMW Children's Consignment Sale another success. Your prayers, support, and hard work are much appreciated and truly help make a difference in our community. Be sure to save the date for our Spring 2019 sale, which is set for March 22-23! Thank you again.



GUMW September Luncheon

Please join us for our Annual Blessing of the Babies as well as a catered luncheon, fellowship, and inspirational message from two La Limye representatives at our September Luncheon on September 11, 2018, at 11:30 a.m., in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Ellen Humerickhouse and Anna Nicol serve as director/founder of La Limye and marketing/communications director of La Limye, respectively. La Limye, which means "The Light" in Haitian Creole, not only houses eleven young girls but also provides water, food, clothing, classes, and education to the local village at large.



Haiti is continuing to struggle to recover from the 2010 earthquake that killed tens of thousands of people and left many more homeless and destitute. La Limye was founded because of the hearts of those Haitians, who despite having lost everything, having little to no food, and obtaining water from a ditch, still continued to share the love of Jesus Christ. Inspired by three girls with special needs, La Limye broke ground last spring on one of Haiti's only schools for children and adults with special needs.



Ellen Humerickhouse felt the call of God at age 19, and she spent years in the mission field in the United States, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Mexico. However, a trip to Arcahaie, Haiti, changed her life, and in 2013, Ellen, after much prayer and consideration, bought land in the Haitian village of Guiton to build a children's home. While Ellen pondered what difference she, as only one person, could make, she now has a thriving ministry, La Limye, and is "Mommy Ellie" to eleven beautiful young ladies.

Ellen's sister, Anna Nicol, serves La Limye as the primary marketing and communications director. Anna graduated from the University of Memphis, and currently enjoys her time at GUMC by participating in the Chancel Choir, Wesley 2.0 Sunday School Class, and by helping chair the Children's Consignment Sale. She also helps run her family's restaurant, The Silver Caboose. She



and her husband, Ben, have two beautiful children, Will and Maggie.

Please join GUMW for our beloved and cherished Blessing of the Babies as well as an inspiring message about La Limye fulfilling the Great Commission by sharing the love of Jesus Christ and being blessed to be a blessing. Ellen, Anna, and La Limye are blessing the children and adults of Haiti in abundance.

Cost: \$10 **Register** by Noon, September 6

Two Methods to Register:

- Check to GUMW, "GUMW September Luncheon" in memo line, placed in UMW drop box outside Fellowship Hall.
- Credit Card online at germantownumc.org

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

GUMW Meet and Greet

September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

You are invited to drop by and visit with us in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Sept. 16, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Come enjoy some delicious treats and meet ladies from our Circles (small groups). You may ask questions about what we do, or simply visit.

Germantown United Methodist Women is a unit of the national United Methodist Women organization in the United Methodist Church. We encourage one another to grow spiritually, to engage in service, to develop our gifts and talents, and to use them for the support of others in need. We also enjoy an incredible community of fellowship. Our Circles allow everyone to find a group where they can feel at home.

We host five luncheons each year. They give us an opportunity to hear local speakers who inform and inspire us while also allowing us the opportunity to share our faith community. We also host five major fundraisers: two Children's Consignment Sales, the Cinnamon Roll Bake, the Christmas Cookie Shoppe, and the Spring Bridge and Games Benefit and Unique Boutique. We also sponsor the annual women's event Lent by Candlelight, and we do so much more.

Come fellowship and see if Germantown United Methodist Women is an organization where you can cultivate and grow your faith. We would love to have you! For more information email Chesley Porteous at chesleyporteous@gmail.com or Yolanda Toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org.



"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.



Cinnamon Roll Bake

October is **GUMW Cinnamon Roll** Time! We Bake, You Take! Fresh Cinnamon Rolls! Three easy steps: First, you pre-order the rolls, then we bake the rolls, then you pick up the rolls...

- **PRE-ORDERS:** Sundays, **October 14th and 21st** in the **Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall after each service.** We will be taking **PRE-ORDERS ONLY** due to the limited number of rolls that we will be baking (that means no walk-in purchases the days we are baking). Rolls are \$10/dozen (check or cash only) due at time of pre-order. If you would like to purchase rolls and cannot make it on those Sundays, please contact Laurie Whiteley at 901-378-2999 or lauriwhiteleytn@gmail.com

- **BAKING DAYS:** **October 23rd, 24th, and 25th** in the **Owings Life Enrichment Center.** Volunteers are needed to help prepare the rolls for baking! It is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. If you want to be able to sample a fresh out-of-the-oven cinnamon roll, **sign up to volunteer** by contacting Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or Monacodog@aol.com

- **ROLL PICK UP:** Rolls will be available for pick up in the **OLEC gym** according to your scheduled time and date: **2:00 - 5:30 p.m., October 23rd, 24th, or 25th.** You will be notified by email or text (or phone, if you prefer) with the date and time to pick up your rolls.

The Cinnamon Roll Bake is a loving ministry of Germantown United Methodist Women. The proceeds are given to the missions that GUMW supports. Each person who works the Roll Bake and who purchases rolls is serving as God's hands and feet through this service. Anyone is welcome to help! We love our volunteers and no task is too difficult. On baking days, we start early each morning and make the dough from scratch, then set it aside to rise. When it has risen, each pan of rolls is divided into 12 sections of dough that are then dipped in warm butter and dredged in cinnamon. They are then knotted and shaped into the delicious rolls and baked. The rolls can also be frozen then reheated for a wonderful treat! The proceeds from your purchase of our Cinnamon Rolls will benefit these GUMW missions: Church Women United, Room in the Inn - Memphis, Urban Ministry Initiative, Caldwell-Guthrie Weekend Food Program, Dress for Success, Golden Cross, Memphis Business Academy, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Alturas Ministry, Miriam Child Development Center at UMNC, Wesley Foundation Memphis – Campus Ministry, Hannah's Hope, Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary. The women of GUMW thank you for your support!



Candle Burning

Candle burning is a way UMW honors individuals who have contributed to our unit, our church and/or our community. The Executive Committee of GUMW submits names for this special recognition to be held at our annual Metro District Candle Burning Ceremony. An honorarium is sent to District, which will help fund missions. They have been blessings to us, and what a joy it is to be able to recognize and honor them!

The 2018 GUMW honorees are:

Rev. Erin Beasley

Amy Bergman

Lauren Boswell

Jennifer Brezina

Tammye Christian

Brook Carihfield

Alise Davis

Rev. Brad Gabriel

Tina Gregory

Mary Groh

Emily Moore

Rachel Moore

Anna Nicol

Lisa Pierce

Alma Pitner

Barbara Schanson

Yolanda Toney

Kayla Harlow Williams

Don't Forget the September Brown Bag Lunch Program!

Jimmy Ogle, Shelby County Historian, will show us "Historic Homes of Memphis and Shelby County." This presentation will be Friday, September 7, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11:00 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 Learn About Johnny Cash and Farming in Arkansas in October!

Come with us for a day of history just across the Mississippi River. The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyronza focuses on the tenant farming systems of agriculture in the South and the farm labor movement that arose. Next, we will learn about the Dyess Colony that provided a fresh start for nearly 500 impoverished Arkansas farm families, including the family of music legend Johnny Cash and tour his boyhood home. We will have lunch at the Wilson Café in the town of Wilson, which started as a company town in 1886. After lunch, there will be time to browse or shop at White's Mercantile, housed in the old town gas station across the street from the restaurant. Be sure to sign up now for this fun trip – seating is limited.



WHERE: Tyronza, Dyess, and Wilson, Arkansas

WHEN: Tuesday, October 16, 2018

COST: \$55 per person includes deluxe motor coach, transportation, guided tours, and lunch. This trip is being subsidized by a generous donation to the XYZ's.

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 7:45 a.m.) This is an all-day trip.

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, October 1.

Learn About The Metal Museum at the October Brown Bag Lunch!

Overlooking the Mississippi River on the western half of a former United States Marine Hospital site dating to 1798, The Metal Museum opened its doors to the public in 1979. The campus now includes galleries, a blacksmith shop, the Lawler Foundry, the repairs and restoration lab, a library, sculpture gardens, and a gazebo. Executive Director, Carissa Hussong, is going to share the museum's history, what the museum does, and what is planned for the future at the October Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council.



TOPIC: "The Metal Museum – Enriching Our Community"

SPEAKER: Carissa Hussong, Executive Director

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: October 5, 2018. Program starts at 11:00 a.m.; lunch is at Noon.

COST: FREE – the church will supply beverages.

RESERVATIONS: Not needed. Just bring your sack lunch and enjoy the program and the fellowship.

QUESTIONS? Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Pat Smith, 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 October 11 and 12, 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, October 11 & 12, 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 See *Ain't Misbehavin'* in November!

The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s comes to life in three-time Tony Award-winning musical revue, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Join five performers on a journey through the timeless music of Thomas “Fats” Waller. You’ll be jumpin’ and jivin’ with memorable songs such as “Honeysuckle Rose”, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, “Black and Blue”, and “This Joint is Jumpin’”. One of the most popular well-crafted revues of all time, sometimes sassy, sometimes sultry, has moments of devastating beauty that are simply unforgettable. Join us for a memorable, fun musical evening.



WHERE: Halloran Centre

WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 2018

COST: \$30 per person includes reserved seat. This trip is being subsidized by a generous donation to the XYZ's.

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: Wednesday, October 17.

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!

Children's Missions

Our kids are raising money for missions! Children have a natural desire to serve and help other. We have provided them an opportunity this summer to help others who are less fortunate. We learned about the Zoe Mission in Kenya that helps orphaned children learn a trade, providing a chance to support themselves and their siblings. We also learned about the La Limye Ministries Children's Home in Haiti where 11 orphaned girls are living safely together. We are currently raising money to support these two incredible ministries.



This summer, the children of GUMC worked very hard creating a number of crafts. They poured their hearts into their work and felt a little pang of sacrifice as they left their work behind to be sold to support these ministries.

Please stop by the fence outside the Huddle (rm. 240) and shop. (There are many great gift options available.) We have tie-dyed shirts, socks and bandannas in a variety of sizes. We have a variety of crosses, modge-podge words, ornaments, tea towels, and an assortment of other items. Please help yourself to what you like and leave a donation in the box on the wall. If you don't see what you like, please ask Lisa Pierce. There is a huge selection – it won't all fit on the wall at once!



Elementary Expedition

We will be resuming our Wednesday night programming on September 5. Elementary Expedition is designed to be "youth group for kids." We begin our evening at 5:30 with a kid-friendly meal in the Huddle (\$3 at the door). After dinner, we move to worship in the chapel. This worship is designed with kids in mind allowing for movement and involvement by all. It is led by Sue, Brian, Lisa, and some middle school youth. Following our worship time, we move to our small groups in the children's wing hallway where we will play games, make crafts, do science experiments, and dig a little deeper into the lesson for the evening. Pick up is at 7:15, but if your class extends past that time, we will hang out until your arrival.

New this year... we are offering children's bell choir (grades 3-5) at 5:00 on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsals will be in the bell choir room next to the fellowship hall. Contact Natalie Duncan with questions about bell choir.

High School and Middle School Ministries

This Fall is bringing exciting changes to some GUMC programs. In an effort to best serve each and every student that walks through our doors, Sue Hyland and Brian Richards are focusing their efforts by taking on new roles. Sue is using her considerable talents on continuing to develop thriving Middle School and Confirmation programs while Brian concentrates on High School and College Age ministries. Ensuring that study topics and events cater to each age group specifically will benefit our youth immensely. GUMC Youth will continue to have combined offerings for High School and Middle School as well.



Sue Hyland - Director of Middle School and Confirmation

College Age Ministry

New and exciting things are happening at GUMC! Brian Richards has been recently named as Director of High School and College Age ministries. This was done in tandem with a desire for more focused efforts in both our youth programs and our offerings for anyone who would be included under the umbrella of College Age Ministry. We have a number of UMW members who support our College Age students in a multitude of ways like praying for each of them by name, and will continue these wonderful efforts. We will also start offering new opportunities for College Age persons locally and develop programs for any of our College students out of town whenever they return.



Brian Richards - Director of High School and College Age Ministries

If you are someone or know of someone who is College Age and would like them to be included, please send a current mailing address and contact number to brichards@germantownumc.org

If you or someone you know would like to support our College Age ministry efforts in any way please don't hesitate to contact Brian Richards.

GUMP Weekday Preschool

Sarah Sutton - ssutton@germantownumc.org - 901-753-3109

The 2018/2019 school year for Germantown United Methodist Preschool (GUMP) has officially begun! We are up and running for the new school year and we are off to a great start! New beginnings are so exciting and we welcome our friends and families, both returning and new, back to GUMP with much joy and enthusiasm!

This summer was a busy one as we prepared to open two new classrooms. We worked to make sure all classrooms were cleaned and materials fully stocked for the school year. GUMP enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year continues to rise. It is so wonderful to see our hard work pay off as our sweet friends enter school each day!

Teachers and staff at GUMP are always working on growing and learning! Our Back to School In-service included professional development from experts in our community including Dr. Susan Elswick and Dr. Sarah Irby. Many teachers also attended special training this summer on safety preparedness provided by the wonderful Germantown Police Department. Dr. Mindy Kronenberg educated our staff on Infant Mental Health and how to promote healthy social and emotional development of children birth to 5. We are thrilled to have the partnership with these professionals to give us insight and help us reach our maximum potential as a preschool. Our teachers strive to structure their classroom for success and use positive learning strategies to best meet the needs of our students. GUMP administration continues to work to provide the opportunity for growth and development for our teachers.

GUMP is happy to begin our fifth year in partnership with LeBonheur's LEAD Program. GUMP excels at meeting the needs of children at different developmental levels. GUMP partners with the Lead Program, serving children identified with developmental delay, providing classroom support and intervention. We are honored to have this relationship and are grateful for their support. At GUMP, we work to meet the needs of all our students and their families.

Please come visit us at GUMP and see all the wonderful things happening in our classrooms. We are so honored that our community entrusts us with their children. Thank you for continuing to spread the word of our great work and service. Information can be found at www.mygump.org, or by calling the preschool office at 901.753.3109. **15**



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Annual GUMC Family Picnic

Sunday, October 7, 2018

1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Golf and Games

Family Park

5484 Summer Ave

Everyone is invited to a FREE picnic at Golf & Games Family Park! Come to the private GUMC pavilion from 1-2 p.m. for wristbands. Wristbands are good until 6 p.m. for go-karts, Putt-Putt, bumper boats, ropes course, Lasertron, batting cages, & children's rides. Free hot dogs & drinks will be served by the Seekers Sunday School class from 1-2.

