

## A Message from Tim



### The Duty of Independence

Independence Day is this month, and the US will celebrate its 243rd year since the passing of the Declaration. The actual vote was on July 2, and John Adams thought we should celebrate that day. But it was not formally dated, finalized and adopted by the Continental Congress until the 4th. Nonetheless, it is a day which reminds us of our independence. The Declaration was more than a simple statement of independence, it was also a justification of declaring it. The declaration of independence is a political, philosophical and practical document all wrapped in one.

Politically, it laid out the accusation against the government of Great Britain, holding that the King, George III, was guilty of 27 specific abuses. Among the abuses was that the king interfered with the colonists' right to self-government and for a fair judicial system. Parliament and the King passed legislation that affected the colonies without their consent. Some of this legislation forced taxes on the colonists and required them to quarter British soldiers without permission. Other legislation, it was alleged, removed their right to trial by jury and affected their ability to trade freely. The Declaration also alleged that he King and Parliament refused to protect the colonies' borders, confiscated American ships at sea, and had intent to hire foreign mercenaries to fight against the colonists. The Declaration further claimed that colonial governments had tried to reach a peaceful reconciliation of these differences with Great Britain but were continually ignored. Politically, the Declaration declared, the colonies would no longer submit to the King and Parliament.

Philosophically, the Declaration presented the case that it is "self-evident that all men [sic] are created equal." This simple phrase flew in the face of the well-established belief that kings had a divine right to rule. Obedience to the king, it was thought, was obedience to God's will. The Declaration was saying to a culture of kingly divine right that the people, not the king, "were endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights." The divine right, the Declaration declared, was the people's, which implied it was not the king's. This was the revolution in thought that led to the revolution by arms. The phrase was not completely lived out in our own country's history, and we still seek to ensure that we live by the truth of that natural equality in our country and the world.

Practically, the Declaration suggested that government existed to ensure the rights of the people that are by nature theirs. Governments should not be changed for trivial purposes, but it is the right of people to secure their freedoms by establishing governments. People do not exist to provide for the king. Governments exist to protect the people and their rights. It is not only the right of the people to do so, but the duty.

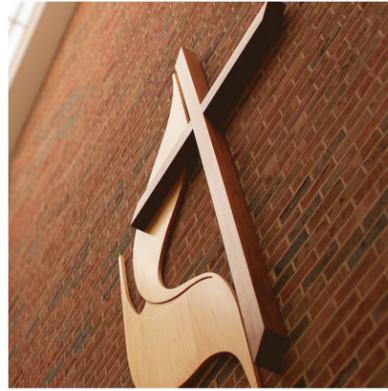
Americans were not anti-government. Americans were anti-abusive government. Americans were not anti-religious. To the contrary, Americans' belief in God was a cornerstone of their belief in liberty.

We do well to remember as Christians living in America that we serve the God who made all people equal. It should be our belief in God that makes us respect the full humanity of all people, and to recognize that all created people have the natural right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

A society cannot be free that does not seek freedom for everyone. But a society also cannot be free that does not assume responsibility with that freedom. The same Declaration that reminds us of our right to be free also reminds us of our duty to maintain it.

John Paul II once famously remarked, "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

So it is that as Christians in America we do indeed have the freedom to do as we ought. Let us celebrate our freedom in living to ensure everyone's freedom and in taking responsibility to ensure it for all. And may God our Creator help us.



**Sunday, July 21, 9:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**(with a break for 11:00 worship)**

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 our ministers to learn about the roots of the United Methodist Church going back to John Wesley and his devotion to inviting people to experience God's grace. Hear about the United Methodist Church structure, sacraments, and get an overview of the mission and ministries of Germantown UMC.

If you have been worshipping with us and would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to attend our two-hour class. Participation in the workshop does not commit you to church membership, but it is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and for us to become better acquainted with you.

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 and a box lunch will be provided.

**Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call Mary Groh at 754-5093.**

**GUMC Directory Picture Day** Anne Bush - abush@germantownumc.org - (901) 754-7216



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Owen, Emily, Allie



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**Say Cheese!**

**We have 25 slots open, first come, first served.**

Contact Anne Bush: [abush@germantownumc.org](mailto:abush@germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216

**We are updating our directory!**

Did you miss out on the last photography event?

Are you a new family?

Has your family changed?

**Save the date!!!**

Photography Date:

August 20, 2019



**Fourth in a Series of Notes on Stewardship**

"You mean people just give you money?" asked our non-church going nephew.

"Yes, I replied, "about \$3,000,000.00 a year."

"And they give without tickets or membership fees or monthly dues or anything like that?"

"That's right." "What if they don't?"

"Then Germantown United Methodist Church as we know it ceases to exist."

We continued our conversation, my adult, non-church attending nephew and me. "So," he continued, "what else do people want you to do with that money, besides educate children?"

"Fair question," I answered.

Germantown United Methodist Church is people. Here in the South we used to say things like "Church house". That language dropped out of style as standard English took prominence almost everywhere. But it is a good phrase. The church is people, the assembled community, the visible fellowship of the eternal and unseen truth of the community of faith. The assembly or "ekklesia" in the New Testament Greek is we get the English word 'ecclesia' which, in turn, gives us ecclesiastical and all those similar terms and words that relate to or talk about church. But the word meant congregation, the body of faith. Men and women and children of all ages are "church" far more than any building can ever be.

The church that is Germantown UMC has a building. We have six buildings, in fact. Those buildings contain about 110,000 square feet of usable space. In the modern world those buildings have costs attached to them. No, we don't pay property taxes on these buildings. Tax law is complex, and I don't pretend to know why some church owned property might be taxed and others not. Suffice to say that we don't pay property tax on these buildings and grounds. What we do pay is a lot.

Insurance is a requirement in the modern world. God forbid that anyone should ever be injured while attending Sunday school, worship, and XYZ outing, or any other church related event. If they were, however, we would have a moral and legal responsibility to provide appropriate redress. The same is true for staff and volunteers who, during their ministries, suffer on the job injuries. Medical care is expensive, and the church supports those carrying out those actives.

Repairs are covered as well. The church is of God and will last forever. Buildings, not so much so. When major building problems happen, we look to our insurance policies to at least cushion the blows that fall on the congregation. Those polices are always in the multiple tens of thousands of dollars each year.

Similarly, when people attend worship, AARP training sessions, men's prayer times and women's meetings, they have every right to expect that the space will be well lit, appropriately heated or cooled, and clean. Maintaining a temperature within a reasonable range helps maintain the structure of our properties, we can't simply turn the heat off in December in a building not used. That causes damage also. Utilities cost year-round. Taken together, utilities and insurance cos the church right at a quarter million dollars a year.

Stewardship simply is not something that we talk about once a year. Stewardship is not simply a discussion of money, either. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." "So," my nephew asked, "you use the money to do what I do at home, have heat and a/c and insurance?"

"No. We use the money to provide space to worship God, the give thanks for the life God has given us. We sue the money to create spaces for intentional Bible study that our souls may be shaped, and our paths made clear. We use the money to create safe havens for the most at-risk among us, and intentionally form and support our spiritual lives through prayer and service. We sue the money to house groups that plan trips to Africa, Central America, and the world, carrying medicines, Bibles, and servant hearts. Without this physical space to provide a place to gather, to plan, and to decide on action, so much that is needed in the world will never take place. That costs us in utilities and insurance. In return, the gospel goes out to all the world. And it happens because we give."

## Alturas Ministry

Alturas is a non-profit organization serving underprivileged children in the Lomas Del Rio, Pavas slums of the Costa Rican capital city San Jose.

Some 28 years ago, God spoke to Germantown United Methodist Church (GUMC) member Amy Speake who witnessed the plight of these forgotten women and children. Crime is the predominant means of economic support, and women and children are especially vulnerable in this male dominated society.

What began in 1992 as an evening ministry with a few women learning about Christ and how to make items for sale, has now grown to over 500 women. Through her ministry, Amy learned about children in poverty, and males overwhelmingly involved in criminal activity. As a Christian and teacher, Amy could not watch this cycle repeat itself.

In 2015, Amy established the Alturas school ministering to 30 children each Saturday during the school year. In addition to basic reading and a meal, Alturas teaches biblical stories, and respect for oneself and others. For some children, this meal is the first in a day or two, and most take a portion of the meal home for their siblings. These children have learned rudimentary English and progressed from 2-3 years behind to their appropriate grade level.

Alturas is supported by the GUMC missions committee, and needs both your prayers and financial support to grow. In 2018, the Alturas ministry added 15 children for a Thursday session, and the long term mission is to build connections with technical schools and English-speaking businesses such as call centers, so these 45 kids can find living wage employment. Amy's dream is to build Alturas into a 5 day a week program with each class a uniform age to better coordinate and deliver instructional content.

Please consider a recurring financial donation to this mission by designating "Alturas" in the comments field of the GUMC donation website, or in the memo line of your check:

<http://www.germantownumc.org/giving/>

**\*Alturas is a 501(c)(3) ministry that operates exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes**



## LWHNS Awarded to Mary Evelyn McPeters

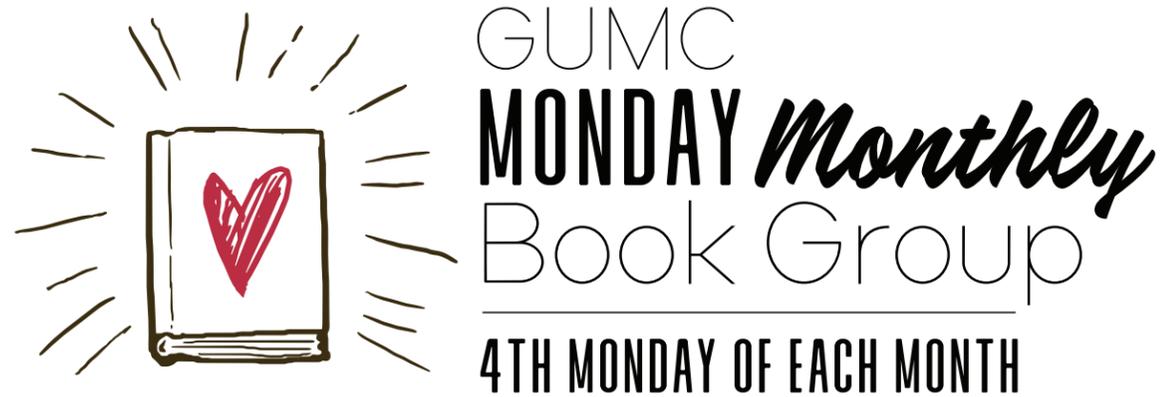


The Emmaus Class is proud to announce that we have chosen Mary McPeters to receive the 2019 nursing scholarship in Lauren's name. The scholarship was established to honor Lauren who loved serving others in the nursing profession. She lost her battle with cancer at the age of 29 in October of 2013. She left a wealth of family and friends who will always remember her with love and happy memories.

Mary exemplifies the model that Lauren lived by believing that God led her into this profession of service. She graduated from White Station High School and went on to The University of Tennessee in Knoxville where she achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. While she was finishing her degree at UT she felt drawn to nursing. To confirm her choice of a nursing career, she has worked in the healthcare profession for the last two years and prepared herself for nursing school. She has been accepted into the Nursing Program at Pellissippi State Community College for the coming fall semester.

Mary has been a member of our church her entire life (she is the daughter of our very own Eva McPeters). She has worked in the memory care unit of an assisted living community for the last couple of years that lead to the discovery that she wants to spend her nursing career in hospice care. While serving those with dementia, she was nominated to receive the Alzheimer's Tennessee Caring Hearts award.

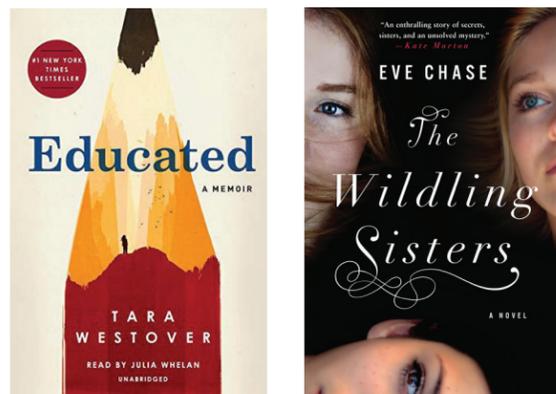
This scholarship will be awarded annually to a member of GUMC who is pursuing a degree in nursing. Donations can be made at any time to this scholarship fund by writing your check to GUMC with 'Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship' in the memo line. Thanks so very much to those who have already donated to this scholarship in Lauren's name.



### Monday Monthly Book Group

“Summertime, an’ the livin’ is easy” and the perfect time to catch up on your reading! Join us the 4th Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for a lively discussion! There is no need to register, just purchase the book or check-out from the library.

- July 22 *Educated by Tara Westover*
- August 26 *The Wildling Sisters by Eve Chase*



### United Methodist Men

 Tim Carpenter - tcarpenter@germantownumc.org - 901- 483-8875

### Rutherford Prayer Group

Each Wednesday morning from 6:30-7:00 a.m., men gather for devotion and prayer in the Fellowship Hall. This past Wednesday the group met at the Trinity Center because of VBS decorations. All men are invited to come any Wednesday morning and join the prayer effort.



### Is It Dementia or Forgetfulness?

As we age, we occasionally find we are in the “great here after”. We walk into a room, and say “what am I here after?” “And where are my glasses?” we ask, as they are right on top of your head!

Is this normal forgetfulness, or is it the beginning of dementia? How can we tell the difference? Not all people with memory problems have dementia. As we age, normal forgetfulness can occur. But how do you know what is going on in your own memory?

On Sunday, August 4, Herbie Krisel will be here to present a program on just this topic. She is the Director of the Page Robbins Adult Care Center. She will be speaking at 9:40 in the Fellowship Hall. She will do myth busting of dementia vs. forgetfulness. In addition, she will discuss new noninvasive treatment experiments and talk about the costs of care. She will leave time for questions and answers as well.

Plan to attend to hear this interesting and entertaining speaker as she shares her vast knowledge of dementia and all its components. Don't forget!

Questions? Call Pat Smith at 758-6513, or email psmith@germantownumc.org

### Expanding The Mission Field...Affirmed

 Bishop McAlilly - Nashville Episcopal Area of The UMC

On our trips to the Holy Land, one of the first stops of the trip is always Caesarea Maritima, the port on the Mediterranean from which the Apostle Paul likely sailed on his 2nd, 3rd, and 4th missionary journeys.

Each time I stand on that shore looking out across the Mediterranean Sea, I wonder if I, as a disciple, would have had the courage to make such a voyage. In our ordination text at Annual Conference, we read from II Corinthians 4 where Paul gives an accounting of the hardship he endured. Nonetheless, Paul continued to feel the call of God to expand his mission field.

Over the last two weeks, you have considered the possibility of expanding the mission fields of the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences. On June 3 the Memphis Conference voted on the possibility of becoming a new conference, and likewise, on June 13 the Tennessee Conference cast their vote.

Today, June 17, 2019, the respective conference secretaries met in Nashville to count the votes. I am pleased to report to you that both lay and clergy voted to support creating a new conference by 68% affirmation.

Thanks to all who have diligently led our work to explore expanding our mission and vision across the Nashville Episcopal Area by forming a new conference.

May God continue to grant the wisdom to live into the vision of expanding our mission field.

As we have continuously said for the last 7 years, “nothing is sacred but the mission.”

May the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) guide our steps as we Discover, Connect, Equip and Send lay and clergy leaders who shape congregations that offer Christ to a hurting world one neighborhood at a time.

**Bishop McAlilly**

## Lyman Aldrich Will Give History of MIM at the September Brown Bag Lunch!



After the assassination of Dr. King, downtown was almost deserted. Beale Street was closed, the Peabody closed and was sold on the courthouse steps, and the Orpheum was running X-rated movies. It was said that in 1977, when Memphis in May started, there were more people living in the jail than the rest of downtown. Learn the story behind Memphis in May, how Memphis was brought back, and who did it at the September Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council. Join us as we kick off our 15th season.

**TOPIC:** “How Memphis in May was Founded and the Economic and Social Effects It has had on the City”

**SPEAKER:** Lyman Aldrich, Founder, Memphis in May International Festival

**WHERE:** Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

**WHEN:** September 6, 2019. Program starts at 11 AM; lunch is at Noon.

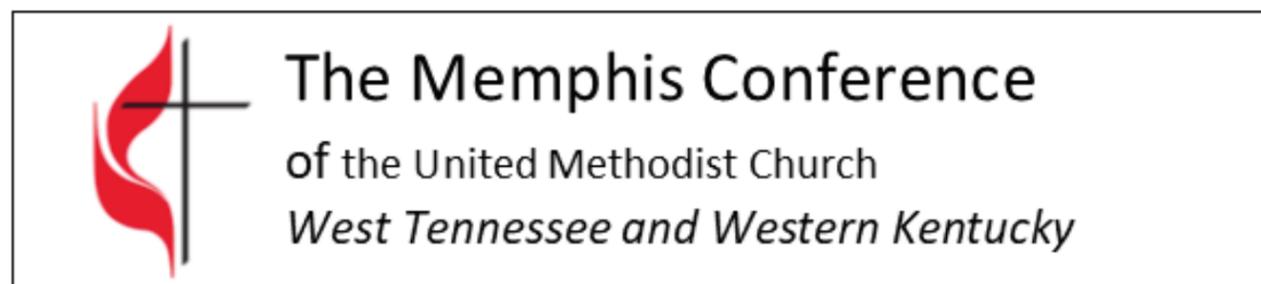
**COST:** FREE—the church will supply beverages.

**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.\*\***

## Annual Conference Coming to Germantown!



### Mark the Dates

Next June 7-9, 2020, the Memphis Annual Conference of the UMC will meet in Germantown, with GUMC as host.

As it stands now, there will be two worship services on Sunday the 7th at GUMC, at 4:00 and at 7:00. Beginning Monday, the Conference will meet at the GPAC.

### We Will Need Volunteers!

Greeting, hosting, meals, cleaning, driving, organizing, lighting, sound, setting up and taking down, providing safety, singing, and much more. This will be the time for Germantown UMC to offer incredible hospitality to our Annual Conference.

More information will follow.

## Older Adults continued

### 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 July 25 and 26, 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, July 25 & 26, 2019, 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, 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.**

### Summer is Upon Us—Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call...

The Handy Helpers Ministry Team, sponsored by the Older Adult Council, lends a “helping hand” to older adults in our church who need assistance with small repair and maintenance jobs around the house.

#### WHAT TYPE OF JOBS DO HANDY HELPERS DO?

- Light maintenance and repairs including small carpentry jobs such as malfunctioning doors, locks or windows.
- Minor electrical work such as replacing light switches and light bulbs.
- Replacing smoke alarm batteries.
- Minor plumbing work such as working on “running” toilets or leaky faucets.
- Other miscellaneous jobs are considered on an individual basis.



Handy Helpers do not work on large or small appliances, roofs, home decorating, or on jobs requiring tall ladders.

#### WHAT DOES THIS SERVICE COST?

The Handy Helpers service charges only for parts and materials used in the repair. There is NO charge for labor.

#### TO QUALIFY FOR THE HANDY HELPERS SERVICE:

You must be a member of Germantown United Methodist Church, have homeowner’s liability insurance, and be over 60 years of age.

**To request assistance, please contact Charles Waters, 286-4823**

## Fall/Winter GUMW Children's Consignment Sale Shop Friday and Saturday, August 23-24!

It's that time of year! Clean out the closet clutter, 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 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](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!

### Important Dates:

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

**Drop off:** Wednesday, August 21st, 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, August 22nd, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Pre-sale:** Thursday, August 22nd, 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, August 23rd, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Public Half-price Sale:** Friday, August 23rd, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, August 24th, 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Pick-up:** Sunday, August 25th, 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](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).*



Music is a vital part of just about any church. Singing is an expression of faith that I hold in high regard. Singing is how we are all equipped to love and worship God. But singing isn't the only musical expression of love and worship. Psalm 150 comes to mind when thinking on this.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Sunday, July 14, at 4:00 p.m. we can Praise God with pipe, actually a whole lotta pipes! We welcome back Music Director Emeritus, James Thrash. Jim will play our wonderful Schantz organ as part of the Memphis Chapter of the American Organists Guild summer recital series. What venue could be better? I hope to see many of you present to support live music making in our church, and to welcome back our dear friend Jim Thrash. This program is free and open to the public.

Just a month later we will welcome concert pianist, composer and Memphian, David Troy Francis. This recital will occur Sunday, August 11 at 4:00 p.m. I've known David for many years. You won't be disappointed with his musicianship, power, and grace as he works out our sanctuary piano. This program is a pay what you can afford love offering. Recordings of Mr. Francis will be available for purchase. Learn more about this concert, David, and his gifts, at this link. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/ZaRxhCOs6MJNa/>

It is good to give thanks for music at GUMC. Give thanks by your presence at these two events.

### **200th year of Christ Church Cathedral: St. Louis**

Members of the GUMC Chancel Choir recently took a trip to St. Louis. They participated in celebrating the 200th year of Christ Church Cathedral. The invitation to be in worship came from Cathedral organist, Pat Partridge. Pat has been at the Cathedral for 38 years. What a servant. Enjoy these pictures of the trip.



Servants need rest. That may sound odd, but it is true. Without rest, and renewal, burnout is imminent. The GUMC Chancel Choir will be taking a break this July and early August for this purpose. Choir members will get rest, they'll also miss what they do and who they do it with. Making reunion joyous! Miss these servants when they're gone from worship, welcome them back with joy.

Todd Wilson  
GUMC Director of Music

## Vacation Bible School

### VBS: Roar! Life is Wild. God is good!

We had a WILD time in VBS in June! We learned all the amazing ways God is with us when life is wild. Nearly 250 children joined us to traverse the savanna of Africa as we searched for the many ways God is with us. We performed science experiments, created crafts, participated in stories, sang, danced, played, and even ate snacks that pointed us to God. To make all this come to life, over 125 volunteers gave us time, energy, and talents. We ranged in age from 70s to seven months. It was a magical, wonderful week. Thank you to all who participated! Remember – “Life is Wild...God is Good!”



### Support for the Month of July

Children from our church will participate in two camps during the month of July - Mission Camp and Lakeshore Camp. Mission Camp is a GUMC camp designed for rising fifth and sixth grade students to participate in missions in and around Memphis. During this time, we try to expose the children to a number of mission opportunities in hopes they will find a way to serve that uses their talents and speaks to their hearts. It is a very fulfilling week for all involved.

Lakeshore Camp is a United Methodist “sleep away” camp in Eva, Tennessee. This camp gives our kids a chance to experience all the wonders of summer camp from creek stumping to night-time worship. We will be taking over 50 kids plus many counselors to this camp for a week of fun and exploration.

Please wrap our kids in your prayers this month as we step outside our comfort zone and share God’s love with others. Pray for our safety. Pray that the Spirit will touch us in ways that brings us closer to God. Pray doors will be opened for us to develop new friendships and nurture old ones. Thank you – your prayers are precious to us.

### Summer Dodgeball (2-4 PM in the OLEC)

What better to do on a hot summer day than to come inside and play crazy dodgeball?! Kids entering grades 3-6 are invited to join us for dodgeball from 2-4 PM on these dates: July 3, 24, and 31. No fee, no registration required. Bring friends as long as they are entering grades 3-6. Popsicles provided.



## Children's Ministry continued

### Poolpalooza



The transition from elementary school to middle school can be unnerving for kids (and their parents). To ease that transition, we are getting our rising sixth graders together for some pool time, so they can get to know each other better as well as get to know some other middle schoolers. We have two more Poolpaloozas this summer – July 11 and August 8 (6-8 PM). Registration is open online. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of the lifeguard and wear modest swimsuits. Girls bring a snack to share and guys bring a drink to share. We will send you the location after you register, but both events are in Germantown.

### Mission and Movie Mondays (10 AM – 2 PM in the Huddle)

We have THREE Mission and Movie Mondays in July – July 1, 22, and 29. On these fun days, we get together, learn about a mission, create a craft to be sold in our mission sale, eat lunch, and then chill with a movie. It is a great way to get out of the summer heat and do something purposeful. The cost is \$3 for lunch. Please register online.



### Promotion Sunday

All children and youth will promote to the next grade on Sunday, August 11. At this time, those children entering kindergarten will begin meeting in the Huddle on Sunday mornings. The rising sixth graders will move to Trek/Confirmation class. Other students will remain in their current area but move to the next grade level.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We are planning for the fall months already. Of course, that means we are searching for those adults who feel led to mentor our kids, particularly on Sunday mornings. In our program, we request a year of mentoring. While this may seem like a long commitment, it is integral to our belief that the best teaching comes from relationships. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering for this vital part of ministry, please contact Callie Beaver.



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

We hope our GUMP families are enjoying summer activities; relaxing with family and friends, soaking up the sun at the beach or pool, or having adventures right at home. Germantown United Methodist Preschool has wrapped up another great school year! Our older friends performed their "Great American Picnic" Spring Music Program for family and friends as we began our summer break. We wish our families a safe and relaxing summer and we look forward to welcoming our friends back to school in August.

GUMP's summer hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will be closed June 10-14 and July 1-5. This summer we are offering 4 week long camps for our current families. These camps are available for children ages 2 to 6.

For 2019/2020 school year, we will continue to offer Before Care and After Care Program to our day, which has been very helpful to families. While maintaining our excellent school day from 9:30-2:30, parents/caregivers who need longer hours can enroll in their choice of before care, after care, or both. Before Care hours are 7:30-9:30 a.m. and After Care hours are 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Enrollment for the 2019/2020 school year is currently underway. An Enrollment Application, with options and fees, can be found on GUMP's website at [www.mygump.org](http://www.mygump.org). Families may choose a 2, 3 or 5 day option.

**Should you have any questions or wish to come visit GUMP, please call the preschool office at 901.753.3109.**



## Youth Ministry Brian Richards - brichards@germantownumc.org

### A Warm Welcome

GUMC Youth is proud to introduce our two summer interns who have been, and will continue to serve alongside us this summer on all three of our Summer trips and every week through our partnerships with Manna House and MAM. Jacob and Nick would love to get the chance to tell you a little about themselves;



*"Hello GUMC, my name is Jacob Pierce. I am a senior at The University of Alabama studying aerospace engineering. I have been a member at GUMC for the entirety of my life. This summer, I will be following in the footsteps of my mother, Lisa Pierce, as I begin serve the church as an intern for the GUMC youth group. I am very much looking forward to guiding and mentoring the youth through their spiritual journeys over the course of the summer as well as having the ability to serve my community through the youth group's various outreach opportunities." - Jacob P.*



*"Hi, my name is Nick Stevenson and I am excited to be working with the youth as a summer intern! I graduated from Duke University in 2017 and have been working as a medical scribe prior to pursuing professional school. I recently finished the Downline Emerging Leader program and will begin working as a high school chemistry teacher in August. I am very passionate about sports (Go Blue Devils!!), board games, discipleship, reading, and the great outdoors (skiing, hiking, and climbing)." - Nick S.*

As we welcome them into the GUMC family please introduce yourself to them and continue to love and serve the way you always do.

Thanks  
-GUMC Youth

## Youth Ministry continued: College Tidings



### Mountain TOP Ministries

Germantown UMC is celebrating its 41st year of partnership with Mountain TOP ministries. In our long partnership with them GUMC has built invaluable relationships with our neighbors in the Cumberland plateau, and provided Mountain TOP with quite a few staff Members. The second week in July our GUMC Youth ministries will be traveling to Mountain TOP and we will have the pleasure of working with one of our own: **Kara Painter**

Kara is preparing to start her junior year at the University of Arkansas and worked at Mountain Top last summer. This year she is serving as one of the Day Camp Directors. Day camp is a relatively new program for Mountain TOP, but is easily one of its most valuable. Kara loves being on the Mountain and we could not be more proud of her choice to serve again this summer.

### Service Over Self

Service Over Self is an urban home repair camp in the heart of Memphis that uses students from all around the country to glorify God in word and deed through partnerships with local homeowners in the Binghamton and Orange Mound neighborhoods. GUMC is taking a group of 30 youth and adults to SOS this summer for the 13th time. While we are serving there, we will be able to fellowship with one of our own GUMC Youth alumni: **Scott Wicinski**

Scott Just finished his freshman year at the University of Arkansas and will be serving this summer at SOS as a Team Leader. Scott participated in the summer missions programs at SOS with GUMC for years and felt the call to work on staff with them this summer. We could not be more excited to spend time with Scott and the rest of the staff at SOS while GUMC Youth is there the last week of July as we button up all the home repair projects from the summer.

GUMC is also volunteering at SOS the week our Youth will be there by serving meals, delivering Popsicles, and doing laundry. We need you for this and if you are available please contact Brian Richards, [brichards@germantownumc.org](mailto:brichards@germantownumc.org)



Kara Painter



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## 2019 Meeting of the Memphis Annual Conference



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### **Ready, Set, GO!**

The 2019 meeting of the Memphis Annual Conference is in the files. Now putting the plans made into action is the next step! A wrap up with photos and videos along with other news can be found at the Conference web site, <https://www.memphis-umc.net/>