

# ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

## **Monday Monthly Book Group**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, Room 338

There is no need to register, just purchase the book (or check-out from the library) and join us for a spirited discussion!

January 22	<i>One of Ours</i>   Willa Cather
February 26	<i>The Worst Hard Time</i>   Timothy Egan
March 26	<i>Playing with the Enemy</i>   Gary W. Moore
April 23	<i>Paperboy</i>   Vince Vawter
May 28	<i>A Piece of the World</i>   Christian Baker Kline

## **Men's Sunrise Prayer Group**

Tuesdays, 6:30 -7:15 a.m., Room 338

This weekly men's fellowship is open to all men interested in sharing prayer concerns and discussing topics of interest as relates to our relationship with Christ. Discussion typically revolves around a book of interest chosen by the group.

For more information visit <http://gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com> or email Skip Miller at [hwmillerjr@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmillerjr@hotmail.com).

## **Rutherford Intercessory Prayer Group**

Wednesdays, 6:30 -7:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

This group is open to all GUMC men for a mid-week time of devotion, fellowship, and intercessory prayer. We meet in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall and welcome visitors and new members. The Rutherford Prayer Group offers prayers for those on our congregational prayer list and other friends and families within and outside the church. Our ministry includes sending cards to each person on our prayer list and visiting those who are in the hospital or away for an extended time. We meet every Wednesday morning. After adjourning, members enjoy breakfast and fellowship at a nearby restaurant or reconvene to work on various projects at GUMC or other project sites.

For more information about the group or to submit a prayer request, please contact Jimmy Wright (email [jimmyw2424@gmail.com](mailto:jimmyw2424@gmail.com), phone 848-9737) or Randy Lewis (email [randy@rlewis.us](mailto:randy@rlewis.us), phone 354-4875).

The popular midweek venue featuring fellowship, classes, Chancel Choir rehearsal, and programming for all ages will begin on January 17.

From 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. there will be a worship service for children, youth, and families in the chapel. This service is intended to offer an alternative worship experience to meet the needs of children and youth. There will be music, a lesson, and worship response designed especially for these age groups. Families are encouraged to attend together, but children and youth are invited to attend unaccompanied. Don't have children or youth? No problem! Come and join us if you would like to experience worship in a new way.

We have Wednesday night programming for children ages two through high school.

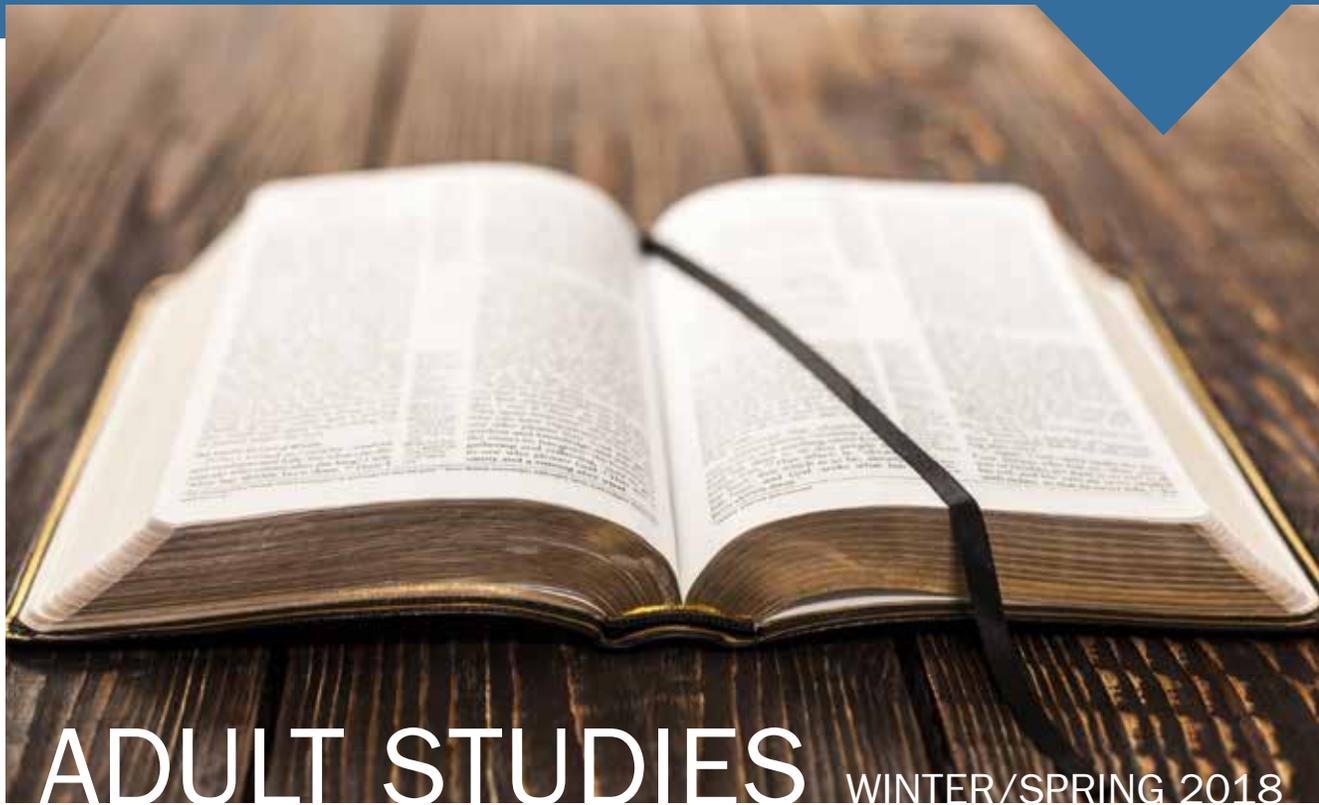
- Preschool-aged children are invited to the Hamilton Nursery area for curriculum and games beginning at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to serve your child dinner in the Huddle (or bring another meal) to the Hamilton Nursery to eat at 5:30.
- Elementary Expedition: EE is a children's ministry equivalent of Youth Group. Elementary children are invited to meet in "The Huddle" at 5:30 p.m. for a "kid-friendly" dinner (\$3.00/child at the door. Online reservations required.) After dinner, we will move to family worship in the chapel. Following worship, we will move into small groups for more lesson and games. We finish at 7:15 p.m. in the children's wing. (For parents taking classes that extend to 7:30, we will gladly keep your child until you have completed your evening class.)
- Middle School youth are invited to join the children for dinner at 5:30 p.m. (\$3 at the door). They may also skip dinner and join us for worship at 6:00 in the chapel followed by some awesome small group time at 6:30. At the end of the semester we'll go somewhere off campus 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- High School youth will meet off-campus each week from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. including snacks, Bible and book study, and small groups!
- Adult Classes and Chancel Choir meet in the Hamilton Ministry Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no children's or youth programming on March 14. for spring break.

There will be preschool childcare in the Hamilton Nursery.



For questions or more information regarding any of these studies or activities, contact Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, at [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org) or 901-754-5093.



# ADULT STUDIES

WINTER/SPRING 2018

## INTRODUCTION

While worship is central to Germantown UMC, it is only part of the “disciple making” experience of following Christ. Small group studies enhance the worship experience by providing opportunities to learn more about the Bible, discuss current issues, develop close personal friendships, grow in faith, and learn how to apply the Christian faith in real life situations.

We have an exciting line up of Adult Education classes this winter and spring! In this brochure you’ll find information and course descriptions for each offering, as well as icons that indicate additional details.

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Childcare is available by reservation.

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Cost is associated with this class.

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Book, participant guide, or Bible needed.

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Registration is required.

## **“The Story” Bible Study – Part 3**

**Wednesdays, Jan. 17 – April 11,**

**6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; or**

**Thursdays, Jan. 18 – April 12,**

**10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**C B R \$5**  
*Rev. Brad Sabner*

*The Story* is an innovative, video-based, small group Bible study that presents Scripture as a continuous narrative in chronological order. This study sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events and allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. If you have been intimidated by the thought of reading and understanding the Bible, but you want to gain an understanding of the essence of this incredible story, then this Bible study is for you!

Join Rev. Gabriel for this final semester’s study that will cover John the Baptist; the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; the ministry of Paul; and the birth of the church (5/6 B.C. – 95 A.D.).

Rev. Gabriel is offering this study on TWO different days – one is sure to fit your schedule!

## **Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study**

Facilitated by Chesley Porteous/  
[chesleyporteous@gmail.com/268-4884](mailto:chesleyporteous@gmail.com/268-4884)

### **Secrets Jesus Shared**

**Kingdom Insights Revealed Through the Parables**  
**Wednesdays, Jan. 17 – Feb. 28, 9:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

**C B R \$25**

The disciples weren’t the only ones who needed help understanding the parables Jesus told. Believers today often need some clarification. Using this six-week interactive Bible study from author Jennifer Kennedy Dean, you can explore the secrets of the kingdom of God as revealed in the parables Jesus shared. The study, with five daily lessons for each of six weeks, will help you understand what the kingdom of God is and how to release its power in your life.

### **Entrusted –**

### **A Study of Second Timothy**

**Wednesdays, March 7 – April 11, 9:45 – 11:45 a.m.**  
**C B R \$25**

In the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy, Paul charges Timothy to not be ashamed to fulfill God’s call on his life. This 6-session Bible study by Beth Moore will encourage women to guard what God has entrusted to them, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and mentor younger generations of women just as Paul guided Timothy.

## **Young Women’s Bible Study**

**Finding “I AM”**

**How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart**

**Tuesdays, Jan. 16 – Feb. 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**(skipping Feb. 20)**

Facilitated by Jennifer Harlan/

[mrsjenharlan@gmail.com/212-4894](mailto:mrsjenharlan@gmail.com/212-4894)

**C B R \$20**

What is the deep cry of your heart, the ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? God cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling and wants to step in and see you through it. Join author Lysa Terkeurst on the streets of Israel for this interactive, in-depth study exploring the seven “I AM” statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Discover how Jesus is the key to satisfaction and trade feelings of emptiness for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is.

## **Present Over Perfect**

**Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More  
Soulful Way of Living**

**Wednesdays, January 17 – February 28**

**6:00 – 7:15 p.m. (skipping Feb. 14)**

Facilitated by Amy Tuggle/

[amy@stayorganizedwithus.com/651-0432](mailto:amy@stayorganizedwithus.com/651-0432)

**C B R \$10**

In this 5-session video Bible study, New York Times bestselling author Shauna Niequist will help you begin leaving behind busyness and frantic living and rediscover the person you were meant to be. This study is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more. Shauna will offer a compelling vision for an entirely new way to live: soaked in grace, rest, silence, simplicity, prayer, and connecting with the people that matter most to us.

## **The Parables of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel**

**Wednesdays, March 7 – April 11**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Taught by Rev. Tim Carpenter

**C B R**

Human beings love to listen to stories – and Jesus loved to tell them. Much of Jesus’ teaching was accomplished through the telling of parables. From shepherds to Samaritans, Jesus used common reference points to teach important truths that turn the familiar world upside down. Join Rev. Carpenter as he discusses parables found in Luke and how those parables provoke serious thought and call us to be more loving, forgiving, and accepting.

## Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week

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

Facilitated by Mary Groh/

[mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org) /754-7216

C B R \$15

In this 5-session study we will explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus' life and with the resurrection.

We will focus on the "main events" of Holy Week and explore different ways to view and understand what God is doing in these events. Participants will be challenged to think about what the death of Jesus means, what message from God is in the resurrection, and how the Church is the body of Christ.

## The Post-Black & White Church: Becoming the Beloved Community in a Multi-Ethnic World

Sundays, April 8 – May 6, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Rev. Erin Beasley / [ebeasley@germantownumc.org](mailto:ebeasley@germantownumc.org) / 754-7216

C B R \$20

Efrem Smith offers a workable plan for connecting theology, practical ministry models, and real stories of people in multi-ethnic Christian communities. Using the example of Jesus, Smith develops a theology of multi-ethnic and missional leadership. Embracing urban and ethnic subcultures such as hip-hop, this book provides a rich mix of multi-ethnic church development, reconciliation theology, missional church thinking, and Christian community. This study provides a common-sense approach to creating a multi-ethnic Christian community and includes practical ministry models and real stories of people who are members of thriving multi-ethnic congregations.

## How Christians Agree to Disagree

Thursdays, April 12 – 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Stephen Ministers, Betty Duke and Dinah Allison

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Even though Christians share common beliefs and values, it is not easy to live in harmony because there is so much both within and without that seeks to disrupt our fellowship. What images come to your mind as you reflect on the words, "difference of opinion"? There are times when our opinions will place us on opposite sides of an issue. How do we deal with disagreement? In this 3-session workshop, learn how to listen without taking offense; help others without criticizing; distinguish between true and false criticizing; and deal with gossip and slander. Through this workshop, we hope to build bridges instead of walls.

## Membership Class: WELCOME TO GUMC!

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

Rev. Tim Carpenter, Rev. Brad Gabriel,  
Rev. Erin Beasley

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What's distinctive about the United Methodist Church? Even if you're in church every Sunday, it can be difficult to feel like you really know the UMC's history, beliefs, mission, and culture. Join Rev. Tim Carpenter to learn about the roots of the United Methodist Church going back to John Wesley, his devotion to inviting people to experience God's grace, to grow in their love of God through disciplined Christian living and by putting faith and love into action. Hear about the United Methodist Church structure, sacraments, and get an overview of the mission and ministries of Germantown UMC.

This workshop is open to members, prospective members, or anyone wanting to know more about The United Methodist Church and Germantown UMC. Childcare is available by reservation. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call Mary Groh.

## Faith Seeking Understanding: A Weekend of Spiritual Renewal Growing Pains of the Early Church

Dr. James Fleming

April 27 – 29, 2018

Experience the world of the Bible with one of the best known teachers of Biblical Archaeology! An internationally known scholar, Dr. Fleming lived and taught in Israel for 37 years and is currently the Director of Biblical Resources and the CEO of the Biblical History Center, a museum of daily life in biblical times, located in LaGrange, Ga. Dr. Fleming uniquely ties his lectures on historical geography with the biblical text and with an emphasis on the theological implications.

Dr. Fleming will bring his scholarship to GUMC for dinner and lecture on Friday night (dinner at 6:00 p.m., lecture at 7:15), a Saturday morning seminar (9:00 -12:00, Noon), and lectures on Sunday morning during our Sunday school hours.

**Mark your calendars – this is a not-to-be-missed event!!**