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Dear GPC Members and Friends,

We are blessed to be part of one of the most dynamic seasons in the history Germantown Presbyterian Church. I am so grateful for each and every person who is part of the GPC family. Together we are growing in healthy and important ways. I am so thankful for this past year, even as I eagerly anticipate all that 2019 will bring for our church and community.

This year of 2018 saw us change our church campus in ways that will benefit many generations to come. At the start of the year, the former Warren Hall building was still standing, and by the end of the year the new Education Building will be over two-thirds complete.

The closer the building moves to completion, the more excited we are for what this building will mean for our church and for our whole community.

GPC is growing in our understanding that while our church members support and maintain our facilities, our buildings are great tools for inviting people into our sphere of influence. In this day and age, when many churches are decreasing in numbers and support, healthy churches open themselves up for community groups and meetings of many kinds. For example, in addition to the many church groups that use our facilities, we invite many life-saving support groups (such as Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Alliance on Mental Health) to meet regularly in our building. We believe that we are contributing to a person's salvation and to a better community by having these groups under our umbrella. It is part of our mission to give these groups grace in the form of a place to meet free of charge. We also have several neighborhood associations, garden clubs, hobby-based clubs, and community organizations that meet in our buildings. Our hope is that by inviting people into our architectural space, they will feel welcomed into the spiritual space that is Christ's church. Through our hospitality, people will experience Christ's welcoming personality.

Part of the renewed dynamism in our church is our belief that God is calling us to grow in several ways.

Most importantly, we want people to grow spiritually in their life-saving and life-changing relationship with God through Jesus Christ. People are hungry for solid, spiritual food, and when they receive it, they are spiritually nourished and grow. It is hard to quantify and measure spiritual growth. It happens slowly over time as we carefully cultivate the seeds

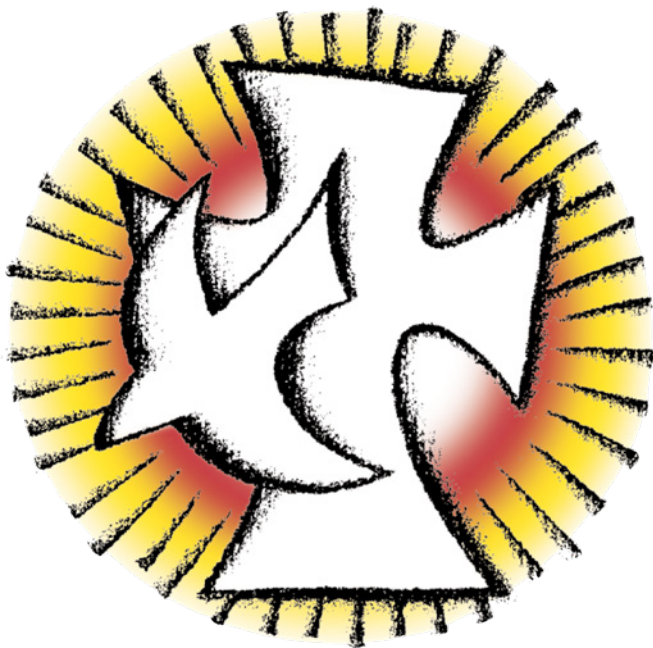
of faith that the Holy Spirit plants in our hearts. It takes deliberate effort on our part, and one of the church's main responsibilities is to provide occasions and resources for people to grow in their relationship with God.

In addition to the spiritual growth of our members is the numerical growth of the church. The GPC leadership is discerning how God wants to grow our church numerically. Over the course of this past fall, we have been focusing on the meaning and purpose of evangelism. We have been studying trends in churches in North America, and we have listened to many personal accounts of church decline and growth. In late November, a few Elders and I attended an evangelism workshop at one of the fastest-growing churches in our area. We have two new Evangelism Task Forces made up of Elders, staff, and lay-people that are focusing on "internal" and "external" evangelism. We have a small group of people that are in the fledgling stages of determining if GPC can numerically grow by adding a third worship service in addition to our two morning services. I am praying for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us as we seek to increase the membership of GPC in significant ways in 2019.

Thank you for your participation in this exciting adventure that is Germantown Presbyterian Church. It is dynamic, fun, hard, challenging, and rewarding. May God bless us for another year as we serve Christ and neighbor.

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What Are You Looking For?

Are you looking for...

- > An opportunity to experience personal and spiritual growth?
- > An understanding of God's will for your life?
- > A chance to use your unique gifts?

The GPC congregation is being offered the opportunity to discover your spiritual gifts which will help you address these areas and more. We will study what spiritual gifts are and where they come from, identify clues to our gifts, explore what the Bible says about gifts, discuss how to apply spiritual gifts in our lives, and much more.

Every Christmas we celebrate God's greatest gift, Jesus. He lived a perfect life of service, was crucified, and rose from the dead to proclaim that nothing, not even sin and death, can separate us from God's loving presence.

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts to help others experience Jesus' love. Many of us, however, have never unwrapped or discovered our spiritual gifts. That's why this course is being offered.

NEW IN JANUARY!
WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO WITH MY LIFE?
Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

This biblically based course answers such questions as:

- >Who receives spiritual gifts?
- >What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?
- >How can I be sure that I have a particular spiritual gift?
- > What does the Bible say about spiritual gifts?
- >What is the difference between gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit?

Beginning on January 9, this class will be offered at two different times during the week to accommodate as many people as want to take advantage of this learning/growth opportunity. Beginning January 9 during Wednesday night Compass, the class will meet at 6:00pm in the GPC Activity Center. Then the class will be offered again on Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm downstairs in The Well beginning January 13.

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins will facilitate. A registration fee of \$15 covers the cost of materials, refreshments, and other supplies. To learn more about the course, call the office at 901-754-5195 or email susiew@germantownpres.org. You can also find out more on our website at www.GermantownPres.org.

MUSIC IN JANUARY

I don't know about you, but it's hard for me to believe that it's 2019! My mind and thoughts linger on our worship services and music in worship during the month of December 2018!! A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make it all possible. It takes a village! Worship committee/office staff/program staff/and all of our musicians who work, plan, and spend hours rehearsing and preparing for the excitement of worship in Advent and Christmastide!! Again, THANKS to ALL!! December 2018 was indeed a wonderful month of Music and Worship at GPC!

As we move into 2019, we welcome our new organist Dr. Alex Benford and his wife Jennifer. He has recently completed a DMA in Organ Performance at the University of Alabama. As you will see in his bio, he has years of experience as a church organist and hand bell director. His first Sunday at GPC will be Sunday, January 6. Welcome Alex and Jennifer.

Anthems during January will include *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*, *Non Nobis, Domine*, and a selection from *Band of Angels* January 20 to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and our national holiday on January 21. Soloists will include Jeff Day, Lexa Ferrill, and Stephanie Doche. Quality music in worship is our goal, and we encourage you to invite friends to join you in worship - to give GPC a try - they will be welcomed and just may find it to be the church home they have been looking for. If they enjoy quality music in worship, they will love GPC!

Let me again thank you for your love of and support for music at GPC! Your support through the annual budget and your special contributions to the Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund allow me the flexibility to invite guest musicians/have student singers on a regular basis/enrich our worship experience through music in so many ways! Thank you for your continued support!! I look forward to seeing YOU in WORSHIP!

Jerold Teachey, D.M.
Director of Music

THANK YOU, GPC FAMILY

I want to thank you, GPC family, for your generosity and kind words upon my retirement from full-time music ministry. Working with Jerold, the other music staff, and church staff has been exhilarating and rewarding. I have thoroughly enjoyed the collaboration with vocalists, instrumentalists, children, youth, and adults as I have directed and accompanied various ensembles. In the past 13 years, this church family has been my **rock** when I encountered more than my share of medical challenges. I am forever grateful for the outpouring of love and support during those times of trial.

I retire from my duties with full confidence in the gifts and talents that Alex Benford, organist, will bring to GPC. I wish him the best as he brings new and different energy to an already thriving music ministry. I will graciously step aside and allow him to flourish in his new position as organist and handbell director. Though you won't see me at GPC on a weekly basis, please know that I treasure all the friendships that have been developed here.

Many of you have asked if I will remain in Germantown and the answer is yes. I plan to teach piano from my home and find more opportunities to serve God with the hammered dulcimer.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve Germantown Presbyterian Church. GPC will always hold a special place in my heart.

WELCOME, ALEX

I am pleased to introduce Dr. Alex Benford who has been hired to replace Carolyn Mason as our Organist and Director of Handbell Choirs as of January 1. Dr. Benford (Alex) comes to us as an experienced church musician, organist, conductor, and staff coach. We are excited to have Alex join our staff.

Schweitzer Memorial organ in Spivey Hall, and one of his recital performances was featured on WABE's *Atlanta Music Scene*.



Alex Benford recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance at the University of Alabama where he studied organ and harpsichord with Dr. Faythe Freese. As a graduate assistant, Dr. Benford served as accompanist for the choral ensembles and as University Carillonneur at the Denny Chimes. He held the William Henderson Organ Fellowship at Grace Presbyterian Church for three years where he was also Director of Handbell Choirs. In addition to solo recitals, concert appearances have included choral masterworks such as the Duruflé *Requiem*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Alex has appeared on Georgia Public Broadcasting's *Georgia Traveler* demonstrating the Albert

Dr. Benford also holds a Master of Music degree in collaborative piano from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. During his eleven-year tenure as Staff Coach/Pianist at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, he conducted numerous opera productions and performed on the Spivey Hall stage upwards of 100 times as either organist, pianist, conductor, collaborator, or chamber musician. He has coached on the staff of the Harrower Summer Opera Workshop at Georgia State University and has served as coach with the University of Miami School of Music in Salzburg, Austria.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, food, and an opportunity to meet new friends and dine with current GPC friends.

How it works: hosts prepare for a dinner party and don't find out who their guests are until they arrive. Guests come to the church and find out which dinner party they are going to and get directions to the host's home.

When: 5:30 pm, Saturday, February 9

Where: Hosts are needed to volunteer to prepare a dinner party in your home. The host decides the size of party: six, eight, twelve, or more including the hosts. Hosts may want to recruit co-hosts for larger parties. Hosts can be creative with their planning: a barbecue, pizza party, chili dogs, a formal dinner, or your favorite meal.

Reservations Required: Call or email Ann DeVere (901-754-5195 or annd@germantownpres.org) at the church to sign up. Contact Andrea Goughnour (andreagoughnour@gmail.com or 901-230-2404) or Elizabeth Wilson (ewilson@southwest.tn.edu or 901-216-7664) for more details or to volunteer as a host.



Churchwide email list:

If you want to receive a weekly informational email from GPC with all the latest news and updates, contact the Communications Department at communications@germantownpres.org.

GPC THEATRE FELLOWSHIP GROUP



The theatre fellowship group is going to the play *Four Weddings and an Elvis* at Germantown Community Theatre on Friday, January 18 at 8:00.

Sandy, the four-times -married-three-times-divorced owner of a wedding chapel in Las Vegas has certainly seen her fair share of matrimonies! In the hilarious *Four Weddings and an Elvis*, we witness four of her funniest! Bev and Stan, who are getting married - by the King himself - as revenge on their exes; Vanessa and Bryce, two arrogant aging stars who are tying the knot as a publicity ploy, and are vexed by an aging Elvis who doesn't know who they are; and Martin and Fiona; a gentle postal worker and a tough ex-con trying to get married before the police arrive! However, the final wedding is the memorable characters, *Four Weddings and an Elvis* is a comedic treat certain to please audiences!

Please contact Convener Terry Pickett at terrypickett@gmail.com or 901-305-6625 for more information.

ADULT CLASSES AND GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30am-10:30am Winter-Spring 2019

Take a look at what will be going on this month on Sunday mornings. Our hope is for every adult in the GPC community to be plugged into one group dedicated to study, fellowship, and prayer. All of these groups could be a powerful way to come to know the Lord a little more. Contact Pastor Jay (jayh@germantownpres.org; 901-754-5195 x112) with any questions or for more information on any of these groups.

The Gospel of Matthew

Room: P-1 (Preschool Wing, lower level)

Leader: Drayton Mayers

This weekly Bible Study will be going through the Gospel of Matthew through late spring, bit by bit. Join this group to explore Matthew's account of Jesus' life.

Hits of the Ages

Room: P-3 (Preschool Wing, lower level)

Coordinator: Alan Callicott, Liz Callicott, Bo Hornberg

This ongoing group for adults of all ages has been meeting for the past two years and is going strong! The group typically studies books of the Bible and has recently begun a study of the Gospel of Luke.

Psalms 78 Class

Room: LL-115 (Noah's Ark Room, lower level)

Coordinators: Tricia Harris, Chuck Utterback

This group, originally started as "Sticky Faith" for parents of younger children but open to all adults, has met for two years. The group has recently started a study of the Book of Isaiah.

Cobblestone Bible Study

Room: Mellor Library (main level)

Coordinators: Holly Hensarling, Frances Howell

This ongoing group is in part an extension of the Cobblestone Fellowship Group (ages 20-40) but is open to everyone. Meeting in the church library, the group is studying the Gospel of John.

Presbyterian from Scratch

Room: UL-212 (upper level)

Teachers: Alinda Fahrenkopf, Jill Crocker, Jay Howell, William Warren

Following up on last year's series "Christian from Scratch," this year-long series is covering the distinctive qualities of the Presbyterian "lens" on the Christian faith. After studying the particulars of Presbyterian history and doctrine in Fall 2018, this class will be a primer in Presbyterian church governance and worship. Why are we organized the way we are? Why do we worship the way we do? This class will explore the answers.

Paula's Hearts & Hands

Room: UL-214 (upper level)

Coordinators: Elaine Cates, Amy Eoff, Mary Rogers

This group combines Bible Study with service to the church in knitting prayer shawls. This group is currently finishing a study of the Old Testament books of Ruth and Esther.

Bible Studies and Small Groups Winter-Spring 2019

Discipleship isn't just for Sunday mornings. Throughout the week, there are a number of other opportunities to gather for study, fellowship and prayer. Take a look at what groups are meeting and get connected! Contact Pastor Jay (jayh@germantownpres.org; 901-754-5195 x112) for more information on any of these groups.

Monday

Eat, Pray, Read (monthly book discussion group)

2nd Mondays, 9:30am-10:30am

*Meets off-site in group members' homes

Contact: Carol Barnes (ccbarnes35@gmail.com)

Men's Lunch Devotional

2nd and 4th Mondays, 11:30am-12:30pm

*meeting at Paradise Café (6150 Poplar Ave, #120)

Contact: Jay Howell (jayh@germantownpres.org)

Women's Book Group

3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Room: Church Library

Contact: Beth Willingham (bethwillingham@comcast.net)

Tuesday

Presbyterian Women (PW)

1st Tuesdays; 10:00am or 7:00pm; Bible Study Circles, multiple locations

3rd Tuesdays; 10:00am; Activity Center

Contact: Billie Work (billiework@aol.com)

Wednesday

Compass meal and programs (see page 9 for details)

Thursday

Thursday Bible Study

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9:30am-10:30am, Church library

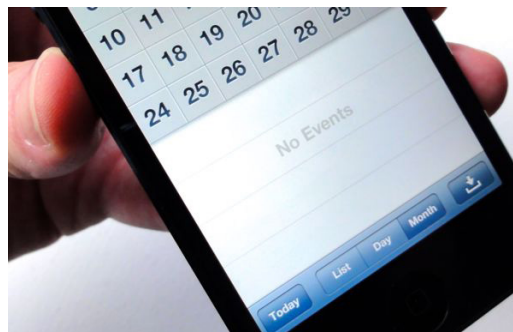
Contact: Jean Carroll (jeancarroll1@comcast.net)

Friday

Men's Breakfast

Fridays, 6:30am-7:30am, Activity Center, \$3 breakfast

Contact: Jim Boyd (jboyd10@comcast.net)



MEN AT GPC

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30 am in the Activity Center (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30 am (bring \$3) and Bible study at 7:00. Different men lead each week's study. Come one, come all!



Men's Lunch Devotions

All men are invited to come as you can on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 11:30 am-12:30 pm at the Paradise Café (6150 Poplar Ave #120). Part of GPC's Men's Ministry, this bimonthly lunch study is facilitated by Rev. Jay Howell.

WOMEN AT GPC

Presbyterian Women Welcome Melissa Farrar from Hope House



Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study (circles) will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00am and the Gathering will be January 15. Please note the change in dates for January Circles. All women are invited to attend.

At the January 15 Gathering, Melissa Farrar from Hope House will share her work. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker graduating from the University of Tennessee's College of Social Work. Melissa has over 18 years of experience providing individual, group, and play therapy for people experiencing trauma. Melissa has been the Director of Social Services at Hope House for 2 years.

Melissa will give a brief overview of what HIV is, how it is contracted as well as prevention efforts in effect that stop the spread of HIV. She will go over the resources offered by Hope House to those infected or affected by HIV. Lastly, she will address the stigma within the community that is still present and still impacts those living with HIV and will discuss how we can help decrease this stigma.

For more information, contact Billie Work at 901-351-0273 or billiehw@aol.com.

The new year will soon be upon us, and we're reviewing all the various aspects of our financial process. Currently, we're sending offering envelopes to just over 240 of our families, but we know a lot of folks are giving on-line or through the mail and not using the envelopes. While we want to provide offering envelopes to all who desire them, we'd like you to let us know if you're receiving them now but don't need them. If this is the case, just call Fred Turverey in the church office (901-754-5195) or email fredt@germantown-pres.org. We'll take care of the rest.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Looking for a way to connect?

Looking for a way to connect with more folks and just want to get know more of your GPC family? Well, we have the answer for you! It's by participating in one of our many fellowship groups.

As 2019 begins, the Congregational Care Committee wants all of our church family to know about the various fellowship groups and, if you aren't already participating, invite you to join one (or more). The groups have various activities, interests, and interesting names: Rolling Stones (Ashley and David Robinson, conveners), Cornerstones (Lanny Oakes, convener), Hits of the 50's & 60's (Susan Morgan and Kathleen Boyd, conveners), Saturday Night #4 (Beth Carter, convener), Parents' Night Out (Susan Jones, convener), Cobblestone (Frances Howell and Holly Hensarling, conveners), Keystones (George Barnes, convener), Boyle's Bandits (Bill Boyle, convener), and Theatre Fellowship Group (Becky Stanley, convener). If you haven't found your fellowship group yet and aren't sure which one is for you, please contact Pastor Susie Wiggins at susiew@germantownpres.org, or one of the Fellowship Group sub-committee members - Jimmy Kiser (jwkiser1@gmail.com) and Martha Drannon (mbdrannon@comcast.net), and they will gladly help find the right one (or more) for you! There is always room, too, for new fellowship groups, so if you are interested in beginning a new one, please contact either Pastor Susie, Jimmy, or Martha (or the church office). susiew@germantownpres.org, jwkiser1@gmail.com, mbdrannon@comcast.net.



PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM & NEW PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

The Congregational Care Prayer Ministry Team is looking to start a prayer partnership between the youth and adults of GPC. This would not require a face-to-face routine meeting or submitting of reports. This would be strictly a confidential prayer relationship that could be done by email, text, or phone call.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of praying for GPC's youth. If interested, please contact Pastor Susie at 901-754-5195 or susiew@germantownpres.org.

GPC EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY

Germentown Presbyterian has an on-going email prayer ministry.

The distribution list includes about 250 participants who are true prayer warriors.

The Email Prayer Ministry is hosted by our own Margaret Owens, and we are so grateful to her for the care and concern she gives to each incoming request for prayer, which she then forwards on to the distribution list. If you have a prayer concern, simply email Margaret; and if you would like to be on the Email Prayer Ministry distribution list, also email Margaret. Her email is MargaretOwens1@aol.com.

Churchwide email lists:

If you want to receive a weekly informational email from GPC's Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and/or from GPC with all the latest news and updates, contact the Communications Department at communications@germantownpres.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMPASS

DINNER: 5:30PM, ACTIVITY CENTER
PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES: 6PM-7PM

Our mid-week ministry, Wednesday Night Compass, resumes January 9! Compass is a wonderful way to share in fellowship and grow in discipleship in the heart of each week.

Join us weekly for dinner in the Activity Center at 5:30pm. Adults: \$7, Children <12: \$4, Max per Family: \$20. (Check out more details on our Compass webpage: <https://germantownpres.org/involvement/the-compass/>.)

Most weeks, our Youth (grades 6-12) meet off-site at Chick-Fil-A (1230 S Germantown Rd). You can catch a ride from church with Pastor Amanda at 5:30pm, returning at 7pm, or meet everyone there! For Children, practice for the Children's Christmas Presentation continues with Anna White.

Compass January Schedule for Adults:

Two options for adults begin on January 9.

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts (details page 3)

Room: Activity Center

Pastor Susie leads an eight-week series on discerning and embracing the various ways we might be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Revelation

Room: Mellor Library

In a smaller Bible Study, Pastor Jay leads an eight-week series on the vibrant, mysterious book of Revelation.

SPRING/SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

- Saturday, February 9, 5:30pm, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- Palm Sunday, April 14, 3:30pm, Easter Egg Hunt, AC & South Field
- Friday, May 17- Sunday, May 19: NaCoMe Retreat

CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCHES DURING SUMMER

- Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend), 9:30am, AC
- Sunday, June 30, 12:10pm (after 11:00 worship), AC. Notice time change.
- Sunday, July 28, 9:30am, AC

Possible Redbirds game some time in summer- keep watching for details.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

REGISTRATION FORM

Register Online at: www.standrewpresbytery.org
 or you can Mail registration form and fees by January 13 to:

Tapestry
 24 CR 231 • Oxford, MS 38655
 email: mail@standrewpresbytery.org
 Make check payable to: **Presbytery of St. Andrew.**
 Please fill out one registration form per person. Feel free to copy this form as often as necessary.
 Name _____ Church _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES (Check those which apply)

- Friday Keynote address by **Dr. Lee Ramsey**
 Dinner - Arena One Ranch Steakhouse (677 Cutting Horse Lane, Batesville, MS)
 Featuring a dinner of sirloin steak or grilled chicken, baked potato, vegetable, house salad,
 Texas toast and dessert. Cash bar available.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES (Enter workshop number and name)

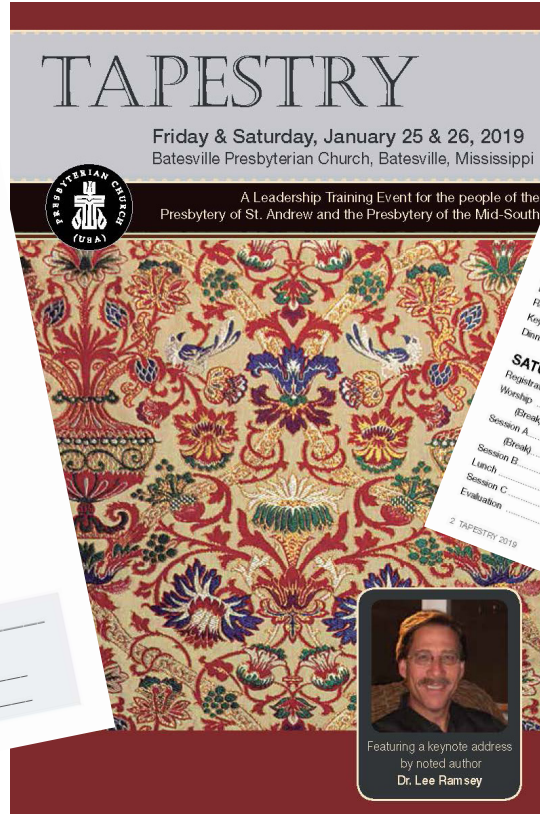
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FEE INFORMATION (Note discount for early registration)

Friday Fee (includes dinner) \$36.00 _____
 Children under age 9 dinner x \$9.00 = _____
 Saturday Fee (includes lunch) \$20.00 _____
 Saturday on-site registration \$30.00 _____
 (Please do not mail registration after January 13,
 just register and pay at the event.)
 Optional child's lunch x \$5.00 = _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Special Mobility Needs? _____

Request for Child Care? _____ Ages _____
 Friday Number of children _____ Ages _____
 Saturday Number of children _____ Ages _____



FEATURING

Dr. Lee Ramsey

Keynote Speaker
 Dr. G. Lee Ramsey, Jr. is the Mark and Shula Foster Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at Memphis Theological Seminary, where he has been teaching for 20 years. An author of *Preaching and Ministry: Theology and Practice*, *The Minister in Southern Baptists and Care-full Preaching: From Sermon to Contemporary Preaching*, *His Words: Preaching, Faith and Ministry, the love of neighbors in Christian care in times of grief and loss*. He holds his Ph.D. in Theology from Vanderbilt University and the M.Div. from Candia School of Theology at Emory University.



LOCATION

Batesville Presbyterian Church
 121 Europa St.
 Batesville, MS 38606
 (662) 583-3001
 From I-55 turn right at 246 N. MS-208 towards Batesville. In three miles turn left onto Europa Street. Church will be on your left. Parking is behind church. A parking lot adjacent will also be used.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Registration & Fellowship 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Registration & Fellowship 6:30 - 9:00 a.m.
 (Break) 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
 Session A 15 minutes
 Session E 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.
 Lunch 15 minutes
 Session C 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.
 Evaluation 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 Dinner 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.

AREA LODGING

The Tapestry planning committee has reserved a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn and Suites (Batesville, MS) at a price of \$95 per night with parking for either a double queen or a king room.
 To book one of these rooms, call the hotel directly at (662) 287-0280 and ask for the St. Andrew Presbytery Tapestry block sale.
 You must make your reservations no later than Jan. 7, 2019 to receive the special rate.



CATCH THIS SPECIAL PRESBYTERY EVENT

Session A - Courses

- A1. Children's Faith Formation in Today's Church
- A2. Using Church Property to the Glory of God
- A3. History of the Presbyterian Church in Mississippi
- A4. How Your Church Can Be Involved with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- A5. Protecting Your House of Worship
- A6. Mixed Media Spiritual Expression
- A7. Training for New Officers
- A8. Introducing the 2018 Book of Common Worship
- A9. Adult Education Galore
- A10. Water All Around the World: A VBS for the Whole Congregation

- Ruth O'Dell
- Lucy Wachter Webb, K.C. Warren,
- Tammy Buchanan-Anderson
- Milton Winter
- David Gill
- Jeff Kellum
- Allison Wehrung
- John White
- David Gambrell
- Malinda Spencer
- Kendall Cox

Session B - Courses

- B1. Introduction to the Vital Congregation Initiative
- B2. Care in Times of Grief and Loss
- B3. Technology and the Church: Enemies or Best Friends?
- B4. Why Should Women Gather?
- B5. Presbyterianism 101
- B6. Interested in Missions? Meet Me At The Corner!
- B7. Calling All Clerks
- B8. Belhar, Barmen, and Birmingham Jail: Confessions for Today
- B9. The Nearly Childless Church
- B10. Journaling as Spiritual Practice

- Tom Bryson
- Lee Ramsey
- Rob White
- Carol Winkler
- Frank Beck
- Jody Hill and Jimmy Avery
- Audrey Toombs, Greg Goodwiller
- Ann Laird Jones
- Malinda Spencer
- Ann Kelly

Session C - Courses

- C1. It's a Family Thing:
Israel's Story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz
- C2. Civil Conversations in a Polarized World
- C3. Evaluating Our Churches Through a Unique Lens
- C4. Prayer To Go
- C5. Frisbee? Check. Snacks? Check. Bible? Check.
- C6. The Yin and Yang of Yoga
- C7. Body of Christ in a Changing Culture
- C8. Music Ministry in a Small Church
- C9. Arts and Worship Ideas for Lent Year C
- C10. Just in Time for Confirmation

- David Randolph
- Rebekah Abel Lamar
- Allyson & Darren Ashmore
- Allison Wehrung & Ann Kelly
- Whitney Strong-Getman, Martin Carver
- Michael Morton
- Will Jones
- Susanne Van Dyke
- Ann Laird Jones
- Malinda Spencer

LET'S FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE

by *Monica Kirby*

What is it like to be in a room of over 100 individuals with special needs as they lay hands on and pray over a package of food they have assembled to pass on to someone who is homeless? Words fail me. It's humbling. It's inspiring. It's spiritual.

On Friday, November 30, GPC was once again the host location for the JoyLife901 Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club meets on a weekly basis and is comprised of individuals with special needs who assemble for the purpose of eating breakfast and then breaking open the Word and studying together in a safe and appropriate environment. We had 86 participants in attendance, 6 from the JoyLife leadership team, and then an additional 10 GPC volunteers cooking and serving for a grand total of 102 on campus.

The devotional time was spent hearing a modern re-telling of The Good Samaritan as we looked at the question "Who is our neighbor?" And then the devotional time was followed by the participants working on a Food-For-A-Day Project. They assembled packages to pass out the next time they encountered an individual who was homeless. The package consisted of the necessary elements to supply three meals for a day on the streets. After

the packages were assembled, they laid hand on the packages and its contents and prayed over and for the individual that would receive it. Nothing speaks volumes like having 100+ people praying for our unsheltered neighbors.

If you would like to learn how to make a Food-For-A-Day package, please see the recipe below. Meanwhile, we could all take a lesson from those who are differently abled and are still willing to offer up a prayer on behalf of someone they have yet to meet. Let's follow their example!

Food-For-A-Day Package

- 1 cellophane or brown paper lunch bag
- 1 pop-top can of soup or chili or ravioli (if selecting a soup, choose one that does not require water to be added)
- 1 fruit or apple sauce cup
- 1 granola bar
- 1 package of cheese/peanut butter crackers
- A plastic spoon or fork
- Short length of string or ribbon

Place all items in the bag and tie top closed with string. (The granola bar will be the breakfast, the fruit cup and crackers the lunch, and the soup will serve as supper.) Pray over the completed package asking God to afford you the opportunity to make the difference in the life of someone with a true need. Ask Him to begin even now to meet all the needs of that individual. Then place the package in your vehicle and then pay close attention as you allow God to show you who needs to receive it.



SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

AMPLIFY'S GRAND PERFORMANCE

by *Monica Kirby*

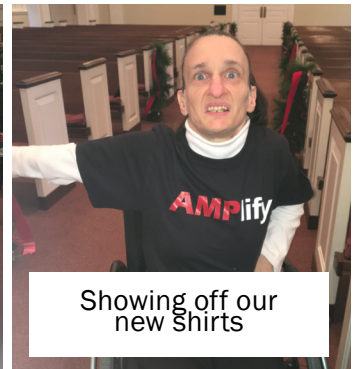
On December 6 the AMPlify program held its Grand Performance! It was beyond wonderful! AMPlify is the music arm of our special needs ministry and is open to those in the community with cognitive or developmental delays or physical disabilities. Music instruction is offered using the Orff approach and the very gifted Noel Wilkins leads the class. There is a morning class for adult musicians and then an afternoon class for children who are still in school. This semester we had 24 individuals on our rolls learning how to amplify their hearts, voices, and witness for the glory of the God! The performance was followed by a small reception for the friends, family, and guests in attendance complete with refreshments and a hands-on instrument table of many of the instruments introduced during the course of the semester. If you missed it, don't be sad! Mark your calendars now for our Spring Performance on May 2. For more information about volunteering with this program or enrolling, email Monica Kirby at monicak@germantownpres.org.



Playing the "waiting" game



Instrument tables readied



Showing off our new shirts



A quick run-through



Making every note count



Refreshments with some of our guests



Thank you, Mr. Noel!

WHAT IS A PARAKLETE?

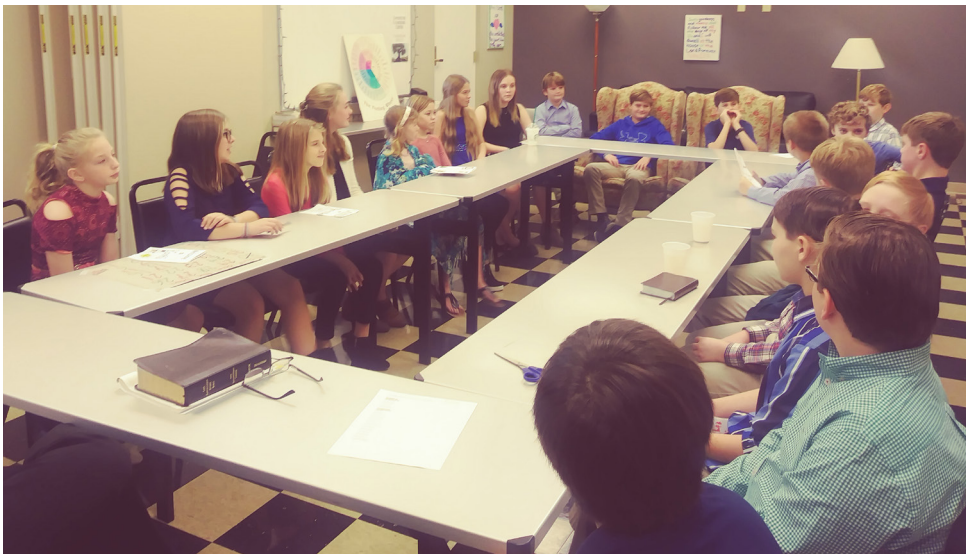
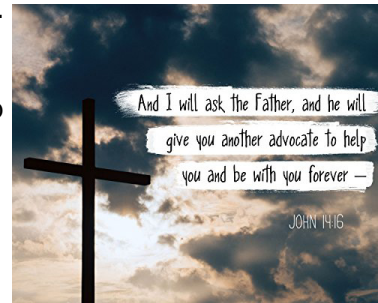


Parakletos is the Greek word for "encourager," "advocate," or "helper." In the book of John chapters 14-16, Jesus refers to God sending an Encourager to be with us forever in the form of the Holy Spirit. In Children and Youth Ministry we are mindful of the need for our youth to be encouraged and supported. We are working to foster an environment where GPC youth feel welcomed, encouraged, and cared for by not only adult leaders such as Sunday school teachers but also by their peers.

On December 2 our current 5th graders had the opportunity to visit junior high Sunday School. This is one event in a year-long *Bridge Program* to help transition our 5th graders over to the GPC Youth program. During this Sunday School hour each 5th-grader was paired with a junior high "Paraklete," otherwise known as his/her "encourager" for the year.

Throughout the January - May semester 5th graders will have the opportunity to eat breakfast monthly with his/her Paraklete, visit a Sunday night Youth fellowship meeting as well as a Wednesday night Chick-Fil-A meeting. It is our hope that the 5th-graders AND Parakletes will develop the necessary skills of getting to know a new friend, encouraging that friend in participation, and fostering a positive and welcoming youth environment. If you have any questions regarding the Paraklete role, please email Pastor Amanda Mackey or Anna White. amandam@germantownpres.org, annaw@germantownpres.org

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever." John 14:16



Children/Youth email lists:

If you want to receive a weekly informational email from GPC's Children's Ministry or Youth Ministry, contact Anna White for children (annaw@germantownpres.org) or Amanda Mackey for youth (amandam@germantownpres.org).

CHILDREN AT GPC

THANK YOU, ELIZABETH CLEVELAND, FOR LEADING YOUR GPC FAMILY IN DECEMBER WORSHIP

At Germantown Presbyterian Church our 5th graders participate in the 5th Grade Bridge program. At the beginning of the programming year, they participate in a leadership workshop in which they study 1 Timothy 4:12. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." Throughout the year each 5th grader has the opportunity to read scripture during the 11:00 am worship service. They also have opportunities to participate in mission activities and retreats in order to learn the importance of an active church life as well as to deepen church friendships. As 5th graders begin to transition to the GPC Youth program, they will have the opportunity to visit youth activities to become acquainted with a new cohort. December's worship leader was Elizabeth Cleveland.

What is your full name? *Elizabeth Camille Cleveland*

Who are your parents and sibling(s)? *Howard and Cindy; Alex (brother)*

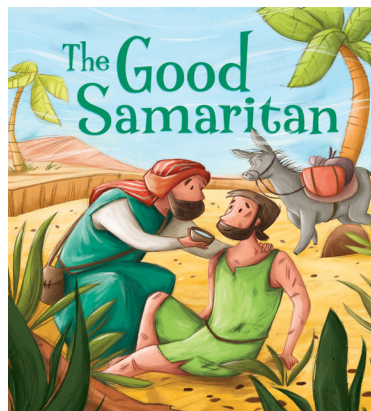
Where do you go to school? *Riverdale Elementary*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *Being with my friends and learning about God.*



What have you learned at GPC? *Lots of things! One is that I am just the way I need to be and that God made me the way I am on purpose.*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *I am excited to go on a mission trip and experience all the fun activities in youth group.*



We are very excited to announce that Children's Choir will be presenting their musical based on Jesus's parable the Good Samaritan this May 12 for our Mother's Day Musical! Have your child join us as we strive to know our neighbor and to learn ways we can show mercy. We will learn about the Good Samaritan through singing and acting!

The fun starts on January 13, 4:30 - 5:30pm. Look for information that will explain combined efforts on Sunday afternoons and certain Wednesday evenings. Details to come...!

MEET YOUR VBS PLANNING COMMITTEE!

Meet your 2019 VBS Planning Committee! We will gather for our kick-off meeting and lunch immediately following the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, January 13 in room 212!

VBS Gurus - Marjorie Reynolds and Anna White

Elementary Small Group Planning - Susan Jones and Christy Campbell

Preschool Small Group Planning - Helen Warren, Molly Miller, Mattie Jordan

Supplies and Logistics - Brooke Duke and Krista Tadlock

Registration and Tee Shirts - Leah Lumm and Rachel Wall

Managers of Exploration Room- Cathy Borden and Brooke Duke

Recreation Planners and Leaders - John Rice and Mary Jones


Music - Sandy Franks

Decorating - Kathy Kalagias

Mission 901 Week - Rebecca Floyd, Anna White, Amanda Mackey

"GOD'S POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE." 2 PETER: 1:3





**Xpujil, Mexico
June 17-24, 2019**

**Northern Ghana
July 2019 (dates TBA soon)**

Are you called to serve on one of our Global Mission Teams in 2019? GPC will be sending teams to Xpujil, Mexico, and northern Ghana.

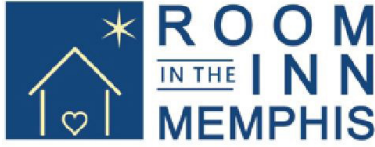
In Mexico, we will continue our partnership with missionary Todd Luke, the church he serves, and the clean water ministry his church directs, constructing water cisterns for households in the community.

In Ghana, we will deepen our relationship with our friends in the Upper Presbytery and Rev. Emmanuel Atami, who visited with us here in October.

Contact Pastor Jay (jayh@germantownpres.org, 901-754-5195 x112) for more details about either of these mission teams. Registration open at <https://germantownpres.org/involvement/global-missions>.

GLOBAL MISSIONS AT GPC

Room in the Inn Volunteers & Donations Needed!



Home is where the ★ is.

Room in the Inn (RITI) season is upon us! We will be sheltering guests November-March on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays. Volunteers are still needed for lots of opportunities to help the unsheltered in our own community. We are also still trying to get a core team of volunteers together to help run this mission day to day. Contact Susan Shirley Hurt (901-491-4890, susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com) for more information.

We are still in desperate need of donations of white mens undershirts in small and XXX-L, socks, medium and large boxers, women's underwear, socks and sport bras, feminine products, deoderant, handwarmers, scarfs, hats, gloves, Lysol, paper towels, air freshener, laundry detergent, Kleenex, twin blankets, rain ponchos, razors, shaving cream, lotion, MATA 1 day bus passes, and backpacks.

Please bring all supplies to the conference table around the corner on the left from the office and place in blue bin with RITI on it.

Memphis Athletic Ministries Resumes in 2019!



Tutoring and coaching with our mission partner Memphis Athletic Ministries (MAM) continues through the school year! MAM runs a number of after-school

Memphis Athletic Ministries

ministries across the city, and each week members from GPC join MAM's gym at Olivet Fellowship Baptist Church (4450 Knight Arnold) to coach reading and vocabulary and to help with homework, usually on Tuesday afternoons but any weekday available.

We need more coaches! Contact Lisa Patterson (lpattersondrg@gmail.com) or Pastor Jay (jayh@germantownpres.org, 901-754-5195 x112) for more details.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Cornerstones Fellowship Group!

Dixie and Bob Johnson and Jean and Ray Carroll hosted the Christmas gathering at the Johnson's home and enjoyed Martha Drannon's piano skills in leading the Christmas singing.

Meanwhile the group collected thirty-two coats! (See picture.) Wow, great job. Thirty-two children had a warm Christmas as a result of their efforts.



YOUTH AUCTION HELP



We need GPC's best and brightest people to be a part of the youth auction planning team to help make this year the best youth auction ever! We need lots of help collecting donations and organizing the event. Please email Amanda at amandam@germantownpres.org if you are interested.

Happy New Year!

- Pastor Amanda
amandam@germantownpres.org

A NOTE FROM PASTOR AMANDA

Hi Friends,

Happy New Year!

We are continuing to study God's Word in Sunday school, and the youth are enjoying growing in their faith. The junior high youth will be studying the the life of Jesus and His ministry. The confirmation class will be writing their faith statements and preparing to go before the Session. The senior high youth will explore the book of Acts, learning about the faithfulness of the early Christian church.

2019 brings so many exciting events for our youth to participate in! Please save the following dates on your calendar!

January 4-5, 2019

Confirmation Retreat at Pinecrest

February 22-24, 2019

PYC Retreat at Pinecrest
for all youth 6th - 12th grades

March 3, 2019

Confirmation Sunday and Youth Auction
6pm in the Activity Center

April 29, 2019

Youth Sunday

June 24-28, 2019

Junior High Youth Conference
Lee University in Cleveland, TN

July 14-20, 2019

Senior High Youth Conference
Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC

- Pastor Amanda
amandam@germantownpres.org

YOUTH AT GPC



IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation:

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| >Gay Beaumont | >June Garfinkel | >Aggie/Jack Losa | >Diane/Fred Stearns |
| >Sherril & Jim Blair | >Ruth Grosshuesch | >Willa Lowry | >Bobbie Templeton |
| >Bill Boyle | >Susan/Michael Gyura | >Boyd Maize | >Amanda/George Walters |
| >Huddy/Bayard Boyle | >Nancy/Peter Hawkinson | >Mary Stacy Mehaffey | >Margaret Williams |
| >Elaine Cates | >Roy Hendrix | >Mack Pepper | >Barbara Wright |
| >Jane Craddock | >Macie Houston | >Barb Poier | >Bud Webb |
| >Fred Frick | >Carol/Bill Leppert | >Spangler family | |

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to: the family of Denton McLellan in his death on December 10.

In Service in the Military:

Sidney Baker - niece of Kay & Joe Donaho
 Kyle Bishop - grandson of Brenda Bishop
 Trip Hiller - grandson of Anne & Wayne Tansil
 Johnny Nowell - son of Jo & Adm. John Nowell
 Patrick Peak - son of Eleanor Denton
 Meredith & Greg Wagner, Angela, Cooper -
 daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren of Stephanie & Barry Wall

GPC Friends and Family Prayer Ministry

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| **Walker Bartlett - family of Susan Crain | >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips | >Leigh Fiedler Marek - school-mate of Laurie Henderson | **JoAnn & Rush Stuart - former members |
| >Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle | >Leigh Hinshelwood & daughter, Caroline - GPP teacher | >Scott Moore - son-in-law of Elaine/Tom Cates | >Mary C. & Thomas Thrift - sister & brother-in-law of Carol Barnes |
| >Liz Cayce - friend of Margaret Owens | >John Howle - son of Cheri & Mike Howle | >Paul Phillips - father of Barry Phillips | >Sarah Tobin - niece of Joe Graddy |
| **Clara Cruce - niece of Anne Tansil | >Laurie Lee & Thomas Ivy - son/daughter-in-law of Melissa & Alex Ivy | >Fred Rodgers - family of Kristy & Vernon Sneed | >Vicki Weaver - daughter of Judy Hobbs |
| >Judah Davis & father Berry - family of Mary Rogers | >Joe, wife, son - co-worker of David Martin & Susan Morgan | >Scott Ruleman - son of Jackie & Bill Ruleman | **Jimmy Wise - family of Susan Crain |
| >Lauren Davis & family - granddaughter of Ernie Goad | >Denise Lenahan - friend of Amy Phillips | >Ted Schuler, Jr. - son of Martha Schuler | >Jianzhong Yao - uncle of Tingting Yao |
| >Bertha Harris - friend of Shirley Billups | | >Jesse Burt Stewart Jr - father of friend of Drayton Mayers | |

Friends and family requests submitted to the office for prayer will remain for 30 days before being removed. If you notice someone you requested prayer for is no longer on the list, simply notify the office, and they will be placed back on the list.

January GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| Jan 6
Christine/Tom Adams, Kirsty
Cathy Borden
Abby Chandler, Anna, Will
Jennie Fulmer
Susan Jones, Clifford, Elizabeth
Lalla Mellor
Leigh Powers
Mary/Rodney Strop | Jan 13
Bonnie Algee
Sandra Franks/Woodie Whited,
Johnathan
Ruth Grosshuesch
Jerry Huff
Susan/Chuck Hurt, Charlie
Norma Miles
Jennifer/Bill Prest, Keith Ellis,
Metcalf, Walton
Jan Petri/Jerold Teachey, Jenna,
Sarah, Quin | Jan 20
Anne Allen
Mary K/David Grantham,
James, Wells, Thomas
Jennifer Hitt, Mary Carter
Patty/Steve Jackson
Mary Lange
Barbara Ragsdale
Allison "Ali" Slott | Jan 27
Janet Anderson
Lindsey/Joseph Butler, Adelaide,
Chandler
Lea Ciabattini, Dina, Ollie
June Garfinkel
Brenda/David Jeter
Joan Ramier
Anne/Wayne Tansil
Ruth Woodworth |
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****Indicates new request added since last month.**

MEMORIALS

During the month of November GPC received the following honorarium and memorial gifts.

The Flower Fund

*In Memory of Ann Heffernan
Kay & David Collins*

The Memorial Fund

*In Memory of Ann Heffernan
Julia Allen
Peggy Bodine
Macie Houston
Violet Olsen
Ramona & John
Seabold*

*In Memory of Meredith
& Tracy Tweel
Mr. & Ms. Kamal Rahal*

*In Memory of Susie Newton Garrott
Mickie & Steve Nabers
Barbara Poier
Joellen & David Slott*

The Music Fund

*In Honor of Randy Edens & Diane Callahan Edens
Timothy Thompson*

*In Memory of Charlene Thompson
Bonnie Algee*

*In Memory of Diana Watkins
Barbara Armstrong*

*In Memory of Eileen Callahan
Barbara Armstrong
Paul & Missy Gwin
Robert Liberatore & Debra Kraft
Violet Olsen
Amy & Barry Phillips*

*In Memory of Louise Fahrenkopf
Barbara Armstrong*

GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, November 2018

	Nov. 2018	2018 YTD	Nov. 2017	2017 YTD
Revenue	\$ 112,615	\$ 1,413,400	\$ 115,884	\$ 1,435,302
Expenses	\$ 116,061	\$ 1,433,148	\$ 96,576	\$ 1,454,876
Net	\$ (3,446)	\$ (19,748)	\$ 19,308	\$ (19,574)

Total revenue for November was \$112,615 and expenses were \$116,061, producing a deficit for the month of \$3,446. On a Year-to-Date basis, we're about equal to where we were last year, running a deficit of just under \$20,000. This is not unusual, and we'll be fine if pledges for 2018 are completed in December. If there's any question about where you stand on your pledge, please call Fred Turverey or Debbi Schweizer in the church office (901.754.5195).

We are in sight of our goal for pledges in 2019, but need every pledge to achieve success. If you haven't already made your financial commitment for 2019, please turn your pledge in as soon as possible.

Contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* for October were \$68,986 and construction expenses were \$587,036. We borrowed an additional \$335,000 to cover the shortfall, which brought our total debt so far to \$885,000. Construction is moving at a rapid pace now, with completion of the building anticipated in the Spring of 2019.

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WORSHIP TIMES:
8:30 WORSHIP
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM WORSHIP

OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 AM-5:00 PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY

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PASTOR

JAY HOWELL
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION

SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

TOM SAUER
PASTOR TO SENIOR ADULTS

AMANDA MACKEY
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

JEROLD TEACHEY
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MONICA KIRBY
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February Window Deadline: January 15



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