



# THE WINDOW

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## The Summer Travel Issue

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Dear GPC Members and Friends,

While the summer sees a different pace of church life and activities, it is not much of a slower pace. So much for the lazy, hazy days of summer. Behind the scenes the staff of GPC is busily preparing for our next program year, which starts on August 11. The week before, on August 4, we will have the grand opening of our new Education Building. There are people busily planning for this grand celebration, and we will have a special worship service on August 4 at 10:30am to dedicate the new building. Then, we will hit the ground running with our program year.

The staff is continually asking ourselves questions about how we can do things better. How can we increase our programming, and how can we do things to include more people in the life of GPC? How can we take what is good and make it better, and what programs need to be tweaked or changed? One helpful change instituted last year in ministry to both children and youth has been to ask families to recommit themselves to their respective programs for the year. Parents are asked to sign their kids up each new program year for ministry to benefit their children or youth. We have done away with the assumption that a family's kids will be part of the program simply because the parents are members of the church. Now it takes an intentional act on the parents' part to sign their kids up for church programming.

Taking this approach has yielded several benefits. The main benefit is that it confirms a commitment to faith and church life for that family for the program year. When I have to sign my kids up to be part of the overall children or youth ministry, it means that I, as a parent, am deliberately stating that raising my child in the church matters. It matters greatly for his or her faith and relationship with God. Parents have to take their children's faith seriously in order for kids to want to participate. This approach has also yielded stronger volunteerism among the parents in both children's and youth programs. Signing up also relieves staff of wondering whether or not a certain child will be present. If the parents don't sign up, it tells us that they don't plan on being active. (Please know, by the way, that we never turn a child away from our programming if they haven't signed up: all are welcome!!).

We are discovering that taking this same approach with adults is having a positive benefit for some areas of adult programming. One area where we will institute a "recommitment" for 2019-2020 is with Fellowship Groups. Our Congregational Care Committee of the Deacons has been meeting with the conveners of the Fellowship Groups to see how the church can better support each group. A consistent element of feedback has been that groups have a great deal of casual commitment among their members. Some groups have members on their email list who never reply to the emails to RSVP to group events. Some groups are so large now that only three or four members can host in their homes. Some groups have people on their rosters who haven't attended for years, but they remain on the roster.

So, to help conveners get a good handle on their groups, the Congregational Care Committee is asking everyone to recommit to their group for this next program year. Your convener will send an email out to the whole group, asking you to reply that you do want to remain in the group for the year. This recommit time of July will allow some people to ease out of a group they never or rarely attend, and it will allow the groups that are too large to cull their rolls. It will also remind all of us that being committed to the group means attending when one is not out of town or has another conflict.

We are so grateful for the role that Fellowship Groups have played in the friendships among our church members. Our desire is to see them flourish and grow as we continue to grow as a church over the next year.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,

*Will*

# GPC TRAVELING THIS SUMMER

## LIFT UP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Mexico Mission Trip June 18-25

Eddie Batey, Cat Carlin, Susan Jones, Will Jones, Sarah Kennedy

### Ghana Mission Trip July 17-27

Erin Bowden, Beth Brock, Ty Hardin, Molly Miller, Susie Wiggins

### Ukraine Mission Trip August 2 - 14

Nate Hicks (in cooperation with Mosaic Church in Orlando, FL)

### Jr. Hi. Summer Trip June 24-28

Brock Bowden, Bryce Duke, Will Chandler, John Clay Durley, Austin Hogan, Julianne Hurley, Victoria Lindow, Claire Lino, Emma Grace Lumm, Andrew Miller, Gracey Owens, Kate Reynolds, Rees Reynolds, Cat Rice, Alexander Walker, Tyler Warren, Johnathan Whited. Chaperones: Rev. Amanda Mackey, Erin Bowden, William Warren.

### Sr. Hi Summer Trip June 18-25

Billy Burnett, Ruth Callicott, Dina Ciabattini, Alex Cleveland, Emmaline Farmer, Jackson Harding, Katherine Harding, Audrey Holmes, Drew Hornberg, Jake Hurley, Lauren Hurley, Mary Jones, Andrew Morse, Sara Perkins, John Rice, Ellye Sanders, Gracen Sanders, Lydia Waldrop, Katherine Willingham. Chaperones: Rev. Amanda Mackey and William Warren.

# WHAT'S THE LATEST?

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THESE DATES ON YOUR PLANNER (NEW DATES ADDED)**

## **SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- August 4, Sunday: New Building Opening/Dedication
- August 11, Sunday: Kick-off Sunday

## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - BREATHE**

- July 14
- August 9

## **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK BRUNCH**

Sunday, July 28, 9:30am, AC

## **SAVE THE DATES LONG TERM!**

- Sunday, August 4 - new building opening/dedication
- Saturday, September 14 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
- Sunday, October 27 - Fall Festival
- Sunday, December 15 - Caroling & Chili Cookoff

# FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - GET INVOLVED!

GPC's Fellowship Groups were created many years ago for the purpose of bringing adults together in small group settings in order to create and nurture friendships, build long-lasting and caring relationships that bind us to one another and to God in Christ Jesus. Fellowship Groups are intentionally hospitable, inviting, and welcoming, and because of these attributes, it is vital that all members of GPC have the opportunity to participate in one. In addition, each group should be of such a size that all members can easily come to gatherings.



The Convener contact list is below.

Boyles' Bandits – Bill Boyle (boyleb@aol.com)

Cobblestones – Holly Hensarling (hhensarling@stmarysschool.org)

Cornerstones – Lanny Oakes (lannyoakes@bell-south.net)

Greatest Hits of the 50's and 60's – Kathleen Boyd (kkboyd@comcast.net) & Susan Morgan (ssm4099@comcast.net)

Keystones – TBA

Parents' Night Out – Susan Jones (susanstumb-jones@gmail.com)

Living on a Prayer (formerly known as Rolling Stones) – Ashley Robinson (ashley.toppins@gmail.com) & Kelly Hogan (kelannwalker@yahoo.com)

Saturday Night #4 – Beth Carter (bkc1046@yahoo.com)

Theatre – Becky Stanley (beckycstanley@gmail.com)

If you don't have a fellowship group and want to be involved in one or start one yourself, contact one of the co-moderators of this project: Jimmy Kiser (jwkiser1@gmail.com, h: 901-850-0639) or Martha Drannon (mbrannon@comcast.net, c: 901-218-2664).

**Your Fellowship Group Convener will send you an email in August - be sure to respond and confirm your place in your group for 2019-20.**  
When you recommit to your Fellowship Group, we can create current rosters, know the size of each group, create new groups, and make sure that all GPC adults are invited to join in the fun, fellowship, and long-lasting relationship-building that GPC Fellowship Groups are so well known for!

## NEW YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Germantown Presbyterian Church has formed a new Young Adult Fellowship Group. This group meets for socializing, food, and fellowship as scheduled throughout the year.

This new group is open to young adults who are in their mid-20's to mid-30's. Kids are welcome!

Contact Pastor Amanda with questions at [amandam@germantownpres.org](mailto:amandam@germantownpres.org)

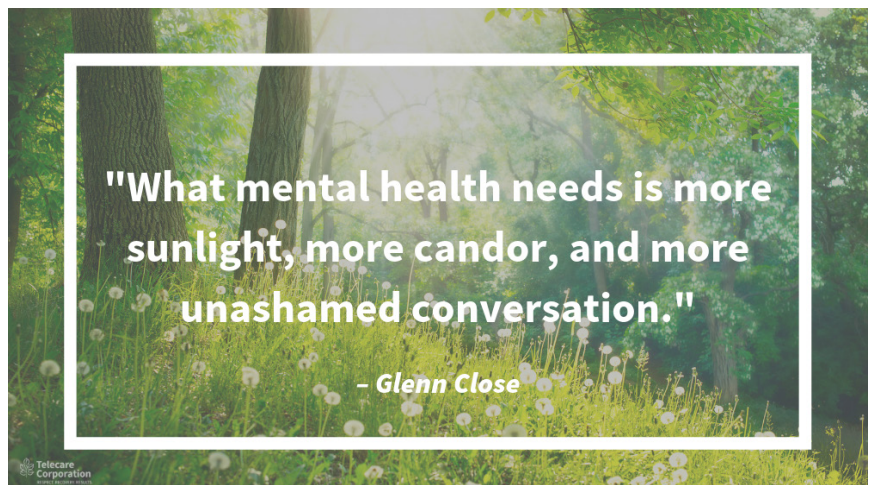
CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC

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SAVE THE DATE  
 FOR THE  
**2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S  
 RETREAT AT PINECREST  
 NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2019**



GPC ministers eat lunch with GPC members at Kirby Pines. Great group, great food, and great fellowship.



# WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS?

May was Mental Health Awareness Month – but it is important for us to be aware of mental health for ourselves and others all the time.

## What is Mental Illness?

Honestly, a better way to understand it is to refer to it as a brain disorder – because that is just what it is.

Mental Illness covers a very wide gamut of maladies in our brains:

- Depression – overwhelming sadness that doesn't go away.
- Anxiety – when worries and fear affect our ability to function day-to-day.
- Compulsive behaviors – when our anxieties manifest in behaviors that we feel as though we must repeat over and over again.
- Bipolar – when mood swings – very high highs and very low lows – are pervasive and persistent.
- Psychosis – when we feel as though our brain is playing tricks on us – seeing, hearing, or believing things that don't seem real or quite right.
- Eating Disorders – when our physical health and overall well-being is affected by the way we eat – or don't eat.
- Post-Traumatic Stress – when we are continually bothered by a previous traumatic life event.
- Addiction – when alcohol or controlled substance use takes over our lives.

How can we change our own, as well as society's, perception of mental illness?

- When we bring mental illness out of the shadows, we can begin to shed light upon them – and then seek help.
- Education leads to understanding – understanding leads to empathy – empathy leads to compassionate care.

At GPC, we are well connected with organizations that help individuals, couples, and families who want and need to seek help:

- NAMI – the National Alliance on Mental Illness provides support groups and free classes to family members who have loved ones that deal with brain disorders every day. NAMI meets here at GPC on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:45pm and all are welcome. This group resumes meeting in August.

- Samaritan Counseling also has offices here at GPC.

> Their professional counselors provide help for those experiencing:

- \* Grief and loss
- \* Marital stress
- \* Family struggles
- \* Individual concerns
- \* Psychological assessments

And, GPC also provides Grief Support groups, led by our own Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor. This group helps those experiencing personal loss to realize they aren't alone – and to begin to move through their grief.

- In addition, I have created a resource list for help with mental illness maladies - and am happy to share it with you whenever you might need it.

So, while May was Mental Health Awareness Month – may we be the very ones who utilize the resources we have whenever we need them – and may we also share them with those in need all throughout the year.

*Pastor Susie Wiggins*



CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC

# SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THE FOUNDATION IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School is our foundation in Children's Ministry at GPC. It is the most important program we offer for our children in order to provide a Christian education. For many of our children it is the only Christian message they hear each week. WE NEED 3 MORE TEACHERS for the 2019-2020 programming year!

- Our goal is that each grade level team consists of 3 planning teachers who can plan their own Sunday coverage. So, if you need to be out of town, you can work your schedule with your team! Or, the Sunday you are not scheduled to teach, you can attend an adult Sunday School class!
- Parents are asked to sign up for two Sundays per semester in order to be the second adult present in the class. This helps to meet our Safegatherings requirements.
- Curriculum is web-based and easy to plan!

We need adults who are willing to invest in our children. We need more adults than the number we currently have signed up. We need 3 more to maintain the children's Sunday School program that we currently have. Germantown Presbyterian Church needs these roles to be filled by volunteers in order to maintain and grow a vibrant children's ministry. Please give back to your church! Email Anna if you can teach this programming year. (annaw@germantownpres.org)

## FOR YOUR AUGUST PLANNER





# TEE SHIRT SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER

HELP YOUR CHILDREN BECOME WORLD CHANGERS!

Tee Shirt Sundays continue in July for children! We are studying the Fruits of the Spirit. If your child has not experienced a tee shirt Sunday yet, join us soon! Volunteer soon! It is a totally different Sunday school experience! 9:30-10:40 through July 21.



## THANK YOU, GINGER STUART, FOR LEADING OUR GPC FAMILY IN WORSHIP IN JUNE

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 11:00am 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. This month's worship leader is Ginger Stuart.

What is your full name? *Ginger Grace Stuart*

Who are your parents and siblings?  
*Renee and Carlin Stuart*

Where do you go to school? *Entering 6th grade this August at Woodland Presbyterian School*

What have you learned at GPC?  
*I have learned that Jesus is who guides us through our life.*

Think about the things you have done at GPC. What have you most enjoyed? *I have done VBS and helping with the little kids. I have enjoyed meeting new friends.*

In the future what do you hope to learn, do, or experience at GPC? *I hope to meet new friends and go on more trips like Mission 901.*



*My Dearest GPC Family and Friends,*

It has been a pleasure and honor to share in your children's faith. In the past eleven years, many children have come through the nursery and some are now in high school (where does the time go?). It has been a privilege to share God's love with them. I would like to thank the families for welcoming me into the lives of their little ones. Children are a true gift from God. It has been a blessing to have the opportunity to care for them, and a joy to watch the seeds of their faith take root.

As my family and I transition our lives and relocate to the Knoxville area, we are filled with excitement for what God has in store for us. We also feel the many emotions of all we are leaving behind. While this goodbye (for now, I hope to be seeing you) GPC, it's children and

families will remain with me as treasured memories. While I am leaving there is one who remains constant: JESUS!

Thank you for the opportunity and honor to serve God and His little ones. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Jesus said, "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these," Matthew 19:14

With Blessings and Smiles,  
*Renee Citrone*

CHILDREN AT GPC

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**A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL 82 OF OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS! IF YOU WERE A CLASSROOM TEACHER, PARENT SHEPHERD, MUSICIAN, SNACK AND WELCOME CENTER MANAGER, ARTS AND CRAFT LEADER, YOUTH MENTOR, OR RECREATION LEADER...WE CAN NOT DO VBS WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP! WE NEED ALL OF YOU! THANK YOU!**



**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GPC'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT ANNA WHITE AT [ANNAW@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:ANNAW@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).**

# SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE IS COMING!

*by Monica Kirby*

In the original Kings James Version of the Bible, the words “friend” or “friends” appear a total of 102 times. Proverbs 17:17 reminds us a “friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 18:24 tells us, “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” The Gospel of John ramps up the discussion of friends when in chapter 15 we hear those infamous words, “Greater love hath no man than this - that a man lay down his life for his friends.” And then continuing, Jesus called His disciples “no longer servants but friends.”

In this day of social media - and particularly Facebook, everybody wants to be somebody’s friend. We send friend requests. We accept friend requests. Facebook will even count our friends for us and tell us which ones we have in common with another user. Friends and friendships are a pretty hot commodity!

I, personally, have a friend I call my “best friend.” In some ways she is a lot like me and then in other ways not so much! She is sassy and straightforward – like me. She is frugal, thoughtful, and organized – again, like me. She’s not physically affectionate – unlike me. In all of our years of friendship I have only been allowed to hug her one time. She can camp with only a backpack – not me! I need a camper and air-conditioning to go camping. But I think the greatest thing about our friendship is both of us would drop whatever we are doing to help the other one. The dedication – the friendship - is that strong. I have lots of “friends” on Facebook, but Stacey is a real friend.

In my many years working in the special needs community, I have seen the absence of friendships and the void of isolation it creates. Often individuals with exceptional needs have a hard time making friends. Their social skills are lacking. They are awkward and

uncomfortable. Typically functioning individuals, either because of their prejudices or their ignorance, seldom attempt to bridge the gap to establish friendships with those with unusual quirks or habits. Our special friends seldom have many friends. So let’s see if we can change that!

In the fall of 2019, the special needs ministry of GPC is launching a new program. Modeled after an existing social skills program started by some special need moms, we will offer Friendship Circle on Wednesday afternoons. Our program will operate with the following mission statement:



“Friendship Circle at GPC exists for the special needs community to facilitate building God-like character through Bible study and creative outlets all while developing sincere and lasting friendships.”

Participants will bring a sack lunch and eat and fellowship with other friends. The mealtime will be followed by a Bible lesson utilizing a curriculum rooted in Scripture and designed to equip the learner with character qualities they need to become the person God created each of them to be. The lesson time will then be followed by a craft or activity designed to reinforce the lesson taught. All of this – mealtime, lesson, and activity – are designed to creatively build new and lasting friendships.

Germantown Presbyterian Church is very excited about this new program and the special needs community is as well! We already have families clamoring for spots. While participants have to be registered to participate, any church member can pack a lunch and join us in Warren Hall this fall. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons beginning at noon. Come and be a friend!

# SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

## PROVERBS 17:17 “A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES.”

Our Mission statement:

“Friendship Circle at GPC exists for the special needs community to facilitate building God-like character through Bible study and creative outlets all while developing sincere and lasting friendships.”

WHO: Any individual with exceptional needs and their caregiver(s).

WHAT: Lunch (BYOB), character-building curriculum, and a creative activity within a circle of friends.

WHEN: Wednesdays from 12:00 till 3:00 beginning August 14, 2019.

WHERE: Germantown Presbyterian Church-Warren Hall – 2363 S. Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138.

WHY: Because GPC has chosen to embrace the special needs community as if they were embracing Jesus Himself!

HOW: Register by visiting [www.germantownpres.org/friendship-circle](http://www.germantownpres.org/friendship-circle) to secure your spot.

Have questions? Contact Monica Kirby @ 901-754-5195 or [monicak@germantownpres.org](mailto:monicak@germantownpres.org).



# SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

## WACKY WEDNESDAYS GOING STRONG!



# MUSIC NOTES

First: let me thank ALL the men who sang with the men of the church on Fathers' Day! I have had positive feedback and a Thank You from most everyone I have encountered since June 16. It could never happen without the cooperation of the men - fathers, sons, brothers, grandfathers, grandsons, cousins, friends, and anyone else - who made a special effort to participate. Thank You!!

The Chancel Choir takes a much deserved summer break in the month of July, but be assured there will still be MUSIC in worship! The last Sunday of June, the 30th, and our 4th of July Sunday we will enjoy music provided by the 2019 Houston High School Brass Quintet led by our own graduating senior Andrew Morse. Andrew has worked hard to get the group together, scheduled rehearsals, and has them ready to play in worship. Stephanie Doche, mezzo soprano, will be soloist on June 30. Stephanie has been a guest artist with Opera Memphis this year and has sung with the Chancel Choir since last August. This will be her last Sunday with us. She is headed to San Diego for a summer singing engagement and then will move to New York as she works to build and strengthen her professional singing career. We wish Stephanie all the best, will keep her in our prayers, and let her know that she will always be welcome at GPC!

July 7 will be a special Sunday as we feature music in worship by Dr. Jennifer Benford, organist Alex's wife. Jennifer will play harp, joining Alex on organ and piano as they provide special music throughout our services on July 7, the first Sunday in the month. We are excited to have Jennifer play for us; I am sure we will find frequent opportunities to use her expertise as a harpist throughout the year.

If you attended Dr. Alex Benford's organ recital a few weeks back, you will remember flautist Dr. Brittney Patterson. Dr. Patterson, a native of Memphis, teaches at the University of Montevallo in Alabama and worked on her doctorate at the University of Alabama during the same time that Alex was completing his DMA in Organ Performance.

They met and performed several recitals together. Brittney will be with us in worship on July 14, and she and Alex will provide exceptional music for worship on that Sunday. Make special plans to be present.

Bo Cotten, trombonist, one of our own youth who will be entering his second year at Ole Miss this fall, has been getting a trombone choir together for the past few summers and giving us a rare treat in worship. Bo, a graduate of Houston High, gets 10-14 trombone and baritone horn players together (graduates and present Houston High students), and fills our sanctuary with "a joyful noise unto our Lord!" This will be the 3rd Sunday in July, July 21. The 4th Sunday in July, the 28th is at present TBA, but I am working on very interesting music for this Sunday. Sunday, August 4, will be the Grand Opening of our new education building. We will have the University Faculty Quintet, bagpipes, and festival hymns with choir and congregation singing together.

Thank you for your continued support of music at GPC. Your gifts and contributions to The Teachey Scholarship Fund and our Music Fund, above and beyond your giving to our annual budget allow me the flexibility to schedule a variety of music throughout the year which enriches our worship experience. I look forward to seeing you in Worship!!

Jerold C. Teachey, D.M., Director of Music



# WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

My Friends,

By the time you read this, my time as an Associate Pastor at GPC will have come to a close.

Since announcing in late March my acceptance of the call to serve as Pastor and Head of Staff at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN, I have been so grateful for this season of transition—a longer transition period than is normally possible. This time has afforded me the chance to work with various committees and ministries to prepare for the coming program year and build towards deeper sustainability, especially in Adult Education and Mission.

But even dearer to me has been the time afforded to Frances and me to take more time to say farewell. I have cherished the invitations to grab one last lunch or coffee or to have dinner in your homes and will forever love the opportunities to take stock of the past seven years as a pastor among you.

This past month in particular has been, as is the case in any transition like this, a series of “lasts:” last time sharing communion with you all, last time worshipping with you, last time leading a Bible study, etc. Inevitably, it has been a sad month, and that’s a good thing! I would hate to think of a scenario in which I was so anxious and eager to leave a place of ministry that the final stretch was a labor and not a joy.

We are nonetheless excited to begin this next season as a family, and I as a Senior Pastor. As I shared with Will a couple of weeks ago, when I step into this new role in Knoxville, I sense I will become increasingly appreciative of the years of learning and growth God has blessed me with at GPC.

And of course, it’s not like our collective paths will never cross again! I hope if any of you find yourselves in Knoxville, whether for a UT game or even just passing through, that you would take the short detour off of I-40 to stop in Sequoyah Hills for worship or just to say hello.

Of course, a tough part of this kind of transition is knowing how to approach a new dynamic in a pastoral relationship. Some say, as far as pastoral transitions go, “When you leave, you leave.” That always felt a bit rigid to me, but the

sentiment behind it can be a healthy one. That is to say, as of July 1 I will no longer be a pastor at GPC, so in many respects it would be inappropriate for me to maintain that kind of role in this congregation’s life.

On the other hand, severing every form of connection seems to run counter to the very sort of bonds we are supposed to form as a Christian community.

So, as I have shared with a few of you who have asked something along these lines, my hope is that when (not if!) our various paths cross again, we would reunite and stay in touch in the way of old friends.

Gratefully in Christ,



Jay

P.S. Because a handful have asked, if any cared to write, the address at the church in Knoxville is:

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church  
3700 Keowee Ave SW  
Knoxville, TN 37919

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC**

# ADULT CLASSES AND GROUPS

## OneGroup: Bible Studies and Small Groups

The goal of GPC's Adult Education Ministry is that every adult be connected to a Bible Study or Small Group, gathering regularly for study, fellowship, and prayer. Groups meet throughout the week, especially Sunday mornings. There's something for everyone, so get plugged in! If you have limited availability, let's work to gather a new one that works for you. Check the website (<https://germantownpres.org/ministries/adult-education/>).

Check below for Sunday mornings or throughout the week to see what your group will be doing!

### Sunday Mornings, 9:30am-10:30am Summer 2019

Take a look at what will be going on this summer 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.

#### The Gospel of Matthew

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

Leader: Drayton Mayers, Jack Gates, Jim Morse, Bob Pitts  
This weekly Bible Study continues through the Gospel of Matthew 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! This group will be starting a new study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

#### Psalms 78 Class

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

Coordinators: Kevin Floyd, Stacy Weiss

This group for parents of younger children (but open to all adults) has met for two years. For the summer, this group will be continuing devotionals from *Sacred Parenting* by Gary Thomas.

#### Cobblestone Bible Study

Room: Mellor Library (main level)

Coordinators: Sally Fienup

Cobblestone will take a break this summer.

#### Summer Psalms (formerly Presbyterian from Scratch)

Room: UL-212 (upper level)

This class, formerly "Presbyterian from Scratch," will continue into the summer as a weekly Bible Study, each week studying a different psalm.

#### 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 studying the Gospel of Mark.

### Bible Studies and Small Groups Summer 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!

#### Monday

Eat, Pray, Read (monthly book discussion group)

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

\*Meets off-site in group members' homes

\*resuming in the fall

Contact: Carol Barnes (ccbarnes35@gmail.com)

Men's Lunch Devotional

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

\*Studying daily devotionals from Dallas Willard's *Hearing God*

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

Contact: Anthony Duke (Anthony.Duke@ipaper.com)

Women's Book Group

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

\*resuming in the fall

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

\*resuming in the fall

Contact: Sue Perrin (sue.perrin@att.net)

#### Wednesday

Compass meal and programs

\*resuming in the fall

#### Thursday

Thursday Bible Study

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

\*resuming in the fall

Contact: Jean Carroll (jeancarroll1@comcast.net)

#### Friday

Men's Breakfast

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

\*For the summer, will be studying the Scripture passage for each week's sermon.

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, this summer using Scripture from the message. 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, the contact person for this bimonthly lunch study is Anthony Duke (Anthony.Duke@ipaper.com).



## WOMEN AT GPC

### *Presbyterian Women in July*



Threads of Love will not meet in the summer but will resume in September.

Gathering will be July 16 at 10am. The speaker is Angela White with the Collierville Literacy Council. The literacy council teaches adults to read and ESL (English as a second language). They also offer GED classes, citizenship classes, and career readiness opportunities.

Project Outreach - food for July: canned fruit (preferably with no sugar added) and Jello, peanut butter, snack foods. Food bins are located in the Activity Center.

## CONGRATULATIONS, BETH CARTER, ON YOUR FIRST BOOK

According to James K. Grubbs in the May 31, issue of *The Best Times magazine*, "The Nest Keeper" is a first novel you should read. He says, "Her book is so well written that you will not want to put it down until you find out what happens to solve the mystery."



To read the entire article, follow this link: [https://www.thebesttimes.com/entertainment/the-nest-keeper-is-a-first-novel-you-should-read/article\\_6c284760-83f5-11e9-9083-d7137aef2348.html](https://www.thebesttimes.com/entertainment/the-nest-keeper-is-a-first-novel-you-should-read/article_6c284760-83f5-11e9-9083-d7137aef2348.html).

Congratulations, again, Beth Carter. What an exciting accomplishment.

*We'll miss you, Pastor Jay.  
GPC staff at Las Delicias.*



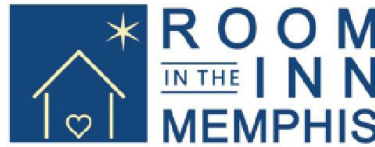
## 2019 GLOBAL MISSION TEAMS

See page 3 for the names of all going on the trips. Please pray for the time before, during, and after the trips as well as safe travel.

## WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO THE NEXT CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK?



## Room in the Inn Volunteers & Donations Needed!



Summer is well underway. May through September the shelter serves women and children only. The Sign up Genius for our summer program is up and running and ready

Home is where the ★ is. for you! GPC is hosting the second Saturday of every month. Below are all the dates!!

Summer hosting dates, and we hope that you will be able to join in all our HOLY HOSPITALITY!!

Saturday, July 13; Saturday, August 10;

Saturday, September 14

I know a lot of us travel during the summer, but my prayer is that when we are in town, we will still remember that ALL of these women and children are living on the streets in the Memphis heat and the sun with no AC and in need of protection from all kinds of things. So, please help out by volunteering your free time. It really does make a huge impact on their lives!!

*Susan Shirley Hurt (susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com)*

### List of donations needed below:

women's underwear sizes 5-13	shampoo & conditioner
lysol	white undershirts
toenail clippers	shaving creme
women's socks-crew & ankle	lotion
sharpie markers	kleenex individual packs
dryer sheets	cough drops
chapstick	twin sheets (not jersey)
name tags	wet wipe individual packs
shower cleaner	dayquil/nyquil (generic pills)
sunblock	twin blankets
zip lock bags all sizes	tooth brushes
larger trash bags	ear plugs
BUG SPRAY!!!!!!	laundry detergent
back packs (dark colors)	deodorant
razors	small foot powder

# MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE PRESBYTERY-WIDE PENTECOST CELEBRATION & WORSHIP AT RHODES COLLEGE, JUNE 9, 2019



IN THE PRESBYTERY

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation:

>Gay Beaumont	>June Garfinkel	>Roy Hendrix	>Debbie Moseley	**Kim & Tom Sauer
>Shirley Billups	>Ruth Grosshuesch	>Jean & Bob Hicks	>Judy & Dick Nokes	>Jackie & Bill Ruleman
>Sherril & Jim Blair	>Susan & Michael Gyura	>Aggie & Jack Losa	>Mack Pepper	>Diane & Fred Stearns
>Huddy & Bayard Boyle	>Scott Hall	>Willa Lowry	>Rachel & Jones Peterson, Ethan & Jayden	>Patti Tracey
>Jane Craddock	>Ann Harbor	>Boyd Maize	>Barb Poier	>Amanda Walters
>Warren Crain	>Nancy & Peter Hawkinson	>Betty McCallen	**Barbara Ragsdale	>Margaret Williams
>Virginia Dickinson		>Donna & Steve Morley		
>Judy & Fred Frick				

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
the family of Karen Mitchell in her death.

## 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  
 Jason Ragain - son of Debbie Ragain  
 Meredith & Greg Wagner, Angela, Cooper -  
 daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren of Stephanie & Barry Wall

## From Room in the Inn Ministry:

### Past Guests

Bert, Charles, Douglas, Fred, Howard, Johnnie, Kenny,  
 Kristen, Lois, Orson, Roger, Rosaland, and Tyronne

## GPC Friends and Family Prayer Ministry

>Jeffrey Arthur - son of Barbara & Andrew Arthur	**Don Franceschetti - husband of Alice (new member)	>Debbie Irvin - sister of Ann Harbor	>Scott Ruleman - son of Jackie & Bill Ruleman
>Todd Birdwell - brother of Amy Phillips	>Forrest Goodman - friend of Julie Lindow	>Tony Lawson - friend of Jeanie & Walter Hill's son Jeff	**Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy & Rick Tripp
>Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle	>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	>family of Monica Tucker Norris - Marcus, Maggie, & Molly	>Faith Yetman - sister of Neal Horner
>Jimmie Chester - father of Judith & Tom Wilson's daughter-in-law, Lynn	>John Howle - son of Cheri & Mike Howle	>Steven Rice - neighbor/friend of Barbara & Bill Armstrong	
**Evan Dentes - brother of Connie Scott	>Pam Hyde & husband Paul - sister & brother-in-law of Martha Day	**Paula & Bob Rough - friends of Roscoe Phillips	

*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.*

## July GPC Family Prayer Ministry

Jul 7 Erin Bowden, Brock, Noah Cindy & Howard Cleveland, Alexander, Elizabeth Laura & Woodson Farmer, Emmaline Ellie & Dick Goughnour Carol & Bill Leppert Gisela & Terry Pickett Paula Stack Susan Walker	Jul 14 Carol Boals Pam & Joe Graddy Holly & Drew Hensarling, Anna Claire Christy & Mark Mestemacher Judy & Frank Oakes Lisa & Kevin Patterson Mary Blanche Scott Stephanie & Barry Wall	Jul 21 Gay Beaumont Kathleen & Jim Boyd Trish Dianetti Martha & Drayton Mayers, Sara & MacLean Lee Parnell Jimmy Shumaker Anne & Jim Tims Arlene & Brett Wade, Kevin, Lauren	Jul 28 Huddy & Bayard Boyle Janet & Ed Dellinger, Carolyn, William Dot Hartzog Aggie & Jack Losa Susan & Greg Morgan Laura Patteson Loree & Rich Tisdale Jody & David Waldrop, Bryan, Lydia
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**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

# MEMORIALS

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

<p><b>To the Music Fund</b>  <i>In Memory of Bud Webb</i>            Bonnie Algee            Barbara Armstrong            Carol &amp; George Barnes            Linda Sue &amp; Bob Bobo            Jane Bratton            Mr. &amp; Ms. Maurice Buring            Caroline Caruthers            Kathryn Chambers            Kay &amp; David Collins            Adrienne Davis            Lana Dowdy &amp; Family            Delores Durley            Anne Mellor Emery            Dawn Evans            Alex B. Gates            GPC PNO Fellowship Group            Tamah &amp; Jeff Halfacre            Nancy &amp; Jeff Halter            Macie Houston            Jerry Huff            Dixie &amp; Bob Johnson            Mr. &amp; Ms. Douglas Lambeth            Bobby Lanier            Aggie &amp; Jack Losa            Mary Alice McAlister            Anne &amp; George McGaha            June &amp; Mark McClellan</p>	<p>New Neighbors            Sunshine Committee            Helen &amp; Fred Norman            Barb Poier            Connie &amp; Tom Scott            JoEllyn &amp; Dave Slott            Becky Stanley            Mr. &amp; Ms. Guy Stephenson            Mary &amp; Rodney Strop            Sunbelt Marketing            Anne &amp; Wayne Tansil            Judith &amp; Tom Wilson</p>	<p><i>In Honor of Jenna Teachey's High School Graduation</i>            Barbara Armstrong</p>	<p><i>In Memory of Carolyn Hayward</i>            Mary Rogers</p>
	<p><b>To the Music Fund</b>  <i>In memory of Gayden R. Jones</i>            Bonnie Algee            Kay &amp; David Collins            Becky Stanley</p>	<p><b>To the Flower Fund</b>  <i>In memory of Barbara Wright</i>            Kay &amp; David Collins</p>	<p><b>To Building Tomorrow Today</b>  <i>In Memory of Gayden R. Jones</i>            Helen &amp; Fred Norman</p>
	<p><i>In Memory of Barbara Wright</i>            Bonnie Algee</p>	<p><b>To the Memorial Fund</b>  <i>In memory of Gayden R. Jones</i>            Jerry Huff            JoEllyn &amp; Dave Slott            Judith &amp; Tom Wilson</p>	<p><b>To the Youth Ministries Program</b>  <i>In Honor of GPC's High School Graduates</i>            Kay &amp; David Collins</p>
	<p><i>In Memory of Dennis Marshall</i>            Kay &amp; David Collins</p>	<p><i>In memory of Jack Kelley</i>            Sue Kelley</p>	
		<p><i>In Memory of Dennis Marshall</i>            Macie Houston</p>	
		<p><i>In Memory of Dr. Ed Scott</i>            Caroline Caruthers</p>	

## GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, May 2019

	May 2019	2019 YTD	May 2018	2018 YTD
Revenue	\$ 150,248	\$ 773,525	\$112,101	\$ 617,075
Expenses	\$ 152,599	\$ 739,516	\$147,993	\$ 666,239
Net	\$ (2,351)	\$ 34,009	\$ (35,892)	\$ (49,164)

Total revenue for May was \$150,248, with expenses of \$152,599. This gave us a small deficit for the month of \$2,351, but our year-to-date surplus is still positive at \$34,009. This is the best we experienced in the last few years and helps cushion the expected deficits that we experience in summer. Please continue to remember your GPC support as we move into the big vacation season.

Contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* for May were \$55,982 with construction expenses of \$229,850. At this point, we have invested \$4.8 million in the overall project, including the cost of the capital campaign and the architectural plans and have a balance on our line of credit of only \$1.75 million. While the construction of our building will wrap up this summer, the *Building Tomorrow Today* campaign continues for another year. A lot of our members have paid their pledge in full, but we still have almost \$790,000 in pledges yet to be paid. We need all of those pledges to finish our new building and reduce our outstanding debt.

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SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS  
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR  
 CONGREGATIONAL CARE

TOM SAUER  
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AMANDA MACKEY  
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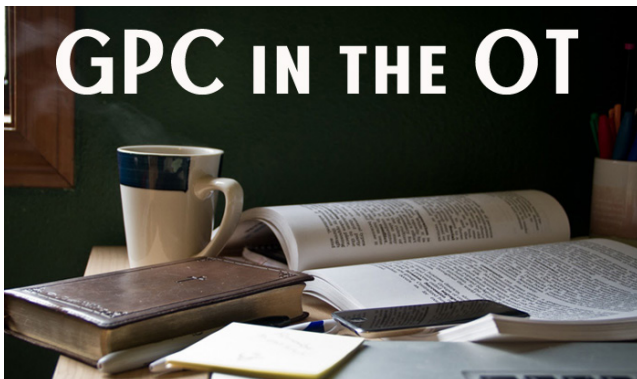
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 ORGANIST/HANDBELL DIRECTOR

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MONICA KIRBY  
 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



**August Window Deadline: July 15**



## July Readings

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7-7-19	1 Chr 13-15	1 Chr 16-18	1 Chr 19-22	1 Chr 23-24	1 Chr 25-26	1 Chr 27-29
7-14-19	2 Chr 1-4	2 Chr 5-7	2 Chr 8-11	2 Chr 12-16	2 Chr 17-19	2 Chr 20-23
7-21-19	2 Chr 4-26	2 Chr 27-29	2 Chr 30-32	2 Chr 33-35	2 Chr 36-Ezr 1	Ezr 2-3
7-28-19	Ezr 4-7	Ezr 8-9	Ezr 10-Neh 2	Neh 3-5	Neh 6	Neh 7



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