



# *THE WINDOW*

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DEDICATION**

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FOR FALL**



Dear GPC Family and Friends,

During the month of August, I manufactured reasons to go into different parts of the new education building. At various times during each day, I left my office to go into Warren Hall and admire that great new fellowship space. I took my laptop into the Parlor to work, and I sat for a few hours upstairs in each of the classrooms. I go into the chapel basement, and I am shocked at the metamorphosis of that space. Last December, on Christmas Eve, I walked around the skeleton of the new building, and I could not envision the finished product. Now, I cannot imagine our church without that building, and it's not even a month old! As a church, we are so grateful to God for the visioning and generosity that has resulted in our great new space.

A few weeks ago I mentioned in a sermon how our focus as a church has been on this building project for all of my time at GPC – eight years. When I arrived in 2011, Phase I had just been completed, and it was magnificent at that time. It included new offices, the new Welcome Center, a new choir room, new children's space downstairs, and the covered drop-off by the Narthex. I was so grateful to arrive just after all of the construction and to occupy the new space; but I knew from the moment I started at GPC that we had another phase to go. While Phase II wasn't on the front burner for two or three years, it was still on our minds. In 2015 we began the process of cranking up Phase II. There were meetings, visioning steps, and more meetings. We worked hard in 2016 and 2017 getting everything in place – raising awareness and raising funds – and the last two years were spent building. For all of us, the last eight years have seen some portion of Phase II occupying a little, or a lot, of our time, energy, imagination, and labor.

So....now what?!? I've spent a lot of time praying that very question. I've been praying and dreaming and asking God what He has in store for us now. What is Phase III for GPC? It still involves building, but of a spiritual kind – which is harder and even more important than the physical building we've been doing the last few years. Now we will tackle the next building project: building up the Body of Christ that is GPC, numerically and spiritually. We want to grow the church so that more people can be in a life-changing and life-saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We want more people to know God, to experience forgiveness and redemption, and to have a new purpose for life in serving God in the world.

To this end, at its August meeting, the Session approved a new staff position to help us grow the church. We will soon begin the process of calling a new Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Discipleship. This will be different from the position held by Jay Howell. Our new associate pastor will be tasked with leading our church in growth. I anticipate that this pastor will come in with a track-record of success in growing a church. This new associate pastor will teach us how to be more willing to share our faith with others, and he or she will coach us on how to spread the good news of God's love with others.

We will also look to this person to guide us in continuing to provide excellent opportunities for spiritual growth through learning. GPC has such an excellent history of strong Christian education, and we will look to this person to guide us into new ways of learning and growth. We have not yet tapped deeply into new ways of learning through technology, and the possibilities are endless for how we might grow in this area. I hope our new associate pastor will provide weekly Sunday School podcasts for people who are traveling and cannot attend at GPC personally. We need Internet-based learning, and I hope he or she will lead Bible studies that challenge us when we need it – and comfort us when we need it. I hope our next associate pastor will help us grow our worship services beyond what we currently offer so that we can appeal to people who worship in different ways from what we are accustomed to.

I am already praying for this person who will join our church family/staff at some point in 2020 (I hope!). And please join me as we look forward to our future together and all that God has in store for us.

Grace, mercy, and peace,

*Will*

# WHAT'S THE LATEST?

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

## SEPTEMBER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5:30pm  
Compass Meal/Programs Begin  
Warren Fellowship Hall

Bring coolers, chairs, & anything else you need for a picnic. Food trucks will be there if you don't want to pack your own.

Friday, Sept. 13, 6:30-10pm  
breathe—Parents' Night Out  
Children ages 1 yr—5th grade  
Special need individuals any age  
Please make sure your participant is registered by visiting  
[www.germantownpres.org/breathe](http://www.germantownpres.org/breathe).

For more info, contact Brooke Duke at [brookebduke@yahoo.com](mailto:brookebduke@yahoo.com).

Saturday, Sept. 14, 6:45pm  
GPC at the Levitt Shell  
Meet at the area at the top of the hill near the benches - look for Susan Lipscomb, Sherrie Horner, or Laura Brown holding yellow balloons.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 12:15pm  
Inquirers' Lunch  
Following 11am worship  
Warren Fellowship Hall

## SAVE THESE DATES LONG TERM!

Sunday, October 27 - Fall Festival

Sunday, December 15 - Caroling & Chili Cookoff

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

**Saturday, September 14, 6:30pm**  
**GPC AT THE LEVITT SHELL**

- meet at the area at the top of the hill near the benches
- look for Susan Lipscomb, Sherrie Horner, or Laura Brown holding yellow balloons

Bring coolers, chairs, and anything else you need for a picnic. Food trucks will be there if you don't want to pack your own.

The concerts at Levitt Shell are lots of fun for all ages and a great way to get outside and enjoy a FREE event together!

For more info, contact Brooke Duke at [brookebduke@yahoo.com](mailto:brookebduke@yahoo.com).



**Mark your planner now:**

**Sunday, October 27 - GPC's Fall Fest**

**Lots of activities, entertainment, snacks, and fun for all ages!**

**Be prepared to invite your friends and neighbors.**

**This event is being planned on a much larger scale than in the past.**

**If you want to help plan and volunteer for this event, contact Brooke Duke at [brookebduke@yahoo.com](mailto:brookebduke@yahoo.com).**

# Compass in September

## Wednesday Night Meals & Programs

September 11:

Opening night - first in a series of Bible studies.

Presenter: Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Subject: "The Prodigal Who Stayed at Home" (Luke 15: 25-32)

Source: *Parables from the Back Side, Bible Stories with a Twist*

September 18:

- second in the series

Presenter: Dr. Will Jones

Subject: "When the Good Samaritan is Bad News" (Luke 10: 25-37)

Source: *Parables from the Back Side, ....*

September 25:

- third in the series

Presenter: Dr. Will Jones

Subject: "The Seasons of the Soil" (Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23)

Source: *Parables from the Back Side, ....*

Our evenings begin with supper at 5:30pm (\$7 per person - reservations required). The programs (including stimulating discussion and Q&A sessions) will be from 6:15 to 7:00pm.

Please set the bearing on your compass to home in each night on the GPC's new Warren Hall in our new education building for fine food, active fellowship, and a scintillating Bible study.



## Letters from Members

To My GPC Family and Friends:

Thank you so much for all the cards, texts, emails, phone calls, and visits these past 5 months. I know in my heart that your thoughts and prayers are what gave me the strength and courage to continue fighting when I felt like quitting.

I am excited to say that I'm improving and looking forward to returning to my active life at GPC.

Blessings and Love,

*Barb Poier*



Dear Loved Ones at GPC:

You have been truly a caring and loving shepherd to us in these days of my illness. Kay and I treasure all the cards, calls, letters, texts, flowers, and food you have sent our way!

Your prayers are a powerful medicine and my chemo treatment is working to reduce the leukemia so thanks be to God for your faithful vigil.

Our staff has also been so sensitive and caring; we are indeed blessed to have them at GPC. Thank God for all the saints at Germantown Presbyterian Church.

The Lord bless you all -

*Joe & Kay Donaho*

**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 small group activity on Sunday mornings or throughout the week!

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

Take a look at the new offerings for fall beginning Sunday, August 11. 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.

#### 2019 SUNDAY MORNING FALL CLASSES

##### Psalm 78

Coordinator: Kevin Floyd

Room: UL215 (2nd level)

Psalm 78 class is a group of parents with mostly school-aged children who meet for weekly study and fellowship. This fall the group will be studying books titled Busy-ness - Finding God in the Whirlwind by Juanita Ryan and Hospitality - God's Call to Compassion by Patty Pell. We hope you will join us.

##### Hits of the Ages

Coordinator: Alan Callicott

Room: UL218 (2nd level) MFMSA

The Hits of the Ages Sunday school class membership spans a range of ages from the 50s to the 80s. We're a Sunday school class, but we've also become a group of friends who look forward to our Sunday mornings together! There is always room for more.

We cycle through Bible studies... from the Old Testament to a Gospel to something else from the New Testament. We finish N.T. Wright's study of the book of Ephesians on August 25. This fall we will begin an Old Testament study. We take turns leading the lesson each Sunday, but leading is not required to be part of the class. We would love to welcome new members!

##### Paula's Hearts and Hands

Coordinators: Elaine Cates, Amy Eoff, Mary Rogers

Room: UL212 (2nd level)

Paula's Hearts and Hands combines Bible Study and service to the church. Each week, this group gathers around a table to study Scripture and knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, and hats for newborns. These are for members to use and share with friends, neighbors, family, anyone who has a need. This group is finishing up studying the gospel of Mark and is still determining what will come next. You're invited to join this class whether you can stitch or not.

##### Seekers

Coordinators: Jean Carroll, Nancy Halter

Room: UL216 (2nd level) MFMSA

The Seekers class spans a range of ages and always welcomes new members. This fall the group will study Romans: Becoming New in Christ by Jack Kuhatschek.

### Bible Studies and Small Groups Fall 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 September 9

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

\*reading *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks

(plan to discuss the entire book at this meeting)

\*resuming September 16

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: 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

\*studying the book of James using NT Wright book

\*resuming September 12

Contact: Jean Carroll (jeancarroll1@comcast.net)

#### Friday

Men's Breakfast

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

\*using the lectionary to study Scripture

Contact: Jim Boyd (jboyd10@comcast.net)

## MEN AT GPC

### *Men's Breakfast*

Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in Warren Fellowship Hall (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 using Scripture from the lectionary. 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).

### *PW Cooking Team Needs Your Help*

Hello!

We're looking for football decorations for our Staff Luncheon on Tuesday, October 22. If you have a favorite team, and some 'merch' that recognizes your team (pennants, pompoms, other) please let me know!

We'd like to borrow it for our tablescapes for the luncheon! All items will be returned in perfect condition to you! We would like to have a variety of items for color and decoration! Contact Cooking Chair Tamah Halfacre at tamah@bellsouth.net. THANKS!



PW Cooking Ministry

901-849-8488

## WOMEN AT GPC

### *Presbyterian Women in September*



Circles will have the first meeting for the fall on Tuesday, September 3.

Day Circles will meet at 10am (Circle 1-UL215, Circle 2-UL216, Circle 3-UL217), and Night Circle will meet at 7pm in Warren Fellowship Hall. The new Horizon Bible study will be starting - *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. It is a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. This book may be purchased for \$10 at the Circle meetings or the Gathering. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. If you would like to be in a Circle and have not been in one before, please contact Sue Perrin at sue.perrin@att.net.

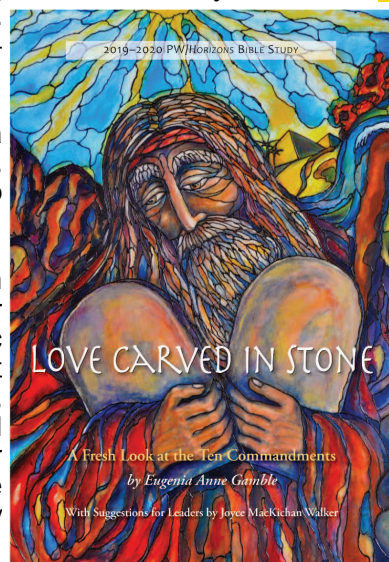
Threads of Love will kick off their September 10 meeting at 9:30am - 12:00pm in the new location - located on the first floor of Evans Chapel. Sewing is not a requirement as many hands are needed to help with pressing and cutting. Come join us for a morning of fellowship while we make articles of clothing or items that help those with special needs. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Harris at mah174@yahoo.com or 901-833-1218.

The September Gathering will be on September 17 at 10am in Warren Hall. Our speaker will be Sandy Randle who teaches Bible journaling.

For the past year Sandy has been learning how to use Bible journaling to connect with the Word of God and helping others do the same. She teaches a Bible journaling class weekly at her church, Redeemer Evangelical Church in Collierville, as well as morning and evening classes on the second and fourth Monday at Little Studio on the Square in Arlington. Combining art, journaling, and the Word is an effective way to plant the Word in your heart and into your memory. Happy Bible journaling!

After the speaker a lunch will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Project Outreach food for September - canned items, mac & cheese, peanut butter and jelly/jam, rice, instant mashed potatoes. Food bins for Project Outreach are located in the Activity Center.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

## WELCOME BACK TO THE GARDEN

On Sunday, August 4, GPC celebrated the completion of Phase II of GPC's Master Plan and the congregation was introduced to new and pleasing renovated spaces. We were also reintroduced to a very special feature of GPC's campus. Since Phase II construction began, the Memorial Garden has been hidden behind construction fencing with limited access. The Garden is now a prominent feature of the beautiful courtyard.



cremains of members, their families, and others as approved by the Memorial Garden Association.

Since the Memorial Garden was dedicated in March 2014, there have been 29 interments in the columbarium and 24 inscriptions on the Memorial Wall. Subscription agreements for another 50 niches have been submitted.

On Dedication Sunday, we had the opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with this place of beauty and comfort. The Phase II project constructed an additional columbarium wall, erected wrought iron fencing, completed the garden courtyard and provided sidewalk access to the new Warren Hall.

In the five years since its dedication, the Memorial Garden has proven to be a place of beauty and quiet comfort to our GPC family. Its mission is to serve those who've come before us and those who follow. Generations to come will be blessed by this ministry.

Phase II has brought to fruition the vision of a Memorial Garden that was planted in 2011 when the Session approved a resolution creating the Germantown Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden Association with the mission to establish a memorial garden with columbarium on our church campus for the purpose of interring the

If you have questions about the Memorial Garden or would like to learn more about it, information is available on GPC's website under the "Ministries" tab. Alternatively, you may contact a member of the Memorial Garden Association: Charles Fahrenkopf, Paul Gwin, Jeff Halter, J.W. McAllister, or Melinda Russell. Those wishing to enter into a subscription agreement may contact our Church Administrator, Fred Turverey.

## MY SUMMER AT GPC

Through my internship this summer, my relationships with you have either A) been new and exciting, B) been nurtured and strengthened, or C) have blown me away by your kindness and grace shown to me as I discern my future. I will be forever grateful! GPC has been the constant in my growing up years. The current staff has not only shared their gifts with me but I, too, have been able to refine my own spiritual gifts through a series of opportunities given to me by our excellent pastoral leaders and their supportive staff of administrators.



A December graduation will have me leaving Kentucky and starting anew with paths unknown. I promise to keep you posted. Thank you again for your love and encouragement.

Yours in Christ,  
*Mary Lennox Halfacre*

2 Timothy 1:7 - ...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.



# INTERESTED IN JOINING GPC?

You are welcome here!

## Membership Information

### Upcoming dates:

- 9/15 - For anyone interested in learning more about GPC, there will be an Information Lunch in Warren Hall immediately following the 11:00am worship service. Pastors and staff will give an overview of the ministries at GPC.
- 9/22 - For prospective members who wish to join GPC after attending the Information Lunch, there will be a brief gathering with the Elders and Pastors at 10:40am in the GPC Library.
- 9/29 - For recent new members to GPC, the Belonging Ministry will share about the different ways to get involved at GPC at 9:30am in Warren Hall.



Please contact Anne Tansil if you are interested or would like more information (901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or Ltansil@bellsouth.net).

## NEW BUILDING DEDICATION



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

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## 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](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).

# A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE GOES A LONG WAY

by *Monica Kirby*

Sometimes we do not know what we do not know until we are told! Take some time to peruse the information offered this month as you consider how you might improve your skills when encountering our families and friends with disabilities. GPC wants to put our best foot forward as “we embrace the special needs community as if we were embracing Jesus Himself!” (Permission to reprint these items was granted.)




**Parking here for “Just a Minute...”  
...is 60 seconds too long!**

**NEVER** park in a space reserved for people with disabilities **UNLESS** you have a permit, placard or handicapped parking plates. It’s the courteous thing to do—and it’s the law.

**REMEMBER:** Do not park in the striped access aisles next to spaces reserved for people with disabilities, even if you have a permit or plates. Access aisles provide room for wheelchair users to transfer safely to and from their vehicles.

*Learn more about the laws on reserved parking for people with disabilities. Contact United Spinal Association at:*




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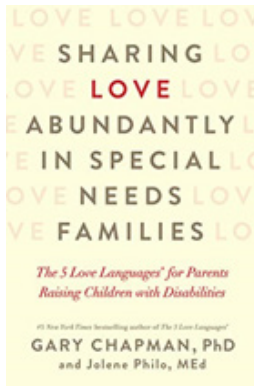
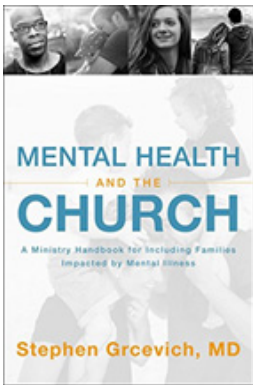
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**SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC**

## SUGGESTED READING



# CHILDREN AT GPC

## LADIES: YOU'RE INVITED

All ladies are invited to participate in our Thursday morning book study - *It's Not Supposed To Be This Way* by Lysa TerKeurst. If you have ever tried to live with assurance when life is not turning out how you planned, this study is for you. If your life looks different than what you hoped or expected, this book is for you. Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and helps us to discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God actually does give us more than we can handle. Bring the book, book study guide, and your Bible to The Well on Thursday mornings beginning 9:15-10:30, September 5 - October 10. Please let Anna know if you would like her to order the book and study guide. Please also let Anna know if you would like to see this offered as a Sunday morning Bible study. (annaw@germantownpres.org)



## KNOW GOD RETREAT FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS



Parents, do you remember the day you woke up and BAM! you knew God? Of course not. It has taken a lifetime, and it is still in the works.

What we want for our children is to provide the foundation that knowing God is important in his or her life.

Please have your 4th or 5th grader join us for our Know God Retreat, November 8-9 at Pinecrest. Your child will have fun with friends as we play, hike, eat, and devote time to God together.

Registration is open soon, and your \$30 deposit is required to hold your child's spot by September 30. Look for more details to come!

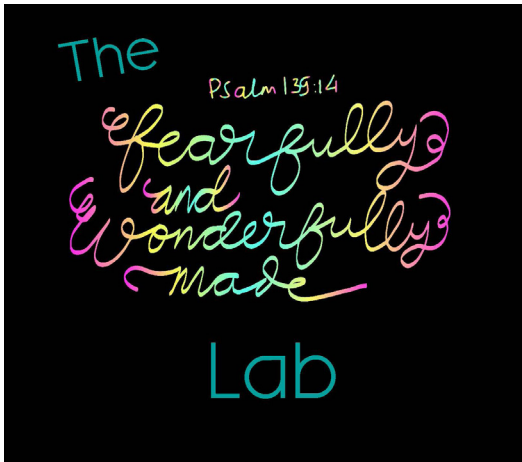
Email Anna with questions (annaw@germantownpres.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR... OUR SWEET 1ST GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES ON SEPTEMBER 8!

A milestone for any child raised in the church is the day he or she receives his first Bible! Do you remember this day as such a young child? I do. I attended Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Things were simpler in 1981, and I think my Sunday School teacher wrote my name in my Bible and handed it to me as I sat at a small table in the Sunday School classroom. Nevertheless, it was a memorable moment. Please join us on Sunday, September 8 at the 11:00 worship service to encourage our first graders as they receive their first Bible! Parents of first graders, you will receive an invitation in the mail with details to include a reception for your family! Look for more details, and email Anna if you have any questions (annaw@germantownpres.org).



# CHILDREN AT GPC



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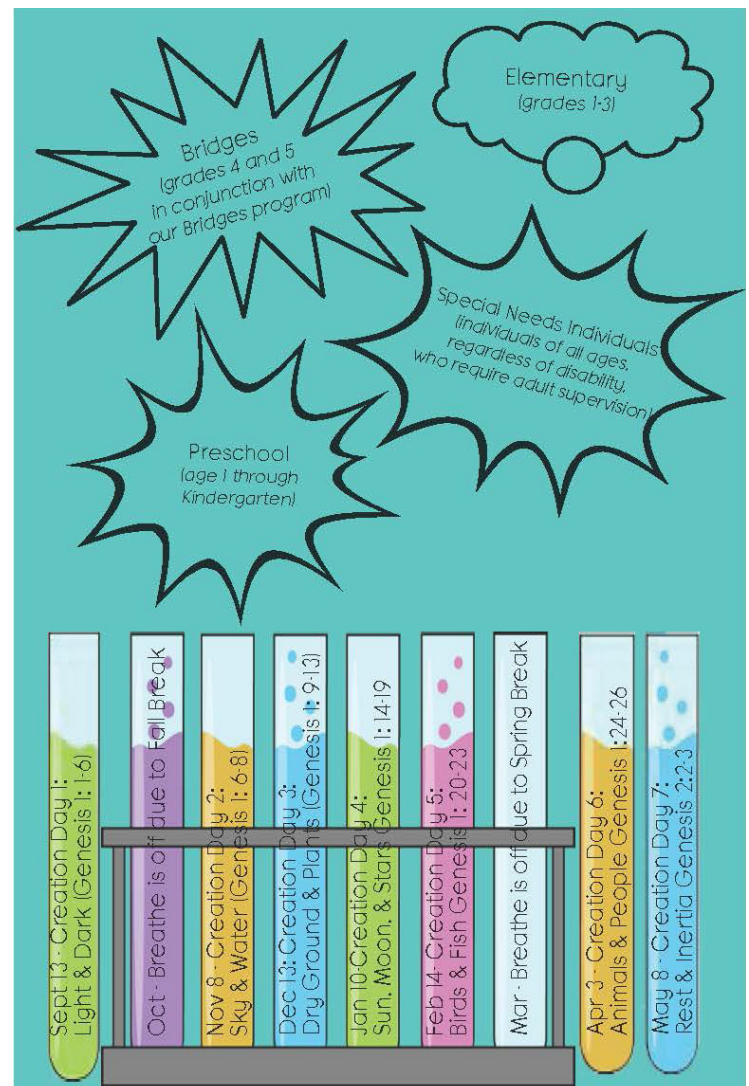
A Parents' Night Out Ministry  
For Children & Special Needs Individuals

A new year has started with Germantown Presbyterian's Breathe Parents' Night Out program! With the new year you will find a new theme, new activities for our participants, and new opportunities for church friendships to build!

Our theme this year is *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* from Psalm 139:14. Join us as we enter the science lab and explore God's wonderful creation through lab exploration (lab coats and safety glasses included!)

Our first event night for this programming year is Friday, September 13, 6:30 - 10:00pm when we study God's creation of light and darkness through all items that GLOW! Older students will participate in GLOW-in-the-Dark Bowling, and younger students will GLOW-in-the-Dark treasure hunt! Don't forget to wear a white tee shirt to really stand out! Children one year of age through current 5th graders as well as individuals with special needs of any age are welcome to attend!

New this year is a 4th and 5th grade designated space with "tween" activities to include a "friendship focus." Parents, please register your participant and reserve his/her space for the Friday, September 13 event night by visiting [www.germantownpres.org/breathe](http://www.germantownpres.org/breathe). Reservations close for this event Monday, September 9 at noon. Event nights are \$14 per child to include a pizza dinner and all fun activities. The one-time family registration fee of \$10 allows our Breathe program to thrive. Please email questions to Monica Kirby ([monicak@germantownpres.org](mailto:monicak@germantownpres.org)) or Anna White ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)).



# GPC's THEATER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

GPC's Theater Fellowship Group met in August and determined their schedule for 2019-20. As always, if anyone notices an event during the season that you think this group would like to go to, please contact Becky Stanley at bekcycstanley@gmail.com.

The August play tickets need to be purchased ASAP. The tickets are selling fast. Call 682-8323 or go online to theatrememphis.org.

## August 23 (Friday) *Mamma Mia!*, Theatre Memphis

Energetic and irresistible. Set on a remote Greek Island, a young girl plans her wedding while trying to discover who of three men may be her father so he can walk her down the aisle. Mix in an unsuspecting mother (who has single-handedly created a vacation taverna) and her old friends from a "girl group" and the scene becomes a dancing, prancing, elaborate production of musical chairs as they discover the true meaning of love. A classic jukebox musical based on the songs of the international pop group, ABBA.

Tickets \$30.00 seniors, \$35.00 others. Conveners: Carol and George Barnes email: ccbarnes35@gmail.com if you can come.

## September 20 (Friday) *Barefoot in the Park*, Germantown Community Theatre

Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* is a romantic comedy focusing on a pair of newlyweds, Corie and Paul, as they begin married life in a tiny, 5th floor walkup apartment in a Manhattan brownstone. Paul is a strait-laced attorney, Corie has a far more spontaneous, free spirit. As the young couple contend with a lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, several long flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother, they must also reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges. Adjusting to

married life isn't easy. Convener: Kay Shelton - email shelton727@gmail.com

## October 25 (Friday) *Baskerville*, Germantown Community Theatre

Get your deerstalker cap on-the play's afoot! Comedic genius Ken Ludwig, transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic *The Hound of the Baskervilles* into a murderously funny adventure. Sherlock Holmes is on the case. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their ingenious killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises, and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be. Convener: Sue Kelley email sueakelley@comcast.net

## November 8 (Friday) *Little Shop of Horrors*, Germantown High School- Poplar Pike Playhouse

Convener TBA

## December 14 (Saturday) *Germantown Holiday Concert*, GPAC

Join the Germantown Symphony Orchestra for this annual holiday tradition. The GSO will perform holiday favorites, and the opening chorus of Vivaldi's *Gloria* with a combined chorus of Memphis ChoralArts, Germantown Chorus and Houston High School Choirs. The performance will end with a much-beloved sing-along. Conveners: Sandy and Gerald Wilson email: grwilson755@yahoo.com

## January 17 (Friday) *Marty Haggard - A tribute to Merle Haggard, My Dad*, Bartlett Performing Arts

Celebrate the music of country music legend Merle Haggard thoughtfully performed by his son Marty. Conveners: Gisela and Terry Pickett

email: giselapickett@gmail.com

February — no plays selected

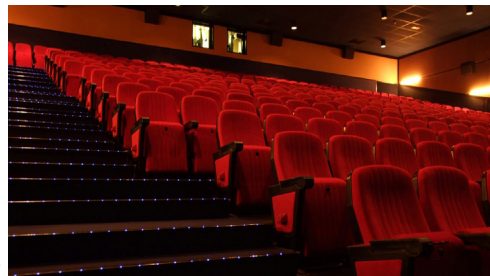
## March 20 (Friday) *Driving Miss Daisy*, Germantown Community Theatre

Set in mid-century Atlanta, *Driving Miss Daisy* tells the story of an elderly Jewish matron, Daisy Werthan, and her chauffeur, Hoke Coleburn. At first, Daisy is none to happy about being forced to rely on an African-American man to get from one place to the next. Gradually, however, Hoke wins her over and during the 25-year span of the play, the two develop a deep-rooted affection. This Pulitzer-Prize winning masterpiece is a delicate depiction of racial tensions, the passage of time and the experience of aging. Playwright Alfred Uhry creates two outsiders who come to a mutual respect grounded in each of their independence, strength, and stubborn integrity. Convener: Violet Olsen email: paul\_olsen@att.net

## April 17 (Friday) *Remember When Rock Was Young*, Bartlett Performing Arts

Craig Meyer has traversed all four corners of the entertainment industry, making strong impressions in theater, film, television, and music with stars like Barry Manilow and Frankie Valli. Now he's bringing Elton John right to our stage! Convener: Becky Stanley email: bekcycstanley@gmail.com

May - Date to be announced - it will be a venue at the Dixon





**2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT  
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WOMEN'S STORIES: FINDING YOUR  
PLACE IN THE STORY GOD IS TELLING  
NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2019**

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### **Women't Retreat Testimonials**

Last year's GPC Women's Retreat was so much fun and so good for my mind, body, heart and soul. Spending time getting to know women of different ages and backgrounds was a treat, some of whom I knew and others with whom I became friends. From practicing yoga to studying the Word to experiencing God in group and individualized soul care activities, it was a get-a-way filled with love, sharing and silence. Each part encouraged me in greater devotion and commitment in my relationship with Christ. The opportunity to enjoy the Lord with peace and calm in nature at Pinecrest, and have light-hearted fellowship with wise women makes me not want to ever miss one! - *Liz Callicott*

I really enjoyed the 2018 GPC Women's Retreat! Pinecrest provided the perfect venue to gather and relax. The retreat was a nice blend of different ages and personalities. I got to know some new people and deepened relationships with "old" friends. The planning committee led by Pastor Susie did a fabulous job of planning both quiet and "active" activities, all leading to a spiritually enriching weekend for me. I look forward to participating in the next one! - *Beth Willingham*

**The Cobblestones Fellowship Group will meet at  
Railgarten on Saturday, September 21, 2pm-5pm.  
The Cobblestones are a group for ages 30s-early 40s,  
singles and marrieds (with or without kids); contact info:  
[gpc-fellowship@googlegroups.com](mailto:gpc-fellowship@googlegroups.com)**

## **GRIEF SUPPORT**

**GPC's Grief Support Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6pm in the church parlor on the church's main level. This group is an outreach ministry offered to members and visitors of Germantown Presbyterian Church as well as to nonmembers who live within Shelby County and North Mississippi who have lost a loved one through death. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. To participate or learn more, contact: Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, [stephaniewall@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniewall@hotmail.com), 901-494-7786; Beth Brock, [beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com](mailto:beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com), 901-355-0262; or Linda Oakes, [LinOakes@bellsouth.net](mailto:LinOakes@bellsouth.net), 901-237-6566. Or visit the GPC website: [germantownpres.org/ministries/grief-support](http://germantownpres.org/ministries/grief-support).



**CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC**

# FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - GET INVOLVED!

GPC's Fellowship Groups provide small group settings for adults to foster and nurture relationship grounded in Christ's abiding love. The Fellowship Groups are currently in the process of recommitment to participation and regrouping for the 2019-2020 program year, which simply means if you are currently in a Fellowship Group, you've recently received an email from your convener asking for your recommitment. The hope is that each GPC adult will have the opportunity to participate in a Fellowship Group. So, whether you are recommitting to your current group or you haven't been in one before but would like to now - we want you to know about the Fellowship Groups, and to participate! Following are names, brief demographic descriptions, and convener contact information for you to either recommit or to join now.



Young Adult - ages: post-college-early 30's; amandam@germantownpres.org

Cobblestones - ages: 30's-early 40s - singles and marrieds (with or without kids); gpc-fellowship@googlegroups.com

Living on a Prayer (formerly Rolling Stones) - ages: 35's-45's; Ashley Robinson, ashley.toppins@gmail.com & Kelly Hogan, kelannwalker@yahoo.com

PNO NoMo - ages: 40's-50's - singles and marrieds; Susan Jones, susanstumbjones@gmail.com

Saturday Night #4 - ages: 40's-50's; Beth Carter, bkc1046@yahoo.com

Hits of the 50's/60's - people born in the 1950s-1960's; Kathleen Boyd, kkboyd@comcast.net & Susan Morgan, ssm4099@comcast.net

Cornerstones - ages: primarily older (60+); Lanny Oakes, lannyoakes@bellsouth.net

Keystones - ages: 60+; Tom Tweel, ttweel@comcast.net

Boyles' Bandits - ages: "young at heart" adults with no age limit on either end of the age spectrum; Bill Boyle, boyleb@aol.com

Theatre - ages: women and men of all ages who enjoy the theatre; Becky Stanley, beckycstanley@gmail.com

For further descriptions on each Fellowship Group and more information in general and/or information about starting a brand new Fellowship Group, please contact one of the co-moderators of this project: Jimmy Kiser (jwkiser1@gmail.com; h: 901-850-0639) or Martha Drannon (mbdrannon@comcast.net; c: 901-218-2664).

My Summer at GPC

To my brothers and sisters in Christ:

Do you know someone who doesn't feel connected with others at GPC?

Are you a new member who wants to get more involved but doesn't know how?

The Belonging Ministry Team is here to help. This newly formed group of members is creating a way for new members and members still looking for ways to get involved to have a contact to help them get connected in a way designed specific to their interests and desires.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Pastor Susie at [susiew@germantownpres.org](mailto:susiew@germantownpres.org).



# MUSIC NOTES

September has arrived, schools are back in session, and we are off and running for another exciting program year at GPC. A big thank you to Alex Benford, our organist, for outlining all of our music offerings here at GPC. I am excited that he is working to establish several new ensembles. This is by far the best time of the year for you or a member of your family to join one of our music organizations. Contact Alex Benford, Sandy Franks, Karen Schowalter Cooper, or myself to get started with a music group - new members are always welcome!

As we move into September all of our music organizations are back to their normal schedules; most of our singers have completed summer vacations, and things are back to as normal as it gets. We hope that you choose to become an active participant in one or more of our choirs or

ensembles. If not we welcome you as an active music participant in the congregation. I always want to thank those of you who choose to support music through contributions to The Teachey Scholarship and to our Music Fund. This support above and beyond the annual church budget allows me the opportunity provide extra music offerings throughout the church year that enhance our worship experience (e.g. the wonderful variety of music we offered during the summer months). Thank You! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

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



## RECAP

On Saturday, August 17, the Memphis chapter of the American Guild of Organists hosted a one-day introduction to the pipe organ for young musicians. The event, known as Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, is commonly held by chapters of the guild throughout the country.

To support the future of the organization and the organ, the chapter intended this pipe organ informational meeting for local students to generate excitement for the instrument.

A group of some 30 musicians got a chance to play pipe organs in two Germantown churches and to explore the guts of the instruments.

22 students met for an organ crawl, touring the sanctuaries of neighboring St. George's Episcopal, Germantown United Methodist, and Germantown Presbyterian churches. GPC's organist, Dr. Alex Benford, participated in the event showing potential future organists all about GPC's historic sanctuary organ.

Copy and photos courtesy of Jared Boyd and Jim Weber from the *Daily Memphian*.



MUSIC AT GPC

## *Notes from the Bench*

Ephesians 5:19-20

"Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It's hard to believe that Jennifer and I have been here with you for eight months! I have joked that coming onboard at GPC in January felt rather like jumping onto a caboose when the train is already in motion. But the hospitality of this community certainly eased our transition, and we are so grateful for the way you all have embraced us.

I am excited for our new program year, and I want to make sure all are aware of the many musical opportunities GPC offers for all ages!

Chancel Choir: Our large adult choir, which enhances the 11:00am service with awe-inspiring presentations and offers a variety of special events throughout the year. Open to high school students through adults. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:15-9:00pm in the choir suite (on the upper level).

Adult Handbell Choir: Open to high school students through adults. Ability to read music is helpful, but no experience required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 6:15-7:00pm in the handbell room (on the upper level).

Youth Handbell Choir: For grades 6-9. This smaller ensemble, comprised primarily of ringers who have "graduated" from the children's bell choir, meets on Sundays from 4:00-4:30pm in the handbell room (on the upper level) right before youth group.

Children's Handbell Choir: Part of our "Kids Ring and Sing" ministry, this group is now open to children grades 2-5 (as opposed to 3-5 in past years). Children learn basic handbell technique and sharpen their musical skills through a variety of activities and games. Rehearses Sunday afternoons 5:30-6:30pm in the handbell room (on the upper level).

Children's Choir: The singing part of "Ring and Sing," our children's choir is divided into two groups - Cherub Choir for ages 4-6, and the older choir for grades 2-5. These groups, led by the expertise of Sandy Franks and Karen Cooper, meet during the school year on Sunday evenings 4:30-5:30pm.



This fall also marks the "soft launch" of some new ensemble opportunities for youth and adults.

Chapel Choir: A smaller choral ensemble for adults, focusing on a capella repertoire spanning the Renaissance through the present. Rehearsals TBD.

Youth Choir: Our goal will be for this group to sing in worship 2-3 times per year, offering a variety of repertoire ranging from classic hymns to more recently written songs of faith. Open to grades 6-12. Rehearsals will be as announced, likely on Sundays after 11:00 service, for 3-4 weeks leading up to performance dates.

Youth Flex Ensemble: An instrumental ensemble, comprised of the diverse range of musicians in our congregation. While aimed at grades 6-12, adults who play any instrument are welcome as well! Like (and in alternation with) the Youth Choir, this group will rehearse as announced in 3-4 week units leading up to performance dates.

As you can see, music ministry at GPC offers something for everyone. If you and/or your children are interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to either Jerold ([jeroldt@germantownpres.org](mailto:jeroldt@germantownpres.org)) or myself ([alex@germantownpres.org](mailto:alex@germantownpres.org)).

Come and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord this fall!

Alex Benford, DMA  
Organist and Music Associate



# Labor of Love 2019



On September 2 (Labor Day), St. George's Episcopal, Germantown United Methodist, Germantown Presbyterian, and New Bethel Baptist Churches are joining together to serve the community in a Labor of Love!

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

St. George's, New Bethel and Germantown Presbyterian will be providing supplies (such as individually packaged toothbrushes; travel-sized toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soaps, body lotion; lip balm; tissues; razors and shave cream) for adult emergency services bags.

Please note:

Dollar stores are great places to find items for all of the bags for Emergency Services. It would also be good to ask dentists, cosmetics representatives and hotel groups if they would be willing to donate items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, or soaps for the personal care bags.

Germantown United Methodist will be providing diapers (all sizes) and wipes for baby bags. There are slots to sign up for meal delivery and yard cleaning. No sign-up is required for meal packaging and filling emergency services bags. Please take time now to look at the many ways that we can serve our sisters and brothers on this Labor Day, and find your place in Labor of Love!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 2!

Partnering with MIFA and The Outreach Program, we will give our members the choice of several ministry opportunities to serve our neighbors in need:

- (1) filling bags for MIFA's Emergency Services,
- (2) cleaning yards for MIFA clients,
- (3) delivering MIFA meals in selected areas, and
- (4) packaging ready-to-prepare meals which will be given to MidSouth Food Bank for distribution to those in our community who are in need. There's something for everyone - from 3 to 103!

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

## GPC's Partnership with MAM Is Back from Summer Break

Tutoring and coaching with our mission partner Memphis Athletic Ministries (MAM) is back! MAM runs a number of after-school ministries across the city, and each week members from GPC visit 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 is fine.

As a special project, MAM has asked if GPC has any volunteers that could help Tuesday, September 3 at 3:30pm with reading assessments. Also, the weekly tutoring at Mt. Olivet Church will resume on September 10 at 3:30.

We need more coaches! Contact Beth Boyle (boyleme@cs.com) for more details.



**Memphis Athletic Ministries**

**MISSIONS & OUTREACH AT GPC**

## PICK A TEAM!

### Team Math

Come and help 3rd-graders at Oak Forest Elementary master the fundamentals of addition and multiplication. You will receive an orientation before you begin including reviewing available materials including some games to make it fun. Oak Forest is less than 10 minutes from GPC,



and it's one of our Team Read schools. Please contact Linda Oakes (901-237-6566, linoakes@bellsouth.net) for more information.

### Team Read

Team Read is a Memphis-wide effort connecting volunteers to local elementary schools and focusing on supporting the reading and vocabulary skills of Memphis-area students.

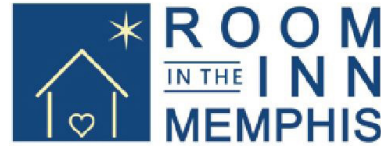
For the past three years, GPC has joined St. George's Episcopal and Beth Shalom to serve at Oak Forest Elementary, just a mile and a half south of the church along Germantown Road. There, each volunteer works with two first or second grade students each week from September to April, doing exercises on the most common words in the English language and playing fun reading games.

There are always ways to get plugged in at Team Read, whether as a weekly coach, as a substitute, or more broadly as a friend of the school.


Please contact Linda Oakes (901-237-6566, linoakes@bellsouth.net) for more information.



## Room in the Inn Volunteers & Donations Needed!



It's back to school, and September is the final month the shelter will serve women and children only. The Sign up Genius for this month is up and running and

Home is where the  is. ready for you! GPC hosts the second Saturday of every month. Below are all the details.

Join in our HOLY HOSPITALITY!!  
Saturday, September 14

Please help by volunteering your free time. It really does make a huge impact on their lives!!

(Keep watching here for new fall dates.)

*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

All collections for donations will now take place in the AC. As you enter the AC from the lobby, the new larger gray bins are located on your left.

The Room In The Inn bin is now located here and can accept even more items to help those in need. Also located in this area are the Presbyterian Women Circle bins for donations to Project Outreach. Bins are clearly labeled. Thanks to everyone who contributes to these worthwhile organizations.

Hi Friends,

We are continuing to study God's Word in Sunday school. The junior high youth are studying the book of 1 Kings and learning about the wisdom of Solomon. The confirmation class will begin their class by learning about early church history and how the church came together. The senior high youth will explore healthy relationships and what it means to love by studying the book of 1 John. Grace and Peace, *Amanda*



The annual Germantown Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser will be on September 7 and 8. We have the whole parking lot opened back up, so please support our youth that weekend. We are also collecting water bottle donations; please drop them off in the Activity Center kitchen. Thank you for your support!



**Angst Movie Screening and Panel Discussion**  
 Sunday, September 15  
 4:30pm-6:30pm  
 Germantown Presbyterian Church Sanctuary  
 Appropriate for ages 10 and up

*Angst* is an IndieFlix Original documentary designed to raise awareness around anxiety. The film includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts, parents, and a very special interview with Michael Phelps.

Our goal specifically is to help people identify and understand the symptoms of anxiety and encourage them to reach out for help.

We will have a panel discussion with community and school counselors. There will be an opportunity for Q & A with the panel following the viewing of the documentary. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Please mark these dates on your calendar:**

**September 7 and 8 - Parking Lot Fundraiser**  
**September 11 - Wednesday night youth at Panera resumes, 6-7pm**  
**September 15- Angst Movie Screening and Panel Discussion, 4:30pm**  
**September 27-28- Junior High Lock-In 9pm-7am**

**YOUTH AT GPC**

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation:

>Gay Beaumont	>Virginia Dickinson	>Jean & Bob Hicks	>Judy & Dick Nokes	**Jackie & Bill Ruleman
>Shirley Billups	>Judy & Fred Frick	>Aggie & Jack Losa	>Mack Pepper	>Kim & Tom Sauer
>Sherril & Jim Blair	>Susan & Michael Gyura	>Willa Lowry	>Rachel & Jones Peterson, Ethan & Jayden	**Jan Thomson
>Huddy & Bayard Boyle	>Nancy & Peter Hawkinson	>Boyd Maize	>Barb Poier	>Patti Tracey
**Elaine & Tom Cates	>Roy Hendrix	>Donna & Steve Morley	>Thomas Powell	>Amanda Walters
>Joyce Cochran		>Debbie Moseley		>Margaret Williams
>Jane Craddock				

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
 Barbara Arthur in the death of her brother, Cecil Morgan Benson, Jr.;  
 Boyd Maize in the death of his daughter, Connie Maize Smith;  
 Diane Stearns in the death of her husband, Fred;  
 Rodney Strop in the death of his sister, Nancy Howard.

## 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

## 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

**Lynne & Martin Briggs - friends of Phyl Simmons	>Ginger & Thomas Payne, daughter Tori, Ginger's parents, Myra & Dale - friends of Sherrie & Neal Horner	>Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy & Rick Tripp
>Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle	>Paula & Bob Rough - friends of Roscoe Phillips	>Faith Yetman - sister of Neal Horner
>Evan Dentes - brother of Connie Scott	>Scott Ruleman - son of Jackie & Bill Ruleman	
>David Duke - work friend of Susan Morgan	**Dr. J. Charles Taylor & family - partner of Bob Bobo	
>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips		
>John Howle - son of Cheri & Mike Howle		

*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.*

## September GPC Family Prayer Ministry

Sep 1 Brian & Courtney Wall Bittick, Elliot Tucker Brock Kay & Joe Donaho Molly & Chip Miller, Andrew, Mattie, Miller Grace Pamela Palmer Martha Shuler Fred & Gerre Craig Turverey	Sep 8 Helen & Nick Brown Judy & Bill Carmichael Kallen Esperian Wendy & Stewart Holmes, Anderson, Audrey Boyd Maize Kim & Lewis Perkins, Josh, Sara Phyl & Austin Simmons Jessie & Bret Wells, Brett & Abby	Sep 15 Jean & Gil Brooks Brooke & Anthony Duke, CeCe & Bryce Susie & Joe Lyle Billie Martin Nicole & Judd Peters, Julia Eileen & Steele Scroggin, Lincoln Amanda Walters	Sep 22 Lindsey & Joseph Butler, Adelaide, Chandler Kay Dortch Alexa & Garrett Guynes, Garner Amy & Barry Phillips Ramona & John Seabold Helen & Lance Warren, Kaylie, Leighton Nancy Webb	Sep 29 Katherine & Bill Burnett, Billy Elaine Dellinger Betty & Don Dowden Tricia & Jeff Harris, Joseph, Talmadge Amy & Jim Morse, Andrew, Thomas & Win Angie Phillips Diane Short Kwassi Walters, Dilon, Isabella
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**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

# MEMORIALS

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

## To the Memorial Fund

*In Memory of June Garfinkel*  
Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLCC

*In Memory of Carolyn Hayward*  
Nancy & Gordon Dunn  
Rev. Anne Mellor Emery  
Mr. & Ms. G. O. Griffith, Jr.  
Ms. Candace Duckett Rush

*In Memory of Karen Mitchell*  
Mr. & Mrs. George Sullivan

*In Memory of Barbara Wright*  
Dixie & Bob Johnson  
Violet Olsen  
Mary Blanche Scott  
Martha Shuler  
Nancy Webb

## To the Music Fund

*In Memory of Carolyn Hayward*  
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

*In Memory of Dennis Marshall*  
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

## GPC Budget Update

### GPC Financial Summary, July 2019

	<b>July 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>	<b>Jul 2018</b>	<b>2018 YTD</b>
Revenue	\$ 143,818	\$ 1,053,806	\$170,117	\$ 897,263
Expenses	\$ 121,190	\$ 985,245	\$128,542	\$ 911,947
Net	\$ 22,628	\$ 68,561	\$ 41,575	\$ (14,684)

Total revenue for July was \$143,818, with expenses of \$121,190. This resulted in a surplus for the month of \$22,628. Our year-to-date surplus continues to grow and stands at \$68,561 for the 7-month period and compares to a \$14,684 YTD deficit a year ago. Fear not! We have significant expenses looming for HVAC repairs which promise to eat into our surplus.

Contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* were \$17,266 while construction expenses were \$298,504.

We have received approximately \$3,016,755 on pledges of \$3,747,571. That leaves about \$731,000 in pledges still to be received by May 2020. Once all our bills are paid, every dollar received will be applied to principal and interest on our credit line and will help reduce the amount of our loan to be paid in monthly payments.

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

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 PASTOR

SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS  
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR  
 CONGREGATIONAL CARE

TOM SAUER  
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AMANDA MACKEY  
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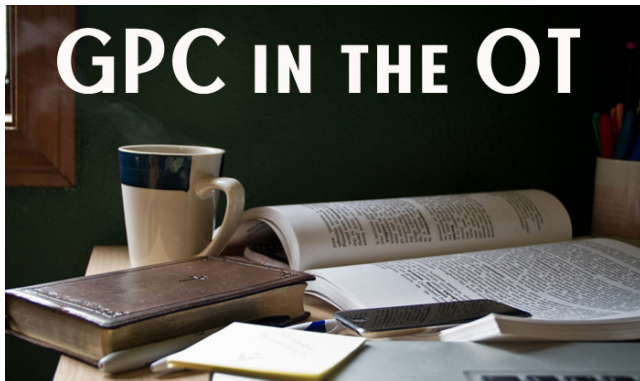
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 ORGANIST/HANDBELL DIRECTOR

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 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MONICA KIRBY  
 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



**October Window Deadline: September 15**



## September Readings

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9-1-19	Psa 29-33	Psa 34-36	Psa 37-39	Psa 40-45	Psa 46-50	Psa 51-56
9-8-19	Psa 57-63	Psa 64-68	Psa 69-72	Psa 73-76	Psa 77	Psa 78-79
9-15-19	Psa 80-84	Psa 85-88	Psa 89-91	Psa 92-97	Psa 98-103	Psa 104-105
9-22-19	Psa 106-107	Psa 108-113	Psa 114-118	Psa 119:1-88	Psa 119:89-176	Psa 120-130
9-28-19	Psa 131-136	Psa 137-143	Psa 144-148	Psa 149-Pro 2	Pro 3-5	Pro 6-7



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