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Photo detail from GPC's new Heritage Hall.



Dear GPC Family and Friends,

We have been looking forward to August 2019 for quite a long time! This month marks the beginning of our new program year inside the new Education Building that has been under construction for the better part of the last year. For various reasons, our delivery date of the building got pushed back about six months. Now it's here, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Through my office window, I had a front row seat to the whole project. I took pictures every few months as one stage gave way to the next. I watched with fascination as the old building was torn down – section by section, brick by brick. What a sad mess it was to see the building to which we had a sentimental connection torn down in just about a month's time. When the building site was empty, a Civil War historian brought his metal detector and hunting skills, and he sifted through piles of dirt and found all kinds of artifacts. He found belt buckles, combs, bullets, umbrella parts, and more. He told me that there were two different camps set up on our property – a Confederate camp first followed by a Union camp. Those soldiers from both sides left their mark and their debris in our dirt.

I remember well the day that the steel beams were delivered and the new building was framed. On that day, I finally had a vision of what the new building would look like. From that day forward, I have watched with intrigue and gratitude as our Education Building rose from the concrete slab and began to take shape. I have watched as each room has taken shape, with ducts and wires covered over by walls and paints. On several occasions (after hours), I snuck into the new building to examine the progress. One of those days was Christmas Eve, and I walked through Evans Chapel knowing that we would not have our usual Christmas Eve service in there that evening. At least once a month since then, I have walked through to get a glimpse of what would eventually come.

Now, we “have been handed the keys,” and the building is open and ready for us to use and enjoy. Personally, I have such joy, relief, and excitement about this project. I have been involved in many, many meetings since 2011 about “the new building.” Since the completion of Phase I in 2011, Phase II has been on the horizon. There have been many planning and visioning meetings, and there was a large fundraising effort to pay for as much of the building as possible. Finishing the project marks the end of so much planning and working by so many people, and we owe them our heartfelt thanks many times over.

I will also acknowledge that I feel a special “burden of history” as I think about our entry into this new era of GPC's life. So many faithful congregants and ministers have been

part of GPC's life since its beginning in 1838. They did their part and played their roles in keeping the church alive and well over the years. As a sign of their love for Christ and trust in God, they shepherded the church through lean and full seasons. Those who have gone before us have passed down to us a wonderful and vibrant church. We have inherited from our forbears in faith the kind of church where we can learn about God and grow in Christ. I often feel the burden of keeping this healthy church going and growing for the generations to follow, and I know that you also carry this responsibility.

I truly believe that our new Education Building will help us grow as a congregation – spiritually and numerically. We will continue to have truly life-changing programs and classes, and now we have modern spaces, accompanied by modern technology, in which we will learn and teach. Our faith will be edified and strengthened by what we learn alongside other church members week after week. We will also have more space for more people to gather in. If the new building serves only our current congregation, then we are missing the best chance for growth that we have had in a long time. We now have room to invite many new friends and family members to enjoy what we do at GPC. Quite simply put: now we have a new building, and we need to fill it up!

I believe that God has placed us to be part of GPC at this exact moment of the church's history. So many have come before us, preserving and teaching Christian discipleship, and now it is our turn to do the same. We are called to teach the faith to everyone, young and old, and God has used us to provide a wonderful new building where it can take place.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for, supported, and looked forward to our new Education Building. May God bless GPC at this stage of our life together as a church, and may more and more people come to know Christ as a result of our church's witness to God's love.

Grace, mercy, and peace,

Will

WHAT'S THE LATEST?

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

AUGUST DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- August 4, Sunday: New Building Opening/Dedication
- August 11, Sunday: Kick-off Sunday
Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast
For Children & Youth, AC
- August 18, Sunday: Regular Sunday School Begins
Kids Ring & Sing Begins

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - BREATHE

August 9

Children ages 1 yr–5th grade
Special need individuals any age

This month we are building the longest sundae ever built at GPC!!

SAVE THE DATES LONG TERM!

- Wednesdays, August 14, 21, 28 - 12pm-3pm Friendship Circle
(a program of the Special Needs Ministry)
- Saturday, September 14 - GPC at the Levitt Shell
- Sunday, October 27 - Fall Festival
- Sunday, December 15 - Caroling & Chili Cookoff

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

SAVE THE DATE!!
Saturday, September 14,
6:30pm -
GPC AT THE LEVITT SHELL
 For more info, contact
 Brooke Duke at
brookebduke@yahoo.com
 (More details as the date
 gets closer.)



Mark your planner now:

Sunday, October 27 - GPC's Fall Fest

**Lots of activities, entertainment,
snacks, and fun!**

**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 for 2019-20

Wednesday Night Meals & Programs



Contributed by George Barnes

You are invited to set your Compass in our God's direction and along the footpaths of Jesus the Christ to join with fellow GPC congregants on each Wednesday eve in our Compass season from September 2019 to April 2020. We will explore God's wondrous galaxy from His planet Earth in the form of Bible study and much more.

With a nod to football mania, we will "kick off" our Compass sessions on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30pm. From 5:30pm - 6:10pm, you will sample our caterer's culinary artistry (\$7 per person). Our feature program will then run from 6:15 - 7:00pm. Our focus this year is on Bible study with complementary sessions interspersed throughout our run. Do follow the Holy Spirit to GPC's new Warren Fellowship Hall in the new education building to participate.

Our first five ventures (September 11, 18, and 25; October 2 and 9) into the panoply of Bible study will be led by Dr. Will Jones and Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins. Dr. Jones will lead off on September 11 using the text of J. Ellsworth Kalas' book entitled Parables from the Backside: Bible Stories with a Twist. Rev. Wiggins and Dr. Jones will use segments of that text for the following four COMPASS sessions, ending on October 9.

After Fall Break on October 16, we will welcome Donald K. McKim who will present:

October 23: "Moments with Martin Luther." In preparation for Reformation Sunday on October 27, we will consider the theological ideas Luther emphasized which were catalysts in launching the Protestant Reformation.

October 30: "Moments with Dietrich Bonhoeffer." We will examine Bonhoeffer's life and main themes in his Lutheran-based theology which have had a world-wide influence on disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world.

Then, on November 6, Dr. Jerold Teachey will present "Choosing and Implementing Music for Advent at GPC." The program will be presented by Dr. Teachey, organist Dr. Alex Benford, and selected Chancel Choir soloists. They will explore the planning of music for the Advent season, outline the historical perspective of that music and its composers and perform examples of music for Advent.

The next two weeks (November 13 and 20) will have presenters who will address historical and current Advent perspectives that explore our Christian faith and the glorious birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. That theme will be completed at our last session before Christmas (after the Thanksgiving break) on December 4.

So, be sure to set your Compass to guide you for "the getting of Wisdom" and the fellowship of GPC saints on Wednesday evenings from September to December.

We have a winter-spring series of Bible studies and "A Gathering of Saints" planned for you beginning on January 8, 2020. Please keep your compass in fine working order.

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! 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. All of these groups could be a powerful way to come to know the Lord on a deeper level.

2019 SUNDAY MORNING FALL CLASSES

Psalm 78

Coordinator: Kevin Floyd
Room: UL-215 (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 Busyness - 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: UL-218 (2nd level) MFXSA

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: UL-212 (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/or 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: UL-216 (2nd level) MFXSA

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. Members of the class take turns facilitating each lesson, but facilitating is not a requirement of this class. While our group has been together for a while, new members are always welcome.

Faith in the Real World

Coordinator: Merrill Wise
Room: UL-217 (2nd level), MFXSA

This class is designed for adults of all ages and stages as a way to explore what God's Word tells us about dealing with the demands of busyness, money, and work. The initial eight lessons are based on the Bible study Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind by Juanita Ryan, and the second portion is based on the Bible study, Money and Work by Carolyn Nystrom. The theme for this class involves our search for God's presence and powerful impact in the midst of the complexities of life.

Key: M (male), F (female), X (married), S (single), A (all ages)

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 in September (details & book list in September newsletter)
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 rooms
3rd Tuesdays; 10:00am; Activity Center
(see page 7 for details)
Contact: Sue Perrin (sue.perrin@att.net)

Wednesday

Compass meal and programs
*resumes in September (see page 5)

Thursday

Thursday Bible Study
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 9:30am-10:30am, church library
*resuming in September (details & study plan in September newsletter)
Contact: Jean Carroll (jeancarroll1@comcast.net)

Friday

Men's Breakfast
Fridays, 6:30am-7:30am, Activity Center, \$3 breakfast
Currently studying the Scripture passage for each week's sermon from the liturgy.
Contact: Jim Boyd (jboyd10@comcast.net)

MEN AT GPC

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in the Activity Center (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30am (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-12:30pm 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).

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.

WOMEN AT GPC

Presbyterian Women in August



Threads of Love will not meet in August but will resume September 10 at 9:30am.

The Presbyterian Women (PW) Gathering will be on August 20 at 10am. Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins will install the new Coordinating Team for the upcoming year. The new Coordinating Team is as follows: Moderator-Sue Perrin; Vice Moderator-Nancy Halter; Secretary-Sally McCullough; Treasurer-Linda Thurman; Historian-Dot Hartzog; Publicity-Mary Ann Harris; Personal Faith and Family-Missy Gwin; Leadership and Resources-Brenda Jeter.

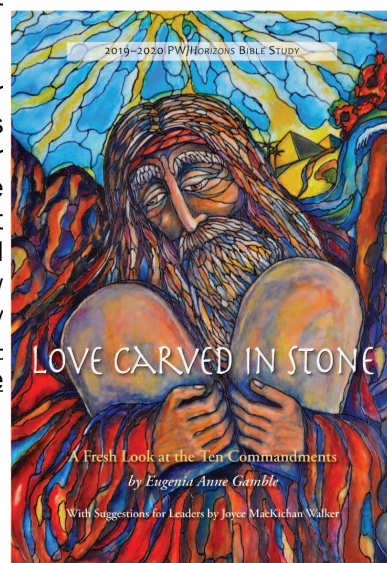
This year's Circle and Bible study leaders are: Day Circle 1-Jeanie Hill, leader and Beth Carter, Bible study; Day Circle 2-Ann Phillips, leader and Jo-Ellyn Slott, Bible study; Day Circle 3-Elaine Cates, leader and Ellie Goughnour, Bible study; Night Circle 4-Judy Carmichael, leader and Bible study leaders rotate.

The new Presbyterian Women Yearbook for 2019-2020 will be handed out with the new circle assignments at the August Gathering. If you are not in a circle and would like to be in one or if you have questions about PW, please contact Mary Ann Harris at 901-833-1218. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Project Outreach Food Bins are located in the Activity Center. Please remember to bring food for Project Outreach.

August: canned fruit and fruit juices
 September: peanut butter and jelly/jam

Mark your calendar now for: Day Circles resume September 3 at 10am and the Night Circle meets at 7pm. The groups will be starting the new Horizons Bible Study Love Carved in Stone- A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

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



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

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, 901-494-7786; Beth Brock, beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com, 901-355-0262; or Linda Oakes, LinOakes@bellsouth.net, 901-237-6566. Or visit the GPC website: germantownpres.org/ministries/grief-support.



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.

The Belonging Ministry Team will launch this new role in September 2019!

For more information or if you have questions, contact
Pastor Susie at susiew@germantownpres.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC

SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

FRUIT OF OUR LABOR

by Monica Kirby

In February I traveled to Sierra Leone to work with women with disabilities. The two-week long trip was exhilarating and challenging and served as a new marker in my life as I considered the lives of those who live outside the comforts of the United States. My heart is forever connected to women I may never see again. I received a letter this week from the leader of Accessible Hope International (previously known as Women of Hope International) offering an update after she had just made a return trip. Because GPC and its members played a vital role in sending me, I thought I would share the letter with you. Enjoy and know that God continues to use us outside the walls of 2363 S. Germantown Road!



SPECIAL NEEDS AT GPC

Hi Ladies. I just got back from Sierra Leone, and what I witnessed there was SO amazing! I wanted to get with all of you and let you know that the seeds you faithfully sowed in February have borne fruit, and it was beautiful to see! Usually, in our skills training classes, we have a follow-through rate of women who go on to work in the co-op and actually make a go of their new skill, of about 35-40%. The 2 classes that went through training in Feb have more like an 80-85% follow-through rate! Most of the women you trained are actually working regularly in the co-op and just made more money in their first bulk sale than they have ever had at one time in their entire lives! They were OVERWHELMED!

Of the paper-women, all of them have stayed on, and are working almost daily. While we were there, we taught them how to do flower inclusions, and the result was SO beautiful, that we have now ordered all of our future stationery and small journals to have flower inclusions! They have developed a good system of who does what, according to their various capacities, and everyone has a role in the process that is vital. Hawa Thullah, to no one's surprise, has emerged as the Guild Leader, and runs a tight ship, overseeing the whole process and bossing everyone around. :-)

Of the jewelry-women, all of the hearing women except Zainab stayed on in the co-op. The deaf women all stopped. But then there was a large sale that came from a team that Carrie Jo brought to the Centre, and Aminata (I think?), was there when the sale took place. She wanted in on the share, and everyone at the co-op unequivocally told her that if you don't work in the guild, you don't share in the guild money. So, she determined that next time there was a sale like that - she was going to be in on it, so she started coming every day. She's the only hearing-impaired person that came back, so she isn't sharing in community as much as some, but she does belong, and has her role in the process. (Mostly she does all the hammering - maybe because it doesn't hurt her ears??) The staff is working on ensuring that the co-op women work to be more intentional about inclusion of the deaf women.

There was a trauma healing team that came to SL this month as well, and one of the trainers was actually fluent in ASL, so we were able to include 5 hearing-impaired women in that week-long training as well, and that was another point of contact for them. Sam (the gal fluent in ASL) built some good connections with them, and at the end of the week she helped us hold a meeting with those women to try to find out why they don't want to be a part of the co-op. Some of them said that they just want to make a different product. We told them that they were welcome to make another product, and sell it in the Hope Shop, as long as they were willing to agree to the terms of the co-op. And that it would be wonderful if they could teach some others to make those beaded products as well. Emelda is more of a challenge. She had 101 excuses of why she didn't want to be part of the co-op, and most of them were super flimsy (the baby cries and no-one will even tell me he's crying...

Yeah, right, like 20 women are going to be working with a crying baby and nobody is going to say anything?? I don't think so...) It seems that she has more internal issues that are not able to be fixed by conversation, but we did urge her to consider coming to the co-op and working so that she could support herself and her baby. Some of the girls said they would consider coming to work with the others - so we'll see what happens.

Additionally, many of the women who were in the skills training classes also started Transformation Training right after we left in Feb, and they just graduated. The testimonies from them during the training assessment day were very moving. Many of the testimonies were actually more about their economic empowerment as a result of the skills training, than really about TT, but that is fine - because it all works together. You would be so surprised to see some of these women! They don't even look the same as when you last saw them! There is a new light in their eyes, and purpose in their demeanor. They come to the co-op faithfully and all of them made a significant amount of money with the product we just purchased, particularly the jewelry-makers, as they fulfilled most of the order we sent over, while the paper women did not fill the whole thing. After we paid them (the jewelry guild made over Le 6.5 million in one fell swoop, which is more money than we have ever paid to one guild in the history of the co-op!), they were blown away by the payment. Aminata (who had the little baby) and Saffiatu have recently started attending church with Ruth as well. With a large stack of money in their hands, they came up to Ruth after being paid and having the money distributed, and Aminata said, "I heard in church last week about people presenting their tithes to God. I want to do that too, but I don't know how. Could you teach me how to tithe so I can give back to God - before I end up spending or giving away all this money?" We were all in tears!

Thank you all, for investing your time, energy, prayers, and resources into these beautiful women! The products are beautiful - but the changes in their lives are far more beautiful! I am planning to send a letter out of all of the people who supported your trip, with a couple of pictures and stories of the transformation that is happening in the women's lives, as a result of their investment in your trip. I'll make sure each of you gets a copy as well. We'd love for some of those people to continue on in supporting the ongoing work in their lives by becoming Partners in Hope. If any of you wants to become a Partner in Hope with one of the women you helped equip, let us know that as well, and we'll give you first pick! :-)

We appreciate you, and your work alongside Accessible Hope for the Kingdom.

Until all have access,

Kim [Kargbo]

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks for the positive feedback about our music in worship during the month of July! We have indeed had a wonderful month of variety and talent!! Chancel Choir returns August 4 with the Grand Opening Celebration and Dedication of our New Education Building. Here is an outline of music in worship for August at GPC.

- Sunday, August 4 >> Grand Opening and Dedication Celebration for our new building. Chancel Choir and congregation will join with the Memphis Brass Quintet in lifting the rafters as we sing the festival anthem *O Praise Ye the Lord* and *Lift High the Cross* for the hymns of the day! Michaela Nuss, who sang with us for several years, will present *Highland Cathedral* on bagpipes to begin the service for our Prelude. The Brass Quintet and Alex on organ will welcome you with pre-service music. After lunch, in our new Warren Fellowship Hall, music will be provided by Alex on piano and his wife Jennifer playing harp. A Sunday YOU will NOT want to miss!!!
- Sunday, August 11 >> KICKOFF Sunday. The anthem will be a new arrangement of *Christ, the Cornerstone*, then Arron Redburn's beautiful tenor voice will ring out with *The Lord Is my Light* for the Offertory.



CALLING ALL YOUTH MUSICIANS ~
EXPLORE THE WORLD OF THE PIPE ORGAN!

PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

A FREE and FUN gathering for youth in grades 5-12 currently studying some area of music.

Go on an 'organ crawl,' play musical games, learn about the king of instruments at this space-themed, "out of this world" event!

Host: Memphis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

More details: pppaugust17@gmail.com.

Applications must be received by August 1 for consideration.

Locations: Germantown Methodist, Germantown Presbyterian, St. George's Churches

- Sunday, August 18 >> LADIES of The CHURCH will sing. ALL LADIES are invited to join Jerold, Alex, and our choir ladies in the choir room at 10:00am to rehearse and sing for the 11:00am worship service. We will sing familiar hymns and pieces you will have no difficulty singing. HELP us fill the choir loft with ladies for this special Sunday!!
- Sunday, August 25 >> Jeff Day will be soloist, and the Chancel Choir will sing *Send Out Thy Light*.
- Sunday, September 1 >> Kyle Millsap will join us on trumpet as the choir sings *In Praise of God* and Lexa Ferrill provides the solo for communion music.

THANKS to those of you who support Music at GPC through your contributions to the MUSIC FUND and the TEACHEY Scholarship Fund. Your contributions are essential to supporting the quality of music we enjoy at GPC in worship throughout the church year. YOU are a VIP member of our Music Team. Thank you for ALL that you do.

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

KIDS' RING AND SING

Make plans to join us Sunday, August 18th, 4:30pm for the kickoff of our Kids' Ring and Sing program! Our children's choirs are divided into two groups: 4-yr-olds through 1st grade, and 2nd-5th grades. The children's handbell choir is open to those in 2nd-5th grades. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

YOUTH MUSIC: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Interested in singing in youth choir or playing your instrument in an ensemble? Check your weekly Youth Ministry Updates for a link to our Youth Music Survey!

E-mail Alex Benford at
alexbenford@germantownpres.org
for more information.

SAVE THE DATE, LADIES

Ladies, You're invited!

New for Fall 2019

Join us for coffee, tea, and a Christ-centered message of strength for your week.
(Sept 5, 12, 19, 26, and Oct 3 and 10)

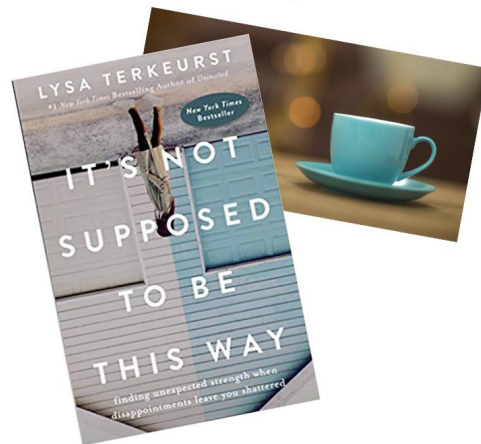
The Well, 9:15am-10:45am

We'll be using the Lysa Terkeurst book called It's Not Supposed to Be This Way.

Go ahead and order your book and study guide. One book is available for check out from the GPC library.

Questions? Contact Anna White at annaw@germantownpres.org.

Wake Up Call



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

TO KICK OFF THE NEW
PROGRAMMING YEAR!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 9:30

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

DADS, EMAIL ANNA WHITE
IF YOU CAN SERVE PANCAKES.

THIS IS SUPER FUN!

ANNAW@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG

5TH GRADERS & PARENTS...

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

5th Graders play a very important role in GPCKids. They are the leaders and have special responsibilities and opportunities throughout their 5th grade year.

All parents and 5th graders are encouraged to attend the meeting during the Sunday School hour on August 25.

5th Graders will also be presented during the children's message at the 11:00 service on August 25.

Look for more details to come!

CHILDREN AT GPC

BREATHE - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

This month we launch our new theme for the year - "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!" Our plans for the evening include exploring how God made us each unique and how we all fit together like a puzzle. And then....we are going to set a record for the longest ice cream sundae ever built at GPC!

Make plans now to attend!

Remember we include little ones as young as one year old through fifth grade as well as individuals of any age with special needs.

Visit our website at www.germantownpres.org/breathe to register for the first time and/or to make this month's reservation. We will look for you on August 9 from 6:30pm-10pm. (Please note: reservations for this event close at noon on the Monday prior to the event.)

Questions? Contact Anna White (annaw@germantownpres.org), Director of Children's Ministry and/or Monica Kirby (monicak@germantownpres.org), Director of Special Needs Ministry.



SUNDAYS MATTER! REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING AUGUST 1!

From the time your child was born until he graduates, you have 940 Sundays! What are you doing during that all-important hour on Sunday mornings? Are you using it to bring your child to Sunday School? You only have 940 chances to teach your child about the importance of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Please renew your child's participation in Sunday School by registering him / her for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. What you DO as a parent matters! When you say we are going to Sunday School and Church, your child learns from doing that that a life of faith is important. Once you have completed the registration process, you will be sent an email with your opportunity to sign up to be the Parent Assistant



in your child's class. We need each parent to volunteer two times per semester to assist the lead teacher in your child's class. This is the only way we have enough adults to maintain the required two-adult presence per our church's Safe Gatherings program requirements.

Please help us to create the best Sunday School possible for your child by registering him / her and being an active participant. Any questions or comments can be sent to Anna White at annaw@germantownpres.org.

KIDS' RING & SING RETURNS

Make plans to join us Sunday, August 18, 4:30pm for the kickoff of our Kids' Ring & Sing program!

Our children's choirs are divided into two groups: 4-yr-olds-1st grade and 2nd-5th grades. The children's handbell choir is open to those in 2nd-5th grades. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 IS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING & MEET AND GREET!

If you have not had a chance to sign up to work with the children in Sunday School, there is still time. GPCKids always welcomes adult volunteers! Our teachers participate in the Safe Gatherings program which educates adults participating in the children's ministry about the best safe practices to use when working with children. This training is very important for our adults and our children and helps GPC as a church to maintain safe practices.

New this year, GPCKids will host 10-minute Pow Wows throughout the year on Sunday mornings to provide tips and tricks when working with children. Watch for more information about that in future newsletters and emails.

Here is the schedule for Sunday, August 4:
 9:00 - 10:00am Teacher Appreciation Coffee and Muffins in the Well
 10:00 - 10:30am Meet and Greet - An opportunity for children to stop by and meet their new teachers and friends!
 10:30 - One Worship Service for the New Building Grand Opening

Room in the Inn

Volunteers & Donations Needed!



Home is where the ★ is.

hosts the second Saturday of every month. Below are the remaining dates!!

We hope that you will be able to join in all our HOLY HOSPITALITY!!
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)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THIRD GRADERS AT OAK FOREST ELEMEN-



Team Math is looking for volunteers to coach third graders in basic math skills next school year. NO SPECIAL MATH SKILLS NEEDED. Work with 2 third graders at the same time for 45 minutes one day per week on multiplication and division facts, telling time, elapsed time, fractions, etc. Students are well behaved and motivated. Staff is friendly and appreciative. Supplies such as flash cards, games, worksheets, etc. are provided. If you prefer, you can also bring materials you get off the internet or make yourself. Coaching sessions will be in the morning on the day that works best for you. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Oakes (901-237-6566, linoakes@bellsouth.net).

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

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

UKirk Memphis is a Presbyterian campus ministry of Rhodes College and the University of Memphis



Calling for Meal Donations!

Letter from the Campus Minister

Dear friends in ministry,

It's that time of the year again! As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we are once again seeking meal donations for our students. Over the past year, we were fortunate enough to have all of our Thursday night meals provided by our friends from across Memphis. Donating a meal is a great way to serve UKirk Memphis and connect with our students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can use this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aeaa2ea7fb6-ukirk1>

Peace,
Elizabeth

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin , UKirk Campus Minister
Email: ukirkmemphis@gmail.com
Office Phone: 901-324-7701

MISSIONS & OUTREACH AT GPC



On June 7, flash floods in Germantown damaged 200 homes. Many of these homes are still uninhabitable. **GPC would like to help the Germantown citizens, including some in our own church, who were impacted.** Here's how you can help:

- Donate to the GPC Love Offering (Be sure to write *Flood Relief* in the memo line of your check.)
- Many houses need to be repaired and the damages are not covered by insurance. Please email the Missions Committee ([Susan Hormberg, thehormbergs@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.Hormberg.thehormbergs@gmail.com)) and let us know of any type of help you may be able and willing to give such as painting, hanging sheetrock, any other types of repairs, landscaping, cooking meals, kitchen design, doing laundry, etc.
- **Please note: You are not obligating yourself; we simply want to make a list of resources that may be at our disposal. Also, if you know of any businesses that might be willing to donate services, please let us know. Contact Susan Hormberg at thehormbergs@gmail.com.**

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR GPC MISSION TEAMS

You may not realize it, but the GPC Prayer Ministry is going strong. This summer, prayer partners were matched with all those traveling on mission trips. Their assignment was to pray with their partner before, during, and after their trip. Not everyone can travel, but everyone can pray. Below are those prayer partner teams.

Ghana:

Drayton Myers prayed with Ty Hardin
Cathy Aslin prayed with Beth Brock
Anne Tansil prayed with Erin Bowden
Sherrie Horner prayed with Molly Miller
Mary Rogers prayed with Pastor Susie

Ukraine:

Robert Shaw prayed with Nate Hicks

Mexico:

Drayton Mayers prayed with Will Jones
Helen Warren prayed with Susan Jones
Robert Shaw prayed with Eddie Batey
Leigh Powers prayed with Sarah Kennedy
Kelly Phillips prayed with Cat Carlin



If you would like to become a part of this vital ministry in the life of GPC, contact Pam Graddy (faithtwo2@att.net) or Barb Poier (bpoier74@gmail.com), and they will be thrilled to get you plugged in.

Hi Friends,

It's time for back to school! That means new youth Sunday school classes!

We continue to study God's Word in Sunday school. The junior high youth will study the book of 2 Samuel and discussing the different ways we can honor God in our lives . The confirmation class will begin their class by learning about how the Bible came together. The senior high youth will explore how their relationship with God affects relationships with their friends and family.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

August 4- Sunday School teacher training- 9:15am
in the Senior High Room

August 23-24- Senior High Lock-In

August 11- Youth and parent meeting- 10:15am in
the Chapel

August 25- Junior High Youth Group meets at
4:30pm in the Activity Center, no Senior High Youth

August 18- Junior and Senior High Pool Parties-
locations TBD



YOUTH MUSIC: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Interested in singing in youth choir or
playing your instrument in an ensemble?
Check your weekly Youth Ministry Updates
for a link to our Youth Music Survey!

E-mail Alex Benford at
alexb@germantownpres.org
for more information.

YOUTH AT GPC

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation:

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

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:
 Alice Franceschetti and her family in the death of her husband, Don;
 the family of June Garfinkel in her death;
 the family of Joan Ramier 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 Tyrone

GPC Friends and Family Prayer Ministry

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| >Jeffrey Arthur - son of Barbara & Andrew Arthur | >Forrest Goodman - friend of Julie Lindow | >Debbie Irvin - sister of Ann Harbor | >Paula & Bob Rough - friends of Roscoe Phillips |
| >Todd Birdwell - brother of Amy Phillips | >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips | >Tony Lawson - friend of Jeanie & Walter Hill's son Jeff | >Scott Ruleman - son of Jackie & Bill Ruleman |
| >Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle | **Nancy Howard - sister of Rodney Strop | >family of Monica Tucker Norris - Marcus, Maggie, & Molly | >Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy & Rick Tripp |
| >Evan Dentes - brother of Connie Scott | >John Howle - son of Cheri & Mike Howle | **Ginger & Thomas Payne, daughter Tori, Ginger's parents, Myra & Dale - friends of Sherrie & Neal Horner | >Faith Yetman - sister of Neal Horner |
| **David Duke - work friend of Susan Morgan | >Pam Hyde & husband Paul - sister & brother-in-law of Martha Day | | |

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.

August GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| Aug 4
Beth Boyle
Susan & Scott Bingham,
Harrison & Kate
Nancy & Jeff Halter
Becky Long
Sally & Bruce McCulloch
Sue & Jim Perrin
Robert Shaw
Donna & Jerry Wilhite | Aug 11
Barbara Branch
Eleanor & David Denton
John Edmonds
Leah & George Lumm, Emma
Grace, George
Carolyn Pearce
Beth Schriener
Mary Alice Turner
Cackie & Robert Walker,
Alexander, Madeleine, Olivia | Aug 18
Beth Bowman
Paul Boyle
Judy Hobbs
Monica & Ray Kirby
Lindsay & Zac Overbey, Everett & Isla
Carole Phelps
Linda & Bill Shirley
Frida Walters Moky, Dilon,
Isabella | Aug 25
Beth & Ben Brock
Christy Campbell, Claire & Max Lino
Teresa & Ty Hardin, Sarah
Jeanie & Walter Hill
Kelly & Thomas Lackey,
Catherine
Morgan & David Paris, Darcy,
Jean, Roy
Sandy Roberts
Anna & Jeff White, Alyssa,
Julianna |
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****Indicates new request added since last month.**

MEMORIALS

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

To Building Tomorrow Today

In Memory of Carolyn Hayward
Mickie & Steve Nabers

To the Children's Ministry

In Memory of Karen Mitchell
PNO Fellowship Group

To the Flower Fund

In Memory of Carolyn Hayward
Kay & David Collins

To the Memorial Fund

In Memory of Carolyn Hayward
Jean & Ray Carroll
Rebecca Davis
Shelby Fallin
Paul Gwin
Terrie & Steve Hayward
Dixie & Bob Johnson
Bobby Lanier
Aggie & Jack Losa
Helen & Fred Norman
Violet Olsen
Mary Jane & David Roden
Mary Rogers
Timothy Shaw
Meg & John Sullivan
Mary Lee Toler
Amy & Fred Upton
Amanda Walters

Nancy Webb
Dorothy Welford
Westminster
Presbyterian Church

In Memory of Jack Kelley
Karen & Lee Stalker

In Memory of Dennis Marshall
Jean & Ray Carroll

In Memory of Karen Mitchell
Rebecca & Joel Halvorson

Dixie & Bob Johnson
Violet Olsen
Barb Poier
Mary Jane & David Roden
Connie & Tom Scott
Nancy Webb

In Memory of Bobbie Templeton
Jean & Ray Carroll
Nicki & Tommy Lamar
Violet Olsen

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

To the Music Fund

In Memory of Martha Fluker
Bonnie Algee

In Honor of our GPC Pastors
Nancy Webb

In Memory of Carolyn Hayward
Katie Burrow
Linda & Donnie Harris
Mary & Rodney Strop
Nancy Webb

In Memory of Gayden R. Jones
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

In Memory of Dennis Marshall
Linda & Donnie Harris
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

In Memory of Denton McLellan
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

In Memory of Karen Mitchell
Bonnie Algee
Katie Burrow
Nancy Webb

In Memory of Dr. Ed Scott
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

In Memory of Marion Slawson
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

In Memory of Bud Webb
Katie Burrow
Jean & Ray Carroll
Lalla & John Colmer
R. Lee Goble
Linda & Donnie Harris
Jean & Walter Hill
Nicki & Tommy Lamar
Violet Olsen
Linda & Bill Shirley
Martha Shuler

To Room In the Inn

In Memory of Bud Webb
Carol Leppert

In Memory of Carolyn Hayward
Carol Leppert

In Honor of our GPC Pastors
Nancy Webb

To the Wedding Fund

In Honor of Karen Fesmire
Peggy Boyd

GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, June 2019

	June 2019	2019 YTD	June 2018	2018 YTD
Revenue	\$ 136,563	\$ 910,088	\$110,071	\$ 617,075
Expenses	\$ 124,562	\$ 864,078	\$117,166	\$ 666,239
Net	\$ 12,001	\$ 46,010	\$ (7,095)	\$ (49,164)

Total revenue for June was \$136,563, with expenses of \$124,562. This gave us a surplus for the month of \$12,001. Our year-to-date surplus is strong at \$46,010. Our operating budget is in the strongest position we've experienced at this time of year in at least the last 5 years. Congratulations on maintaining great stewardship thus far!

Contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* were \$49,205 while construction expenses were \$203,722. Our credit line now stands at \$2,065,000. Some additional expenses are anticipated as the project nears completion.

We have received approximately \$2,985,439 on pledges of \$3,747,571. That leaves a little over \$762,000 in pledges still to be received by May, 2020, and it's important that we receive those pledges as planned (or a little sooner). 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. If you're a new member and did not participate in the original campaign, now is the perfect time to make a pledge of cash or securities to help retire the debt.

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 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00AM WORSHIP

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 MONDAY-FRIDAY

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SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
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TOM SAUER
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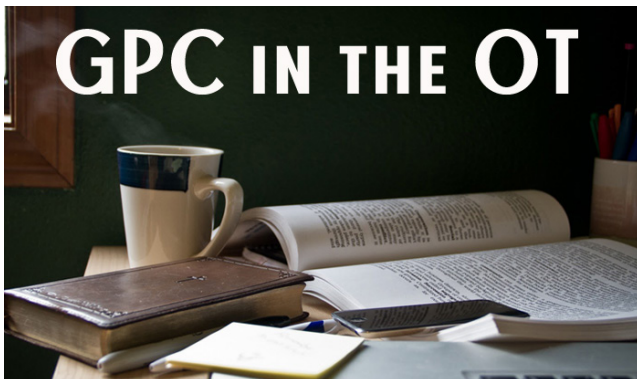
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ANNA WHITE
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MONICA KIRBY
 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



September Window Deadline: August 15



August Readings

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-4-19	Neh 8-9	Neh 10-11	Neh 12-13	Est 1-4	Est 5-9	Est 10-Job 4
8-11-19	Job 5-7	Job 8-10	Job 11-13	Job 14-16	Job 17-19	Job 20-21
8-18-19	Job 22-25	Job 26-29	Job 30-31	Job 32-33	Job 34-36	Job 37-38
8-25-19	Job 39-41	Job 42-Psa 6	Psa 7-13	Psa 14-17	Psa 18-22	Psa 23-28



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