



# *THE WINDOW*

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**GPC's Fall Fest Returns  
Bigger & Better Than Ever  
Turn the Page for the Details!**

# *GPC's Fall Fest is Back!*

*Sunday, October 27*

*3:30-5:30pm*

*Bigger & Better Than Ever!*

*Kids, Youth, Adults - Wear your Costumes*

**GPC is bringing back the Fall Fest on a bigger and better scale than ever! Something for everyone!**

Thanks to the new construction, every part of the first floor of GPC will be used. The AC Lobby will house the Welcome Station, so be sure to check in there first so you start out with your GPC goodie bag and schedule of events.

From there you might want to move into the AC itself where you'll find a bouncy house, a large inflatable obstacle course, ladderball, a life-size Jenga game (it's much harder than the tabletop version, trust me, but also much more fun when it comes crashing down), face painting (not just for children any more, folks!). And much more.

Then, you'll make your way to the Welcome Center where you'll find some simple games and craft tables for all ages. Fortunately you have a great swag bag to put all your goodies, prizes, and crafts in!

Next up, Warren Fellowship Hall. On the way, make sure you stop at the photo area to take pics. (Be sure to post it on Facebook and Instagram #GPCFallFest, and email your pics to [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org) so we can put them in the newsletter.)

Check the schedule of events and make sure you come to at least one (or all) of the scheduled cake walks in Warren Hall! And, yes, real cakes are at stake here. In fact, if you want to volunteer to do any of the cake-baking, contact Brooke Duke at [brookebduke@yahoo.com](mailto:brookebduke@yahoo.com). We are hoping to have between 20-30 cakes/desserts donated.

If you have a sweet tooth, then you can build your own ice cream sundae at the crazy delicious ice cream sundae bar. Take as much as you want; no one will judge, we promise.

Once you've made it to Warren Hall, you can participate in, or watch and cheer for, the Costume Parade!

Also make plans to stay for the fabulous magic show at 5pm featuring GPC's own Jeff Day. This will be such a special treat that you really won't want to miss it. Bring your sharpest eagle eyes, but you still won't be able to see how he does it. Honestly.

By now, you're saying, "Wait! That's way too much to do in only two hours." Maybe. Just be sure to wear your comfy shoes. Or, you may decide you just want to find somewhere to sit and get comfortable and visit with friends while people watching. Whatever your inclination, you'll find something to love here.

"What else," you wonder? "What else could possibly make this Fall Fest more awesome?"

Here's the thing. Unlike the years before, this year, the public (your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, that relative that you haven't spoken to in years that you're dying to share a sundae with) is invited. Watch for free-pass tickets for you to pick up at church and hand out.

Wouldn't disciples invite others to join the family of Christ? Well, this is a perfect opportunity.

If you have any questions or want to help decorate or help with activities on the day or even bake a cake for the cakewalk, contact Brooke Duke at [brookebduke@yahoo.com](mailto:brookebduke@yahoo.com).



# WHAT'S THE LATEST?

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

## OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30  
5:30pm - meal, 6pm - program  
Compass Meal/Programs  
Warren Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Oct. 6, 11am  
World Communion Sunday  
Come to this special worship service  
and enjoy guest speakers.

Monday-Friday, Oct. 13-18

Fall Break

Sunday, Oct. 13, No youth/child  
activities

Wednesday, Oct. 16, no Compass

## SAVE THESE DATES LONG TERM

Friday & Saturday, November 1 & 2 - Women's Retreat

Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday; Daylight Savings Time Ends

Wednesday, November 6 - Children's Christmas Unit Begins

Friday & Saturday, November 8 & 9 - 4th & 5th Grade Know God Retreat

Friday, November 8 - breathe (Parents' Night Out)

# MUSIC NOTES

All music organizations at GPC are up and running for Fall 2019.

If you or a member of your family is interested in participating but have not yet signed up, contact Alex (alex@germantownpres.org), Sandy (franksw@aol.com), Karen (metscho@aol.com), or Jerold (jeroldt@germantownpres.org). One of us can help find the right spot for you.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:15pm on Wednesday evenings; adult bells on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm; Ring & Sing for Children (choir and handbells) meet Sunday afternoons at 4:30 and 5:30. Youth speak to Alex; he is working on several options for you. If you play an instrument or are interested in singing, Alex is your contact.

We know that everyone cannot be an active participant—that's where you, the congregation fit in—enjoy worship through listening and singing the hymns and responses; enter the sanctuary with a spirit of worship and praise.

Special music in the month of October will include soloists Dr. Sandy Franks; new mezzo soprano and first-year Masters Student at University of Memphis, Brianna Reilly; 2nd-year Masters student mezzo soprano Alex Colaize; Karen Schowalter Cooper who is also one of the children's music specialists, and tenor Ethan Baskin, who is a sophomore at University of Memphis. The anthems in October will be as follows: Communion Sunday, October 6 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*; October 13 *My Faith, My Hope*; October 20 a very famous



John Rutter anthem *O Clap Your Hands*, and on October 27 *For I Know* with Laura Brown on flute.

Organ music on every Sunday is special - come down front and listen or walk up in the choir loft and watch as organist Dr. Alex Benford plays the Postlude. You will be amazed as you watch his hands, feet, and page turner in action. We continue to be thrilled with the addition Alex to the staff and wife Jennifer (Jen) who has played harp for us on numerous occasions.

I never want to fail to thank those of you who make special contributions to the Music Fund and Teachey Scholarship Fund. Your contributions allow me the flexibility to enrich our worship experience with guest instrumentalists, student soloists, and guest artists throughout the church year. Thank you!! I look forward to seeing you in Worship!!!

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



# Letters of Thanks

Dear Friends:

I want to thank everyone for the cards, notes, calls, flowers, and visits, and most of all for your prayers. Knowing you are there for me has kept me going and someday I'll be well.

This has been a long rough road, but I know God put it out there for a reason, and I have to walk it.

With you praying for me and God's will, I will make it.

Thank you all!

*Martha Shuler*



Dear Members & Friends of Germantown Presbyterian,

We want to thank you for your long-time support of our mother, Carolyn Hayward, and for the many ways that you as a church and as individuals reached out to our family when we were with her surrounding her illness and death and late May.

You lived up to the caring community that we experienced growing up at Germantown Presbyterian in the 1960s and 1970s. We also appreciate the generous gifts that have been given in her memory.

Thank you.

*--Larry and Steve Hayward*

## Compass in October Wednesday Night Meals & Programs

October 2: (fourth in the parable series)

Presenter: Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Subject: "The Unforgiving Servant"

Matthew 18:21-35

Source: Rev. Wiggins

October 9: (fifth in the parable series)

Presenter: Dr. Will Jones

Subject "Why Doesn't God Like Religious People?"

Source: Parables from the Back Side

October 16: NO COMPASS (Fall Break)

October 23:

Presenter: Donald K. McKim

Subject: "Moments with Martin Luther"

Source: Mr. McKim's published book

(available for purchase)

Background: 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:

Presenter: Donald K. McKim

Subject: "Moments with Dietrich Bonhoeffer"

Source: Mr. McKim's published book

(available for purchase)

Background: We will examine Bonhoeffer's life and the main themes in his Lutheran-based theology which have led to a world-wide influence on disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world.

Our evenings begin with supper at 5:30pm (\$7 per person - reservations required). The programs (including stimulating discussion and Q&A sessions) will run from 6:15 to 7:00pm. Please make a reservation for dinner each week, either by signing up on the friendship pad or by phoning the church office before noon on the Monday prior.

Please set the bearing on your compass to enjoy Wednesday nights in GPC's new Warren Fellowship Hall for fine food, active fellowship, and a scintillating Bible study.



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. 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 and throughout the week!**

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

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 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: 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're now looking at an Old Testament study on the life of David. 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. 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: UL217 (2nd level), MFMSA

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). M (married), S (single), A (all ages)

### Bible Studies and Small Groups

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 in the church parlor  
Contact: JoEllyn Slott (jgslott@aol.com)

#### Men's Lunch Devotional

2nd & 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 Hundred Story Home* by Kathy Izard  
(plan to discuss the entire book at this meeting)  
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; Warren Fellowship Hall  
Contact: Sue Perrin (sue.perrin@att.net)

#### Wednesday

Compass meal and programs (see page 5)

#### Thursday

Thursday Bible Study  
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 9:30am-10:30am, Church library  
\*studying the book of James using NT Wright book  
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

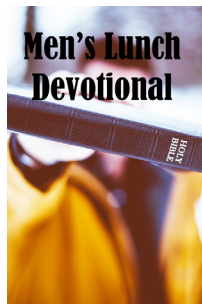
### *Men's Breakfast*

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).



## WOMEN AT GPC

### *Presbyterian Women in October*



Circles will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 10am. (Circle 1-UL215, Circle 2-UL216, Circle 3-UL217), and the night circle will meet in the church parlor at 7pm. We're studying the second lesson in the Horizon Bible study - *Love Carved in Stone*. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Perrin at sue.perrin@att.net.

PW Gathering will be Tuesday, October 15 at 10am in Warren Hall. Come for a morning of fun as Roscoe Phillips serves as master of ceremonies for a game of Bible jeopardy. Lunch will be served after Bible jeopardy. All are invited to attend.

Food for Project Outreach for October is all canned goods and frosting. Foods bins are located in the Activity Center to the left of the entry doors.

Threads of Love, PW's sewing ministry, will meet on Tuesday, October 8 from 9:30am - 12pm in the new sewing room on the first floor of Evans Chapel. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Sewing is not required as we also need people to cut and press.

Do you know someone who could use one of the following: walker bags, pillows for heart surgeries (large) and mastectomies (small), bibs, fleece prayer blankets? These are some of the items that Threads of Love make. If you do know someone who might be able to use any of these items, they are for anyone in the congregation to take to friends, neighbors, family, or whoever else you think might benefit. They are located in the chest of drawers on the south wall between the gathering space and the Activity Center lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Harris at mah174@yahoo.com or 901-833-1218.

**We made it through the construction, and it's really feeling like home! Now that we are settled in our new facilities, this is a great time to check and see if, during construction or for safe keeping, any items were removed or taken home and now need to be returned to the church.**

***Thanks, from the Furnishings Committee***

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC**

## THEATER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Theater Fellowship Group is going to the play *Baskerville* Friday, October 25 at Germantown Community Theatre (3037 Forest Hill Irene Rd). Some of the members of the group also meet beforehand at different restaurants to eat.

Get your deerstalker cap on - the play's afoot!

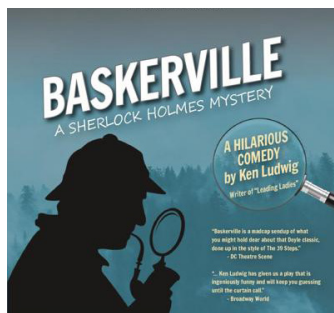
Comedic genius Ken Ludwig, transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic *The Hound of the Baskervilles* into a murderously funny adventure. Sherlock Holmes is on the case.

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 is Sue Kelley - please email her if you can come and/or if you'd like to join the group for the meal at [sueakelley@comcast.net](mailto:sueakelley@comcast.net).



**Sunday, October 20, 2019**  
**4:00-7:00PM | Germantown, TN**

Catch the continuously running shuttles from  
Germantown Presbyterian Church | 2363 S. Germantown Road

**FOOD ★ MUSIC ★ AUCTION**



Enjoy Gus' World Famous Fried Chicken, The Fry Guy fish, hotdogs, sliders by Germantown Presbyterian Men's Group, s'mores, and more! Signature cocktail - The Cinnamon Roll

Music by The Steve Berger Band • Auction proceeds benefit Pinecrest Camp.



[Lucygc@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lucygc@bellsouth.net) or 901.878.1247 or [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)  
**\$50 per person/\$60 at the door (adults only)**

### Churchwide email list:

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



# GPC's GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

## Grief Support Ministry - What's it all about?

Consider: Grief is the normal and natural emotional reaction to loss or change of any kind.... Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by the end of or change in a familiar pattern of behavior....

Consider: The feelings, emotions, experiences of grieving occur in no less than 40 types of significant loss - with loss through the death of a loved one being the loss we most typically associate with grief....

Consider: Research has shown that many people do not deal effectively with grief, and unresolved grief can and does have long-term negative effects in the work place, in relationships and in physical health....

Consider: Significant loss and thus, grief, eventually impacts every person....

Consider: It is not until someone experiences significant loss that he/she really understands how hard grief is to navigate....

Consider: It is in experiencing grief and loss firsthand, that one realizes how ill-equipped he/she is to navigate and work through all of the emotions, feelings, and countless manifestations associated with grief....

Consider: Books on grief and loss alone often do not adequately aid in helping the bereaved navigate this journey of loss and life....

Consider: Often faith alone is not enough for those who are struggling mightily to learn how to live without their loved one....

Consider: Over 5 years ago, GPC began its Grief Support Ministry in an effort to reach out to bereaved individuals, within the GPC family and throughout the greater Memphis/Shelby County area.

This ministry seeks to provide an emotionally and physically safe environment in which participants can, in the context of community, become better equipped with tools for effectively navigating grief's difficult journey....

Consider: In recognition that a group setting is not always going to meet the needs of each bereaved individual, the Grief Support Ministry also offers a one-on-one setting in which the bereaved can get the help he/she needs....

Consider: The Grief Support Ministry Team: Stephanie Wall, The Grief Support Ministry leader, GPC member and former GPC staff member, Elder, Deacon, Certified Grief Support Specialist and Certified Grief Counselor, through the American Academy of Grief Counseling, The American Institute of Health Care Providers, and The Grief Recovery Institute; Beth Brock, GPC member, Elder, Deacon, Board Member of Memphis Crisis Center Linda Oakes, GPC member, Deacon, Retired Nurse St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Hospice Volunteer....

Consider: If you or someone you know has experienced significant loss, through the death of a loved one, please consider participating in this ministry through the group or one-on-one setting....

Consider: The Grief Support Ministry Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (except November and December - meeting only on the 2nd Thursday) at 6:00pm in the church parlor.... This ministry is open to the public....

## Contact Information for the Grief Support Ministry Team

- > Stephanie Wall: 901-494-7786 or stephaniewall@hotmail.com
- > Beth Brock: 901-355-0262 or beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com
- > Linda Oakes: 901-237-6566 or linoakes@bellsouth.net



Need to take some flowers to someone in need? Go to the flower room! Each Sunday or Monday, flowers from the altar will be placed into portable sized vases for members or staff to take to the sick, bereaved, or shut in.

Please come to the flower room (north side of the choir loft) and help yourself to these flowers in the cooler.

*The Flower Committee*

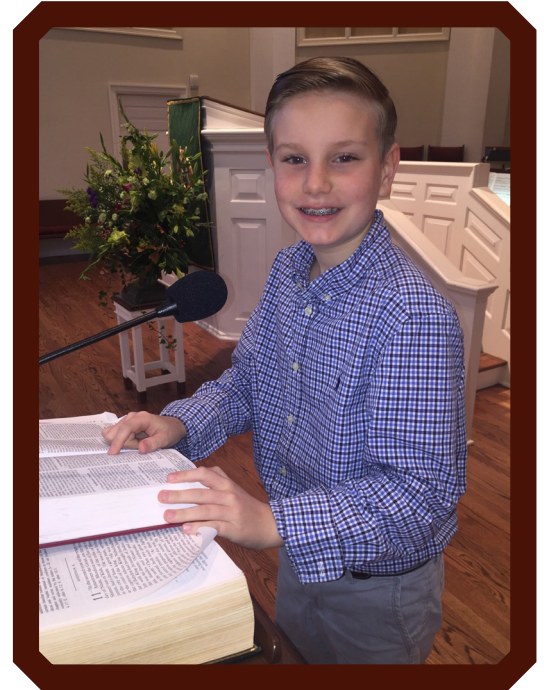
CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC

# CHILDREN AT GPC

## THANK YOU TO SEPTEMBER'S 5TH- GRADE WORSHIP LEADER, JAY BARKER

The Fifth-Grade Bridges program exists to begin to teach students how to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in church life, and to transition successfully to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids at VBS, and serving through Mission 901. Questions about this program can be directed to Anna White (annaw@germantownpres.org).

September's 5th-Grade Worship Leader is Jarrett McElroy Barker. Jay is the son of Amy and Tim Barker and attends Woodland Presbyterian. While attending GPC Jay has enjoyed learning more about God. He has made new friends and looks forward to more fun times with church friends.



## 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 convinces them that knowing God is vital in their lives.

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 now open online, and your \$30 deposit is required to hold your child's spot by September 30. You can find the registration form by going to the children's ministry page on the web or using this address: <https://germantownpres.org/4th-5th-grade-know-god-pinecrest-retreat-2019/>

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





# CHILDREN AT GPC

## A VERY CHRISTMAS NIGHT

GPCKids is currently in need of volunteers to join our Christmas committee. With the guidance of Anna White, the Director of Children's Ministry, we need adults who love Christmas and who can plan and teach engaging activities for children of all ages to meet our three Christmas content areas: Jesus born as a baby (preschool), the travels of Mary and Joseph and their encounters (elementary grades 1-3), and the prophecies fulfilled by the birth of Jesus Christ (intermediate grades 4 and 5). We are in need of people who love to plan crafts, decorations, and Christmas parties for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season! Planning begins soon and teaching nights will be on Wednesdays beginning November 6. Please contact Anna White (annaw@germantownpres.org) if you are interested in sharing your love of Christmas with our children!



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
Registration for "A Very Christmas Night" opens October 20!

Children age 3 by August 15 through current 5th graders are welcome to participate.

Help your child focus on the true meaning of Christmas this year through songs and study about the baby Jesus, the Nativity story, and the foretelling of His birth from the Old Testament prophets.

This Christmas unit will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm on November 6, 13, 20, and December 4.

Children will present at the Family Christmas Celebration on December 11 and lead the 3:30 Christmas Eve worship service on December 24. Look for more details to come!

## 1ST-GRADE BIBLES

On September 8, 2019 GPC First Graders received their first-grade Bible. This is a special milestone in the Christian formation of our children. It is our hope that parents will encourage their child to use his or her Bible by connecting what she is learning at Sunday School with opportunities to study the Bible at home. First Graders and their parents were invited to attend a celebration in Warren Hall on this special Sunday!



## THE GRATEFUL HEART SERIES RETURNS THIS YEAR



Ladies, plan for your child to attend "On This Very Christmas Night" on Wednesday evenings beginning November 6, 6 - 7pm!

Then join us for an Advent preparation series as we focus our hearts on Jesus, and help to focus our families' hearts as well. Each night of this Advent devotional we will also create some Advent tools you can take home and implement with your family when Advent officially begins on December 1. Go ahead and purchase the book *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus* by Asheritah Ciuciu. Look for more details to come! Registration will open on October 20. Email Anna White with questions at annaw@germantownpres.org.



## GPC MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET

Items in our Medical Supply closet are available to borrow for members of the congregation. These items can be checked out through the church office by calling 901-754-5195. We have canes, walkers, crutches, shower safety stools, portable toilets, and even a hospital bed. Donations of more medical equipment, especially wheelchairs, are always welcome.



## THE BELONGING MINISTRY OF GPC

Recognizing that we have a gap between new members joining and then those members feeling like a part of our family of faith – as though they truly belong - a new ministry has sprung forth to help and fill the void. We're calling it **The Belonging Ministry**.

**Vision:** Everyone at GPC feels loved and included in this family of faith.

**Mission:** To create a pathway for everyone to belong to this family of faith through active participation.

**Tagline:** Connecting people into the life of our church.

The Belonging Ministry team believes that we are all called to build relationships that resemble a cross – vertical with God and horizontal with the people of God. We are called to be bridge-makers and connectors between the people of God and God in Christ Jesus. We are called to help one another grow our faith through both word and deed – through Bible study, discipleship, and fellowship – together as a family of faith.

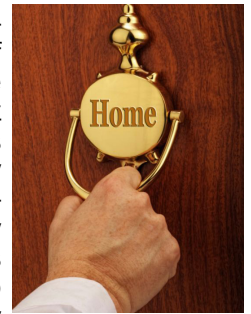
The Belonging Ministry's first meeting with new members was September 29 during the Sunday school hour. Going forward, this ministry will continue to work with all members, regardless of when you joined GPC, until everyone feels as though you belong.



If you want to know more, please contact Pastor Susie Wiggins at [susiew@germantownpres.org](mailto:susiew@germantownpres.org).

## THE FRIENDS IN CHRIST MINISTRY OF GPC

The Friends in Christ Ministry is a sub-committee of the Congregational Care Committee. Volunteers visit Germantown Presbyterian's senior parishioners – mostly those who are unable to attend worship – on a monthly basis. The purpose of Friends in Christ is for everyone, no matter one's age or ability to come to worship, to know they are loved and connected to their church family – and for us to be connected and in relationship with each one of them. These relationships are nurtured by home visits, telephone calls, cards, and emails.



If you are interested in volunteering as a visitor or if you know of someone who would like to be visited, please share this information with Pastor Susie Wiggins at [susiew@germantownpres.org](mailto:susiew@germantownpres.org) or call 901-754-5195, ext. 122.

No worries about knowing “what to do” - Pastor Susie will provide a one-hour training for all new Friends in Christ, teaching empathic listening, healthy boundaries, careful observation, and other necessary skill sets.

Since its inception in February 2018, we've witnessed both the necessity and the beauty of the Friends in Christ Ministry. It is greatly benefiting our family of faith and helping us to care for each other, no matter our age or circumstance, all in the name of Christ Jesus.



# EAT, PRAY, PLAY...IT AGAIN, GPC

Calling all GPC women to attend the 2nd Annual GPC Women's Retreat: EAT, PRAY, PLAY, to be held November 1 and 2 at Pinecrest.

When we began planning the first ever GPC Women's Retreat in 2018, we didn't know what to expect. We didn't know whether it would flourish or fail, but we knew that God had planted a seed that we were committed to cultivate. With God's loving hand guiding and blessing our efforts, the 2018 retreat was a wonderful experience for every woman who attended and the response was, "Let's do it again!"

The theme of this year's retreat is Wise and Worthy Women of the Word. Through storytelling, we will listen and learn from the narratives of biblical women, as well as from our own unique life journeys. And, then...we'll discover our roles in the overarching story that God is telling.

If that's not enough to convince you to sign up...here are a few more reasons to R-E-T-R-E-A-T

## **R: Relaxing Respite**

For a day and a half, there are no errands, laundry, meals to prepare, or football games to watch!

## **E: Exceptional Eating**

As previously mentioned - you are OFF kitchen duty BUT, you'll eat like a queen at Pinecrest! Besides the yummy meals, we'll have tasty snacks, s'more making and Pinecrest's legendary cinnamon rolls.

## **T: Terrific Teaching**

Pastor Susie will lead our study of the notable Bible women and how their stories inform our own personal faith stories.

## **R: Renew & Reinvigorate**

There's nothing like a stroll in Pinecrest's natural splendor to provide a rural refresh!

## **E: Enjoy Each Other**

Before dinner Friday night, you'll meet your retreat prayer partner. Although the pairing is random, last year it was clear that there was some divine selection at work! What a special experience to make a new friend or strengthen existing bonds as we fellowship together.

## **A: Assorted Activities**

Whether you are "yearning to yoga" or "ready to rock" (in a chair, that is), there's an activity to suit every speed.

## **T: Tremendous Together**

Where two or three are gathered...amazing things can happen!

EAT, PRAY, PLAY is a gathering you won't want to miss.

Planning Team members: Elaine Cates, Ann Harbor, Wendy Holmes, Melinda Russell, Lacey Schepman, and Pastor Susie Wiggins

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE

You can find the link from the home page  
or copy/paste/enter this:

<https://germantownpres.org/womens-retreat-registration-2019/>



CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT GPC

# World Communion Sunday @ GPC

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the eucharist. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. According to *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. (source: *Wikipedia*)

This year, GPC welcomes guest preacher Rev. Juan Sarmiento from the Outreach Foundation and guest Rev. James K. Awuni, Bolgatanga District Minister/Upper Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of Ghana Director of Finance.

Make a special effort not to miss this meaningful worship service.



## Hurricane Dorian Relief



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1 and stalled over the islands for 24 hours causing massive damage. So far, it is reported that 27 lives have been lost.

PDA is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs with a solidarity grant. Presbyteries in the US are assessing the need, and PDA stands ready to assist as needed.

Using our Hurricanes account, DR000194, allows us to respond immediately to the needs internationally and domestically where needed most. (source the PDA website)

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance link for Hurricane Dorian:  
<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-dorian/>



All collections for donations will now take place in the Activity Center. 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, too, 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. Thank you to everyone who contributes to these worthwhile organizations.

## GPC Needs More MAM Volunteers

Memphis Athletic Ministries (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 at 3:30pm but any weekday is fine.

We need more coaches! Contact Beth Boyle (boyleme@cs.com) or Jody Waldrop (waldrop2824@gmail.com) for more details.



**Memphis Athletic Ministries**

### Mission Partners - Local & Worldwide

For more information about GPC's mission projects locally and globally, go to <https://germantownpres.org/missions-at-gpc> and see where you can plug in to be a disciple and serve generously and shrewdly.

**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 which will include available materials and 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.

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## Room in the Inn Volunteers & Donations Needed!



As Room in the Inn (RITI) approaches its 2nd year at GPC for the 2019-20 season, we are looking for new volunteers to join our team! This is a perfect time to jump in and get involved, you guys!

We have 10 nights of service this year. We host every 2nd and 4th Saturday night from November 1 - March 31. And we want you!

If you've always wanted to be involved in this ministry, NOW IS YOUR TIME! We'll be having a fun volunteer training session in early January to help familiarize all volunteers with how RITI runs and operates on a nightly basis! Join others and become one of the dedicated volunteers to help show the love of Jesus as we minister to the homeless. You will be far more blessed than the guests we serve.

Thanks! and we're excited to meet you and work with you this year. *Susan Shirley Hurt (susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com)*

#### **Needed RITI donations below.**

#### **Please note we can no longer accept travel size donations.**

##### Toiletries

nail clippers  
razors  
full size shampoo & conditioner  
shaving cream  
deodorant (generic) - all sizes  
tampons (generic) - all sizes  
panty liners and maxi pads (generic) - all sizes  
full size lotion  
ear plugs

##### Outerwear & Underwear

back packs (dark colors)  
rain ponchos  
hand warmers  
gloves  
winter hats & scarves  
men's/women's warm socks  
scrub pants in S-XXXL  
men's white briefs - S-XXXL  
men's boxer briefs - S-XXXL  
men's white tee shirts - S-XXXL  
women's underwear - 5-16

##### OTC meds (generic only)

Advil  
cough drops  
bandaids  
Neosporin  
Benadryl

##### House supplies

laundry detergent (generic)  
dryer sheets (generic)  
zip lock bags all sizes  
larger trash bags

Bring all donations to the blue bin marked RITI in the Activity Center Lobby.

And if you want to help by donating money, make a check out to GPC with RITI in the memo line.

**ROOM  
IN THE INN**

Home is where the  is.



Hi Friends,

We are continuing to study God's Word in Sunday school, and the youth are enjoying growing in their faith. The junior high youth will be studying the book of 1 Kings and what it looks like to trust God. The confirmation class is learning about the history of the Presbyterian Church. The senior high youth will be exploring the questions of Jesus.

October dates:

October 6- Regular youth of GPC

October 13- No youth group - Fall Break

October 16- No Compass for youth

October 20- Corn Maze meet at the Agri-center at 4:30pm - Junior and Senior High

October 27- Church-wide Fall Festival- Junior and Senior High are helping with this event

Grace and Peace,  
Amanda



Thank you to everyone who donated water bottles and who parked in our parking lot for the Germantown Festival. And a huge thank you to all of the youth and parents who worked hard at the fundraiser! We raised over \$1900!

## YOUTH MUSIC: WE WANT YOU!

Interested in singing in a youth choir, ensemble, or group or playing your instrument in an ensemble?

E-mail Alex Benford at [alexb@germantownpres.org](mailto:alexb@germantownpres.org) for more information.

Thank you to everyone who attended our *Angst* movie screening on September 15. We had about 135 people attend from the congregation and the community. A

special thank you to our fantastic panel and to Pastor Susie for facilitating! We are so glad that we were able to start the conversation about anxiety and provide resources on how to help. For more information, please see the *Angst* movie website at [Angstmovie.com](http://Angstmovie.com).



YOUTH AT GPC

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation:

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

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
the family of Jean Gillespie 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

## From Room in the Inn Ministry

Past Guests

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

## GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

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| >Lynne & Martin Briggs - friends of Phyl Simmons               | >John Howle - son of Cheri & Mike Howle                                | friends of Sherrie & Neal Horner                                      | >Dr. J. Charles Taylor & family - partner of Bob Bobo |
| >Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle                          | **Addison Olsen - great-niece of Violet Olsen                          | **Pam Reed & family - co-worker of Neil Horner                        | >Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy & Rick Tripp          |
| **Shirley Duberstein - friend of Jeanie Hill                   | **Tina Olsen - granddaughter-in-law of Violet Olsen                    | >Scott Ruleman - son of Jackie & Bill Ruleman                         | **Tumgren family - in-laws of Judy Nokes              |
| **Hillary Fechter - daughter-in-law of Kathy Veazey's neighbor | **Angela Otto - daughter of Jean Brooks                                | **Kerri Ann Smith - friend of Halfacre family                         | >Faith Yetman - sister of Neal Horner                 |
| >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips                      | >Ginger & Thomas Payne, daughter Tori, Ginger's parents, Myra & Dale - | **William Steven, son of Hayley Steven - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt |   |

**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

*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.*

## October GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| <u>Oct 6</u><br>Cathy & David Aslin, Molly & Meghan<br>Katie Burrow<br>Ginny Cifaldi<br>Marilyn & John Donnelly<br>Karen & Bill Fesmire<br>JW McAllister<br>Ann & Roscoe Phillips<br>Kay Shelton | <u>Oct 13</u><br>Martha & Tom Drannon<br>Paula & David Hopkins, Andrew<br>Betty McCallen<br>Teresa & Tim McCaskill<br>Cy Pipkin<br>Dale & Mike Rowland<br>Kathryn & James Simpson, Christopher, William | <u>Oct 20</u><br>Laura Brown<br>Judy & Don Chandler<br>Susan & Bo Hornberg, Drew, Rachel<br>Deranda & Caleb Lester, Darcy<br>Luke McClellan<br>Gaye & Bob Pitts<br>Cynthia Shaw | <u>Oct 27</u><br>Brenda Bishop<br>Martha & Dennis Drexler<br>Cheri & Mike Howle<br>June & Mark McClellan<br>Barb Poier<br>Suzanne Ray, Gracie<br>JoEllyn & David Slott<br>Nancy & Dave Wells |
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# MEMORIALS

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

**To Building Tomorrow Today**  
In Memory of Bud Webb  
Mickie & Steve Nabers

**To the General Fund**  
In Honor of Bobby Lanier's  
Birthday  
Michael Horton

**To the Memorial Fund**  
In Memory of Carolyn Hayward  
Betty Green  
Anne & George McGaha

In Memory of Fred Stearns  
Nancy Cofield  
Dr. & Ms. Bob Ducklo  
Jeanie & Walter Hill  
Jerry Huff  
Dixie & Bob Johnson  
Barb Poier  
Jean Housholder Saxon  
Judith & Tom Wilson

In Memory of Karen Mitchell  
Anne & George McGaha

**To the Memorial Garden Fund**  
In Memory of Fred Stearns  
Connie & Tom Scott

**To the Music Fund**  
In Memory of Bud Webb  
Dawn & Michael Goodwin  
Lalla Mellor

In Memory of Carolyn Hayward  
Lalla Mellor

In Memory of Connie  
Maize Smith  
Lalla Mellor  
Carol & Bill Leppert

In Memory of Karen Mitchell  
Lalla Mellor

In Memory of Martha Fluker  
Lalla Mellor

In Memory of Morgan Benson  
Carol & Bill Leppert  
Lalla Mellor

In Memory of Nancy Howard  
Lalla Mellor

In Memory of Nell Parnell  
Bobby Lanier

In Honor of Dr. Will Jones  
Alice Franceschetti

## GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, August 2019

	<b>August 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>	<b>August 2018</b>	<b>2018 YTD</b>
Revenue	\$ 108,498	\$ 1,162,304	\$127,565	\$ 1,024,227
Expenses	\$ 169,830	\$ 1,156,090	\$146,317	\$ 1,057,773
Net	\$ (61,332)	\$ 6,214	\$ (18,752)	\$ (33,546)

Total revenue for August was \$108,498 which, with expenses of \$169,830, resulted in a deficit for the month of \$61,332. Our YTD surplus remains positive at \$6,214. These results are still better than 2018 on a YTD basis, when we had an overall deficit of \$33,546. We are 2/3 of the way through 2019, and our offerings are 66% of budget while expenses are 65% of the expense budget. In short, we are exactly where we need to be at this time of year.

Contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* were \$39,164 and construction expenses for the month were \$123,297. We have completed 72% of our 3-year campaign and have received 81% of our pledges plus almost \$300,000 in contributions that were not pledged. While we should be proud of our progress, we need all of the pledges to be paid by next May – these funds will be used to pay the few remaining expenses connected with the building project and reduce our loan balance prior to the beginning of scheduled amortization of the outstanding balance.

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 MONDAY-FRIDAY

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 PASTOR

SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS  
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR  
 CONGREGATIONAL CARE

AMANDA MACKEY  
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 MINISTRY

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 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

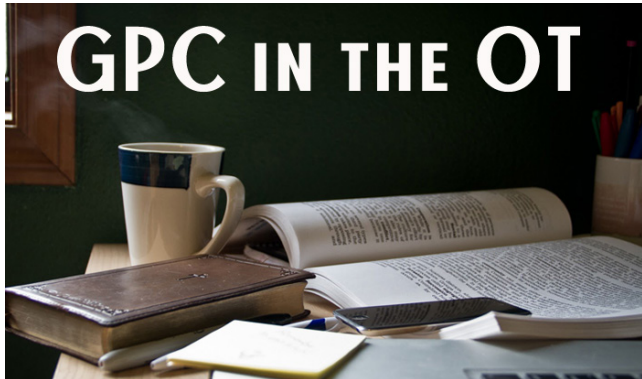
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 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MONICA KIRBY  
 DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



**November Window Deadline: October 15**



## October Readings

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10-6-19	Pro 8-10	Pro 11-13	Pro 14-15	Pro 16-18	Pro 19-21	Pro 22-23
10-13-19	Pro 24-25	Pro 26-28	Pro 29-30	Pro 31-Ecc 2	Ecc 3-6	Ecc 7-10
10-20-19	Ecc 11-SoS 4	SoS 5-Isa 1	Isa 2-5	Isa 6-9	Isa 10-13	Isa 14-18
10-27-19	Isa 19-22	Isa 23-26	Isa 27-29	Isa 30-33	Isa 34-37	Isa 38-40



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