



# *THE WINDOW*

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**IMPORTANT  
UPCOMING DATES FOR  
YOUR PLANNER!**

**IT'S STEWARDSHIP  
MONTH - WHAT ARE YOU  
THANKFUL FOR?**



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Dear GPC Family and Friends,

This November finds me with a growing sense of gratitude and Thanksgiving for our church. We are a few months into life in our new Education Building, and it has proven to be a tremendous success. We continue in our gratitude for the many church members who steered the process from start to completion. Members of our Master Planning Committee were especially generous with their time and expertise, and they guided, worked, attended meetings, and sacrificed to make sure the building project succeeded.

There are many features in our new building that I especially appreciate. This sounds so simplistic, but I really like how the lights turn on and off "by themselves." New technology has enabled this feature, so we do not leave lights on all night long anymore (at least not in the new building). In a similar vein, the new locking system allows us to lock the building on a schedule, as well as on our phones from a distance. I know that the new locking system is still a work in progress, and your staff is dedicated to making it as seamless and easy as possible.

*"To Whom Much  
Has Been Given...."  
Luke 12:48*

I love the new Warren Fellowship Hall! It is a great space that is already being so well-used by church members. It is so appealing to have large meetings and meals in that space, and it enhances our ability to fellowship with one another. The new classrooms upstairs have

exceeded all expectations for our adult education programs. They are spacious and conducive to learning and fellowship. Our adult education program is growing, and we are including more and more people who gather to learn on a Sunday morning.

I could go on and on...about the new building...about the beautifully renovated chapel....about the new Community Room below the chapel...about the new counseling space for the Samaritan Counseling Center...and on and on and on....

What I really want to accentuate repeatedly is the generosity that made the building possible in the first place. I am so grateful for those who had the vision to make it possible, and I am thankful for the donors who gave lovingly and sacrificially. Your love for GPC and its members and history is evident, and during this month of November, I am thankful for you and all you continue to do from hearts that overflow with love for God. That love is made evident in your support for the church, and we all benefit when we come together around a cause.

It is not just with the new building that we see careful and loving stewardship. We see it in our annual stewardship campaign as well. This year's theme is "To Whom Much Has Been Given....," which takes its name from something Jesus said in Luke 12. He encourages His disciples in many ways in this chapter, and He also nudges them toward better discipleship with a few warnings. He tells them not to worry, and He warns them against complacency. He invites them into a deeper life of devotion, and He encourages them to be generous.

We believe that we all have been given so much from God. Through Christ, we have a calling, a sense of purpose, relationships, forgiveness for our sin, hope for the future, and much more. We are the beneficiaries of great grace. So much has been given to us. Therefore, God has great expectations of us. God does not force us to be generous, but He expects generosity from us in response to His grace. God will not compel us to be giving, but He invites us to remember how much we have received. Therefore, since God has given us so much, we ought to give generously in return.

I will be pondering my own response to grace when it comes to supporting the church on Commitment Sunday, November 24. Each year, we invite members and friends of GPC to estimate how much they will give to the church during the next year. From these anticipated offerings, we craft our church budget and make our priorities. We invite all those who support GPC to consider prayerfully how much they will give, and we will then adjust our budget accordingly.

Thank you so much for your continued love of God through Jesus Christ, and thank you for your ongoing support of this great church. We have been blessed.

To whom much has been given....

Grace, Love, and Peace,

*Will*



# WHAT'S THE LATEST?

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

## NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri./Sat., Nov. 1 & 2 - Women's Retreat

Weds., Nov. 6, 13, 20

5:30pm - meal, 6pm - program  
Compass Meal/Programs  
Warren Fellowship Hall

Sun., Nov. 3, All Saints' Sunday; Day-  
light Savings Time Ends

Wed., Nov. 6 - Children's Christmas  
Unit Begins; Moms'/Ladies *Grateful*  
*Heart* Bible Study Begins

Fri./Sat., Nov. 8 & 9 - 4th & 5th Grade  
*Know God* Retreat

Fri., Nov. 8 - breathe (Parents' Night Out)

Sun., Nov. 24 - Christ the King Sunday;  
Commitment Sunday

Wed., Nov. 27, no Compass  
(Thanksgiving week)

## SAVE THESE DATES IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1, 2pm - Kallen Esperian/GPC Chancel Choir  
Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8, 2:30pm - Dr. Alex Benford, Organ Concert

Wednesday, December 11, 5:30pm - Family Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 13, 6:30pm - breathe (Parents' Night Out)

Sunday, December 15, 3:30pm - GPC Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15, 4pm - Blue Christmas Worship Service Sunday,

December 15, 5:30pm - GPC's Annual Chili Cookoff

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 3:30pm - Family Worship

5:30pm - Traditional Worship

11pm - Midnight Worship

# MUSIC NOTES

November is here, and December is just around the corner - music at GPC is in high gear. Music highlights in November will include an all-time favorite anthem of our congregation *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*, a new piece *Festival Gloria* by Craig Courtney and *The Heavens Are Telling* from Haydn's "Creation." Soloists will include Karen Cooper, Marcus King, and a duet by Althea and Russell Crouse.

Alex is working to create a Youth Singing Ensemble that will sing occasionally in worship throughout the year. On Sunday, November 17 Alex is asking youth instrumentalists to play the hymns in worship and planning for the Youth Singing Ensemble to participate in worship. You will find music in worship during the month of November very inspirational.

Thanksgiving this year is November 28 and the first Sunday of Advent actually falls on Thanksgiving weekend. Mark your calendars:

December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, is a very BIG music Sunday at GPC. The GPC Chancel Choir and a Brass Ensemble will participate in both morning services offering the John Rutter *Gloria* as an integral part of worship. This is a very exciting work and, when combined with our opening hymn *O Come, O Come, Emanuel* and offertory anthem *A Shoot Shall Come Forth*, we will know that the season of Advent has arrived. At 2:30pm our Chancel Choir and instrumental ensemble return joining Kallen Esperian and Gary Beard for our annual Concert *Sounds of the Season*. Help us get the word out - invite friends and come EARLY!!

## WORSHIP and MUSIC at GPC in December:

Sunday, December 1: Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble 8:30am & 11:00am > Rutter *Gloria*, Holy Communion

2:30pm: *Sounds of the Season* with Kallen Esperian, Gary Beard, GPC Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

Sunday, December 8: 8:30am & 11:00am Worship > Adult Bells, Chapel Singers, Chancel Choir

2:30pm: Christmas Organ Recital, Dr. Alex Benford

Sunday, December 15: 8:30am & 11:00am Worship > Soloists, Children's Choirs, Children's Bell Choir, Chancel Choir

3:30pm: Christmas Caroling (meet in Activity Center, buses provided)

4:00pm: Blue Christmas Worship Service, historic Evans Chapel

Sunday, December 22: 8:30am & 11:00am Worship > Chancel Choir & Brass Quintet, Carols, Anthems - an Exciting Christmas Celebration

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship  
3:30pm: Family Worship (sanctuary) led by GPC Children, Harp, Trumpets in Pre-Service  
5:30pm: Traditional Candlelight Communion Service (sanctuary) with Chancel Choir, Soloists, Harp, Trumpets

11:00pm: Midnight Candlelight Communion Service (historic Evans Chapel) with Soloist & Harp

Sunday, December 29: 8:30am & 11:00am Worship > 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

A BIG thank you to all of our talented musicians who work so hard to make Advent and Christmastide such a special time of the year. I also thank all of you in our congregation who support music at GPC year-round through our annual church budget and your special contributions to both the Teachey Scholarship Fund and our Music Fund. You give me the ability to create magic through music in worship at GPC throughout the church year. Thank You!! I look forward to seeing YOU in Worship!!!

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# A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends:

My family and I want to thank all of you who prayed for Liz during her illness. It meant so much to us that old friends and new keep us in their hearts and prayers.

Thank you all so much!

*Jackie Cayce*



## Compass in November Wednesday Night Meals & Programs

### November 6:

Presenter: Dr. Jerold Teachey

Accompanied by: Organist, Dr. Alex Benford and Chancel Choir Soloists

Subject: "Choosing and Implementing Music for Advent at GPC"

Note: This session will be in the GPC sanctuary.

### November 13:

Presenter: Ms. Mallory Sharp, Curatorial Assistant, Dixon Gallery & Gardens

Subject "The Christmas Story throughout Art History"

Source: Dixon Gallery & Gardens

Background: from ancient to contemporary art, artists and their art works will be shown and described in the context of the Advent season.

### November 20:

Presenter: Ms. Julie N. Pierotti, Martha R. Robinson Curator, Dixon Gallery & Gardens

Subject: "The Christmas Story throughout Art History"

Background: the beauty and colors of art through the ages as it was envisioned by well-known and lesser-known artists as they interpreted the everlasting meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ.

November 27: NO COMPASS (Thanksgiving Week)

Compass programs begin with supper at 5:30pm (\$7 per person – reservations required). The programs run from 6:15 to 7:00pm. Dr. Teachey's Advent music will be in the GPC sanctuary. The other programs (including discussion and Q&A sessions) will be in Warren Fellowship Hall. Please make a reservation for dinner EACH week, either by signing up on the friendship pad in church or by phoning the church office (901-754-5195) 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.



## The Liturgical Arts Team Needs Your Help



The newly formed Liturgical Arts Leadership Team is working hard to incorporate more art into the life and worship of GPC.

If you have art or photos that you would like to share with the team for consideration for future use, please email Alex Benford at [alexb@germantownpres.org](mailto:alexb@germantownpres.org). We need to be able to

use the content with permission and proper credit given to the artist.

If you would like to be a part of this creative new team in any capacity, please email Alex Benford at [alexb@germantownpres.org](mailto:alexb@germantownpres.org).

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT GPC

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING (WHAT? ALREADY?)

Join the GPC family on Sunday, December 15, at 3:30pm for the annual caroling and chili cook-off!

At 3:30pm, buses will take two groups to various locations to spread the Christmas spirit through song.

Caroling not your thing? No problem, feel free to join us at 5:30pm to warm up with some delicious chili!

Do you have a greater love for singing than chili? Come join us in song, and you are free to leave as you please!



## THINK YOU HAVE A WINNING CHILI RECIPE?

Meanwhile, we will be accepting crockpots of your best chili recipes in Warren Hall to be enjoyed upon return of the carolers.

Whether you are part of a fellowship group or Sunday school class and want to come up with a team of chili masters, or you are confident to compete alone, everyone is welcome! Let's make this interesting!!

We'd also like to make it fun for the kids by including a desert competition. They can provide their favorite Christmas cookies or sweet treat!

**\*\*We ask that you bring 4 one-dollar bills as a way of judging. One for each of your top three chilis, as well as one winner for the children's desert competition, all to be donated to our Room In the Inn associates.\*\***



If you already know you'll be cooking the winning chili or have any questions, feel free to contact Laura Brown at [LLBROWN88@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LLBROWN88@GMAIL.COM).

## WOMEN AT GPC

### *Presbyterian Women in November*



Individual Day Circle meetings will be on Tuesday, November 5 at 10am.

We will be studying Lesson 3 in the Horizon Bible study - *Love Carved in Stone*. Circle 1 - Room UL-215, Circle 2 - Room - UL-216 and Circle 3 - UL-217, and the Night Circle 4 will

meet at 7pm in the church parlor. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Perrin at [sue.perrin@att.net](mailto:sue.perrin@att.net).

Threads of Love will meet on Tuesday, November 12, 9:30am-12pm in the sewing room on the first floor of historic Evans Chapel. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Sewing is not required as we can always use extra helping hands. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Harris at [mah174@yahoo.com](mailto:mah174@yahoo.com) or 901-833-1218.

PW Gathering will be Tuesday, November 19 at 10am in Warren Hall. The program will feature ideas and demonstrations of floral centerpieces and room accents for Fall and Christmas. Come learn how-to secrets and what's new and trending in designing for the holidays. There will be a giveaway so you definitely won't want to miss out! Presented by Barbara Armstrong, Sandy Jones, and other members of GPC's Flower committee.

Food for Project Outreach for November is canned meats, soups, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and canned vegetables. Food bins are located in the Activity Center. All are invited to participate in Project Outreach.

There will be a **COOKIE SWAP** for PW members at the December Circle meeting (Tuesday, December 3). It will take place the morning of Circle at the church. When you come to Circle, please plan to bring (at least) 2 dozen cookies for the swap. You will go home with the same amount, but a varied selection from other bakers' recipes! If you bring more, you can take more home! But, at least 2 dozen, please. Night Circle #4 is invited to come and participate in this PW event at 10am. Also, if you will bring your written recipe for the cookies you share, other cookie bakers will be really, really happy. We will compile recipes and email to the participants of the cookie swap.

Please plan to participate in this fun and festive event!



# 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 CLASSES

#### Psalm 78

Coordinator: Kevin Floyd

Room: UL215 (2nd level)

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

#### Hits of the Ages

Coordinator: Alan Callicott

Room: UL218 (2nd level) MFMSA

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

We cycle through Bible studies... from the Old Testament to a Gospel to something else from the New Testament. We'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 Busy-ness: 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 7)

#### Thursday

Thursday Bible Study

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

\*studying the book of James using NT Wright book

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#### Friday

Men's Breakfast

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

\*using the lectionary to study Scripture

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## 2019 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & MISSIONS LUNCH



## 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 information session in early January to help familiarize anyone who's curious to see 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](mailto: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  
deodorants (generic) - all sizes  
tampons (generic) - all sizes  
panty liners & maxi pads (generic) - all sizes  
full size lotion  
ear plugs

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

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

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.



# GPC's PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UPPER PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA

*contributed by Erin Bowden*

This past July, the Ghana mission team (Erin Bowden, Beth Brock, Ty Hardin, Molly Miller, and Pastor Susie Wiggins) spent 10 days in the Upper Presbytery. Our previous trip took us to Central and Northern Ghana as we discerned where we felt a partnership would be beneficial to both. We now know through this discernment that supporting Northern Ghana through the Upper Presbytery's efforts is our priority. Our team plans to continue monthly meetings to discern our relationship and involvement so that we are building a lasting, reciprocal relationship.

Please pray for the following areas for our friends in Ghana's Upper Presbytery:

Lay training center- The Upper Presbytery is wanting to purchase 10-20 plots of land to centralize their lay training center in Bolgatanga so that they may better reach all of their congregations and those in service to care for them. This will also help with their evangelism into the northwestern region of Ghana.

Student ministry (university/college level)- The students there are in need of educational and spiritual counseling.

"Go Home Project" at Gambaga- The Presbytery wants to have more engagement with traditional leaders and, importantly, the youth in villages that have had women come to Gambaga accused of being witches. The leaders and youth working in collaboration with health and mental

health care workers have been successful. As of our last trip 2 summers ago, 35 women have been able to go home due to these efforts.

Community-based rehabilitation- This center helps those in their communities living with disabilities. One way is training them to have basic computer skills.

The Agricultural Station (co-op)- Discussion with the manager of the station that a silo would extend the life of their sorghum crop.

Many of you have asked how you can help. We are happy to announce that we now have numbers and amounts so that our members can begin making a difference in Northern Ghana. One area that we, as a team, believe GPC can initially make a meaningful difference is to help the Upper Presbytery purchase bicycles. These are used by their caretakers to reach their preaching points or churches. Caretakers travel great distances to reach these and we discovered that the Upper Presbytery only needs 77 more bikes so that every caretaker has one. These bikes can be purchased for \$55 US.

We're excited to begin taking donations for bicycles. If you are interested in making a donation, simply note in the check memo "Ghana Donation." There are so many more ways that we are looking to help....you'll be hearing more from us soon!!



October 4th - Mary Rogers hosted the Ghana Mission Team and their prayer partners - those who prayed with team members before, during, and after their partnership trip to the Upper Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana July 17-27. A significant highlight of the evening was our "surprise" guest, the Reverend James K. Awuni, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Bolgatanga, a Presbyterian Church of Ghana congregation and also the Bolgatanga District Minister and the Director of Finance of the Upper Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH AT GPC

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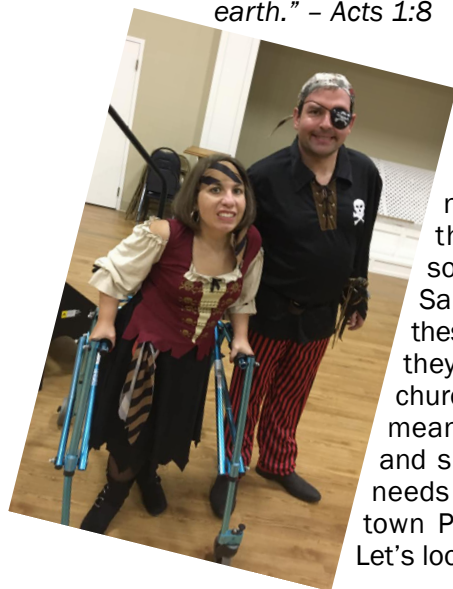
By Monica



I love the Acts 1 Church! They were on fire (no pun intended) for the Lord and were unstoppable! They prayed. They preached. They were arrested. And when released went right

back to praying and preaching the Good News. Up until this point in Jewish history, the message of the Messiah had only been for the Jews and the nation of Israel. But with the crucifixion of Jesus and their ultimate rejection of God's Son, the Jews made it possible for the Gentiles (this includes us) to have access to this wonderful, marvelous, outstanding Good News!

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8*



When Jesus had told His disciples they would be His witnesses, He specifically named three places they would be doing so - Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria. But where were these places and what did they mean to this young church? And what do they mean for the church now and specifically the special needs ministry of Germantown Presbyterian Church? Let's look at Jerusalem first.

Jerusalem, as the most holy and sacred place, represents our home or the center of the church's activities. The early church spent a lot of time together in each other's homes sharing meals, enjoying fellowship, and sharing their resources and time with each other. For today's Christians our "Jerusalem" is the same. It implies our families and our smaller groups – the people we have the most influence with.



be your school or your job. Or it could literally be in your physical neighborhood.

Lastly, Jesus asks us to go to Samaria. Now it must be noted that the Jews avoided Samaria and saw the Samaritans as outcasts who were not to be trusted. Yet in the Scriptures we read that "Jesus had to go through Samaria" (John 4:4). Why? While Samaria was the most direct route for Jesus to travel from Galilee to Judea, He chose to go to Samaria to encounter the people there. It is the place where we least want to go to meet those who we mistrust or avoid. But Jesus asks us to go out from what is most familiar and comfortable to be with those who are marginalized. Where is Samaria for you?

And then, just to insure no one or no place is left out, Jesus wraps up His charge by adding "...and to the ends of the earth." Enough said. Jesus wants everyone to know about His love for them. For the early church this meant taking on a people group they had yet to meet whose customs and way of life would differ from theirs.

It was through the early church's example found in Acts that the message of salvation found its way outside the walls of Jerusalem (their home) and into Judea (the local





# EDS AT GPC

## HAVE A JERUSALEM, JUDEA, & SAMARIA?

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neighborhood) and then into the adjoining region (Samaria) and then beyond to the ends of the earth (think international missions here).

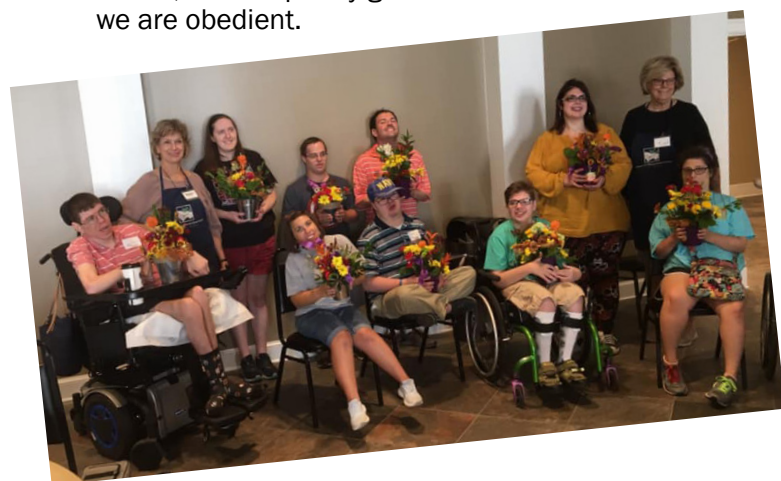
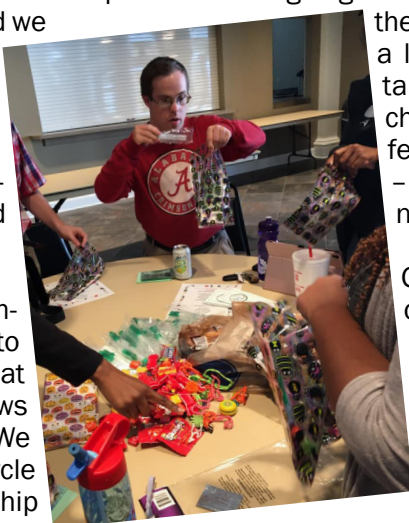
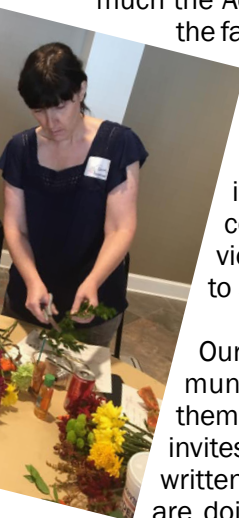
And the special needs ministry of GPC wants to look as much the Acts 1:8 Church as possible. Our Jerusalem is the families within our church walls that have special needs. They are our family and we have influence over and relationships with them. We love them. We reach them through inclusion in Sunday School and corporate worship when we provide a place for them to learn and to serve alongside us.

Our Judea is the special needs community at large. And we witness to them when we create programming that invites them in to hear the Good News written on the pages of God's Word. We are doing that through Friendship Circle and AMPlify and through our partnership with JoyLife901 when we throw a costume party or host a Breakfast Club.

Samaria may take us out of our comfort zone but we venture out at His leading. Recently, He has opened the doors for us to partner with other special needs communities. This may look like being the guest reader at The Bodine School or leading chapel at Madonna Learning Center. It may be driving down to New Albany, MS and training a group on how to do special needs ministry. We might be outsiders at first, but we quickly gain confidence and new friends as we are obedient.

And then there is the "to the ends of the earth." Last February I had the good fortune to travel to Sierra Leone for two weeks to work with women with disabilities. Talk about going to the ends of the earth! It was a long trip. But talk about the change, the difference made – not necessarily in them, but in me! I will never be the same.

GPC, your special needs ministry desires to reflect the Acts 1:8 Church. We do have a Jerusalem, a Judea, and a Samaria. We are reaching the special needs world for Christ!



## THANK YOU TO OCTOBER'S 5TH-GRADE WORSHIP LEADER, ADDIE OWENS

The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide kids as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in church life, and to successfully transition into 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, Director of Children's Ministry ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)). October's 5th Grade Worship Leader is Addison Beth Owens.



What is your full name? *Addison Beth Owens*

Who are your parents? *Teresa and Forrest Owens*

Where do you go to school? *Dogwood Elementary*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *Making friends*

What have you learned at GPC? *A lot about Jesus and Moses*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *I hope to learn a lot more about the Bible.*

## KNOW GOD RETREAT FOR 4TH & 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.

All 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to join us for our annual 4th and 5th grade *Know God* Retreat at Pinecrest, November 8 - 9. We look forward to becoming better friends, having fun, hiking at night, eating s'mores, playing games, sleeping in cabins, and, most importantly, devoting time to Knowing God! Make sure your child is registered and look for an email from Anna with all the details!

Email Anna White with questions ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)).



# WELCOME HEATHER WALKER TO GPC

Take a walk through the nursery and make sure to introduce yourself to Heather Walker. Heather is our new Preschool Ministry Coordinator and Nursery Supervisor. Heather has taught preschoolers and worked with their parents for many years. In this role she will be the first face that many of our young families recognize as she leads the nursery staff to welcome babies, young children, and their families to GPC. Heather's creativity will be put to use as she works in tandem within the Children's Ministry to provide exciting opportunities for our preschoolers to learn about Jesus Christ through Sunday School, VBS, and hopefully many more opportunities!



**IF YOU'D LIKE TO RECEIVE WEEKLY UPDATES FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, CONTACT ANNA WHITE AT [ANNAW@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:ANNAW@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).**

## ON THIS VERY CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Make sure your child is registered for "A Very Christmas Night." SPACE IS LIMITED to first-come-first-served until numbers are full.

- Preschoolers study "The Stable"
- 1st-3rd Graders study "The Nativity"
- 4th-5th Graders study "The Prophets"

Many favorite hymns and scriptures are included in this Christmas Unit for children to learn more about the birth of Jesus Christ. Children will lead the 3:30pm Christmas Eve worship service. Check in begins Wednesday, November 6, 6:00pm at the Well. If you want to eat, make plans for your family to attend 5:30pm dinner by emailing your reservation to [annd@germantownpres.org](mailto:annd@germantownpres.org).



## THE GRATEFUL HEART SERIES RETURNS



Moms and Ladies, drop your child off for "A Very Christmas Night" and join us to prepare our hearts for Advent. We will read and discuss *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus* by Asheritah Ciuciu, and we will take home some tools to help our families focus on Advent. You can buy the book on Amazon, at Novel, or you can check a copy out of the GPC library on the mail level. We will meet in the blue Noah's Ark room on the lower level at 6:00pm.



You don't have to have a child participating in the Christmas unit to participate.

Email Anna White ([annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)) that you will attend!

## THEATER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Theater Fellowship Group is going to Poplar Pike Playhouse (7653 Poplar Pike, 901-755-7775) at Germantown High School on Friday, November 9.

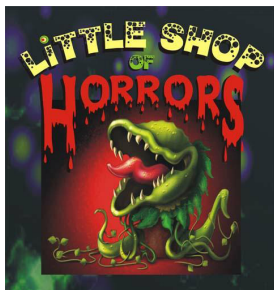
The Poplar Pike Playhouse is excited to announce its deviously delicious fall production *Little Shop of Horrors*. This comedy musical is based on the 1960 movie by Roger Corman and book by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Ashman. This story follows Seymour, a down-on-his-luck employee at a flower shop who acquires a mysterious plant that has the appearance and characteristics of a venus fly trap. However, this plant not only eats insects, but it also seems to have a preference for humans.

Seymour must work to keep the demanding plant satisfied and deal with its growing popularity. Seymour, in the meantime, also gains the attention of his love interest, Audrey, and finds himself in the middle of her relationship with her abusive dentist boyfriend, Orin.

This musical is filled with memorable characters and catchy songs. "Prologue (Little Shop of Horrors)," "Feed Me (Git It)" and ballad "Somewhere That's Green" are just a few of the catchy songs that appear in this audience favorite.

Make plans to come see this smash hit musical and help support the Germantown High School Poplar Pike Playhouse. Tickets are \$15. Make sure to let Becky know if you plan to join the group for a meal before the show.

Convener: Becky Stanley (beckystanley@gmail.com or call 901-409-2886)



## MEN AT GPC

### *Men's Breakfast*

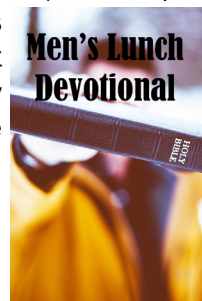
Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in Warren Fellowship Hall (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30 am (bring \$3) and Bible study at 7:00. Different men lead each week's study using Scripture from the lectionary. Come one, come all!



**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).

### *Men's Lunch Devotions*

All men are invited to come as you can on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 11:30am-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).





# GPC's FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IDENTITIES/UPCOMING EVENTS

*GPC Fellowship Groups bring adults together in small group settings. Fellowship Groups exist to grow friendships, strengthen connections, and Through Fellowship Groups we will be intentionally hospitable, inviting, and welcoming. In keeping with our core value of unity (communion over controversy), Fellowship Groups will strengthen our church as a whole, which is pleasing to God.*

GPC Fellowship Group Mission Statement, 2013

1. Boyles' Bandits
2. Cobblestones
3. Cornerstones
4. Hits of the 50's and 60's
5. Keystones
6. Living on a Prayer (Rolling Stones)
7. PNO NoMo (Parents' Night Out)
8. Saturday Night #4
9. Theatre Group
10. Young Adult

**Young Adult (consists of post-college-age 30(ish))**

**Convener: TBD**

**Currently in the formation stage.**

- In the fall the group met at the Mellow Mushroom for food and fellowship.

**Cobblestones (ages 30's-very early 40's)**

**Convener: TBD.**

The Cobblestones are using the email: [gpc-fellowship@googlegroups.com](mailto:gpc-fellowship@googlegroups.com) to stay in touch with each other and share information. This group consists of singles, married without kids, and married with kids. The fellowship events are mostly kid-friendly, and the group aims to meet monthly or every other month.

- The fall gathering was a kid-friendly event at Railgarden.

**Living on a Prayer (formerly Rolling Stones) (ages 35's-45's; couples & singles)**

**Conveners: Ashley Robinson ([ashley.toppins@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.toppins@gmail.com)) & Kelly Hogan ([kelannwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:kelannwalker@yahoo.com))**

- Using a closed Facebook group for communication within the Fellowship Group.
- Contact Ashley or Kelly if you want to be involved.

**PNO No Mo (formerly Parents' Night Out) (ages 40's-50's)**

**Convener: Susan S. Jones ([susanstumbjones@gmail.com](mailto:susanstumbjones@gmail.com))**

The children range from middle school to older with some graduated from college. This group meets the first Saturday evening of each month, September-May, usually in one another's homes. The host(s) prepares the main course, and everyone else brings appetizers, sides, or desserts, and whatever they want to drink. The evenings consist of fellowship, and occasionally a game or activity, as well. Occasionally the group meets at a restaurant instead of in a home.

**Hits of the 50's & 60's (women & men, married or single; born/grew up in the 50's & 60's) (others are welcome, too).**

**Conveners: Kathleen Boyd ([kkboyd@comcast.net](mailto:kkboyd@comcast.net) or 901-833-3413) & Susan Morgan ([ssm4099@comcast.net](mailto:ssm4099@comcast.net) or 912-547-7337)**

- Usually about 30 attend the gatherings
- Usually meet monthly, September/October through May (skip January)
- Events Planned:
  - > November 15 – Kathleen & Jim Boyd's home
  - > December 7 – Susan & Greg Morgan's home

**Boyles' Bandits (various ages, no age requirement on either end of the spectrum)**

**Convener: Bill Boyle ([boyleb@aol.com](mailto:boyleb@aol.com) or 901-754-0679)**

Boyles' Bandits is a young-at-heart group that loves each other and loves to spend time with each other; usually meet in each other's homes.

- Meet once a month, September – May.
- Usually about 40 attend

**Cornerstones (primarily older (60+) adults)**

**Convener: Lanny Oakes ([lannyoakes@bellsouth.net](mailto:lannyoakes@bellsouth.net) or 901-237-6523)**

These group members gather in individual member homes or other venues, typically on a Friday evening, several times a year for a dinner and fellowship. Depending on the time of year, the fellowship may include singing Christmas carols around a piano, a fun and simple card game, bonfires or spring flowers and socializing outside, a "white elephant exchange," and an old fashioned BBQ. Most of the events include a mission function where money is raised or items collected for a GPC-sponsored charity.

- Meet 4 times a year – fall, Christmas, late winter, and late spring.
- Adopt mission projects, including a Coat Drive

*These groups...provide  
caring relationships that bind us  
to God and one another.*

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (CONTINUED)

at Christmas and a contribution to the Youth Auction when it takes place.

- Currently looking for hosts for these gatherings.

### Keystones (ages 60+)

**Convener:** Tom Tweel (ttweel@comcast.net; 901-490-4540)

This is a jolly and extemporaneous fellowship group who enjoy fellowship, frivolity, and fine culinary fare. We seek out opportunities, programs, and activities that are mutually agreeable to serve GPC initiatives in an adult format, foster fellowship in members' homes and elsewhere for enlightenment, education, and entertainment; promote invitations to the Keystones to existing and new GPC members; encourage support of interaction in areas of church life that are beneficial and meet the criteria for camaraderie, caring for the sick and bereaved, and church-wide services throughout the year.

### Saturday Night #4.

**Convener:** Beth Carter (bkc1046@yahoo.com; 901-854-8280)

This caring group of GPC members gathers at regular intervals and lives out our commitment to Jesus Christ by loving each other. We demonstrate our commitment to God and each other by being present in the lives of each of our Fellowship Group members whether in joy or sorrow. Like the early church, we believe that deeper relationships are formed by breaking bread in one another's homes.

*In keeping with GPC's core value of unity (communion over controversy), Fellowship Groups will strengthen our church as a whole, which is pleasing to God.*

- Gatherings - Twice in the fall (September-November) and three times in the spring (January -April)

**Theatre Group (women & men of all ages who enjoy the theatre)** Dinner together (optional) prior to each show.

**Convener:** Becky Stanley (beckycstanley@gmail.com; 901-409-2886)

- November 8 (Friday) *Little Shop of Horrors* - Germantown High School - Poplar Pike Playhouse  
**Convener:** Becky Stanley (beckycstanley@gmail.com; 901-409-2886)

- December 14 (Saturday) *Germantown Holiday Concert* - GPAC

**Conveners:** Sandy & Gerald Wilson (grwilson755@yahoo.com)

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

**Conveners:** Gisela and Terry Pickett (giselapickett@gmail.com)

- February — no plays selected

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

**Convener:** Violet Olsen (paul\_olsen@att.net)

- April 17 (Friday) *Remember When*

*Rock Was Young* - Bartlett Performing Arts

**Convener:** Becky Stanley (beckycstanley@gmail.com)

- May-date TBD; will be a venue at the Dixon.

## GPC'S GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY & THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are upon us, and although joyful, they can add stress and elevate emotions in each of us. For those of us who are grieving the loss of loved ones, the holidays can be extremely stressful, emotional, and overwhelming. The emotions tied to grief can be elevated in us whether our loss is recent or occurred in the past. We may find ourselves more emotional than usual as the holidays approach; we may begin to feel anxious that the holidays are coming and there is no way to stop them; we may be struggling with how to get through; we may be torn about whether or not to keep treasured traditions or start new ones. All of these are normal reactions as we work to live our lives without our deceased loved ones and to balance joyful times with family and friends.

In recognition of the potential difficulties that many face during the holidays, the Grief Support Ministry is offering several opportunities for GPC members and

visitors, as well as to those in the greater community, to come together for encouragement, prayer and suggestions for ways to best navigate the holidays. Please consider joining us on Thursday, November 14, 2019 and Thursday, December 12, 2019 from 6-7:30pm in the church parlor. We also invite you to join us on Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 4-5pm in the historic Evans Chapel for the Blue Christmas worship service. Contact for questions, more information: Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor (stephaniwall@hotmail.com, 901-494-7786), Beth Brock (beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com, 901-355-0262), Linda Oakes (linoakes@bellsouth.net, 901-237-6566).





## SUNDAY FLOWER DEDICATION INFORMATION

Would you like to dedicate the flowers on Sunday in memory or honor of a special someone?

Simply choose your Sunday on the calendar and contact Ann DeVere in the church office at 901-754-5195 or [annd@germantownpres.org](mailto:annd@germantownpres.org).

One urn of flowers is \$100.  
Two urns, which flank the pulpit, are \$150.

Checks are payable to Germantown Presbyterian Church. Ann will ask for the wording you would like to have printed in the bulletin and she will reserve your spot on the calendar.

Your special flowers will be lovingly arranged by members of the GPC Flower Committee. The Flower Committee consists of 20 women and an occasional man, who not only arrange flowers for Sunday services, but they often provide flowers for memorial services and receptions. They also decorate the church inside and out for Christmas!



Each week the Flower Committee breaks down the flowers into portable vases after Sunday's service and places them in the cooler in the flower room. This ministry is called Petals and Prayers. Members and staff are encouraged to come into the flower room and take a vase of flowers to a shut-in, or others in need of cheer. The flower room is located just north of the choir loft by the water fountain.

Members of the Flower Committee are: Barbara Armstrong (Chairman), Beth Boyle, Diane Callahan, Jill Crocker, Beverly Froelich, Ellie Goughnour, Cheri Howle, Patty Jackson, Sandy Jones (Co-Chairman), Nicki Lamar, Martha Mayers, Anne McGaha, Jo Lawson, Evelyn Mosley, Diane Newton, Gisela Pickett, Barb Poier, Carolyn Porter, Cynthia Shaw, Nancy Wells, and Billie Work.

## GPC'S CREATIVE BLESSINGS FOR SHARING



GPC is very blessed with extremely creative women who graciously create wonderful items that they intend to be shared with those in need of them. Our pastors

are the primary "givers" of these items as they make pastoral visits, but they are available for anyone in the congregation to take to anyone in need of these expressions of comfort, care, and love.

These items include:

- Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets – made by Paula's Hearts & Hands Sunday School class.
- Prayer Blankets, Adult Bibs, Mastectomy and Heart Surgery Pillows, Catheter Bag Covers, Walker Bags, Chemo Caps - made by Threads of Love (Presbyterian Women)
- Casseroles & Soups – made by Cooking for Missions (Presbyterian Women)

- Flower arrangements – made by Petals & Prayers Flower Ministry

If you know someone in need of one of these items, you are welcome to stop by the church and pick one up. There are "sign-out" sheets at each location. Please note both who the giver and the recipient are, as well as the date.

- The prayer shawls are located on the shelves in classroom UL-214 (upper level).
- The prayer blankets and other items made by Threads of Love are located in the chest-of-drawers on the south hallway between the Activity Center lobby and the Welcome Center and are well-labeled in each drawer.
- The flower arrangements are located in the flower room cooler (just behind the sanctuary).
- The casseroles (2-3 servings) and soups (2 servings) are located in the Activity Center kitchen in the big freezer (note: the freezer door is difficult to open – pull hard!).

# YOUTH AT GPC

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 books of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles looking at how God is always with us. The Confirmation class is learning about baptism and the Lord's supper. The senior high youth will be exploring God's sense of humor in the Gospels.

Grace and Peace,  
Amanda

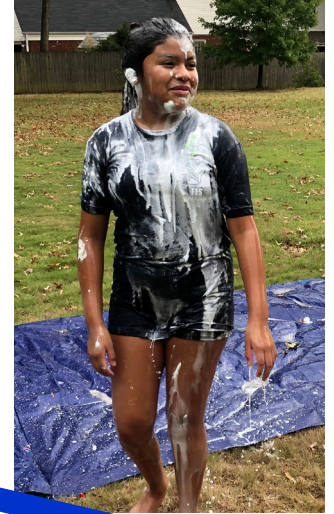
## November dates:

November 3- Youth Worship Service in historic Evans Chapel; dinner at 5pm in Warren Hall; worship 6-7pm.

November 10- Cookout at the Cates'- more information to follow.

November 17- Jr. High meet 4:30-6:30pm in the Activity Center; Sr. High 6-8pm meet in the Activity Center.

November 24- Christmas decorating in the youth area; Jr. and Sr. High meet in the Activity Center 4:30-6:30pm; dinner 6-6:30pm.



## YOUTH AUCTION HELP!

We need people to help collect donations and decorate the Activity Center. If you are interested in helping with this year's youth auction, please contact Pastor Amanda (amandam@germantownpres.org).

## YOUTH MUSIC: WE WANT YOU!

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

A group will be singing in worship Sunday, November 17.

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



# GPC PRAYER AGAINST VIOLENCE & FOR PEACE

GPC's Session met in September and October, and we had a conversation about violence and what our Christian response to it should be. We were motivated by the mass shootings in Texas, Ohio, and elsewhere.

We are also quite aware that Memphis is currently ranked as one of the most dangerous cities in America with one of the highest violent crime rates in the country. In fact residents have a one in 50 chance of being a victim. We're guessing the high rate of poverty has something to do with these statistics because Memphis has a poverty rate of about 28% which is much higher than the national average of 15%.

This was the backdrop for our conversation. We quickly realized that we all believe in the power of prayer, and we should start making a difference with PRAYER. The Session continues to discuss how we as a church might respond to violence and be peacemakers as the Beatitudes call us to do. The Elders submitted short sentence prayers that were edited together into this larger prayer for our church.

**Everyone is invited to take this prayer and please pray it every day for a month.**

## GPC PRAYER AGAINST VIOLENCE AND FOR PEACE

Almighty God, your name is holy; since the beginning of the world, you have given your loving care, grace, and peace to the world. We pray that you would continue your grace in this time, especially. Who do you need us to be during these times of horrible anger, violence, and hatred?

Guide us in our discernment of GPC's response to your call to be peacemakers in Germantown and the greater Memphis community. Help us to serve others with our talents, spiritual gifts, and financial resources to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We pray for our church to have the wisdom that comes from heaven that we may be pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere in our efforts to promote peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and in the world.

Lord, we also confess. We confess that we are human and sinful, and therefore prone to violence and hatred. Convict us of our sin, and make us aware of how we knowingly and unknowingly add to the eruption of violence and hate in our community. Show us how to bring peace into each interaction and help us bring grace into each conversation.

We pray especially for children growing up in the desperation of poverty and hopelessness. We pray for both mothers and fathers to play active, caring, daily roles in loving and raising their children well. We pray for all children's education, all places of learning, whether at home or in schools, and for all teachers. We pray especially for students and the ability to read early and to read well. We pray for our church's tutoring and mentoring programs. May we be a force for good as we love and teach all children in our path. Protect our schools from violence, we humbly pray.

We praise you and pray for your protection to surround our congregation and greater community in light of tremendous, horrific violence. Help us to be peacemakers, to abhor violence, and to spread hope and love. Lord, we pray that our society will realize the importance of loving one another, both individually and collectively, and that we will commit to solving the issue of violence in our culture.

God of righteousness and peace, when we at GPC say together the words "thy kingdom come," awaken in us a desire to be workers to that end. In the name of the one who desires peace and good will, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Prince of Peace, who died for the sins of the world. Amen.

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation:

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

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
 the family of Pat Beard in her death;  
 Gray Carter and family in the death of his father;  
 Ann DeVere and family in the death of her mother;  
 June McClellan and family in the death of her father.

## In Service in the Military:

Sidney Baker - niece of Kay & Joe Donaho  
 Kyle Bishop - grandson of Brenda Bishop  
 Trip Hiller - grandson of Anne & Wayne Tansil  
 Johnny Nowell - son of Jo & Adm. John Nowell  
 Patrick Peak - son of Eleanor Denton  
 Jason Ragain - son of Debbie Ragain

## From Room in the Inn Ministry

Past Guests

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

## GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

>Lynne & Martin Briggs - friends of Phyl Simmons	**Jay Gray - friend of Julie & Matthew Lindow	>Ginger & Thomas Payne, daughter Tori, Ginger's parents, Myra & Dale - friends of Sherrie & Neal Horner	family - partner of Bob Bobo
>Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle	>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	>Pam Reed & family - co- worker of Neil Horner	>Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy & Rick Tripp
**Thomas Canale - father of Bob Bobo's neighbor	>John Howle - son of Cheri & Mike Howle	>Kerri Ann Smith - friend of Halfacre family	>Tumgren family - in-laws of Judy Nokes
**family of Liz Cayce	**Jen & Bobby Ireland, sons, Nick & Matt - neighbors of Bob Bobo	>William Steven, son of Hayley Steven - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt	**Jerry Wilson, Sr. - father of Jerry Wilson
>Shirley Duberstein - friend of Jeanie Hill	>Tina Olsen - granddaughter- in-law of Violet Olsen	>Dr. J. Charles Taylor &	>Faith Yetman - sister of Neal Horner
>Hillary Fechter - daughter- in-law of Kathy Veazey's neighbor	>Angela Otto - daughter of Jean Brooks		

**\*\*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 some-one you requested prayer for is no longer on the list, simply notify the office, and they will be placed back on the list.*

## November GPC Family Prayer Ministry

Nov 3 Martha Day Jane Deupree Susan Hanlon Lorri & Robbie Hughes, Allie Kathy McCoy Debby & Larry Schweitzer Christy & Walter Smalley Tracy & Emmett Whitaker, Archie, Emmett	Nov 10 Shannon & Vache Cammack Rebecca & Kevin Floyd, Charlie & Jay Nancy & Peter Hawkinson Laurie Henderson Judy Jones Kelly Phillips Carolyn & Joel Porter	Nov 17 Carolee & Stewart Carlin, Cat, Will Alinda & Charles Fahrenkopf Kelly & Brett Hogan, Austin & Kelsie Betty & Bill Potter Ann Spragins Linda & Bob Thurman Marty & John Wheeler	Nov 24 Phil Carroll September & Bob Eason, Annaleigh, Evey, Renn Roy Hendrix Shirley Howell Mary & Steve Nelson & Erik Nelson Pat & Ken Plunk Kristy & Vernon Sneed
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# MEMORIALS

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

<b>General Fund</b> <i>In honor of Bobby Lanier's birthday</i> The Wharton Law Firm	Carole Foster Neb Lisa & Kevin Patterson Pat & Lanny Stanley Martha M. Stearns Mary Lee Toler Pam White	<b>Music Fund</b> <i>In Memory of Fred Stearns</i> Anne & Wayne Tansil  <i>In Memory of Nancy Howard</i> Peggy Whitaker
<b>Memorial Fund</b> <i>In Memory of Ann &amp; Bucky Heffernan</i> Michael Heffernan	<i>In Memory of Jean Gillespie</i> Becky Stanley	
<i>In Memory of Fred Stearns</i> Carol & George Barnes Katie Burrow Catherine & Vince Foti Carol & Bobby Frist Aggie & Jack Losa Becky & James Moore Dixie Morgan	<i>In Memory of Mary Jackson</i> Anita & Chris Price  <i>In Memory of Walter Taylor</i> Dixie & Bob Johnson	

## GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, September 2019

	<b>Sept. 2019</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>	<b>Sept. 2018</b>	<b>2018 YTD</b>
Revenue	\$ 120,596	\$ 1,282,902	\$102,021	\$ 1,126,849
Expenses	\$ 146,348	\$ 1,302,548	\$137,407	\$ 1,199,440
Net	\$ (25,752)	\$ (19,646)	\$ (35,386)	\$ (72,591)

Total revenue for September was \$120,596, and with total expenses of \$146,348 we had a deficit for the month of \$25,752. Our year-to-date results also went negative for the month, and our overall deficit for the year is now \$19,646. Deficits during the summer months are expected, and a bright note is in comparison to the YTD deficit in 2018, which was \$72,591.

As we wind up our construction project, we had contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* of \$39,033 and expenses of \$31,525. At the Session's direction, we paid \$340,000 in excess reserves to our line of credit, reducing our loan outstanding to \$1,990,000.

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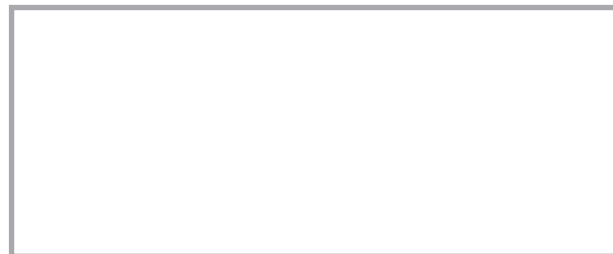
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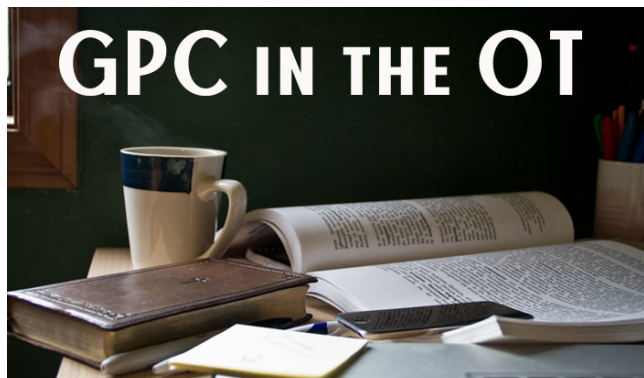
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**December Window Deadline: November 10**



## November Readings

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11-3-19	Isa 41-43	Isa 44-47	Isa 48-51	Isa 52-56	Isa 57-60	Isa 61-65
11-10-19	Isa 66-Jer 2	Jer 3-5	Jer 6-8	Jer 9-11	Jer 12-14	Jer 15-17
11-17-19	Jer 18-21	Jer 22-23	Jer 24-26	Jer 27-29	Jer 30-31	Jer 32-33
11-24-19	Jer 34-36	Jer 37-40	Jer 41-44	Jer 45-47	Jer 48	Jer 49-50



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