



THE WINDOW

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IN THIS ISSUE

DOING CHURCH DIFFERENTLY

SPECIAL INSIDE: EASTER BULLETIN

*²⁴Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)*

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Dear GPC Family and Friends,

Welcome to April and the most important season of the year for Christians! When people hear me say that, they sometimes question my judgment and wonder about Christmas. Christmas gets all the hype, and we encourage people to get “into the Christmas spirit.” At Christmas, we see acts of kindness and generosity among people who aren’t even followers of Christ. Surely Christmas is at least equally important as Good Friday and Easter?

Well, true: it is hard to dissect the life of Christ and various events in it and emphasize one over the other. And, yes, it’s also true that without the incarnation of the Son of God in a human life, the Son, in the person of Jesus, could not have had a ministry before dying on the cross. The incarnation is central to our faith and our following God through Christ.

If I emphasize Good Friday and Easter over Christmas, it is because the atonement for our sin is the primary reason the Son became human. God redeems humanity by becoming human for the purpose of dying on the cross and rising from the tomb. The life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus only make sense through the lens of the crucifixion and resurrection. So, while I love Christmas and celebrate the incarnation, I believe that we have faith and follow Christ mainly because of the sacrificial love of God displayed on the cross and the sovereign love of God seen in the empty tomb. So, let us rejoice and be glad in our salvation during this holy season of the year.

Needless to say, this Holy Week is different from any other that we’ve ever had before! Everyone I talk to in every walk of life says something like: “We’ve never seen anything like this before!” It’s a true statement for businesses, families, schools, and churches. I joked with a minister friend this week by saying, “I must have skipped class the day in seminary when they taught us how to deal with pandemics!” It was an acknowledgment that we feel little prepared to deal with the uncertainty and confusion of these unprecedented times through which we are currently living. Your church staff and officers are meeting via video, talking, emailing, and texting like never before to make sure we are communicating the best we can regarding all of our various ministry areas and programs.

One of the biggest challenges for us has been how to conduct Sunday worship services in ways that people can listen and watch. In our Presbyterian tradition, there are “Six Great Ends of the Church” that go way back to Colonial America. One of these great “ends,” or purposes, of the Christian Church is “The Maintenance of Divine Worship.” In other words, a church is not a church if it does not provide worship services for God’s people. It has weighed heavily on our hearts to provide a worship service for GPC’s people to listen to and/or watch since the “stay at home” provisions went into effect. Of all the things we are called to do, this is



absolutely the most important. As individuals and as a corporate body, we fail to worship God at our detriment, so we have taken special care to find ways to worship as a body of Christ even as we are separated from one another.

For the Sundays in April, we will continue to offer worship services via our church website and other online “platforms.” I know this use of technology is new and different for us, and I’m sorry there will be some technical difficulties for some members. Please hang in there and be patient, and I know you will be able to figure it out and join us “virtually.” We are eager to maintain all of the worship services we usually have: Palm Sunday, Holy Week lunch time services with our neighboring churches, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We will be providing all of these thanks to some technical geniuses within our congregation. The services may flow a little differently, but we hope you will join us through our website as we follow Christ’s journey into Jerusalem and to the cross. We will worship through music, reading scripture, preaching, and praying for the next week.

During April, we plan on having the church office open for essential business with one staff person present from 10:00am until 3:00pm. We are here to help and answer questions if we can, but please call or email first to set up an appointment rather than drop by randomly. The doors to the office area will be locked, although we will gladly open them for essential business.

I know this is a challenging time financially for many people, especially with so much uncertainty clouding around our economy. One of the core values of our church is “A Generous Spirit.” We’ve seen so many acts of kind generosity recently as we face this hardship together. I encourage you to remain as generous as you can toward GPC during this lean season. The Stewardship Team is analyzing all of our financial resources in order to be good stewards for the foreseeable future. Thank you for continuing to support the church with your time, talents, and treasure!

Grace, mercy, and peace,

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VIRTUAL EVENTS CANCELLED & POSTPONED EVENTS

WHILE WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN SAFER AT HOME, LIMITING OUR CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER AND IN PUBLIC, GPC HAS SCHEDULED A VARIETY OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS ONLINE AND IS CANCELLING, POSTPONING, AND/OR RE-EVALUATING OTHER EVENT DECISIONS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE GPC WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS.

IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING GPC EMAILS AND WANT TO, PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG.

CURRENT ONLINE/VIRTUAL MEETINGS

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS & HOW TO CONNECT,
CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG.

MEN'S BREAKFAST (FRIDAY MORNINGS)

VARIOUS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & FELLOWSHIP (SUNDAY MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS)

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 6-10, HOLY WEEK - LUNCH-TIME SERVICES WILL BE PUT ONLINE AND POSTED; LINKS EMAILED

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - SERVICE FILMED AND POSTED; LINKS EMAILED

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - SERVICE FILMED AND POSTED; LINKS EMAILED

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - MEMPHIS JOY PROM - CANCELLED

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 17-18 - PLAY IN THE PINES @ PINECREST - CANCELLED

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - YOUTH SUNDAY - LIVESTREAMED/VIDEO-TAPED OR SOME COMBINATION THEREOF

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - INQUIRERS' LUNCHEON - POSTPONED

SUNDAY, MAY 3 - CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM - TBD

THURSDAY, MAY 7 - AMPLIFY SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM - TBD

FRIDAY, MAY 8 - PNO - TBD

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 15-16 - NaCoMe CHURCHWIDE RETREAT - TBD

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 1-5 - VBS & MISSION 901 -- CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION, BUT AT THE TIME OF THIS PRINTING THERE ARE STILL PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD

AS OF THIS PRINTING BOTH YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS ARE STILL ON SCHEDULE TO PROCEED, BUT THIS SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE MONITORED.

MEN'S LUNCH DEVOTION MEETINGS - TBD

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES & GATHERINGS - TBD

THEATER FELLOWSHIP GROUP - TBD

VARIOUS OTHER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - TBD

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS - TBD

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

CIRCLES OF CARE MINISTRY

Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

On the morning of March 13, 2020, I was awakened from a good and deep sleep by the Holy Spirit of God around 3:00am with God's voice clearly saying to me "Susie, I have something I need you to do, and I will show you how to make it happen." And, so, I listened closely as God revealed to me not only what it was that God needed me to do, but told me what it should be called, and then proceeded to show me how to make it happen in very short order. By 4:00am I knew. I did go back to sleep for a bit, but when I woke up for the day, my plan of action was set before me, and I began to follow God's lead to create this brand new ministry God called *Circles of Care*.

The Circles of Care Ministry consists of teams of GPC volunteers (GPC Servants) who are willing and able to provide very much-needed care for our most vulnerable parishioners – those who as a result of sheltering-in-place may also be feeling isolated and alone. The first line of care, then, is phone calls and personal notes to these individuals, couples, or families. During these phone calls, needs are assessed, and when a need arises, then the next line of care is deployed. This may be grocery shopping, errands run, and/or meal delivery. Technology assistance is another team because there may be those for whom accessing our worship services, Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and meetings may be a challenge.

Friends, this is new and different for us all and we are navigating our way through it as best we can – each one of us. It is, and will continue to be, vitally important for us to stay connected and in relationship with each other as best we can, and this in and of itself should be a full-on GPC effort, for we are a family of faith together, and we are GPC strong! With God's help and our on-going connection to one another, we will make it through to the other side, where I believe with all my heart greener pastures await us.

What can you do? (I'm glad you asked):

1. Think of those who normally sit around you in worship and call them. See how they are doing and if they need anything. If they do need something that the Circles of Care Ministry can provide, please email Pastor Susie at care@germantownpres.org with the particulars of the needs.

2. If you know someone beyond those who normally sit around you in worship who might have needs, please reach out to them, too, or at the very least, let Pastor Susie know (care@germantownpres.org).

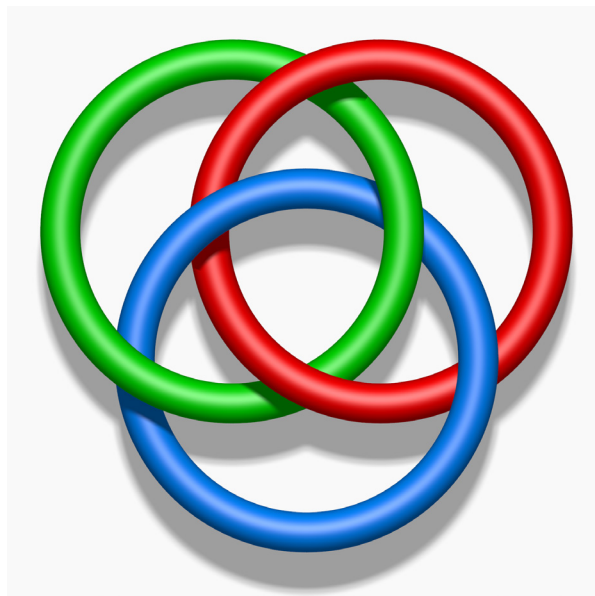
3. If you, yourself, have a need for a phone call, a personal note, groceries, medications, meal delivery, or technology assistance in order to be able to connect with your GPC family of faith, please let Pastor Susie know (care@germantownpres.org).

My sisters and brothers, these are challenging times, indeed, and our God is faithful and steadfast day in and day out; our God goes before us, guards behind us, is our foundation, and the light upon our pathway; our God has brought each one of us to this place thus far in our life and faith journeys, and our God will continue to be with us today, tomorrow, and forevermore. This we know to be true, and upon these assurances we are able to place our trust, faith, hope, and love.

May God bless and keep you; may God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you each and every day. Amen.

Blessings, grace, and peace,

Pastor Susie



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayers for Such a Time as This

Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

“Faith, hope, and love abide; these three; and the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Dear praying sisters and brothers,

Our faith is in the Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life – this we know to be true, deep in our bones and our souls. In times of stress and anxiety, we can easily shift back into our defensiveness stances of flight, fight, or freeze, forgetting that God has us, and the world, in the palm of God’s Almighty hand. These are those times when we must breathe deeply, inhaling the calm of the Holy Spirit, exhaling all anxiety and fear, and turning to God in prayer before we think, act, or speak.

Let us then pray to our God:

Holy Spirit of God, come and be present with us now. Lord Jesus, hear us as we pray. God of all life and all that is good, we come before you in a time of uncertainty in our world, in our lives, and in the lives of all those we love. These days are beyond our imaginations and our control, which causes us great concern. But, because you are our God and we your children, we know to turn to you for solace and peace, for strength and perseverance, and for patience in the unknowing. Bless each one here in this praying moment together, O God, with all that they need for this day, reminding us of your everlasting presence, love, and promises to us your children. Calm the strong winds swirling all around us, and draw us near to you. Equip us with all that we need to be your hands, feet, and very presence with those who are in need much more than us. Empower and embolden us to be your servants of love and beacons of light for our neighbors, our families, our communities, and your world, bringing comfort, healing, and consolation. In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray, and together your people say, Amen.

GPC's GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

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

Over five 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.

Typically the Grief Support Ministry Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the church parlor. This ministry is open to the public.

Due to the current meeting restrictions in keeping with the CO-VID 19 guidelines, Grief Support has temporarily suspended meeting together until further notice. Those currently in this support group are staying in contact through emails, texts, phone calls, FaceTime.

If anyone has a need for grief counseling or grief support of any kind, please reach out to any of the contacts listed.

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



Contact information for Ministry Team:

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Beth Brock-901-355-0262 or beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com

Linda Oakes-901-237-6566 or linoakes@bellsouth.net

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

I trust that everyone is holding up during this most difficult time. Locally, nationally, and worldwide mankind is facing a tremendous challenge. Through prayer, faith, common sense, medical science, and the dedicated work of the most talented research scientists in the world, we WILL get through this!! Our well-planned and carefully rehearsed offerings of music in worship during the season of Lent and Holy Week will obviously not take place as planned. GPC, as well as much of society, is paused/on hold!

We will do all possible to present worship and music for worship via streaming over the internet or on pre-recorded video in the weeks to come. Many have listened these past Sundays and have had very positive things to say about the services. If you do not know how to access the services see the church website or emails with instructions which are being regularly sent out. We are using soloists and quartets of choir singers along with Alex on the organ and piano to provide music for the online services. We are careful not to exceed the suggested number of participants and careful to space appropriately.

I have received numerous contacts from people in our congregation who are true friends and lovers of music at GPC expressing appreciation for all that we are doing to keep music and worship a central focus of GPC services especially since adjusting to going online. Keep all in your prayers! We are doing all that is currently possible!!

Let me again thank ALL of you who have and continue to support music at GPC through your contributions to the Music Fund, The Teachey Scholarship Fund, and your generosity to the annual church budget. I currently have 4 student singers who have auditioned and been accepted in advanced workshops and summer training programs with various summer festivals and opera companies. I have pledged to help each of them with expenses through the Teachey Scholarship Fund. I am hoping that conditions will improve and that they will indeed be able to participate in these programs this year. Any contribution you might make at this time to the Scholarship Fund or the Music Fund will help as we support these deserving student singers. Long-time member and choir member Barbara Ragsdale wrote an article, *A Stop Along the Way*, which was published in the January newsletter, talking about the many student singers who have spent time here at GPC through the years sharing their talents with us and allowing GPC to become their home away from home as they studied developing their talents. If you missed the article, request a copy from Laurie in the church office (communications@germantownpres.org) - you will be inspired. Music plays such an important role in worship; it also plays an important role in life.

Music soothes the spirit, calms the soul, evokes tremendous emotion yet offers peace and tranquility in times of storm. Thank you for your love and support of music at GPC! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

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



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Supporting Ghana & The Upper Presbytery

Contributed by Team Member Erin Bowden



Our Ghana missions team asks that you pray for good health and safety for our friends in the Upper Presbytery as well as the country of Ghana. Our committee remains in contact with the Upper Presbytery, as they too are being impacted by Covid19. They are behind us in numbers of confirmed cases; however, as we have all witnessed, these numbers will climb.

The Upper Presbytery sends their prayers and well wishes to all members of our GPC church family.

Our Ghana missions committee will share their needs as we come to know them. If you feel called to support them, we will share more details soon of how you can. If you have questions, please contact Ghana team members Erin Bowden (901-371-7884) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262).

Supporting the Community During CO-VID19

Germantown Presbyterian Church is currently looking for ways we can support our community during this pandemic. Church member Ben Brock owns Amerigo and Char restaurants, and Friday, April 10 they will be delivering meals at a drive-through pick-up point in the GPC parking lot from 5:30-6pm. Order dinner from their limited menus and a selection of family meal packages to go! Limited menus and meal packages may be viewed on their websites at:

<https://bit.ly/AmerigoMealsToGo>

<http://bit.ly/CharToGoMeals>



To take advantage of this, please call in your orders to either 901-848-4009 (Amerigo) or 901-249-3533 (Char) by 2:00pm on Friday, April 10. Each order will be individually packaged for quick pickup. We look forward to serving you!

GPC is also looking for ways to get involved in local area charities and help other local area businesses. If you have any ideas and/or want to get involved on some level, please contact the office at office@germantownpres.org and let us know what you want to do.

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.

CONGREGA

The Latest in the

Pinecrest Open Gate Days

As weather and health guidelines permit, Pinecrest is offering Open-Gate Days.

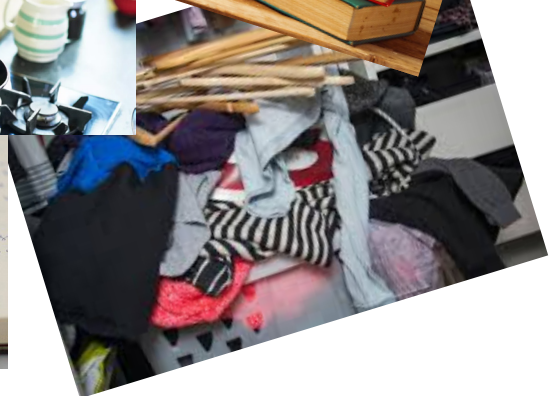
Days will be added weekly as weather and developing guidelines permit. Engaging in outdoor activities, such as hiking, is an essential activity! Please enjoy the wide-open spaces, digital scavenger hunts, creek for splashing, trails for hiking, and The Overlook. Exploring nature is a wonderful way to encourage scientific curiosity and wonder; consider integrating children's learning activities with an outing at Pinecrest. Please maintain wide social distance and etiquette according to CDC recommendations.

Playground and buildings (except restrooms in Lodge) are closed at this time. \$5 per person is suggested as a donation. Dogs must be on a leash. Please clean up after your pet. No childcare available.

Call 901-878-1247 for more information. E-mail charity@camppinecrest.org for digital scavenger hunts and Overlook directions. *Watch website and Facebook for future dates.*

How Are You Spending Your Days?

Take pictures of you and your family as you stay safer at home. What are you doing? How are you spending your time? Binge-watching new or favorite shows? Catching up on all your reading? Teaching yourself a new hobby? Finally cleaning out that closet? Pulling out the old board games or card games? Writing that novel/memoir/volume of poetry? Learning how to video chat or use other social media and online resources in a new way? **Take pictures of how you're spending your time and send them to: communications@germantownpres.org. You might just show up in next month's newsletter!**



ATIONAL LIFE

Life of the Church

Members of the Flower committee met at the beginning of the year to make plans for 2020.



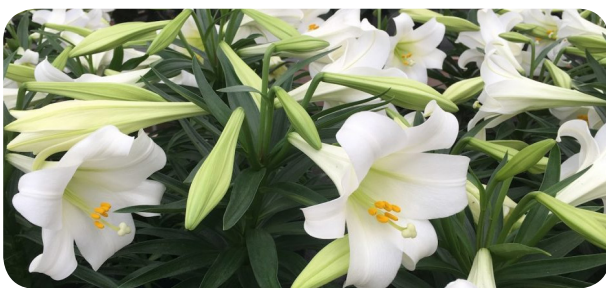
Contact Information for the Presbytery of the MidSouth

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Stated Clerk: Audrey Toombs - 901-383-0768

Save the Dates!
NaCoMe Churchwide Weekend Retreat
May 15-17
Contact: Brooke Duke
(brookebduke@yahoo.com)



Easter lily drive-through pick-up!

Yep. On Easter Sunday afternoon, April 12 from 2:00pm-4:00pm you may drive through the porte cochere on the Arthur Road side of the church and pick up an Easter lily to take home with you or deliver to a relative you're still allowed to visit. If you can't drive by to pick one up, but you still want a lily, contact the church office at office@germantownpres.org, and we will arrange to have one delivered.

Thank you, Flower Committee, for this great idea!



Come by any time on Easter Sunday, April 12 to take your family's picture at the flower cross.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

To Celebrate or Not to Celebrate? That is the question.

By Monica Kirby

As I sit in the quietness of my office writing this article, I am ever aware of the noise going on in many public arenas over the fear of the coronavirus. (Hopefully by the time this newsletter is in your hands the fears and noise will have subsided....) Each staff member of GPC is carefully evaluating what actions they need to take to continue or discontinue programming in order to keep their participants safe. With programming three days a week this is especially true for our special needs ministry as many of its participants have underlying health issues that make them more vulnerable than others. We are listening to the wisdom of many and weighing the weight of all our actions.

One of the items on the table at risk of being canceled is the Special Needs Emphasis Sunday scheduled for March 22 and this breaks my heart. That is to be the service in which we are/were to celebrate all that GPC has been able to accomplish in connecting the special needs community with the faith community here. Invitations have been sent. Plans have been made. And now I sit and wait....

Fast forward.... This article goes to print the first of April. By then and before reading this article you and I will both know the outcome. Did we highlight the work of a church that has chosen to "embrace the special needs community as if it were embracing Jesus Himself?" Did we get to celebrate? Or were services canceled to protect you and yours? Whether you missed the 11:00 service on March 22 or whether the service never took place, this is what you would have heard as we highlighted your work and celebrated your accomplishments!

"In 2014, Germantown Presbyterian Church, as a united family of faith and following the earthly ministry example set by Jesus Christ, proclaimed it would 'embrace the special needs community as if it were embracing Jesus Himself.' Today we celebrate the milestones accomplished and successes we have had in just these few short years. Please listen carefully as I make the following request of you and remain standing until all have been asked.

If you have taught Sunday school in our Peace program, please stand.

If you have volunteered with our special need students during our Parents' Night Out program, please stand.

If you are a fourth or fifth grader or the parent of a fourth or fifth grader and have participated in our reverse inclusion model, as you are able please stand and remain standing.

If you are an adult or a youth or a junior volunteer who has served with our summer program called Wacky Wednesday, please stand.

If you are a member of Threads of Love and helped during Dressfest, please stand.

If you volunteered at Dressfest as a personal shopper or offered a hand in any other capacity, please stand.

If you supported the Memphis Joy Prom by writing a check to sponsor a tuxedo or if you attended the prom as a volunteer or if you served or supported the prom behind the scenes in any fashion by writing a check, donating dresses, etc, please stand.

If you are part of the Men's Ministry here at GPC, and you played a role in providing breakfast for our special needs Breakfast Club, will you please stand.

If you served breakfast or helped with any number of activities at Breakfast Club, please stand.

If you volunteered in our AMPLify music program, please stand.

If you led a class for our Friendship Circle sharing your gifts and talents with a group of special need adults...

Or if you just came and had lunch with our Friendship Circle, please stand.

If you shopped our Amazon wish list and bought us supplies, please stand.

If you are here at GPC this morning because you or a family member or a client has been served by our special needs ministry, please stand.

This is GPC living out the statement 'we will embrace the special needs community as if we were embracing Jesus Himself.' Well done, Germantown Presbyterian Church...well done!"

Germantown Presbyterian Church you are making a marked difference in the special needs community, so throw a party and CELEBRATE!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Watch for registration to open so you can "FOCUS" on VBS!

VBS is for current 3-year-olds (as of the week of VBS) through rising 5th graders.

GPC current 5th graders lead as mentors.

June 1- 5, 9:00-12:00

We are monitoring the situation closely, so be sure to stay tuned to the website and social media platforms for the latest updates. This summer kids will dive deeper into their faith by putting the FOCUS on God and His amazing plan for us. Children will have a blast as they discover how to trust in what they CAN'T see because of what they CAN see.

Help us prepare for VBS by registering your child as soonj as it opens! When you register you'll receive the cool color changing FOCUS cup! Remember, all 3-year-olds through current 5th graders should register. Once again this year our current GPC 5th graders will lead as mentors to our younger small groups of children....a very important role! You can help us by volunteering! We always need daily adult shepherds to lead a small group of children to each rotation. A teacher will be there to greet you at each station and lead the activity. Watch for that oppportunity. Another way to help is to pick up a donation item from our donation boards as soon as those are put out. We have many intricate supplies needed and greatly appreciate your donation of any item or gift card to specific stores.

Memory verse:

Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And He is the one who completes the journey of faith. Hebrews 12:2

MEMORY VERSE
Let us keep looking to Jesus.
He is the one who started this journey of faith.
And he is the one who completes
the journey of faith.
HEBREWS 12:2 (NIV)

FOCUS
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Thanks to all the children who contributed to this year's youth auction by creating bookmarks to be donated and sold. The Children's Ministry had a great time partnering with the Youth Ministry to help raise money for summer youth trips.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Hi Friends,

Thank you so much to all those who donated items, volunteered, and participated in the youth auction! We raised over \$20,000! That's \$4,000 more than last year! I'm so grateful for everyone's support!

Congrats to our Confirmation Class who was confirmed on March 1, 2020! We are so proud and excited to have such faithful eighth graders join the church.

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 resurrection of Jesus and what that means for us today. The Confirmation Class is continuing their study of Jesus' death and resurrection. The senior high youth will be exploring the habits of Jesus.

Sign-ups for the Jr. High Mission Trip and the Sr. High Mission Trip are active on the GPC website. Final payments for summer trips are due Wednesday April 8!

Please register if you are planning to go on these fun trips! As of this printing, both youth summer trips are still scheduled to go ahead.

April dates:

April 1- Compass, 6-7pm

April 5 - Youth Group at GPC: Jr High 4:30-6:30pm, Sr High 6-8pm

April 8- Compass, 6-7pm

April 12- No Youth Group- Happy Easter!

April 15- Compass, 6-7pm

April 19-Youth Group at GPC: Jr High 4:30-6:30pm, Sr High 6-8pm

April 22 - Compass, 6-7pm

April 26- Youth Sunday: Last Youth Group

April 29- Compass, 6-7pm

- Pastor Amanda

amandam@germantownpres.org



YOUTH MINISTRY



IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation:

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| >Gay Beaumont | >Judy & Fred Frick | >Mack Pepper | >Amanda Walters |
| >Shirley Billups | >Nancy & Peter Hawkinson | >Erin & Thomas Powell | >Woodie Whited,
Johnathan Whited, &
Sandy Franks |
| >Sherril & Jim Blair | >Jean & Bob Hicks | >Jackie & Bill Ruleman | |
| >Linda Sue & Bob Bobo | >Dot Ledlow | >Pam & Bill Spencer | |
| >Huddy & Bayard Boyle | >Aggie & Jack Losa | >Jan Thomson | |
| **Jane Craddock | >Willa Lowry | **Bob Thurman | |

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:
the family of Joe Donaho in his death.

In Service in the Military:

Sidney Baker - niece of Kay 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

Coronavirus Prayers

Doctors and nurses, emergency workers dealing with the novel coronavirus

GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

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| **Baby B & family - friends of Pastor Susie | >Pat Fox - mother of friend of Sherrie Horner | >Cindy/Scott Moore, daughters Isabelle & Lucy - daughter, son-in-law, & granddaughters of Elaine/Tom Cates | >Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy/Rick Tripp |
| **Katie Badgett - friend of Halfacres | **Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss | >Hilliard Morgan - brother of Greg Morgan | **Phil Walters - friend of Matthew Lindow |
| >Julie Bland - daughter of Mary/Rodney Strop | >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips | >Rev. Philomena Ofori-Naaph - sister/friend/colleague of Pastor Susie | **Evelyn/James Warrington - sister-in-law of Catherine King |
| >Elaine Brown - mother of Cheri Howle | >Bibba Holland - friend of Phyl Simmons | **AJ Pennington - nephew of Cindy Cleveland | >Diane Young, daughter Jennifer - friends of Laura/Woodson Farmer, Emmaline |
| **Carpenter family - relatives of Bob Hicks | >John Howle - son of Cheri/Mike Howle | >Jane Stearns - sister-in-law of Diane Stearns | |
| >Janet/John Clark & family - friends of Mary Rogers | >Ren Hua (& mother & stepfather, caregivers) - grandmother of Tingting Yao | >William Steven, son of Hayley Steven - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt | |
| >Elaine Colmer - mother of John Colmer | >LaLisa Lindemann - daughter of Dot Ledlow | | |
| >Nancy Dillon - aunt of Alex Benford | | | |

**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.

April GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| Apr 5
Morgan Arthur
Becky & Vern Barton
Abby Chandler, Anna, Will
Steffie & Rob Draughon,
Abigail, Amelia
Ernie Goad
Jean & Robert Hicks
Jo Ann Owens
Susan & Ken Pasley, Kendall
Janet Roll | Apr 12
Amy & Tim Barker, Jay
Lalla & John Colmer
Priscilla & Warren East
Andrea Goughnour
Peggy Hogan
Betsie & George Menendez
Greta & Seth Regenold, Cope-
land & Porter
Liza & Holt Trenor
William Warren, Kyle, Tyler,
Will Jr. | Apr 19
Sarah Cannon & Adam Pflug-
grath, Evan Pflugrath
Jane & Culver Craddock
Susanne Crain
Betty Green
Jane & Jim Kinney
Helen & Fred Norman
Meredith & Greg Wagner,
Angela & Cooper | Apr 26
Honour & Eddie Batey
Pat & Dick Bevier
Scott Hall
Mary Ann & Randy Harris
Margaret & Tom Oldham,
Caroline, Josh
Mary Rogers
Libba Schatz
Mary Jane Thompson, Viktor |
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MEMORIALS

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

Flower Fund

In Memory of Patti Tracey
Kay & David Collins

General Fund

In Honor of Cindy Cleveland
Gay Daughdrill Boyd

In Honor of Monica Kirby
Nancy & Jeff Halter

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Suzanne Bowlin
20th Century Home & Garden Club
John Shanks

In Memory of Roy Hendrix
Elizabeth Houston
Annette & Frank Tenent

In Memory of Richard Krewson
Jerry Huff

In Memory of Bobby Lanier

Anonymous
Margie Armour
Central Christian Church, Fulton, MO
Nancy & Jeff Halter
Karen & Bill Lawhorn
Susan & Lee Mallory
Lalla Mellor
Mary Rogers
Amanda Walters

In Memory of Scott Ruleman
Lalla Mellor
Amanda Walters

Music Fund

In Memory of Roy Hendrix
Nicki & Tommy Lamar

In Memory of Bobby Lanier
Nicki & Tommy Lamar
Mary & Rodney Strop

GPC Financial Summary, February 2020

	Feb. 2020	2020 YTD	Feb. 2019	2019 YTD
Revenue	\$125,000	\$431,670	\$153,957	\$353,670
Expenses	\$133,001	\$293,141	\$136,211	\$318,139
Net	\$(8,001)	\$138,529	\$17,746	\$35,531

We had income of \$125,000 in February, with expenses of \$133,001, producing a small deficit of \$8,001 for the month. On a YTD basis, for 2 months, our net surplus remains satisfactory at \$138,529. Our results in both January and February were impacted by approximately \$150,000 in 2020 pledges that were pre-paid in December 2019 and entered in revenue in January. The result is the appearance of a strong surplus early in the year, but we will need this money to make ends meet during the lean summer months.

We had contributions to *Building Tomorrow Today* of \$8,902 in February and have just over \$500,000 in pledges that should be paid in the next 3 months. We need all contributions outstanding to reduce our debt on the new buildings prior to establishing our amortization schedule in early 2021.

While our results for February are satisfactory, we expect to show a significant deficit for the month of March. We are in uncertain times, and we all are anxious about when the pandemic will ease and life can begin to return to a new normal. One thing that is certain is the cost of maintaining our staff and facilities continues. Our hope is that our members are able to maintain their stewardship throughout this period.

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11:00AM WORSHIP

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

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PASTOR

SUSAN CARTER WIGGINS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

AMANDA MACKEY
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

TOM SAUER
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JEROLD TEACHEY
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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ANNA WHITE
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MONICA KIRBY
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May Window Deadline: April 15

The APNC Congregational Survey is now available. Fill out the survey and let the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee know what you think. This is your chance to participate in the process of finding the next staff member. You can take the survey online by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPCNewAssociatePastor-Survey>. Or you can fill out a paper survey and return it to the office. If you need a paper survey, contact the church office at office@germantownpres.org.



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