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WHAT DOES CHURCH LOOK LIKE GOING FORWARD?

WHO'S NEW ON STAFF? (HINT - PAGES 7, 17, 19, 20)

HOW IS GPC SERVING DURING THIS TIME?

⁶Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell Him every detail of your life, ⁷then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding will make the answers known to you through Jesus Christ. Philippians 4:6, 7 (TPT)



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Dear GPC Members and Friends,

In June we are starting our third month of altered worship and programming due to the COVID-19 virus. As I've said several times to different people: "I must have I skipped class the day in seminary when they taught us how to deal with pandemics!" We are making decisions on a month-by-month basis, asking for God's wisdom to guide us through uncharted waters as a church. I am so grateful for all of the church members who have offered feedback from our on-line worship services and for how their own workplaces are advising them in staying healthy as they consider reopening.

The Session has appointed a Coronavirus Recovery and Reopening Task Force (CRRRTF) comprised of medical professionals, staff, deacons, and elders. We are listening to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, governmental officials, and local experts in containing this virus. We have amassed a great deal of guidance from all over the country, and we are praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in what we should do in June and July when it comes to holding worship and reopening.

Our perspective starts with the Bible and what God tells us in Scripture. My best place to start is with the Great Commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. This commandment comes in response to a question posed to Jesus: "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replies by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, in which the Samaritan helps a stranger who will die without his assistance. The man was unknown to the Samaritan, yet he receives his "neighborly," self-sacrificial love nonetheless.

Who is the "stranger" to you during this Coronavirus pandemic? Do you and I have an obligation to care for strangers/neighbors and love them as we wish to be loved when it comes to a contagious virus? It seems to me that we do – in addition to those we already know and care about on a daily basis. The biggest problem we have is not knowing who is a carrier and who is not; and who might catch the virus from someone who is exposed to me if I'm a carrier. This virus has caused me to go back and reconsider what "love thy neighbor" means when I might infect them or be infected by them with a virus.

I am also relying on another place in scripture about self-sacrificial love: Philippians 2:6-8. This beautiful passage describes how the Son of God humbled Himself for the sake of others. The Son, incarnate in Jesus, was willing to let go of all power and glory and be humiliated on a cross in order to save others. This passage speaks to me greatly about my own attitudes of mission and service toward others, and it reminds me of how pride has no place in the Christian mindset.



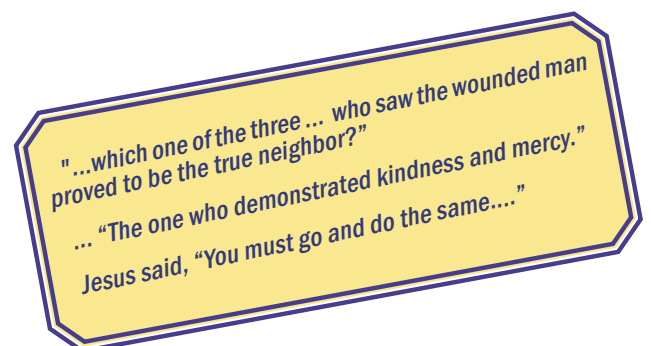
As the church leadership decides how to proceed and reopen our church for worship and meetings, we are trying to answer how best to love each other in ways that ensure health and well-being – as well as ways that meet the Biblical commands to worship God as a body and serve Him in the community. I believe there is a balance we can find between resuming worship and staying healthy. It will likely involve subscribing to guidelines that some people will consider unnecessary or "over the top." Such guidelines might include spacing out in the sanctuary, wearing masks in certain parts of the church, and changing worship practices (like not passing offering plates, using hymnals, etc.).

Of course, people around us are quick to politicize everything, such as wearing masks and social-distancing. Wearing a mask has different connotations to people based on their politics and personal preferences, ranging from totally unnecessary to absolutely essential. Right now, it seems like you're either a patriot or a traitor based on whether or not you wear a mask. I hope we can avoid such discourses as we move forward into this summer.

The Bible requires us to worship God ([Exodus 20:4-11](#)), and it also commands us to put others' interests ahead of our own ([Philippians 2:3-4](#)). Our church is trying to navigate between these two commands from our God. Please continue to pray for our CRRTF, and may God bless you all as you make decisions for you and your loved ones.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace always,

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ONGOING 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)

JUNE 1-5 - VBS & MISSION 901 - CANCELLED

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFASTS

MAY 31 - CANCELLED

JUNE 28 AFTER THE 11:00AM SERVICE - TBD

JULY 26 AFTER THE FIRST SERVICE (9:30AM) - TBD

MEN'S LUNCH DEVOTION MEETINGS - TBD

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES & GATHERINGS - CANCELLED FOR JUNE & JULY

THEATER FELLOWSHIP GROUP - TBD

VARIOUS OTHER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - TBD

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS - CANCELLED

ONLINE SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON GPC'S WEBSITE, GPC'S VIMEO AND YOUTUBE CHANNELS,
& GPC'S FACEBOOK PAGE. BE SURE TO LIKE, SHARE, & SUBSCRIBE.
YOU'LL BE NOTIFIED EVERY TIME A NEW VIDEO IS UPLOADED.

VIMEO - GERMANTOWNPRES ([HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/USER22619921](https://vimeo.com/user22619921))

YOUTUBE - GERMANTOWNPRES TN ([HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCwEm01y_cQ9Hys-3vYtQOMPw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwEm01y_cQ9Hys-3vYtQOMPw/))

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

CIRCLES OF CARE UPDATE

Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Congregational Care Committee

Update on what the Circles of Care Ministry is doing:

This group of “servants of the Lord” are doing ministry in multiple ways:

- Calling those who are the most vulnerable to feel isolated and alone in our family of faith,
- Writing personal notes, emails, and text messages,
- Preparing meals for those in need,
- Delivering meals,
- Helping with technology support.

Other ways we are staying in constant touch with each other include:

- the Membership Committee is staying in touch with all those who’ve visited GPC in recent months,
- the Belonging Ministry is contacting our newest members,
- Fellowship Group conveners are staying in touch with their Fellowship Groups,
- Men’s Breakfast is meeting virtually every Friday morning and staying in touch with each other,
- Presbyterian Women are staying in contact with their members and the Coordinating Team is meeting virtually,
- Sunday School class conveners are staying in touch with all those who attend their virtual Sunday School classes,
- Friends in Christ are staying in touch with those they would normally visit once each month,
- Erin Bowden stays in touch with the youth,
- Anna White stays in contact with the children and their parents,
- Helen Warren stays in touch with the special needs members.

Pastoral Care is happening, too. Will, Tom, and I are calling members, writing personal notes, emailing, and texting with those in need of pastoral care.

Friends, we want everyone to feel connected to our family of faith! If you are someone – or know of someone – in need of a personal phone call or have another need, please let me know: care@germantownpres.org.

Additionally, God has placed it on my heart to start a new Circles of Care Ministry team, too – a Prayer Circle – a group of people who are praying for those in the greatest need in our midst.

Here is the concept:

- 4-6 people agree to pray confidentially for whomever is in need of prayer and lets one of the Circle of Care Prayer Ministry members know of their need. Confidentially is the key to the success of the Circle of Care Prayer Ministry – only the members (and the pastors) know of the need and are praying.
- More than one Circle of Care Prayer Ministry team can be created if we have many that want to participate, each team with 4-6 members.

- Prayer takes place wherever the Circle of Care Prayer Ministry members are – in their own homes, usually. The team can also meet virtually if they choose and I can assist in creating a Go To Meeting link for them. Truly, though, the beauty of this ministry is that a Circle of Care and prayer is surrounding the person in need from the comfort of their own homes.

- The needs can be shared via email, phone call, or text. Each team member has only one other person on the ministry team that they contact each time there is a request.

- The prayer need moves around the Circle until it returns to the original member who received the request. With that call, the Circle of Prayer is complete, and all members are praying for the specific need of the person who requested the prayer.

- Prayers can continue for the specific needs for as long as the person requesting the prayer feels they are in need.

- Circle of Care Prayer Ministry members can check back with the individual to see if the need is ongoing.

Why a Circle of Prayer team:

- To provide another level of care and prayer for members and friends of Germantown Presbyterian Church.

- To provide for a prayer ministry that can be done by anyone.

- To provide an opportunity for involvement in the life of GPC for those who are no longer ambulatory (and often feel as though they have lost their purpose). Oftentimes those who are no longer able to participate in the life of GPC long to have a purpose, and an opportunity to serve on a team such as this would give them a much-needed purpose!

If you feel called to serve on any of the Circles of Care Ministry teams, just let me know ... especially the new one! Email: care@germantownpres.org.

My sisters and brothers, our ancestors faced the Global Pandemic of 1918 just as we now face the current global pandemic, and their stories live on in each one of us. These are times of challenge and struggle in so many ways, but like the saints who went before us, our constant source of strength is our faithful and steadfast God – our never wavering, ever constant rock and fortress. As we face each difficulty, may we turn to God in prayer seeking wisdom, strength, courage, faith, hope, and love for the facing of each day and each night; may we be reminded that God loves us and cares for us, and may we remember Jesus’ command to us: “The first commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and the second is this: love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:30-31)

Blessings, grace, and peace,

Pastor Susie



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

THE IMPORTANCE & THE ART OF JOURNALING

Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Those who haven't journaled before wonder about the purpose and benefit of journaling. Over many years of journaling, I've discovered both the beauty and a sense of peace that comes with penning your thoughts into the pages of a journal. It begins with choosing your journal as each time you reach for it, you want to feel the joy of writing in something you've chosen specifically for the purpose of laying down your thoughts, dreams, joys, sorrows, and hopes. I always look for my next journal while continuing to write in my current journal – I want to be ready to move from one to the other with ease and anticipate the new joy that will come because I've chosen the next journal, too. Now, sometimes my journal is a gift from someone dear, which makes the writing in it even more special. My journal needs to lay flat, and I prefer that it have both an elastic strap and a ribbon bookmark. Finding a journal with all three of these desires is not always possible, but when they do all come to fruition in one journal, I'm a very happy woman. My recommendation is that you look for your own journal, either online, or in a local bookstore, until you find the one that brings you joy just by discovering it.



Next comes preparing to write in your new journal. "Why prepare," you might think? Well, what I've discovered is that I need to set aside some time to journal or it simply does not happen. And, when I open my journal and see that I have not visited it in weeks, then I know that my life has been too much about accomplishing tasks and not enough about spending quality quiet time writing in my journal. And, for me, this usually means that I am also not spending quality quiet time with God, for much of my journaling is written prayer to God.

Much of my journaling, too, is conversations with loved ones who no longer reside on earth with me, but reside instead, in heaven with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sometimes I need to speak to them, and journaling is a really good opportunity to do so, just as journaling provides good opportunities to converse with God.

So, the preparation for journaling is about carving out time, and even more it is about allowing journaling to be included in the rhythm of your day, or at the very least the rhythm of your week. Your space to journal needs to include pure quiet or soft instrumental music playing in the background. My current preference is instrumental folk music that I've found as a Pandora station – it is really lovely. Next, choose your pen. Whether you prefer a

fountain pen, roller ball, or gel matters not – what matters is that it feels good in your hand and that it flows nicely from pen to page – so that you enjoy the writing.

So, now you have your journal, your time carved out, your quiet or quiet music, and your pen. You are ready. So, what do you write? If this is your first time, begin with prompting questions for yourself, such as "For what am I grateful today?" You've probably heard of people writing "gratitude journals," so this can be a really good beginning for you. Another idea is to begin in scripture – read the Daily Lectionary scripture passages and then journal your thoughts about them. You can find

both the Daily and the Weekly (Sunday) Lectionary readings on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>. Or, you can read and journal alongside a book or a study, e.g. an Advent or Lenten devotional.

Another very helpful use of journaling is to do so following the death of someone you've loved and lost. When I've done this following the deaths of my husband, my mom, and my best friend (over several years), I've bought a brand new journal that reminds me of them. The one I got to journal after my mom's death, for example, has a big purple flower in the middle of it because she loved both flowers and the color purple. Each time I picked it up I would smile before beginning to converse with her my thoughts, my day, my children, my life, my longing to talk to her in person. I did the same with the other great losses of my life, and I highly recommend this kind of journaling for anyone who has lost a loved one.

Friends, there is no one way to journal for journaling is very personal. It is also very beneficial to our mental health because doing so does indeed bring us peace, calm, and joy.

If you'd like to know more about journaling, or if I can be beside you in your life and faith journeys in other ways, always know that I'm only a phone call or an email away (care@germantownpres.org).

Blessings be with you on your own journaling adventures! I can't wait to hear how you're doing.

Pastor Susie
May 20, 2020

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

Please come to the flower room (north side of the choir loft) and help yourself to these flowers in the cooler. Make sure you call the office before you come to make sure someone's there.

The Flower Committee

MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET

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



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, Former 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:

Stephanie Wall-901-494-7786 or stephaniewall@hotmail.com

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

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

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Special Needs PEACE Ministry

By Helen Warren

In January, I received an e-mail from Mary Kay Grantham inviting me to join the Special Needs Ministry Support Team. I had recently retired from teaching kindergarten for the Shelby County and Collierville School systems and now had the opportunity to explore other things. I received an e-mail from Will asking me to consider helping with this ministry to give the church some breathing room in order to find a permanent leader. Once I visited with Monica Kirby and attended a Friendship Circle and Amplify session, I knew that this was an area that God wanted me to serve.

One reason I feel drawn to the special needs ministry is not only because I see the great importance for the church, but also because I have personally seen the influence of special needs ministry in my family. Carolyn is my cousin who has Down Syndrome and at the time she was born, the doctors told her parents she would probably never live past her mid-twenties. 52 years later she is still a very active part of the family! She lost her mother when she was 29, and after her dad passed away several years ago, Carolyn went to live with her sister and brother-in-law in Portersville, MS. This was the beginning of the Carolyn visits. Each summer and sometimes other times throughout the year she comes to stay with our family. She's always smiling, on the go, shaking hands, giving out hugs and making friends. I'll never forget being blown away one day when I took her to the Target in Germantown and a stranger stopped us and said, "I know you - you're Carolyn from Mississippi!"

Carolyn's faith is a very important part of her life. She often tells us and others she comes in contact with "I'm going to pray for you." She will also ask anyone she comes across to pray for her church. When she comes to visit, she always bring her Bible to look through every morning for her devotional time.

As I am now getting to know more about the PEACE Ministry at GPC, I can see what a blessing it must be for special church members like Carolyn. From Friendship Circle, Amplify Music program, Wacky Wednesday, and now Sunday School over Zoom, I have been impressed by all this program entails. Our Sunday School class has actually grown during the quarantine because more participants are able to join from home!

As I step into this interim role, I am very much in awe and appreciative of all the hard work Monica Kirby and others have put into developing such a great program for the special needs community.

I am proud to be part of a congregation that, as I have often heard Monica say, will embrace Carolyn and members of the special needs community as if we are embracing Jesus Himself.



I am a lifelong Presbyterian and married to Lance Warren who has served as a Deacon and Elder here at GPC. We have three daughters Anna, Kaylie, and Leighton. We've been members at GPC for about 14 years. I graduated from Mississippi State with an undergraduate and Master's Degree in Education. I've taught elementary school for 21 years. As an Elder, I am currently serving on the Adult Ed Committee, Elder representative to GPC Preschool, and serve on the Special Needs Support Ministry. I'm looking forward to becoming more deeply involved in GPC's wonderful Special Needs Ministry and working more closely with all of you.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Update from the Missions Leadership Team

Contributed by Phil Carroll

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Missions Leadership Team (MLT) recently approved two donations to local organizations that are on the front lines helping to relieve the stress created by the current situation in our community. The MLT approved a donation of \$7,000 to the Mid-South Food Bank as well as a donation of \$5,000 to the Hospitality Hub. One of the MLT's guiding principles is to match monetary contributions with the hands-on efforts of our congregation. We feel these two donations adhere to that principle as GPC members have recently been supporting both of these organizations with their time and labor. Every Thursday for the past two months, approximately 20-25 GPC members have staffed the Mid-South Food Bank's mobile food pantry program, packing up food and distributing it to the needy. In addition, GPC members have provided over 750 meals for those who have been housed and supported in many other ways by the Hospitality Hub, many of whom are also served by Room in the Inn. The MLT wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of our members who have lovingly and selflessly contributed their time, talent, and labor to support those in need in the greater Memphis area.

On another local front, the MLT also approved a \$5,000 donation to the Rising Together Foundation to help support its Summer SLAM program, which we learned about from Judd Peters during the May 17 Moment for Mission. (See more info about that on page 9.) And, further afield, the MLT approved a request from the Ghana Mission Team to donate \$10,000 from the Crook Family Trust funds (designated solely for global missions) to the Upper Presbytery

of Ghana to purchase land for a lay training center. This center will enable the Presbytery to better reach and care for all of its congregations and help with its evangelism efforts in the northwest region of Ghana. Unfortunately, the Ghana Mission Team had to cancel its June trip due to the pandemic. So, the team is now looking at ways it can use its travel budget to help the Upper Presbytery provide COVID-19 relief and enhance its evangelism efforts.

The MLT would like say, "Thank you!" to the GPC congregation for its generosity, which allows these monetary donations in support of God's children near and far to be feasible! If you'd like to be involved with this team and their great efforts, contact Phil Carroll at phillip_carroll@att.net.

The MLT currently consists of the following members, but is always looking for more to join us:

Andrew Arthur (incoming chair)

Eddie Batey

Erin Bowden

Phillip Carroll

(outgoing chair)

Susan Hormberg (elder)

Susan Shirley Hurt

Karen Lawhorn

Becky Stanley

Jody Waldrop



Continued Prayers for Ghana



Pray at all times

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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 team members Erin Bowden (901-371-7884) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262).

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Rising Together Foundation Bridging the Education and Opportunity Gap

Contributed by Judd Peters



Rising Together is dedicated to serving and supporting elementary-, middle-, and high-school students by creating,

administering, and supporting excellent academic, leadership, and social programs and events and to providing necessary financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate.

Rising Together promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for a group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community. Ultimately, Rising Together strives to introduce all participants to college- and life-preparatory experiences and expectations while promoting inclusive community relationships for a lifetime of leadership and service.

Disadvantaged students in under-served communities often do not receive the support and opportunities needed to become successful students and leaders. As a result in the summer months they experience “summer slide” where they regress academically, physically, and socially. The Rising Together Foundation is dedicated to addressing these challenges by providing excellent college- and life-preparatory programming and events designed for students.

In the summer of 2020 Rising Together anticipates serving approximately 180 disadvantaged students in the Summer SLAM programs (Scholars, Leaders, and Athletes in Memphis) at three locations in the Memphis area: The Neighborhood Christian Center, Star Academy Charter School, and Evangelical Christian School. Rising Together will work with schools and organizations to establish a team of leaders, teachers, coaches, and student leaders who will work at the program locations. These full-day, multi-week programs incorporate the programs listed below.

Features of the Summer SLAM program include:

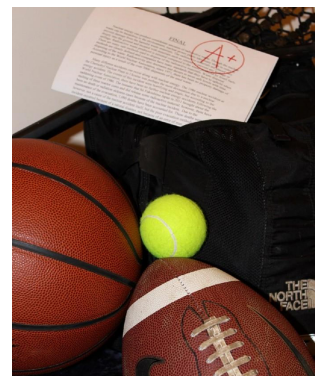
- College- and Life-Preparatory Program for Students;
- Academic Enrichment in Language Arts, Writing, Math, and Technology;
- Leadership Development and Public Speaking Courses;
- Physical Fitness, Sports, and Games;
- Community Relationships, Outreach, and Engagement.



RTF requests help from the GPC family in three ways for the Summer SLAM programs: prayers, people, and purse.

- **Prayers:** Pray for the student participants and adults involved. (A specific list of those involved will be provided later.)
- **People:** Week-by-week committed volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, high school/college students as counselors, and general help is needed serving meals and cleaning up. These decisions can be made a week at a time.
- **Purse:** Financial contributions are needed to provide scholarships for student participants and to help pay for other costs of the programs.

For more information please contact Judd Peters at 901-378-3251 or judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com, or check out their website here (<https://www.risingtogetherfoundation.com/>).



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Local Focus Businesses in May Supporting the Community During CO-VID19

GPC IS HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE STRUGGLING AND NEED SOME SUPPORT. WE'RE PUTTING INFO IN THE WEEKLY EBLAST AND POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IF YOU ARE A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER THAT GPC CAN SUPPORT VIA OUR COMMUNICATIONS, PLEASE LET LAURIE KNOW VIA THIS EMAIL ADDRESS: COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG. WE ARE ALL IN THIS FIGHT TOGETHER AND WANT TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN ALL THE WAYS WE CAN THINK OF! GRACE & PEACE, PASTOR SUSIE

Pike Yoga

GPC member Wendy Holmes is the owner of Pike Yoga Studio which just celebrated their 5-year anniversary in November 2019!! Pike Yoga Studio offers yoga classes and personal training, and Wendy also trains and teaches yoga. Pike offers a variety of classes - some of their best sellers are: Yoga 101, Gentle Yoga and Yin.

Personal training is available in both private and group sessions. Last year, Pike started a joint venture with Wendy's cousin, Jordan Carver. They own and operate Pike Yoga Online Studio. This is a subscription-based service (\$16/month), and you can cancel at anytime. The online studio has cardio, strength, and yoga workouts. You can filter the selection based on time, type, and teacher. The online studio is a great alternative for home workouts and an especially great option while staying safer at home.

Pike Yoga is located at 7853 Farmington Blvd (same shopping center as Vanelli's Deli) and the website is www.pikeyoga.com (you can find online studio info there, too) or call them at 901-567-5188.



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In February of 2017, our city lost a beloved institution seeing The Booksellers at Laurelwood close its doors, in a spot that had been a home for independent bookselling for over 30 years. That could have been the end of the story, but it most definitely was not. The community spoke up loud and clear and told us this was not okay.

Roughly three months later, the doors opened on the next chapter of independent bookselling in Memphis. In all the time that there has been a bookstore on this site, this is the first time it has been entirely locally owned and operated.

You can shop online, you can even have a bookseller shop with you on the phone. They offer curbside pick-up AND delivery to your house! Go to their website here (<https://www.novelmemophis.com/>) and see everything they offer - books, magazines, games, puzzles, candles, crafts, and tons more as well as unique items from local and regional artists (you can find those here - <https://www.novelmemophis.com/local-gifts>).

You can help support this local institution.

Homeless Resources

To help the homeless: There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808
info@hospitalityhub.org

2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329
innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org

3. MIFA - 901-527-0208
jseacat@mifa.org



REMEMBER :

DON'T GIVE OUT ANYONE'S
PERSONAL NUMBER!

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Opera Memphis

The Opera Memphis mission is to entertain and inspire the people of Memphis and the Mid-South through the art of opera. Their vision is to be a model of artistic integrity, musical excellence, and community involvement.

The Opera Memphis values are: Respect the Music. Respect the Story. Respect the Artists. Respect the Audience.

Did you know you can support the Opera even though the season has been cancelled? You can arrange for them to come sing for you, family, friends, 1st responders, essential workers, co-workers you miss, absolutely anyone else you can think of. Click here (<https://www.operamemphis.org/sing2me>) to learn more about the *Sing to Me* program that will help support the opera and the singers this season.

Opera Memphis was chartered in 1956 by a group of Memphians interested in producing regional opera. Today it is widely respected for its education and outreach programs, which currently reach over 25,000 children and adults per season. Current program offerings include:

- * Artist-in-Residence Tour,
- * Opera 101,
- * Black Roots of Opera,
- * Student Dress Rehearsals, and
- * Summer Conservatory.

Under Ned Canty's restructuring, the season shifted the company from three mainstage productions a year to two with the addition of the *Midtown Opera Festival* in the spring. This opera festival is organized as two additional smaller scale mainstage productions designed for intimate spaces or as chamber operas, as well as academic panels and pay-what-you-can shows and activities.

30 Days of Opera is a September/October series of pop-up opera presentations in public spaces throughout the region that offer free exposure to opera in what Canty has described as an effort to "create a trail of breadcrumbs" to opera.



(historic information from Wikipedia)

Click here (<https://www.operamemphis.org/>) to go to the Opera Memphis website and see how you can support this great organization!

WKNO - FM/TV

The WKNO radio and TV stations depend on public support all year. While radio did an abbreviated fundraiser for one week in May, TV has had to suspend their fundraising efforts at present in order to accommodate the



safety of the volunteers who come on-site to help. Over 70% of the annual budget comes from the Mid-South community. Whether you're a first-time or long-time supporter of public broadcasting, this is a great time to begin, renew, or even increase your gift. You can make a one-time donation or become a sustaining member, which means giving something on a regular basis (monthly/quarterly/etc.). You can find out how to give on the websites below.

TV website: <https://www.wkno.org/>

Radio website: <https://www.wknofm.org/>

WKNO is the Mid-South's premier public media organization committed to creating and presenting both unique local and national content for television, radio, and digital media. First on the air in June 25, 1956 and signed on HD on August 3, 2004, WKNO provides three radio and three TV channels.

In its unique role as the independent, not-for-profit, community-owned broadcasting voice in the Mid-South, WKNO is dedicated to quality radio and television programming in order to illuminate, inform, entertain, and educate the people of the Mid-South community. WKNO is committed to respond to the needs of the community, reflect community talents and resources, and represent Memphis and the Mid-South to itself, the region, and the nation.

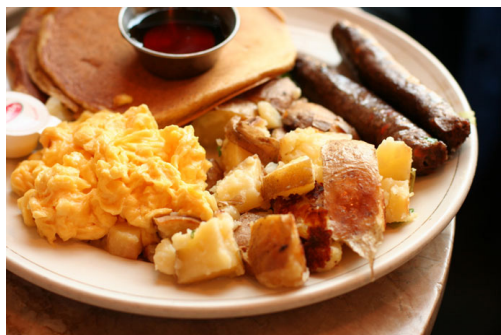
Over 70% of the annual budget comes from the Mid-South community. The remaining 30% comes from federal, state, and local government grants. WKNO also offers a variety of educational services, including programming for classrooms, state and local legislative coverage and more.

You can contact them with any questions at membership@wkno.org.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Latest in the Life of the Church

GPC would like to create a GPC Resource Directory. Those who want to be included will share their business contact information and website address (if applicable) so that the GPC family of faith can better support one another's business ventures. If you would like for your business to be included, please email communications@germantownpres.org.



The Friday Men's Breakfast Fellowship continues to meet virtually using Go To Meeting. The virtual meeting begins on Fridays at 6:30am and ends at 7:30am. To participate you can get meeting access information by emailing communications@germantownpres.org for the organizer contact.



The May 31 Congregational Breakfast was cancelled, but continue to watch the newsletter, bulletin announcements, and social media for updates about the breakfasts scheduled in June and July.



The Presbyterian Women (PW) will not meet during June or July. Keep watching for updates as GPC continues to explore what it will mean to open the facilities back up again.

Contact Information for the Presbytery of the MidSouth

presbyteryofthemidsouth.org
Executive Presbyter: Rev. James L. Gale - 913-481-7574
Stated Clerk: Audrey Toombs - 901-383-0768

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Latest in the Life of the Church

Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)

Contributed by Alex Ivy

Greetings from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee! Our team includes: Ben Brock, Anthony Duke, September Eason, Rebecca Floyd, Sherrie Horner, Alex Ivy, and Meredith Mattila.

Our goal is to help our church call an Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship. We started this process on January 26 of this year, and we're making weekly progress. I want to update you and ask for your prayers and participation.

First: What's the job description and who fits it?

Our team believes an ideal candidate will have two main credentials:

- (1) plenty of energy, and
- (2) a foundation to build on, or to mature, in 5 areas:
 - > teaching,
 - > preaching,
 - > engaging,
 - > making aware, and
 - > Personalizing.

So, our candidate will be an experienced Bible teacher and preacher and an example of the Good News.

This person will engage us in church life, but not only that; this person will also help us generate awareness and two-way communication about church life at GPC to help us invite others to serve with us. And, most fundamentally, our new Associate Pastor will strengthen our faith.

That means personalize it - mold faith into an everyday longing to be an extension of Christ in our families, our schools, our jobs, our neighborhoods, our friends, our enemies, every relationship imaginable.

So we are looking for someone who wants to hone his or her gifts to teach, preach, engage, make aware, and personalize the Gospel.

Now --- here's where we stand after 16 weeks.

1. We are socially distanced, of course, but we're not distracted.
2. We meet regularly - once per week so far, on-line since early March.
3. We are on schedule - meaning.....we are currently screening candidates.
4. We have no deadline - meaning.....we have an "urgency" to our timetable, but not an "emergency."
5. We have many hours in front of us - interviewing, listening, and face-to-face meetings.
6. We need your prayer - meaning.....we need patience, enthusiasm, and attention to leadership substance.

Lastly. We need recommendations. We invite you to recommend candidates to us. Drop hints to any network connections you have. Give us a name and we'll reach out. Just know we are looking between Anchorage and Miami.

So we are moving forward. Please know that Rebecca, Sherrie, Ben, Meredith, September, Anthony, and I are all very grateful for GPC.

Thank you.

Alex Ivy



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

It's Still Vital to GPC That You Give During This Time

Ways to Give



Text

Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Giving App

Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!

In the Mail

Mail checks to:
2363 S Germantown Rd
Germantown TN 38138.



Online



Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR Code to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.

*For more information please call
Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.*

Did You Know that GPC Is on YouTube & Vimeo?



Yep. GPC has its own YouTube and Vimeo channels. You can search us online, or if you're reading a digital copy of this newsletter, you can click [here](#) for YouTube and [here](#) for Vimeo. You can also access these channels from the website - www.GermantownPres.org.

MAKE SURE YOU SUBSCRIBE! These channels reward high numbers of subscribers with more privileges and permissions.

From Pastor Amanda

Dear GPC Family,

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the drive-by celebration! It was wonderful to see you all. I'm so grateful and blessed to have served at GPC. Thank you for all of your love and support.

Here is my address in Minnesota if you want to keep in touch:

Rev. Amanda Mackey
Kasson First Presbyterian Church
101 6th Ave NW
Kasson, MN 55944

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Freezer Food

Meals are available in the Presbyterian Women's freezer (white freezer on the west wall in the Activity Center kitchen) for those in need of a meal. Anyone is welcome to stop by the church and pick up a meal to deliver to another person – whether or not they are a GPC member. Additionally, there are sausage and egg biscuits lovingly made by Men's Breakfast Fellowship that can also be taken to anyone who might enjoy some. Thank you PW and Men's Breakfast!



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!**



May 2020

Dear Germantown Presbyterian Church Family,

I want to thank those that ventured out very early on the day of my surgery to be with me before and during my surgery. I'm grateful and appreciative for all of the prayers and moral support given to me at this difficult time. The surgery was successful, and I am now working toward gaining back my strength.

GPC is a very loving and caring church, and I have been on the receiving end of this loving and caring for a couple of months. It is said that the worst ingredient that one can mix with illness and confinement is loneliness. Fortunately, my daughter was able to stay with me for a month for which I'm grateful. Unfortunately, the "shelter in place" became a way of life shortly after my surgery. I know I'm not the only one that is now experiencing that loneliness.

Thank you GPC ministers and staff for all you do to keep the congregation connected. You are appreciated.

Thank you GPC friends for the "Thinking of You" cards, "Get Well" cards, flowers, telephone calls, and prayers. Especially a thumbs up for the casseroles, soups, salads, and desserts!

GPC, you are truly the Body of Christ. I am looking forward to getting back into my church activities and giving lots of hugs! (I guess with COVID-19 pandemic much of the hugging may be a thing of the past. I miss the people and the hugs.)

Grateful,

Sue Kelley

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

What Are You Doing With Your Time??

GPC Youth Celebrate
John Rice's 18th Birthday

Happy Birthday, John!!



Amerigo's and Char Restaurants

Church members Beth and Ben Brock own Amerigo and Char restaurants. The restaurants have opened back up but are only working at 50% capacity. So, every Friday they will continue to deliver meals at a drive-through pick-up point in the GPC parking lot from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Order dinner from their menus and a selection of family meal packages to go! 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 1:00pm each Friday. Each order will be individually packaged for quick pickup. We look forward to serving you!



GPC is still volunteering on Thursdays to hand out food for the Mid-south Food Bank, but we're not sure how much longer we'll have this opportunity. If you want information about participating, contact communications@germantownpres.org.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

New Summer Sunday School for Adults

Contributed by Will Jones

On June 7 I will begin a new adult Sunday School offering on the Book of James that will run June 7 - August 9.

Here is the link for the class, which will meet via GoToMeeting for the foreseeable future. If we meet in person, we will still use this link for people to join remotely.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/307904013>

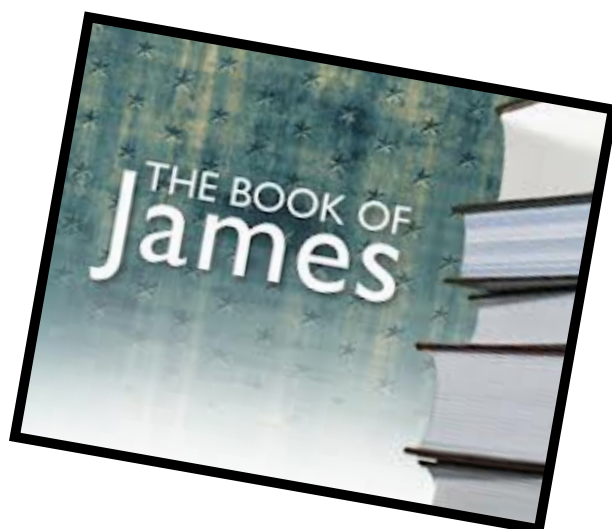
You can also dial in using your phone.
(646) 749-3112
Access Code: 307-904-013

Here is the book we will be using if people want to buy it: *James: A 12 Week Study* by Greg Gilbert

https://www.amazon.com/James-12-Week-Study-Knowing-Bible-ebook/dp/B00CB1J46C/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=Greg+gilbert&qid=1590526953&sr=8-6

Here is a link for an online version of the material:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowing-bible-james/#week-1-overview>



Introducing Dr. John Johnson

Please welcome Dr. John Johnson who joins GPC staff from the staff of the Visible Music College in downtown Memphis. The Visible Music College, created in early 2000, is a private music college with other teaching sites in Chicago, Dallas, and Atascadero, California. The school mission is to train and equip musicians, technicians, and business professionals in craft and Christian character, for effective service in the music industry and in the Church.



Born and raised in New Mexico, Dr. Johnson has a BME, an MRE, and a DRE with an emphasis in sacred music. He has conducted worship conferences, seminars, and workshops in the US, UK, and Germany, and has written several hundred songs for congregational use. An ordained pastor, he is a teacher and trainer of choirs, a vocal coach, and was co-founder of Day Spring School of Arts (several hundred students enrolled).

As a teacher, he actively uses books, workbooks, and self-developed curriculum with a multitude of focuses from the worship leader position to musicians and singers to the congregation. He has also been involved in the recording of three praise and worship cds - *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*, *To the Holy One*, and *You Are the Mighty God*.

Dr. Johnson has a passion for worship, mentoring, training, and writing new songs. He and his wife, Martha, have been married since 1972. They have four adult children and eleven grandchildren.

GPC staff is thrilled to get to know Dr. Johnson and begin working with him in the process of expanding our worship opportunities. GPC congregation, please make Dr. Johnson and his wife feel welcome when you have the chance to meet them. Welcome, Dr. Johnson!

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Once again a big Thank You to all who have been involved with keeping music in worship at GPC active and relevant over the past two months as we all work our way through these most difficult and unusual times. It takes a team, and many are involved - our technical team, our ministers and program staff, our music team including Alex, Jerold and soloists, and, of course, our office staff. ALL have worked hard to keep our congregation informed and involved as we have paused our normal worship schedule but kept worship at the center of what we do best here at GPC - offer praise and glory to God through worship!! Thank you to ALL!!!

As I write this article I do not know what our worship schedule will be in the month of June. A task force, formed from lay leadership, staff, and medical professionals drawn from the organizational structure of GPC has been tasked to develop a formula addressing our re-opening - the committee met at the end of May. We will know more about our June schedule very soon. What we do know is that worship and music in worship will continue. Following find a list of soloists who will be involved in the month of June.

Sunday, June 7 > Shannon and Aaron Redburn

Sunday, June 14 > Dr. John Johnson (our song leader for our new blended worship on Sunday evenings beginning in September)

Sunday, June 21 > Karen and Mark Cooper (Father's Day. We hope to have son Aidan, who has just graduated from Tulane with a triple major, also involved in music this Sunday)

Sunday, June 28 > Sandy Franks and Marcus King

Alex will of course be with us on the organ and piano.

Know that we from the MUSIC side of worship miss seeing all of you and hearing you ring the rafters when singing the beautiful hymns of the church. We pray that things resolve so that we may once again resume a normal schedule of worship and praise! Keep an active prayer list, especially for those who may be in need!!

As I always do, let me thank you who support music at GPC through our annual church budget and your contributions and gifts to the Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund. Will and I made the decision that we would continue to support our students who were committed to participating in music in worship at GPC in the months of March, April, and May. Many of them depend on our support for rent and living expenses. We have continued to support them with at least a half of what their normal stipend would have been. Your gifts and contributions make this possible. Thank You!!

Continue to tune in to our online worship each Sunday until we return to the sanctuary. I look forward to hearing from you and sometime soon again seeing you in worship.

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Feeding Our Roots... GPCKids Learn About Hunger in America

During the month of May GPCKids participated in Sunday School via Zoom. We had many children log on to participate in a special study that hit America through the coronavirus pandemic...food insecurity. As GPC participated weekly in Mid-South Mobile Food Bank, children learned that one in seven children in America are insecure about where his or her next meal may come from. As Christ followers the most important part of our study came from the gospels - Jesus feeding the 5,000. Using this story our children learned why it is important to help people in need. We learned how Joe Burrow's brought a

voice to his community about hunger during his Heisman Trophy acceptance speech (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJehkX2ScFE>). They continued to learn that some people have difficulty with food accessibility and that gardening is something we can do to help! Parents were able to pick up their child's Sunday School materials each week through our drive-through Pop Up Garden! Look for more opportunities for our children, youth, and families to learn and participate in gardening as a part of family missions!



Thank You to May's 5th Grade Worship Leader - Abby Wells



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children 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 to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats

and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. Questions about this program can be directed to Anna White, Director of Children's Ministry (annaw@germantownpres.org).

May's 5th Grade Worship Leader is Abby Wells.

1. Full Name: *Abigail Larson Wells*
2. Parents Names: *Jessica and Brett Wells*
3. School: *Crosswind Elementary School - Collierville*
4. Most enjoyed at GPC: *I've enjoyed participating in Youth Sunday with my teachers and classmates.*
5. What I've learned at GPC: *I have learned to love and trust in God and that He will always be there by my side.*
6. What do you hope to experience at GPC in the future: *I hope to experience new things as I move up to Jr./Sr. High Sunday School and events.*

GPCKids Is Growing!

We are so excited to announce that Kathryn Marbury is joining our Children's Ministry team. Kathryn is an experienced educator and understands the details and time required to plan for successful educational events for children. Our Children's Ministry is full of these experiences as we strive for our children to learn about Jesus in fun and creative ways. We look forward to working with Kathryn in the church office and having our children learn from her during coming opportunities for children. Here are a few words from Kathryn:

"I spent the past three years in Hanoi, Vietnam as an educator in international schools. However, I first started working with children here in the GPC nursery ten years ago and am so excited to be back and serving the students of GPC in this new position. I take a holistic approach to education and am honored to have a small role in God's great plan for these students' minds, bodies, and hearts."



YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello GPC Youth and Parents!

A new chapter begins for GPC youth, and I am excited to be a part of it. I will be Interim Director of Youth Ministry.

For those of you that I may not have met, I'm Erin Bowden. I have two sons, Brock (16) and Noah (12), and we have been members of GPC for 11 years. Once my oldest joined the youth group, I was recruited to help and have been involved ever since!

We are uncertain of what our future will look like; however, Anna White and I have been planning ways to keep our youth connected this summer; be on the lookout for more information.

I am so excited to get this chapter started.

More to come!

Erin Bowden



**Junior and Senior High,
this is a really different summer!
Let's make the most of it!**



To start your summer off, talking about GOALS may be the complete opposite of what you had planned...time by the pool, lounging at the beach, traveling on the youth trips. (Don't worry...we WILL get back to that next summer!) Join us as we talk about GOALS...not bench lift goals, academic goals, or team goals. We are going to talk about bigger goals...we all have them...how to make our lives better. This summer we are going to take a look at our faith goals. Join us as we study from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul helped the Galatians and can help us understand some goals of faith. Join us this summer as we have discussions about rules, freedoms, and living with faith. Games and fun included! Mark your calendars and look for more information to come!

Thanks!

Anna



Summer 2020 Youth Mission Trips Are Cancelled

YOUTH MINISTRY

Congrats to GPC High School Graduates!



Congratulations to the high school seniors listed below:

- Dina Paola Ciabattini, daughter of Lea & Eric Buring, granddaughter of Nancy & the late Bud Webb, Collierville High School, University of Memphis

- Anna Virginia Eoff, daughter of Amy & Edward Eoff, Houston High School, Undecided

- Katherine Lorraine Harding, daughter of Lori & Chris Harding, Hutchison School, University of Alabama

- Andrew Ryan Hormberg, son of Susan & Bo Hormberg, Houston High School, University of Southern Mississippi

- Lauren Alexa Hurley, daughter of Sherry & Bud Hurley, St. George's Independent School, University of Tennessee Knoxville

- Mary Gayden Jones, daughter of Susan & Will Jones, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Texas Christian University

- John Sebastian Rice, son of April & Patrick Rice, Houston High School, University of Memphis

- Ellye Kimbrell Sanders, daughter of Tavia & Cole Sanders, Houston High School, University of Arkansas

- Lydia Anne Waldrop, daughter of Jody & David Waldrop, Houston High School, University of Memphis

Congrats to GPC College Graduates!

Harrison Bingham graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management. Harrison was a member of The Mighty Sound of the South Drumline and the basketball Pep Band for four years. He was a Presidential Scholar and a member of the Honors College. Harrison has also been a member of the Grizzline, the drumline that plays at the Memphis Grizzlies home games during the last three years and hopes to continue playing with them when the NBA resumes play.

Mary Lennox Halfacre graduated from Western Kentucky University in December. She just completed a semester internship with the campus ministry Pres House in South Georgia. Mary Lennox will be serving in the Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) program in New York City starting in August.

Allie Hughes just graduated from University of Memphis with a BS in Nursing. Her time in the GPC youth group instilled in her a heart for mission work. Her next step is to join the Ministry Training Institute at Village Seven Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs. In her residency role she will help the church fulfill its mission to make, equip, and deploy disciples among the youth students while attending seminary online to earn a Master of Theology degree. You can follow Allie's work at <https://alliehughes.weebly.com/>.



Let's keep all these graduates in our prayers as they move on to next things.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation:

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| **Jeffrey Arthur | >Jane Craddock | >Willa Lowry | >Pam & Bill Spencer |
| >Gay Beaumont | >Judy/Fred Frick | **Tom Oldham | >Jan Thomson |
| >Shirley Billups | **GPC graduates from high school & college | >Mack Pepper | >Bob Thurman |
| >Sherril/Jim Blair | >Nancy/Peter Hawkinson | >Cy Pipkin | >Amanda Walters |
| >Linda Sue/Bob Bobo | >Jean/Bob Hicks | >Erin/Thomas Powell | **Erwin & Wes Westmoreland |
| >Huddy/Bayard Boyle | >Dot Ledlow | >Jackie & Bill Ruleman | >Woodie Whited, Johnathan Whited, & Sandy Franks |
| >Elaine/Tom Cates | >Aggie/Jack Losa | **Diane Short | |

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:
 Jim Boyd & family in the death of his brother;
 Debbie & Noel Florendo & family in the death of her mother;
 Alexa & Garrett Guynes & family in the death of his father;
 Cheri & Mike Howle & family in the death of her mother.

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 COVID19

GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

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| >Baby B & family - friends of Pastor Susie | **Tim Gibson, sons Brayson & Kaben & Donna Bowers - friends of Phyl Simmons | **Jeff Holt & Holt family - friends of Mickie Nabors | >Rev. Philomena Ofori-Naaph - sister/friend/colleague of Pastor Susie | >William Steven, son of Hayley Steven - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt |
| >Katie Badgett - friend of Halfacres | >Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss | >John Howle - son of Cheri/Mike Howle | >AJ Pennington - nephew of Cindy Cleveland | **Lois Strock & rest of Henry Strock family - friends of Louise Lawson Johnson |
| >Carpenter family - relatives of Bob Hicks | **Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger | >Ren Hua (& mother & stepfather, caregivers) - grandmother of Tingting Yao | **Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger | >James Thomas - friend of Barbara Ragsdale |
| **Jo Carrington - cousin of Jean Brooks | **Carma/Doug Harper - neighbor of Jean Carroll | >Cindy Moore, daughters Isabelle & Lucy - daughter & granddaughters of Elaine/Tom Cates | **Jim Steen, wife Lane, children Josie & Will - friends of Marjorie Reynolds | >Kila Tripp - daughter of Cindy/Rick Tripp |
| >Elaine Colmer - mother of John Colmer | >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips | | | >Evelyn/James Warrington - sister-in-law of Catherine King |
| >Terrance Cooper - father of Mark Cooper | >Bibba Holland - friend of Phyl Simmons | | | **Kay Wiggins - sister-in-law of Susie Wiggins |
| >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.

June GPC Family Prayer Ministry

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| <u>Jun 7</u>
Joe Crocker
Bill Boyle
Jeanie/Fritz Crombie
Diane/Randy Edens
Violet Olsen
Jane Beth Page
Karen/Rob Russell,
Alex, Tyler
Tom Tweel | <u>Jun 14</u>
Linda Sue/Bob Bobo
Danielle Danforth Miller
Fred/Judy Daniel Frick
Linda/Donnie Harris
Julie/Matthew Lindow,
Jason, Victoria
Abby Powell
Kim/Tom Sauer
Lauren/Chuck Utterback,
Miller | <u>Jun 21</u>
Xander Batey
Edna/Jerry Daws
Gloria/Timothy Goss
Ann Harbor
Teresa/Forrest Owens,
Addison, Gracey
Pam/Bill Spencer
Carol Ann/Tommy Trenor
Kathy/Gary Veazey
Anna Warren | <u>Jun 28</u>
Liz/Alan Callicott, Ben,
Lucy, Ruth
Janie Day
Shelby Glass
Karen/Bill Lawhorn
Tara/David Martin, Hunter
Mack Pepper
Laura/Bob Schriener
Betsy/Dominique Vacheron,
Albert, Nathalie |
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MEMORIALS

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

Memorial Fund	Memorial Garden Fund
<i>In Memory of Joe Donaho</i> Dr. C. William Bodie Judy & Fred Bodie Barrillon Dougherty Anne Mellor Emery Karen & Bill Lawhorn Mickie & Steve Nabers Helen & Fred Norman Barb Poier Sharon Truitt Erwin & Wes Westmoreland Judith & Tom Wilson	<i>In memory of Joe Donaho</i> Tracy & Doug Forsythe
<i>In memory of Holly Dyer</i> Paula Stack	Music Fund
<i>In Memory of Boyd Maize</i> Dixie & Bob Johnson	<i>In memory of Joe Donaho</i> Ellie & Dick Goughnour
<i>In memory of Thomas Miles</i> Norma Miles Christy & Walter Smalley	<i>In memory of Boyd Maize</i> Marcia & Steven Crouch Kiwanis Club of Germantown
<i>In memory of Robert & Juanita Schwam</i> Norma Miles Christy & Walter Smalley	<i>In memory of Irvin Schatz</i> Judy & Richard Nokes
	Pastor's Discretionary Fund
	<i>In memory of Joe Donaho</i> Kay & David Collins

GPC Budget Update

GPC Financial Summary, April 2020

	Apr. 2020	2020 YTD	Apr. 2019	2019 YTD
Revenue	\$161,232	\$718,014	\$155,976	\$623,177
Expenses	\$136,275	\$572,023	\$134,842	\$586,817
Net	\$24,957	\$145,991	\$21,134	\$36,360

Revenues exceeded expenses in April by almost \$25,000, which is a real tribute to the strong stewardship of GPC. After 4 months of 2020 (33% of the year), our total revenue is at 40% of our budget. Expenses are on target at 32%. The summer months are normally our low point for contributions as our members take vacations and are otherwise occupied with outdoor activities. This year, the coronavirus has complicated the picture even more. None of us has been through anything even close to this, and we really don't know what to expect. This is why continuing our stewardship habit is even more important.

Thank you for all you've done for GPC and for all you're going to do as we work through this crisis together.

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July Window Deadline: June 15

GPC's Session has appointed a Coronavirus Recovery and Re-Opening Task Force (CRRTF) comprised of Deacons, Elders, staff, and medical professionals. We are assessing all the information we can find about how to open the church safely and responsibly. There are so many complicated necessities involved, such as: wearing masks, disinfecting common areas, spacing congregants apart in the pews, changing worship habits, and more.

The CRRTF met at the end of May, and their next recommendation will be shared in newsletters, bulletins, emails, social media. Be sure to keep watching these communication outlets for more information.

We will continue to have online worship, Sunday School, and meetings, and the church remains closed for everything except essential business each weekday. We don't want to jeopardize the health of all involved and risk further spread of the virus. The numbers in Shelby County are still rising.

As soon as plans are made for June and the rest of the summer, we will let you know.

Thanks for your continued grace and prayers. We're also praying for all of you.



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