



# Ministry News & Events

## Germantown United Methodist Church

June 7, 2020

### Returning to Campus Directions

On site worship at GUMC resumes June 13 and 14. Each service will be live streamed through the church website or YouTube and will be recorded for viewing on the church website at alternate times.

- Masks are always required when one is in any GUMC Building. For worship (Saturday evening and Sunday morning, see below) the doors at the Welcome Center (West Street side), North (Germantown Road side) Entrance and Education Wing entrance will be open. Please bring the mask you have been using, one with which you are comfortable.
- Anyone who does not have a mask will be given one to wear while in any GUMC building. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the three major entrances to the main campus, mentioned above along with posters giving instructions on safety protocols. TAKE YOUR MASK AWAY WITH YOU.
- Social distancing of six-foot spaces will be indicated and directed.
- All services will be in the sanctuary. The main floor and balcony will be open.
- Overflow seating will be in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall and the OLEC gym.
- Phased returns indicate that initially we might be able to have no more than:
  - 72 worshippers in the sanctuary (floor and balcony together)
  - 25 in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall
  - 80 in the OLEC gym
- Please make your plans accordingly and consider sitting in the balcony or Fellowship Hall if you do not want to be seen entering late.
- Saturday, June 13 5:00 p.m. will be our Ancient-Modern worship service.
- Sunday, June 14 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will be our Traditional worship services.
- Entrance to the Sanctuary will ONLY be through the doors in the East side Hallway near the “front” of the church.
- Worshippers will enter through the double doors and walk to the back of the sanctuary to take their seats as directed by the ushers. Please maintain social distance as you wait to enter.
- Seating will be on every other pew only. Six-foot spaces will be marked on each pew to help individual worshippers be safe.
- Family units or people who have quarantined together may sit together.
- At the end of each service, worshippers will be directed to EXIT ONLY through the Narthex doors, one pew at a time.
- Nothing will be passed among worshippers. Bulletins will be in the pew racks before each service. Please take your bulletin when you leave. Bulletins remaining in the pews after service will be removed.
- Individual attendance cards will be in the pews before each service. Cards remaining in the pews after service will be removed. Please place your filled in card in the Offering plate in the Narthex as you leave.
- The Children’s Ministry will provide “Worship Activity Bags” on the side table as you enter any worship space. Please take one per child as you enter the sanctuary. Please take the bag and contents home with you after service.
- Offerings always may be made online through GUMC’s regular online facilities.
- Offerings may also be placed in offering plates on tables in the Narthex.
- Attendance cards may be placed in the plates as well.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

No classes (Adult, Youth, Child, or Nursery) will meet in campus buildings until after the Germantown Municipal School District deems the environment is safe for children and adults to return to class. Even then we may wait two weeks or more to assess the situation.

## Other Scholarships

**Germantown UMC, through established scholarship funds, has been able to assist graduating students who are active members of the church youth ministries in their pursuit of post-high school education.** Two of these funds are the Jim Roberts Fund and the Mike Wilson Fund. The GUMC Trustees receives recommendations from the youth ministry staff and awards the scholarships.

As has been the case in the past, donations to those funds may be made to Germantown UMC.

## Older Adult Recognition Sunday

**The Older Adult Recognition Sunday originally scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2020, will be postponed.** To allow for the worship services to start again at the church and also allow for social distancing and safe health practices, the recognition Sunday will be scheduled later in the year. We look forward to honoring our Senior Adult members soon.

## Adult Education

Mary Groh, [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org)

**Women's Summer Bible Study: "Discerning the Voice of God"** starts Wednesday, June 17, 9:45-11:45 a.m. In this 7-session, DVD study via Zoom by Priscilla Shirer, we will explore how God speaks to us in a way that we can understand. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$24. Register online.

## SUMMER IN THE SCRIPTURES

Bishop Kenneth Carter, resident bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, invites you to join him for a Summer in the Scriptures as he journeys through the Gospels. Starting June 1, you will read a chapter each day, beginning with the book of Matthew. Then, join the "Summer in the Scriptures" Facebook group to share your insights and gain inspiration from others across the Conference. Connect today at [facebook.com/groups/GospelSummer](https://facebook.com/groups/GospelSummer) for video content, podcasts and daily support for deepening in the mind, heart and life of Jesus.

## SUMMER THEOLOGICAL SERIES

Memphis Theological Seminary is offering a pilot program of theological education. The program consists of webinars via Zoom to be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am over the summer months. The schedule is:

June 7, 14, 21, 28: Dr. Mitzi Minor, The Gospel of Mark

July 5 and 12: Dr. Peter Gathje, A Spirituality in a Time of Pandemic

July 19, 26: Dr. Chris Davis, Preaching in a Time of Pandemic

August 2, 9, 16, 23: Dr. Michael Turner, Religion and the Civil War

There is no charge. If you wish to participate in the June sessions on The Gospel of Mark, please register online at [germantownumc.org](https://germantownumc.org). The Zoom link will be emailed to you on Friday, June 12. If you have any questions please contact Mary Groh.

## Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, [luci2@comcast.net](mailto:luci2@comcast.net). Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in *Tidings*.

**AARP Smart Driver™ Course!** GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on July 30 & 31, 2020 from 9 AM-1 PM. The class will meet in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall, and the cost is \$15 for AARP members (\$20 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call George Coleman at 384-3581 to register. This class will be closed at 24 participants, so sign up soon.

**XYZ's Re-scheduled August Event!** Come with us to hear Elton John tribute artist Craig A. Meyer present *Remember When Rock Was Young* at Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center on Saturday, August 15, 2020. We depart at 6:15 p.m. from the OLEC parking lot, and the \$30 per person cost includes transportation and your reserved seat. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennenman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, July 15.

## Children's Ministry

Callie Beaver, Director of Children's Ministry, [cbeaver@germantownumc.org](mailto:cbeaver@germantownumc.org)

Kristin Dickerson, Assoc. Dir., Preschool, [kdickerson@germantownumc.org](mailto:kdickerson@germantownumc.org)

Jay Rottman, Assoc. Dir., Elementary, [jrottman@germantownumc.org](mailto:jrottman@germantownumc.org)

Natalie Adkinson, Assoc. Dir., Special Needs, [nadkinson@germantownumc.org](mailto:nadkinson@germantownumc.org)

**Preschool Stepping Stones:** We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. This month, we are learning that I can believe in Jesus! Our memory verse is *"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."* (John 20:31). Since we will not be meeting in person this week, please see your email for important Sunday School lessons. If you are not receiving our emails, please let us know at [cbeaver@germantownumc.org](mailto:cbeaver@germantownumc.org).

**KidsQuest:** This month, we are learning about Faith- trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see. Our memory verse is *"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see"* (Hebrews 11:1). Since we will not be meeting in person this week, please see your email for important Sunday School lessons. If you are not receiving our emails, please let us know at [cbeaver@germantownumc.org](mailto:cbeaver@germantownumc.org).

**Kidz Zoom!:** Sundays 5:00 Preschoolers, Sundays 5:30 Elementary Schoolers, Wednesdays at 5:00 for all ages. See your email for Zoom meeting information.

**UPDATE-Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School-** Due to social distancing restrictions, we will not be able to have our traditional type VBS this summer. Our hope is that we will be able to have a "Family VBS" outside at McVay Gardens (weather permitting) or at the OLEC. This three-night event will be July 13-15 from 6:00-7:30 P.M. Bring your family, a blanket, bug spray and spread out to learn all about how Jesus' power pulls us through! We will share fun music, science experiments, and bible stories. Please see details and register online from June 1- June 15. If we are unable to gather in large groups by mid-July, we will prepare your materials and have them ready for you to do an AT-HOME VBS. We will post daily videos for your children to follow.

**Please follow us on our Facebook page** for daily updates at Germantown United Methodist Children's Ministry. We miss you and hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. If you or your family has any needs or concerns, please reach out to us at [cbeaver@germantownumc.org](mailto:cbeaver@germantownumc.org) or (901) 337-7246 (Callie's Cell phone).

**Position Opening:** Germantown United Methodist Church has an opening for a Director of Nursery Ministry. This is a part-time position and reports to the Director of Children's Ministry. The approximate start date is June 15, 2020. Questions and resumes may be sent to: The Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, Executive Minister Germantown UMC, 2331 S. Germantown Rd. Germantown, TN 38138 or emailed to [bgabriel@germantownumc.org](mailto:bgabriel@germantownumc.org). We ask that you pray for our Children's Ministry as we seek a new member for our team.

## Youth Ministry

Lisa Pierce, Dir. of Middle & Confirmation, [lpierce@germantownumc.org](mailto:lpierce@germantownumc.org)

Brian Richards, Dir. of High & College Ministry, [brichards@germantownumc.org](mailto:brichards@germantownumc.org)

**Sunday Morning Trek and Element:** Will not meet this week June 7. Our typical in person Sunday Youth programs have temporarily ceased for public health.

**Drive In Movie Night:** Join us June 17 @ 8:00 in the OLEC parking lot for our first opportunity to gather outside of worship. This will be a social distanced event where each family group has a designated space to watch our movie. We will ask participants to stay inside or nearby their vehicle with lawn chairs and we will stay at least 6ft apart. The OLEC will be open only for restroom use and you must wear a mask to enter. We will provide popcorn or you can bring your favorite movie snacks and drinks. This is a free event but please register online at [www.Germantownumc.org](http://www.Germantownumc.org) so we know to expect you.

**Synergy & Synago:** We are continuing with virtual meetings online. Synago book studies will be hosted on Zoom and books will be available for pick up in the Welcome center weekdays from 9-1 p.m. Contact Brian and Lisa for more info!

**Senior Social Distance Banquet:** Will be held in the evening on June 28 in the OLEC parking lot. If you are a senior family and did not receive a packet with information to turn in by June 14 please contact Brian Richards as soon as possible!

**Summer Missions:** It is with sad hearts that we announce our trips have been cancelled for this summer. We are looking at safe ways we can serve here in the Memphis area. We will keep you posted as these opportunities develop.

**Follow us on social media:** Brian and Lisa are making devotional videos around town (social distancing of course) and posting them on social media on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our devotionals. There is a prize for the students who guess four of our locations first by texting the answers to Brian or Lisa.

## College and Young Professionals Ministry

Brian Richards, Dir. of High & College Ministry, [brichards@germantownumc.org](mailto:brichards@germantownumc.org)

**College Age Sunday School** will not meet.

**A Weekly Devotional is available for college age persons** distributed by email. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email [brichards@germantownumc.org](mailto:brichards@germantownumc.org).

**Weekend Food Program** is using the funds donated to support the Coronavirus Response Fund which is administered by the Mid South Food Bank. Families in the metro area will receive two -week supplies of food at the food pantries located throughout the city. There is great need and we are grateful to be able to be part of this important effort.

## Health and Recreation Facility (OLEC)

Todd Hinton, Director of Health & Recreation, [thinton@germantownumc.org](mailto:thinton@germantownumc.org)

Judy Oros, Assistant Director, [joros@germantownumc.org](mailto:joros@germantownumc.org)

**The OLEC/GUMC Team Up, as we invite you, Church of the Holy Communion, Grace-St. Luke's, Saint Johns, Second Baptist, and other churches in the area, to offer Moving In Faith.** This is a 6-week journey to a healthier mind, body and spirit through exercise, weekly prayers and scripture readings.

More than ever, it's important to find ways to stay healthy. How much fun would it be to team up with your church and challenge other congregations, friends and neighbors to work towards common health goals through daily exercise? Friendly team competition is a great way to stay connected and motivate one another.

The Basics:

Moving In Faith starts **June 1** and is for everyone, regardless of age or fitness level.

- Each church will be a team. Our Directors will serve as its team captains.
- Teams will compete for the most points accumulated throughout the journey (highest team average based on # of participants per team).
- Individual team members accumulate points for his/her team for each minute of exercise completed. (Zoom, Run, walk, dance, yoga, tai chi, Zumba, row, bike, elliptical, strength training, tennis, golf, etc.)
- Team captains will email team members weekly scripture readings, prayer and motivational quotes for reflection and team updates.
- Team members will email team captain weekly with number of individual points earned for his/her team. (Weekly totals)
- Once registered, training logs and more information will be emailed to you.

There is **NO fee** to participate. Register today for our team at [Thinton@germantownumc.org](mailto:Thinton@germantownumc.org) or [Joros@germantownumc.org](mailto:Joros@germantownumc.org)

## HOW TO EARN POINTS FOR YOUR CHURCH TEAM: (SAMPLE)

· Individuals earn weekly points for your team for each minute of exercise up to a maximum of 250 minutes/points per person. Any form of exercise will count: walk, run, bike, dance, row, elliptical, yoga, tai chi, Pilates, Zumba, strength training, tennis, golf, etc.

Example:

- o Monday: Zoom, Walked, or ran 30 minutes 30 points
- o Tuesday: Biked for 40 minutes/10 minute core workout 50 points
- o Wednesday: Yoga class 45 minutes 45 points
- o Thursday: Danced – 30 minutes 30 points
- o Friday: Walked or ran 45 minutes 45 points
- o Saturday: Strength workout 30 points = 230/wk

## Germantown United Methodist Preschool

Sarah Sutton, Director, [ssutton@germantownumc.org](mailto:ssutton@germantownumc.org)

**Hello Summer!** We hope all of our GUMP families are enjoying days filled with sunshine! We are working to get ready for another exciting school year. We have a few select openings for the 2020/2021 school year. Give us a call at 753-3109 for more information or to schedule a tour.

## Missions Ministry

*Please contact Bill Whitaker at wawhit3@gmail.com for mission needs.*

**Thank you to all those who helped feed the women downtown during COVID-19.** The shelter collaboration has been extended through June. If you would like to take food or find out additional ways to help the homeless community, contact Alise Davis at 901-496-6402 or alisedavis4@gmail.com.

**We would love to hear from you:** Feel free to contact us using email, text, phone, or messages on social media. Let us know what is going on in your world!

**Project Transformation** has been redesigned in view of the virus concerns with some exciting new options for supporting the children at

Centenary UMC. You can participate in a number of different ways:

- Provide funds for Summer Camp In A Bag - a collection of reading materials, art supplies, and activities. Each bag costs \$30 and may be funded through check to Sharon Panis or on the GUMC website (Donate/Project Transformation). Bags to be delivered to Centenary UMC on June 15.
- Hand out delivered meals at Centenary UMC June 15-17. Age (18-64) and health restrictions apply
- Participate in the Pen Pal Program to facilitate communication with the children during the summer.
- Pray for the children, the program, and volunteers

Please contact Dan Moore, drm1969msu@gmail.com or 827-8006 to volunteer or for more information about the program. The children have been out of school for an extended time and this program is even more important for their continued learning as a result.

## Elder Care Ministry

*Pat Smith, Elder Care Ministry Coordinator, psmith@germantownumc.org*

**Helping Older People Cope During the Coronavirus Outbreak.** Staying away from your elderly loved ones can be difficult during the virus outbreak, but is necessary secondary to compromised immune systems. However, this isolation can lead to feelings of depression and hopelessness. What can be done?

- Send a care package.
- Schedule a daily or weekly video call.
- Host an online book club.
- Write letters.

Remember mental health is important!

**Medical Equipment Available.** Germantown Methodist Church maintains a supply of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, and canes to name a few. This equipment is available to loan to you as needed. Just ask for help at the Welcome Center or contact Pat Smith, Elder Care Coordinator 758-6513 or psmith@germantownumc.org.

## Health and Prayer Concerns

*To submit a prayer request, please contact Anne Bush at 901-754-7216 or abush@germantownumc.org. In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available by calling 901-412-5776.*

### Deepest Sympathy

Patty Peeples, mother of Lane (Jim) Steen, May 20

Donald Heezen, husband of Mary Heezen, May 22

Charlotte Joshlin, wife of Bill Joshlin, June 2

### In Hospice

Bill Joshlin

### In Hospital or Care Facility

Cora Hathaway

Jim Steen

### Congregational Concerns

Mackenzie Fittes

Bill Francis

Brian Hailey

Mistie Hawkins

Mary Elaine Jones

Greg McKenna

Gary Rutherford

Marcia Wagner