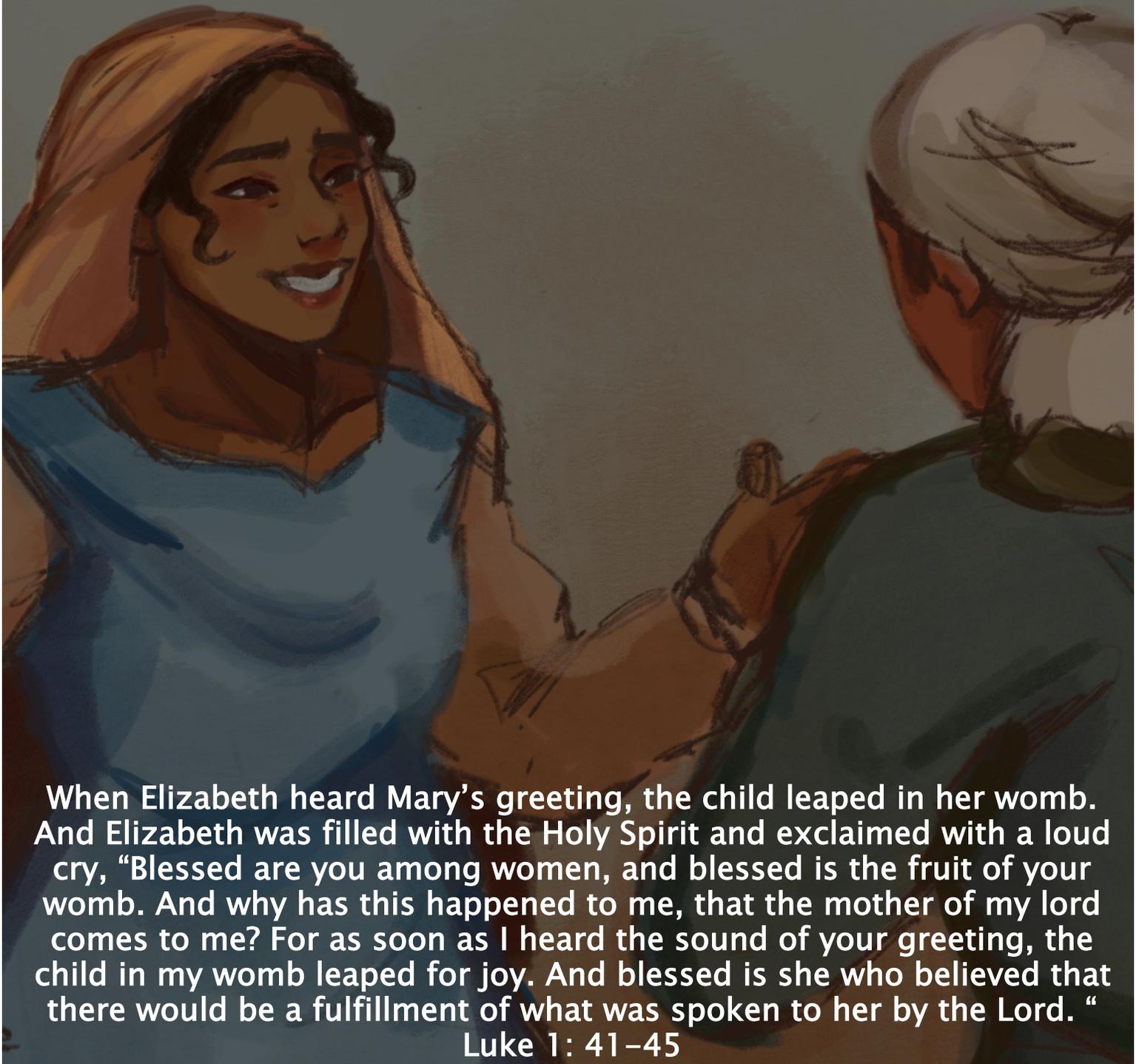


# The Tidings

May 2020

May 31 is the traditional recognition of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

Artwork by Katelyn Bush



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. "

Luke 1: 41-45

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## A Message From Tim



### COVID 19 and Returning to Worship

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to the church about where we are in terms of COVID 19, when to resume worship, and plans that are being made. Governor Lee has declared that the State of Tennessee will be lifting its stay at home order at the end of April. Many businesses that have been closed will be reopening, as well as churches beginning to meet again.

I am sure that many are wondering what path we will take at Germantown UMC in terms of resuming public gatherings. Our Bishop, William McAlilly, has recommended that churches in the Memphis Conference not resume public gathering through May for reasons of health and safety. I concur with that decision. Depending on the level of COVID 19 cases, I believe the earliest we can reasonably meet again would be May 31, which is the Day of Pentecost. I have instructed the staff to be working

on plans to resume public worship no earlier than that day. Of course, any return will be done so in phases, with much planning in order to ensure proper social distancing and care.

It may very well be that we are not able to return by May 31. Conversations are being held and will continue to be held with leadership and groups throughout the church. Any final decisions to return to public worship will only be done with an accompanying plan of phasing-in other aspects of public gathering until such time as we are able to resume the full and vast offering of worship, ministry, prayer, music, and educational opportunities of Germantown UMC. And any such decisions will be made only after consultation and agreement by church leadership.

Resumption of public worship may need to be situated at different times and opportunities than normal in order that we may maintain social distancing steps for public health and proper sanitation. Opportunities for children, youth, older adults, Sunday School gathering, large classes, mission and outreach may need to be phased in over several weeks or even several months. We will adopt a guideline for phasing in activities, but we will need to be flexible and adaptable as the danger of COVID dictates. As any decisions are made, we will be in full communication with the congregation.

Related to all this, the Memphis Annual Conference that was scheduled for June 8–10 here at GUMC, has been postponed until September 25–26, if COVID levels at that time allow for the gathering.

In terms of Holy Communion, with permission from our Bishop during the COVID crisis, we are allowed to partake in our homes at the direction of an elder during worship. So as we celebrated on Holy Thursday evening, we will celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday morning, May 3 at 11 a.m. We encourage households to have bread and grape juice available to partake. If juice is unable to be obtained, wine mixed with water is acceptable since we are in homes.

Thank you all for the faithfulness you are showing in your giving, in your praying, and in your positive attitude. Let the words of Paul to the Romans be our guide:

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. --Romans 12:2*

\*Credit for our newsletter cover goes to Katelyn Bush\*



## Lauren Wright Hobbs Nursing Scholarship—2020



A scholarship has been established through Germantown United Methodist Church to benefit a student from our church who is pursuing a degree in nursing. This scholarship was created by the Emmaus Class in 2014 in honor of Lauren Wright Hobbs who lost her battle with cervical cancer at the age of 29 in October of 2013.

The recipient must be a member of GUMC and attending nursing school now or in the coming fall semester. The \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best fits the model that Lauren exemplified in her love of nursing. Applications may be obtained via an email sent to karen.oppenheim@gmail.com. All completed applications must be received by Monday, May 25, 2020. The Scholarship committee will review and select the recipient prior to June 15.

Donations can be made to this scholarship fund by writing your check to GUMC with Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship noted in the memo line. 2020 is the seventh year for this scholarship that is dedicated to the memory of Lauren and her gift of serving others.

## Adult Education *Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org, 901-754-7216*

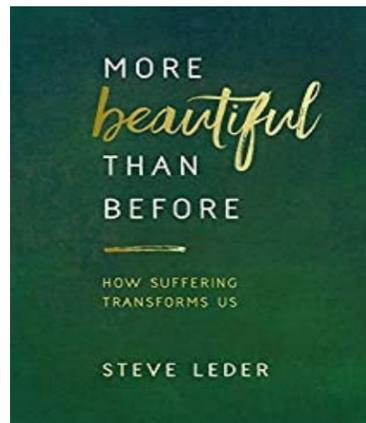
### More Beautiful Than Before Book Study

**Date:** Wednesdays, May 6 through May 27

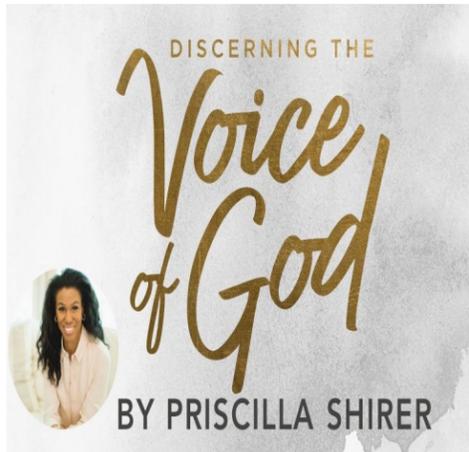
**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** ZOOM

Rabbi Steve Leder's book guides us through pain's stages of surviving, healing, and growing. He shows us that when we must endure, we can, and that there is a path for each of us that leads from pain to wisdom. This book can inspire in us all a life worthy of our suffering; gentler, wiser, and more beautiful than before. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) by May 4. Please purchase your own book online.



## Summer Bible Study for Women!



### Discerning the Voice of God

Wednesdays, June 17 – August 5 (skipping July 1st), 9:45 – 11:45 a.m.  
Facilitated by Chesley Porteous  
(chesleyporteous@gmail.com or 901-268-4884)

Do you feel that the ability to hear God's voice is for other people and not for you? Is it only for people who lived in Biblical times? Wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand. Become acquainted with the voice that has spoken from a fire and a cloud, through a burning bush, and burning hearts and discover how you can discern the voice of God. Through this DVD study by Priscilla Shirer, we will discover the treasure of recognizing how God keeps in touch with his beloved people.

Cost for the class is \$24. Register at [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org).



## Music Ministry *Todd Wilson—twilson@germantownumc.org*

We are fortunate to have a great legacy of hymn writers whose work allows us to praise God when we gather: Watts, Wesley, Crosby, Kaan, Routley, Green and now, Wilson!

Maybe it's the isolation. Maybe it's the homeschooling. Maybe it's the dogs looking at us sideways like we've invaded their daytime routine, naps in this place or that. Maybe its simply missing the sound of you all singing together! I've been inspired to write this text that will surely be in our next hymnal, or not.

Sung to DUKE STREET (Think, Jesus Shall Reign)

Back in the day we all could sing  
Then did the virus darkness bring  
We miss the chance to sing and shout  
Now God must work God's purpose out

Will this dang virus ever leave  
Can we stop coughing in our sleeve  
Social distancing makes us well  
And daily use of our Purell

Gliding along days turn to weeks  
Look in the mirror see our cheeks  
Closer looks shall reveal our roots  
Lord please come save us from this truth

Stopping our gath 'rings—the right choice  
When that day comes we'll raise our voice  
God on our side there is no doubt  
Gathered as one we'll belt it out

Fight the good fight people. We'll be back together before you know it! Love to you all.

## GUMP Weekday Preschool *Sarah Sutton, ssutton@germantownumc.org*

Habitats, Bugs, Seeds, Parts of a Plant, Oviparous and Viviparous Animals, and more! These are just a few of the topics that are being shared with our friends from afar. Things are looking different here at GUMP, nevertheless our teachers are doing their best to educate our friends by extending our classrooms into their homes. For our older classes (3s and up), our teachers are video conferencing and continuing the work of our lesson plans. The feedback we are receiving from parents is their children look forward to this time to connect to their class. We are happy to be a bright spot during this time of unknown. Our teachers in the younger classes are communicating with families and sending learning ideas to continue the development of skills through play at home.

Here at Germantown United Methodist Preschool we continue to be dedicated to age appropriate child development while recognizing the seriousness of the situation. We will continue to follow Germantown Municipal Schools for closure information. Our hope is that we are all back together as soon as possible. We look forward to the sound of laughing, singing and playing throughout our school.



## Room In The Inn

March 16, 2020 was the last night volunteers welcomed Room in the Inn guests for the Winter Shelter Season. The next day, Room in the Inn made the difficult decision to close the Season early knowing that both guests and volunteers were in high risk categories for COVID-19. RITI staff immediately shifted focus to providing respite for the medically fragile homeless and collaborating with the City plus other agencies serving the same population to make sure the most vulnerable have a safe place to shelter. During the pandemic, RITI has responded on multiple fronts and GUMC has continued to play an integral part. Let me tell you about our guests, who often become our friends, and highlight ways you can engage.



**Front I: Respite Care for the Medically Fragile.** Individuals experiencing homelessness when they are discharged from the hospital have been an area of concern for RITI for many years, well before coronavirus hit the accelerator highlighting the gap in services. Advance work on a Recuperative Care Program had already begun which helped RITI staff shift quickly. A formal referral process with all area hospitals is in place and a dedicated staff member helps make the process smooth for hospital case managers. As of April 13th, RITI has provided 23 nights of hotel shelter plus meals. The first person to be sheltered with RITI's Recuperative Care Program was a pregnant female fleeing a domestic abuse situation. She needed a safe place while out of state family members were contacted and travel arrangements could be made.

GUMC was among the first financial supporters of this new Program, even as policies were emerging. The Endowment Committee responded quickly and RITI is thankful for the generous support. To date, host congregations (including GUMC) have donated \$23K. In addition, RITI received \$10K from the COVID19 Emergency Fund administered by The Community Foundation of Memphis.

**Front II: Sheltering Families in Crisis.** MIFA receives calls from families who do not meet the criteria of being residents of the county but find themselves in crisis during the pandemic. Room in the Inn has sheltered two families in this situation within the past month who were referred by MIFA. Again, arrangements with a local hotel has been relied upon as well as funding from the COVID19 Emergency Fund and other donations. The father of one of these families was able to find employment with the Kroger warehouse and they have now transitioned to an apartment.

**Front III: Sheltering Homeless Women.** Through a collaborative partnership between the City, Hospitality Hub, and RITI, 30 homeless women are being sheltered at a downtown hotel. The City arranged for accommodation, Hospitality Hub is staffing, and RITI is feeding the ladies 3x a day with the help of the volunteer network. As of April 13th, over 2,400 meals have been provided by 13 congregations and several individuals in the community. RITI will continue coordinating meals throughout the 'Safer at Home' period. GUMC members have also been a part of this initiative. Whether you have contributed funds for food, delivered a meal, or shopped for needed items, THANK YOU!

**Front IV: Housing Navigator Program.** In addition to responding to immediate needs, RITI staff is planning for the future. A new program is launching to help those who have been approved for housing make the transition from the streets to stability. Online training for volunteers who will eventually become paired with an eligible applicant began April 15th. Volunteer Housing Navigators will support a RITI guest who has begun the process of looking for housing through every step including the search, move-in, mentorship, and scheduled follow up visits for six months after achieving housing.

**How to Engage:** Christ is active through the hands and feet of His followers. Room in the Inn's mission is to shelter those experiencing homelessness in a safe environment of hospitality. The likelihood this pandemic will lead to even more people experiencing homelessness is high, and Room in the Inn will be here to help meet those needs to the best of our ability and with God's help. We are always grateful for your help in this work. If you feel led to support those in crisis, here are some ways:

- Donate gift cards from Amazon, Walmart, Target, restaurants, etc. for supplies and food for those sheltered in place in hotels
- The cost to RITI-Memphis to shelter someone in a hotel is \$50 per night per guest. You may join in this effort by sending your donation to Room in the Inn - Memphis, 212 N. 2nd Street, Memphis, TN 38105 or by visiting [www.ritimemphis.org](http://www.ritimemphis.org)
- If you would like to participate in feeding the ladies sheltered downtown or become a Housing Navigator Volunteer, contact Alise Davis at [alisedavis4@gmail.com](mailto:alisedavis4@gmail.com) or 901-496-6402.

### Project Transformation



Project Transformation is a children's literacy program that transforms lives and revitalizes deprived communities by providing educational opportunities for children. Project Transformation operates eight-week summer literacy programs in multiple high-need neighborhoods throughout Memphis. The summer program is led by young adults engaged in a faith-based ministry internship designed to develop positive leadership skills. The children participate in literacy activities as well as recreational play and exercise, creative arts, and interaction with the young interns and community volunteers who inspire and encourage youth daily to make responsible sound decisions.

After witnessing the lasting impact of Project Transformation in changing the lives of college-age young adults, children and churches, Project Transformation formed a national organization through an investment from the Young Clergy Initiative of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Project Transformation has been active in the Middle Tennessee area since 2012, and it was expanded to Memphis in 2016 in partnership with a number of supporting organizations.

During its fourth year of ministry in Memphis, Project Transformation served 172 children and youth with the leadership of 23 young adults across three site churches in the Metro District of the Memphis Conference.

We at Germantown UMC will be actively involved in supporting the program at Centenary UMC in South Memphis. We hosted the Partners in Transformation Luncheon at the Owings Life Enrichment Center on March 12 to kick off the 2020 program for Memphis.

Because of the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, the program has been redesigned for 2020 to limit one-one contact on the parts of the interns and volunteers with the children.

- The number of young adult interns will be very limited.
- In order to limit person-person contact like we normally have in our summer reading program, the redesigned program will have 3 key elements in order to continue to provide support to the children during the week of June 15-17.
  - 1.) Summer Camp-In-A-Bag. GUMC will provide 70 bags containing books, art supplies, activities, and snacks for the children. The cost estimate is \$30 per bag and we are asking classes and individuals to provide funding for these bags. Payment by check to GUMC with Project Transformation in the memo line can be sent to Sharon Panis or payment can be made on the GUMC website. We will need 3-4 volunteers to assemble the bags to delivery to Centenary UMC on June 15.
  - 2.) Serve lunch with food that will be delivered. We need 2-3 volunteers each day of our week of June 15-17. Volunteers should be between 18-65 with no health concerns.
  - 3.) Serve as Pen Pals with the children to communicate during the summer.

We are excited to be participating in Project Transformation again this year. Please watch for additional information in the Ministry News and Events and during the Mission Moment in May. Please contact Dan Moore at [drm1969msu@gmail.com](mailto:drm1969msu@gmail.com) to volunteer to assist with bag assembly or serving lunch and to communicate the number of bags being purchased.





Youth ministry looks a little different than it did a few months ago. Instead of gathering together in one place, we are using the great technology available to gather from afar. On Wednesday nights, we gather via Zoom at 6:00 with middle schoolers to check in with one another and share a devotional. At 7:00, we meet with our high school students as we work through a book study. Guys are reading and discussing the book *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff and the girls are studying *Permission Granted* by Melissa Wilkins. Both studies have proven to be eye-opening as we grow together. We would love to have you join us – let us know if you need a Zoom invite.

Lisa and Brian have also been working their way around town, creating devotional videos for our students. These videos are posted 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.

Brian has begun offering guitar lessons to students free of charge on Tuesday afternoons via Zoom. While Brian is not a professional guitar teacher, he has some great experience he wants to share. So, let us know if you are interested in learning guitar and we will shoot you a Zoom link to join us.

Lisa and Brian have also engaged in a cupcake ministry program. We swing by Smallcakes in Collierville, grab some packaged cupcakes at the curb, and deliver them to different students weekly. Yes, we travel in separate cars...just in case. But it has proven to be a blast for us and our students. We are trying to work our way through the entire roll of students, so you never know when we may appear on your front step!



Since we are not seeing you face to face each week, we are missing hearing your stories. Please text, call, email, or message us in any way you can to let us know what is going on. Whether it is good news or not-so-good news, we want to share it with you. So keep in touch with us! We love you and miss you terribly!

## Postponed

There are a number of springtime events that have been postponed for now. These cherished traditions mean the world to us all, so we are looking forward to sharing these with you at a later date that has not yet been determined.

**Senior Recognition Dinner and Celebration:** Be checking your snail mail soon for a senior packet with all the info we will need from you. Please get that back to us ASAP so we can complete our senior video and awards.

**Confirmation Service and Celebration:** We have many sixth graders who have completed the requirements for confirmation. We have not forgotten you! We look forward to sharing in your confirmation and celebrating that decision with you when we gather together again.

**Daddy Crows:** This year would be our 15th year! We are looking forward to a different version of this event sometime this fall.



### Cancelled

Sadly, some things can't be postponed. Unfortunately, our summer missions trips are among those. It saddens us deeply to cancel our Big Stuf, SOS, and Mountain Top trips for this summer. Those who have already made payments will be refunded.

### Summer Plans

Brian and Lisa are looking at safe ways we can continue ministry this summer. We are working with our leadership under the direction of CDC and local authorities to get a plan for ways to meet either virtually or in small numbers when it is safe. Send us your ideas and let us know of creative ways you think we can continue together this summer.

### Stewardship *Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, bgabriel@germantownumc.org*

#### Stewardship In and After a Time of Pandemic



At the risk of stating the obvious, the coronavirus pandemic caused significant disruptions. Grocery stores were at first besieged and later less robustly supplied, peopled with masked and gloved shoppers who saw the work of re-supply in the light of day rather than evening. Restaurants were not spots to gather. Neither were movie houses or theatres. Parks were patrolled to keep the number of people low.

Churches, well, you know.

Many of us want the world to return to the way it was. I suspect that it will not. So, I've reflected on the times and Christian stewardship.

The creation stories of Genesis 1 and 2 tell us about stewardship. We share the image and likeness of God. We share a common life with one another. We share responsibility to tend our world. This message is reiterated in the New Testament. In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians we learn "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Stewardship is not an option for a disciple. Neither is it a program imposed by others. Mature disciples recognize that life itself, all of creation, is a gift from the God who loves us and desires only good for us. For a mature disciple, then, stewardship is a way of living. Every disciple is a lifelong learner, how to use their resources, how to shepherd their gifts, of education, position, places, ability, and money to support, maintain and expand the Kingdom of God.

Works of stewardship are not burdening because they grow naturally from the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit always brings joy, even in times of distress. Indeed, sometimes in our deepest distress, it is only the presence of the Spirit that may be a source of joy.

Where, then, may we find joyful acts of stewardship now?

**Relationships:** We can all appreciate medical personnel, truck drivers, grocery store workers, and farm workers (recently re-classified and farm workers recently re-classified as "essential") for the heroes they are.

**Neighbors:** If we don't now have them, may we find opportunities to create new, or for the first time, neighborhoods that look after one another, celebrate with one another, sorrow with one another.

**Elders:** Others have already noted that the way we feel when isolated in home with little or no human contact is the way our elders feel when families fail to reach out, when age or illness makes mobility difficult. An intentional reaching out and bringing in will steward their wisdom, hard won over years.

**Finances:** The economy may or may not recover to what it was. Either way we have seen too many people out of work, too many businesses shuttered through no fault of their own. Stewardship is a way we, the body of Christ, exhibit for the world how communal responses can address individual needs so as to maintain the health of the whole body.

I read, "Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves." Our time, abilities, prayer life, and money are gifts we have received and done our best to develop. Now we see the reasons why. Disciples are gifted so that the body of Christ, and through our actions, the world may weather and recover and be better.

## Missions Update

Over the 2019 holidays, our church families packed 30 boxes for UMCOR to be given to children in need. If you forgot to turn in your box, it is not too late. We will continue to collect boxes through August 1, 2020. Our church has a goal of collecting 100 boxes by the end of summer. If you did not pick up a box and would like to pack one, please contact Callie Beaver. We need to pack 70 more!

## A Big THANK YOU to Our Volunteers!

The Children's Ministry team would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our adult and youth volunteers who have served our children throughout the 2019-2020 school year. These volunteers have spent 1-2 hours every week with your kids providing love and mentorship to them on their spiritual journeys. Thank you to the following adults who served as Sunday school teachers, Wednesday night volunteers, or Substitute teachers: Bill McLaughlin, James and Anna Underwood, Kannon and Karey Conway, Laurie Pakis, Linda Seager, Cara Ortiz, Karen Jetton, Nancy Blake, Erin Dempsey, Jim Wadlington, Drew Kelly, Meredith Powers, Natalie Duncan, Jim Duncan, Jennifer Baker, Susan Solomon, Julia Underwood, Melissa Bongiolatti, and Adam Underwood. Our youth volunteers are awesome too! Thank you to the following youth volunteers: Lori Pound (AJ), Thomas Bongiolatti (T-Man), Emma Pierce, Emmye Conway, Stephanie Crist, Abby Gunnell, Cecilia Adkinson, and Chloe Trieble.

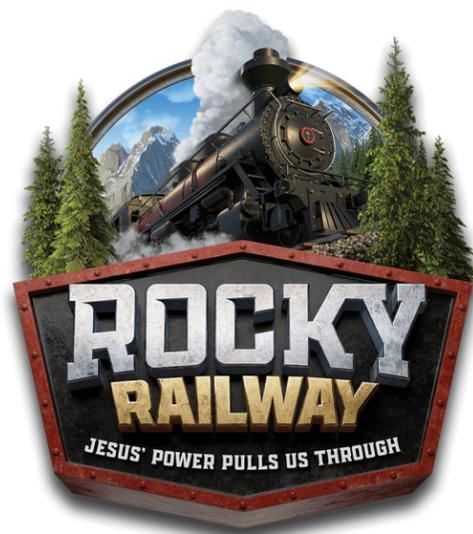


## Summer 2020

*Due to Coronavirus, we are not sure when or where we will be able to gather for summer activities. The safety and well-being of our children and families are our priority when making plans. Please keep checking your email and the Children's Ministry Facebook page for important updates.*

### Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway

Our May/June dates have been cancelled. We are not sure if the train will board this summer or if it will depart next summer 2021. Please look for an update on VBS at the beginning of June.



## Children's Ministry Continued...

### Lakeshore Camp: July 19-25

*(As of April 25, Lakeshore is still planning on having summer camp)*



"Away Camp" is a life-changing experience for children. We travel as a group to Lakeshore in Eva, TN for a week of fun and fellowship in the woods. Many of our GUMC youth will be counselors during the week. This particular session at Lakeshore is an extended week offering both an Elementary Camp for ages 8-11 and a Junior High Camp for ages 12-14. If you are interested in attending this week, please register through Lakeshore's Website (<https://lakeshorecamp.org/>) and then drop an email to Callie Beaver (cbeaver@germantownumc.org) so we can coordinate the trip together.

### 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:

Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, Executive Minister  
Germantown UMC  
2331 South Germantown Road  
Germantown, TN 38138

Or can be emailed to bgabriel@germantownumc.org

We ask that you pray for our Children's Ministry as we seek a new member for our team.

Kristin Dickerson will be resigning her position at the end of June to pursue a career in teaching. We are so thankful to Kristin for her 7 years of service and dedication to the children of GUMC.



## Are You Looking for a Break?

Are you getting tired of watching constant news, game shows, and old sporting events? Give yourself a break and an adventure in learning when you watch one of the films by Willy Bearden.

Willy, a long-time Brown Bag Lunch speaker and well-known Memphis film maker, has given us a gift—14 of his films are available FREE on his website! You can see everything from *Visualizing the Blues* to *Masters of Florence*. The shortest film is 7 minutes long, and the longest is 1 ½ hours.

Visit <https://willybearden.com/> and enjoy a film that speaks to you. Pick one or see them all. When you go this website, click on FILMS at the top of the Home page, and the list will pop up with a description of each film.



## May Brown Bag Lunch Program!



Dan Conaway's presentation "I'm a Memphian: Character References for a City" on May 1 has been CANCELLED because the church will be closed for all activities, meetings, and worship through April 30. This will not give church staff time to set up for our Brown Bag Lunch program the next day. We will re-schedule this presentation in our 2020-2021 season, which will start on Friday, September 4.

In the meantime, you might enjoy seeing *Visions of Grace: The Art of Grace-St. Luke's Stained-Glass Windows*, which was filmed by Willy Bearden and narrated by Dan Conaway, both Brown Bag Lunch favorites. This presentation shows the windows, art, and symbolism of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church and will uplift you during this Easter season.

Visit <https://vimeo.com/403734716> to see this beautiful film.

## XYZs June Event Cancelled!

Playhouse on the Square has cancelled the June performances of *Little Shop of Horrors*. If you have tickets for this event, you will receive a telephone call and a refund check in the mail.

Our 2020-2021 XYZ season will open on Saturday, August 15, when we see *Remember When Rock Was Young*, the Elton John tribute at Bartlett Performing Arts & Conference Center. There are still seats available for this event, and more information will be coming in the June Tidings.



**Our events are open to all adults age 55 and older, singles and couples, regardless of church membership. Mark your calendar and make your reservations for these events today!**



## Older Adult Recognition Sunday

June 14, 2020



### Foundations of the Past Building the Future

Each year, the church honors the senior members of the church. At Germantown United Methodist Church, there are approximately 830 members above the age of 65. This represents almost 25% of the church membership.

On June 14, we will give special recognition to all of our older adult members at the three worship services. Rev. Jack Henton will be preaching in honor of his 70 years in the ministry. There will be special readings and a sermon directed at the church members in that age bracket.

The theme for this year's program is: FOUNDATIONS OF THE PAST; BUILDING THE FUTURE.

Our older adults have been the bedrock of the church both through longevity, and through service. There are approximately 533 people who have been members for over 30 years. This group of older adults make up a large number of the volunteer force at the church. They bring their talents and faith to other church members

through ministries such as distributing communion, ushering, delivering flowers and meals and transportation. They also assist at special events and at the Welcome Center, visit new members and the homebound and hospitalized, knit prayer shawls, and serve on committees at the church just to name a few.

Plan to attend one of the worship services and hear familiar hymns and prayers, and to receive and give the acknowledgement so richly deserved for our Older Adults.

## Health & Recreation *Judy Oros, joros@germantownumc.org*

### We Can't Wait To See You Again

The OLEC is confident that we can help provide you with peace of mind for your safe return. Thank you for your patience during this time and feel free to follow us on @Olec2323 on Instagram or our Facebook Page for exercising routines, healthy food choices, and new recipes to try. We look forward to working out with you again!

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