

Missions Ministry

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

Room in the Inn Donations. Thank you for your generous donations! Reminder: we cannot accept travel size toiletries or clothing other than new T-shirts, underwear, and socks. Current needs are new boxer briefs all sizes, women's underwear all sizes, rain ponchos, insulated gloves, and small t-shirts as well as 2X and 3X t-shirts. Donation drawer is near the entrance to Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call/text/email Alise Davis at 901-496-6402 or alisedavis4@gmail.com

Jacob's Ladder. Reverend Bill Marler, Director of Jacob's Ladder, also expressed his appreciation for the donations given at GUMC's Alternative Christmas Event. The money received will be used in the Belt Line Neighborhood to re-image a broken community with new housing, community and teen resources, build green spaces and parks as a testimony to the creative and loving power of God.

One by One Ministries. The Executive Director of One By One Ministries, Heather McCaskill, sent a thank you note to our congregation, thanking us for inviting her organization to participate in GUMC's Alternative Christmas. She appreciates the financial donations and the interest shown by several members in their Mentoring Program for new mothers. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact Heather: 901-857-1153.

United Methodist Women (GUMW)

Chesley Porteous, women@germantownumc.org. All women are invited to attend any of our GUMW events! Website www.germantownumc.org/umw

Friendly reminder for all women who registered to attend the GUMW Luncheon on February 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Registration is now closed.

Lent By Candlelight | February 18, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. |

All women are invited to join us and enjoy warm fellowship over desserts, coffee and tea in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall, followed by worship in the Chapel to prepare our hearts and minds for Lent. Our speaker will be Jennifer Brezina. Please register at germantownumc.org. Limit 120 women. There's no charge to attend, and free preschool childcare is available.

Spring/Summer GUMW Children's Consignment Sale. It's that time of year! Clean out the closet, rummage through the attic, and sort through the garage for clothing, toys, baby equipment, and more. GUMW Children's Consignment Sale registration is now open! Can't consign? We also accept in-kind donations for the sale! Visit gumwclothingsale.com for details. Sale dates are March 27-28. Thank you for supporting the missions of GUMW!

Germantown United Methodist Preschool

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

Pastry with Parents. GUMP enjoyed our first Pastry with Parents where parents were invited to have a little breakfast treat in the classroom with their child. Each child made a special piece of artwork for their parents. We are grateful for all our parents do, especially sharing their little ones with us.

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

Gary Kramzar, brother of Linda (Guy) Photopulos, January 3
David Dean, son of Richard and Rita Dean, January 10
Tommy Turner, son of Carolyn Turner, January 16
Dot McPhillips, January 19
William C. Marks, III, nephew of Jo Ann & Del Mercer, January 27
Sylvia Waters, wife of Charles Waters, January 27
Billy Browder, brother of Mack (Carolyn) Browder, January 29
Lynn Lowery, husband of Dale Lowery, February 1
Clona Gamman, sister of Rev. Lloyd Moore, February 2

In Hospital or Care Facility

Allen Underwood

Congregational Concerns

Carolyn Browder
Hugh Colville
Mackenzie Fittes
Janette Hawkins
Mistie Hawkins
Don Hayes
Hope Jones
Mary Elaine Jones
David Oppenheim
Gary Rutherford
Marcia Wagner
Jerry Windham



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Sanctuary Flowers and the Elder Care Ministry. When you place flowers in the Sanctuary, the bouquet not only enhances worship but also benefits the Elder Care Health Ministry. After worship, volunteers arrange the flowers into about 6 smaller bouquets to deliver to members who cannot attend services. Please sign up to honor or memorialize a special person or occasion by contacting Anne Bush at abush@germantownumc.org.

The Last Week: What the Gospels Teach About Jesus's Final Days starts Tuesday, February 11, 9:30-11:00 a.m. In this 7-session, Lenten study, we will explore the gospels' day-by-day account of Jesus' final week of life. Facilitated by Mary Groh. Cost: \$12. Free childcare is available by reservation. Register at germantownumc.org.

Baseball is coming to GUMC! GUMC/OLEC is adding coach pitch baseball to our intramural sports' leagues. Taking all boys and girls ages 6, 7, and 8. Please register by contacting Judy Oros at joros@germantownumc.org.

Week 11

Germantown United Methodist Church makes a profound difference in the world. You faithful service serves the spiritual, physical, familial, and mental needs of people all over the world. Your prayers shape the ministries. Your financial support makes them real. If you have not yet made a financial commitment for 2020, please consider, prayerfully in doing so now.

Year	Week	Pledges	Amount Pledged	Average Amount
2020	Week 11 - February 2, 2020	413	\$2,560,487	\$6,200
2019	Week 11 - Dec. 9, 2018	407	\$2,520,880	\$6,194
	Plus/Minus Differences	6	\$39,607	\$154

Children's Ministry

Callie Beaver, Director of Children's Ministry, cbeaver@germantownumc.org

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Natalie Adkinson, Assoc. Dir., Special Needs, nadkinson@germantownumc.org

Created by God: (February 28-29) This curriculum teaches human sexuality and development to tweens (5/6 graders) through the lens of Scripture and love. Registration is now open online.

Preschool Stepping Stones: We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. This February, we are learning to *"Love each other as I have loved you"* (John 15:12). Please join us in the Hamilton Nursery, directly across from the main sanctuary entrance.

Kids Quest: Elementary children grades K-5 gather each week in the Huddle (Room 240). This month, we are learning about *Love-choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated* (1 John 4:10). Please join us at either 9:40 or 11:00 a.m.

Elementary Expedition (not just for Elementary): Our Wednesday nights continue this week with dinner in the Huddle at 5:30, worship in the Chapel at 6:00, and small groups in the Children's wing classrooms at 6:30. Pick up time is 7:15. Preschool children are welcome to come get their dinner in the Huddle and take it down to the nursery for their special programming. Please see details and register online.

OLEC Drop-In Care: Drop-in childcare is available at the OLEC from 9:00 a.m. to noon, M-F. Children 6 months – prekindergarten are eligible. See our website for full details.

Health and Recreation Facility (OLEC)

Todd Hinton, Director of Health & Recreation, thinton@germantownumc.org

Judy Oros, Assistant Director, joros@germantownumc.org

Spring Soccer Registration is now OPEN for all boys and girls ages 4's and 5's. Contact joros@germantownumc.org for more information. Games will start Friday, March 27! Registration will close on February 29.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America! Come and play with us at the OLEC on Mon/Wed/Fri from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. All levels welcome! Fun - Friendly - Fellowship - Fitness

Youth Ministry

Lisa Pierce, Dir. of Middle & Confirmation, lpierce@germantownumc.org

Brian Richards, Dir. of High & College Ministry, brichards@germantownumc.org

Element: We are back at it tonight! Join us at 5:30 for some extra hang time or 6:00 for dinner (\$3). Pick up at 8:00. Middle school pickup will be at the Welcome Center of the main building.

Created by God: (February 28-29) This curriculum teaches human sexuality and development to tweens (5/6 graders) through the lens of Scripture and love. Registration is now open online.

Discovery Weekend: (February 21-23) Registration is now open online for this on-site retreat for middle and high school students. You definitely don't want to miss this weekend of fun, fellowship, and eye-opening discussions!

Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast: Will meet this week. Girls will be meeting at the Starbucks on Houston Levee and guys will be meeting at the Chick-fil-A in Collierville at 6 a.m.

Synergy: Will meet from 6-7:15 this week. Come at 5:30 for dinner if you want - bring \$3 for dinner and meet in the Huddle.

Synago: We will continue our Discovery Weekend planning at the Prescott house from 7-8:30.

Sunday Morning Trek: Meet with us at the OLEC on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for food, fellowship, and lessons.

Donations Needed: If you have a used (but working) iPad or iPad Mini, the youth department could use it in our ministry. Please bring donations to Lisa or Brian. Thanks so much!

College and Young Professionals Ministry

Brian Richards, Dir. of High & College Ministry, brichards@germantownumc.org

College Age Sunday School will meet today February 9 at the 11 a.m. worship hour in the OLEC lobby.

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.

Older Adult Ministry

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

XYZ's March Event! As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to the Rev. Dan Matthews at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop, and tour First United Methodist Church on Friday, March 13, 2020. We depart at 10 a.m. from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$3 per person plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Thursday, February 13.

March Brown Bag Lunch Series!

Willy Bearden, Memphis Film Make and Author, will talk about "Making a Documentary: Walking in the Steps of a Film Maker." This presentation will be Friday, March 6, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed. **There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**

AARP Smart Driver™ Course! GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on March 19 & 20, 2020 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The class will meet in Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom) in the Ministry Center, 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 901-384-3581 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

XYZ's April 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 Friday, April 17, 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 Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, March 17.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 338 for a discussion of *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, a novel about an aristocrat under house arrest who witnesses the rise of the Soviet empire. No need to register, just purchase the book or check-out from the library and join us for a spirited discussion.