

Missions Ministry

Please contact John Pearson at jlp1@comcast.net for mission needs.

Help Needed for Room in the Inn Dec. 27. Volunteers of all kinds are needed to help host our unsheltered neighbors Dec 27. Sign up at <http://tiny.cc/RITIDec27> or contact Alise Davis at alisedavis4@gmail.com or 901-496-6402

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. Most needed items currently are women’s size 5 & 6 underwear, large bottles of Body Wash, 2x and 3x T-shirts, and 2x and 3x Men's boxer briefs. Donation drawer is near the entrance to Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

The Weekend Food Program provides food for the weekend for children of need at Caldwell-Guthrie School. A child in need is one that does not know where or what they will eat on the weekend. NOW is the time to donate so children can eat in January and through the remaining months of the school year. It is \$300 to sponsor one child for the school year but any donation is welcomed. To donate make a check payable to GUMC memo line “Weekend Food”. For more information contact Barbara Schanson a member of GUMC at barcons@comcast.net.

Missions Ministry: The United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis wish to extend much appreciation to all those who participated in our gift card drive at Thanksgiving. GUMC's faithful support of this annual ministry helped provide much needed food to those who are "food insecure"! Germantown, alone, provided 72 (\$25 cards) or enough to feed 36 families! UMNC was able to provide help to more than 235 families...a real blessing! Thanks for your generous donations to this Methodist Mission.

Thankful in God’s Abundance

Week 3

Pledge Year	Date	No. of Pledge	Amount Pledged	Average Pledge
2020	Week 3:	312	\$2,015,577	\$6,460
2019	Week 3:	334	\$2,041,082	\$6,111
		(22)	\$25,505	\$349

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

Germantown United Methodist Women would like to thank all who supported the Christmas Cookie Shoppe. It was a tremendous success! The proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUMW. Thanks to all who worked, bought and supported this annual event. We look forward to seeing you again next year for this GUMW tradition.

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

P.J. Scott, Grandfather of Trey (Emily) Gerrell, December 6
Kenneth Cromer, brother of Bill (Luci) Cromer, December 11

In Hospital or Care Facility

Lib Watts

Congregational Concerns

Hugh Colville, Mackenzie Fittes, Barbara Fry, Hiram Fry, Mistie Hawkins, Ken Jumper, Bob Lynn Sr., Dot McPhillips, Rev. Lloyd Moore, Richard Moore, David Oppenheim, Tom Oviatt, Alma Pitner, Franklin Ray, Gary Rutherford, Patty Trantina, Marcia Wagner, Sylvia Waters, Cathy Whitaker, Jerry Windham, Tammy Yeargan



December 15, 2019



Service of the Long Night is Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. and will be in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Huddle.

Community Carol Festival 2019 takes place tonight at 5:00 p.m. Make plans to be present. The Matins Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir have been hard at work. Their efforts are rounding into form, this should be a wonderful night.

The next Church Board meeting will be on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast for Dinner! Join us for a church-wide dinner on Wednesday, January 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the OLEC. Wear your pajamas and enjoy eggs, bacon, biscuits, grits, waffles, fruit, milk, and coffee prepared by our United Methodist Men. Special entertainment will be provided by our Sunday Morning Praise Band with hymn singing, praise songs, and more! Cost is \$5/adult and \$3/child (4-10), free for children 3 and under. All proceeds from the meal will support UMM missions. Make a reservation by noon on January 6 at germantownumc.org.

Health and Recreation Facility (OLEC)

Todd Hinton, Director of Health & Recreation, thinton@germantownumc.org
Judy Oros, Assistant Director, joros@germantownumc.org

Our December class schedule: *** R = Thursday**

- **Pickleball: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; M, W, & F**

- **Judy Oros**

Rise & Shine Bootcamp: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.; T & R

Beginner Bootcamp: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; M

Cardio Sculpt: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; F

Core & More: 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; M & R

- **Todd Hinton**

Strength/ Conditioning Bootcamp: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; M

Spin & Strength: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; M

-**Dr. Bob Hughes**

Yoga: 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.; W

-**Judy Pearson**

Super Senior: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; M & F

Walk Fit: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; T & R

-**Cheryl Petit**

Yoga: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; M, W, & F

- **Michael**

Tai Chi: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; W

- **Al Walton**

Gentle Yoga: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; M & W

Vinyasa Yoga: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; T

Vinyasa Yoga: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; W

-**Chandler Seaton**

Zumba: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; W

COMING SOON! Meal Prep Lunch Workshop in January- Contact Judy Oros for more info.

College and Young Professionals Ministry

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

College Age Sunday School will meet today, December 15 at the 11 a.m. worship hour at the OLEC.

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.

Children’s Ministry

Callie Beaver, Director of Children’s Ministry, cbeaver@germantownumc.org
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Preschool Stepping Stones: We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. This month, we are learning that “*God has given a son to us*” (Isaiah 9:6). 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 *Joy- finding a way to be happy, even when things don’t go your way* (Philippians 4:4). Please join us at either 9:40 or 11:00 a.m.

Family Worship Sunday—December 29: We will not be having Sunday School in the Huddle on Sunday, December 29. Please enjoy worship in the Sanctuary together as a family. There will be childcare in the Hamilton Nursery for the little ones.

Youth Ministry

Lisa Pierce, Dir. of Middle & Confirmation, lpierce@germantownumc.org
Brian Richards, Dir. of High & College Ministry, brichards@germantownumc.org

Element: Will meet tonight for our annual Gift Exchange from 6-8 p.m.! Bring a wrapped gift with you if you would like to participate! It can be a great gift or a funny gift. Come @ 5:30 for extra fellowship time. \$3 for dinner. Middle school pickup at the OLEC.

Chillax: Middle school lock-in/lock-out is Friday, December 20. This will be a night of crazy fun all over Memphis and at the OLEC. Register online!

High School Retreat: Registration is open now! We will be back at Pickwick January 2-4! This is truly a time to dig deep and spend some time centering yourself before the new semester. Register Online!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 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 and Synago: Synergy and Synago will begin meeting again after the new year.

Sunday Morning Trek: We are meeting at the OLEC on Sunday mornings at 9:40 and 11:00 for food, fellowship, and study. Middle and high schoolers are welcome!

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 January Event! Beat the winter blahs and see *Wild Africa 3D* at the CTI 3D Giant Theater and eat lunch at Patrick’s on Park on Thursday, January 23, 2020. We depart at 9:45 a.m. from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$8 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 Monday, December 16.

January Brown Bag Lunch Series!

Randy Hutchinson, President of the Better Business Bureau of the Mid-South, will talk about “Scams against Seniors.” This presentation will be Friday, January 3, 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.**

Adult Education

Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org

The 2020 Women’s Retreat is January 24-25. Join the GUMC ladies for an enriching retreat of fellowship and inspiration at St. Columba Conference Center where we will gather for discussions based on the theme “*Real Women, Real Struggles, Real Faith!*” led by GUMC member, Barbara Schanson. You can stay overnight or join us on Saturday. Pick up a brochure or call Mary Groh. Register soon - we are limited to 70 participants.

Our Membership Class: “Welcome to GUMC!” is Sunday, January 12 from 9:40 – 1:00 p.m. (with a break for 11:00 worship). Join our ministers to get an overview of Methodist history, traditions, and beliefs and GUMC’s missions and ministries. This study is open to newcomers and longtime members and is a great opportunity to meet our ministers and staff and learn about Germantown UMC! Lunch will be provided and childcare is available. Register at online or call Mary Groh.

Germantown United Methodist Preschool

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

It is the most wonderful time of the year and you can feel the joy at GUMP! We will have a “Happy Birthday, Jesus” party as we anticipate celebrating the birth of our Savior. Our last day for the first semester is December 13. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas season!