



Ministry News & Events

Germantown United Methodist Church

November 8, 2020

David Oppenheim Memorial Gift



In memory of David Oppenheim, new landscaping was recently added on the southeast corner of our main church property (outside the Children's Education Building). This project included plantings along the building in addition to landscaping surrounding a bench with a dedication to David.

This gift to the church was given by the Oppenheim family in addition to the donations made to GUMC in honor of David, who lost his battle with brain cancer on February 16 of this year. This garden type setting that enhances our exterior area is the perfect testament to David's love of the outdoors and this church.

Veterans Day Brochure And Recognition Service

Today, Sunday, November 8, we will recognize Veterans during our worship services in honor of Veteran's Day. Please pick up a Veterans Day Brochure outside the Narthex.

Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner and Advent Workshop

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, our traditional church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner has been canceled for 2020. We will not have our traditional Advent Workshop in November, but Family Advent Kits, with materials for making your family's Advent Wreath and ornaments and crafts for the kids to do at home, will be available for pick up starting Sunday, November 15. Please go to our website under What's Going On- Open Registrations to register for a Family Advent Kit.

Emmaus Sunday School Class BBQ Sale!

Emmaus Sunday School Class will hold its world famous BBQ SALE on Saturday, November 14! You can choose from a slab of ribs, pulled pork or pork loin. Price is \$30 each. Proceeds will benefit 2 very deserving missions: La Limye in Haiti and Golden Cross Senior Ministries. All COVID safety precautions will be followed during cooking and distribution. Pickup will be in the OLEC parking lot between 2pm & 3pm Saturday- just drive up- no need to get out of your car. Payments are via cash or checks payable to Emmaus at pickup time. Deadline for ordering is Thursday, November 12 at noon. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up your freezer for the coming holidays! Click [here](#) to order.



Adult Education

Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org

We have 18 adult Sunday school classes meeting on Sunday mornings, either in-person or online. Please go [here](#) every week to see the list of topics and teachers for November 8. You may also see the list on the GUMC App. Visitors are always welcome!

Light of the World—A Beginner's Guide to Advent starts Tuesday, November 24, 9:30-11:00 a.m., via Zoom. Join us for a 4-week, DVD study with author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine as we explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Facilitators: Mary Groh and Cathy Whitaker. Cost: \$12. Register at 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*.

Older Adult Programming Update! Many changes have had to be made to programming at the church, and older adult activities are no exception. The Brown Bag Lunch and XYZ activities will resume in September 2021. Should a vaccine become widely available, we will plan events on a month-to-month basis and keep you informed via the *Tidings* and the Ministry News & Events. We have an AARP driving class scheduled in March, 2021, if AARP will allow its classes to be taught to groups. Watch for more information about this class in the January *Tidings*. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Luci Cromer at 901.755.0803.

Children's Ministry

Callie Beaver, Director of Children's Ministry, cbeaver@germantownumc.org
Natalie Adkinson, Assoc. Dir., Special Needs, nadkinson@germantownumc.org

Advent Kits: We will not be having our traditional Advent Workshop in 2020, so we will be preparing Family Advent Kits for you to pick up and use at home. The Advent kits will contain materials for an Advent wreath and ornaments and crafts for your kids to do at home. Please register online today to reserve your family Advent Kit.

Sunday School: Elementary Sunday School meets in-person today from 10:00-10:45 AM. Please drop off your Elementary children no earlier than 9:50 for Sunday School and pick them up by 10:50, so that our volunteers have enough time to get to Worship. The Hamilton Nursery will be open during our two worship services and Sunday School. You must preregister your children in advance by noon each Friday on the church's website under What's Going On- Open Registrations- Youth/Children's Sunday School This Week.

Worship Bags: Children may pick up a worship bag as they enter the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or OLEC for worship. Please reuse your bags each week. New children's bulletins will be available weekly.

Preschool Stepping Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten): We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. In November, we are learning that God is good! Our memory verse is *"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good."* (Psalm 107:1).

KidsQuest (Kindergarten-5th Grade): During the month of November, we are learning about Gratitude- letting others know you see how they've helped you. Our memory verse is *"Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. His faithful loves continues forever."* (Psalm 136:1). Elementary students will meet in the following rooms from 10:00-10:45 on Sunday mornings:

K/1st Grade Boys: Room 256/258

K/1st Grade Girls: Room 260/262

2nd/3rd Grade Boys: Room 259

2nd/3rd Grade Girls: Room 240 (The Huddle)

4th/5th Grade Boys: Room 261

4th/5th Grade Girls: Room 257

If you are doing Sunday School at home, please see your email for lessons. If you are not receiving our emails, please let us know at cbeaver@germantownumc.org.

Wednesday Nights with Kids: We will meet on Wednesday, November 11 from 6:00-7:15 for our last Wednesday night of 2020. Elementary students will be at McVay Gardens (OLEC gym if raining or too cold). Younger children will be in the Hamilton Nursery. Please preregister your kids by noon on Wednesday!

Health and Recreation Facility (OLEC)

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

Judy Oros, Assistant Director, joros@germantownumc.org

You can see your favorite instructors on-line via the Germantown United Methodist Facebook page, as well as the Owings Life Enrichment Center page. Our instructors showing their expertise this week include Al Walton with some Gentle Yoga Poses. Keep following and get some really good instruction and tips from the experts!

The OLEC is welcoming everyone back into the Gym. Our hours of operation will be from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Reservations MUST be made prior to your arrival by contacting the front desk at 901-753-3100. We will reserve your spot in either the Cardio Room, Weight Room, or Track for your 45-minute workout of your choice. Please be advised to wear your mask, get your temperature taken, and follow our 6 ft. rule throughout the facility. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Elder Care Ministry

Pat Smith, psmith@germantownumc.org

Vases Needed! The Flower Ministry is in need of vases. Use this time when you are confined to home to clean out your closets and attics and send your extra vases to the church. If you cannot bring them, call Pat Smith at 758-6513 and someone will come to pick them up. Thank you so much!

Youth Ministry

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

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

Sunday Morning Trek: Join us for Trek this morning at 10:00. We are in a new place below the chapel. To find us, head towards the chapel and follow the signs downstairs to rooms 131, 132, and 133.

Element: Will be having a worship night tonight from 6-8 in the Trinity Worship Center. We will be socially distant and require masks to sing. This is a combined MS and HS event. Please note the time is different than our typical Element times. We will have some time for fellowship after worship.

Testimony Youth Choir: Look for updates in the Testimony GroupMe for rehearsal times dates and instructions. If you are interested in sharing your vocal gifts with us don't hesitate to contact Lisa, Brian or Natalie Duncan.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast: High school students are having some incredible study and prayer on Tuesday mornings. We are gathering in the pavilion behind Houston High School at 6:30 AM. Brian and Lisa bring breakfast, so all you need to bring is a Bible and a mask.

Synergy and Synago: We are loving our Wednesday evening time together. Synergy (middle schoolers @ 6:00 PM) and Synago (high schoolers @ 7:15 PM) are meeting at the Prescott House (on the north side of the OLEC).

Weekday Study Hall: Our youth ministry has opened a weekday study hall for middle and high school students. This is intended to be a place for students (especially those home alone) to study on their virtual days of school. Monday-Thursday; 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please use the SignUpGenius on the youth webpage to register.

Rising 6th graders: We have begun our Confirmation Class today at 10:00 AM in the youth area beneath the chapel. Contact Lisa Pierce if you need information about this program. Please register online for this class.

Stay Informed: Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.

College and Young Professionals Ministry

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

College Age Sunday School will temporarily combine with our HS Trek class which meets in the couch room at 10 a.m.

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.

Weekday Preschool (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, ssutton@germantownumc.org

We are enjoying cooler temperatures and exploring the changes of the season. This month we will talk about Family Celebrations including Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for our sweet friends and their families. If you or someone you know is interested in our play based preschool, please contact us at 753-3109.

Missions Ministry

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

RITI has begun! The Winter Shelter season will continue through March 31. While we are limiting guests and volunteers, we still need everyone to make Holy Hospitality a success! Please contact Alise Davis at alisedavis4@gmail.com to find out available nights to host and ways to get connected. Monetary donations can be made out to GUMC, memo line: RITI.

The Missions Committee has decided to extend until November 1 the opportunity for individuals and Sunday School Classes to give to the Missions Coronavirus Fund which will benefit people in Memphis impacted adversely by the pandemic. Donations can be given through the church website.

Job Opportunities

We are seeking a Director of Nursery Ministries to serve our Hamilton Nursery. This is a part-time position which requires service on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, but is flexible at other times throughout the week.

We are also seeking an Associate Director of Children's Ministries- Elementary. This is a part-time position which requires service on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, but is flexible at other times throughout the week.

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.

Health and Prayer Concerns

To submit a prayer request, please contact Anne Bush at 901-754-7216 or abush@germantownumc.org. You can go to our website and fill out prayer request form online. In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available by calling 901-412-5776.

Congregational Concerns

Kay Benson
Hugh Colville
Mackenzie Fittes
Anne Fritz
Brian Hailey
Mary Elaine Jones
Gerald Kilpatrick
Dee Ann Malcolm
Louise McGhee
Greg McKenna
Jo Ann Mercer
Lynn Shipp
Marcia Wagner