



Ministry News & Events

Germantown United Methodist Church

October 18, 2020

Today, October 18, Rev. Rick Kirchoff to Preach



Today we will welcome **Rev. Rick Kirchoff**, who will open our stewardship emphasis by bringing our message. Rev. Kirchoff was the Senior Pastor of Germantown UMC from 1998-2011 and oversaw many years of growth and vitality at GUMC. We are excited that he will be with us, and we hope that you will join us on site or online! Please remember to register your attendance with us by going to the front page of our website or by filling out an attendance card in the pew.

All Saints—2020

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 1, 2020. During both services we will remember the members of GUMC who have joined the church triumphant. Listed below are the names of the members, according to our records, who passed away in the past year. Please contact the church office immediately if you know of an addition or correction to this list.

Ann Tomlinson Barnett	Dorothy Jane McPhilips
Betty Louise Coleman	Everett Bartel Metts, Jr.
Jim F. Doran	Doris Holt Morgan
Joyce Ball Downing	Ruth McCaughan Morrison
Lt. Col. Kenneth Ross Earl	David Anthony Oppenheim
Donald Cornelius Heezen	Gary M. Rutherford
Sharon Ann Steele Hicks	Florence Louise Summers Wilder Scott
Charlotte Lee Joshlin	James Wilbur Steen
William "Bill" Joshlin	Sylvia Jean Carr Waters
Floyd Lynn Lowery, Jr.	Jerry Lee Windham
Camille Whitmore McNeely	

Veteran's Day Brochure And Recognition Service

Please pick up a Veteran's Form at the Welcome Center or the Narthex for our Veteran's Day Brochure.

Collection boxes will also be placed in the Welcome Center and the Narthex. You can also fill out the form at home by clicking [here](#). Deadline is Monday, November 2 at noon.

On November 8, we will recognize Veterans during our worship services in honor of Veteran's Day.

Watch Our Very Own Pat Smith Interview With WKNO!

Our Elder Care Coordinator, Pat Smith, recently interviewed with WKNO. Watch the interview by clicking the link:

<https://video.wkno.org/video/socializing-and-aging-b07rps/>

Adult Education

Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org

Please check out the list of lessons and teachers below for October 18 and join us!

- **Called – Hearing and Responding to God’s Voice** (Lauren Boswell)
Agape meets at 10:00 am in Room 233, Chapel Building.
- **Wonder Struck: Awaken to the Nearness of God** (Shirley Gee)
Alpha meets at 10:30 am via Zoom. Contact Bill Nation (bnation@prodigy.net) for invite.
- **You Are Not Alone by Max Lucado** (Mike Goforth)
Apostles meets at 10:00 via Zoom. Contact Mike Goforth (mgoforth@dsginc.net) for invite.
- **The Gospel of Mark** (Bill McLaughlin)
Asbury meets at 11:00 am via Zoom. Contact Bill McLaughlin (Mclaughlinwilliam@comcast.net) for invite.
- **A Hundred Different Stories – and the Courage to Face Our Own** (Jim Pruett)
Celebration meets at 10:15 am via Zoom. Contact Bryan Barger (bwbarger55@yahoo.com) for invite.
- **John – The Gospel of Light and Life**
Emmanuel meets at 10:00 am in the Adult Education Building, Room 4
- **Secular Songs with Religious Themes** (Mark Schielke)
Emmaus Class meets at 10:00 am at the Trinity Center, McVay Park
- **Lou Holtz’s 2015 Undergraduate Commencement Address** (Mack Browder)
Fellowship Forum meets at 10:00 am in Room 339
- **The Letter of Paul to the Galatians** (Jim Borden)
Fiser Covenant meets at 10:00 am in the Adult Education Building, Room 1
- **Love Does by Bob Goff**
Foundations meets at 10:00 am in OLEC Oasis
- **Who Is This God?** (Doug Carpenter)
Gilbert meets at 10:00 am in Room 232
- **We Did Some Things Right!** (Judy Pearson)
Horizon meets at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- **Christianity and World Religions** (Barbara Schanson)
Lamplighters meets at 10:00 am in the OLEC Dance Room
- **Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times**
Pathfinders meets at 10:30 am via Zoom. Contact Dawn Carpenter (defcarpenter@gmail.com) for invite
- **Seeking Ordination: Deacon’s Orders** (Todd Wilson)
Seekers meets at 10:00 am in the OLEC Gym
- **Devotional and Conversation** (Jay McKinney)
Trinity meets at 9:45 am in the Pavilion at McVay Park
- **SOS – Why Does My Watch Keep Telling Me to Breathe?** (Richard Stewart)
Wesley 2.0 meets at 10:00 am in the Chapel
- **The Gospel of Luke** (Carla McCrary)
Women’s Bible Class meets at 10:00 am in the Bride’s Room

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

Sunday School Update: 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.

Preschool Stepping Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten): We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. In October, we are learning that God's got it! Our memory verse is *"God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:9). 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.

KidsQuest (Kindergarten-5th Grades): During the month of October, we are learning about Integrity- choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. Our memory verse is *"Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught."* (Proverbs 10:9). 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, October 21 from 6:00-7:15. Elementary students will be at McVay Gardens (OLEC gym if raining). 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, hinton@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 includes Al Walton with some Gentle Yoga Poses. Keep following and get some really good instruction and tips from the experts!

Challenge for the Month of October:

Did you know that every 2,000 steps equals a mile? Try to get 10,000 steps in per day according to the American Heart Association. Not at that mileage yet? Try to get your mile in (2,000 steps) and work up to 10,000 steps = 5 Miles!

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!

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: We are meeting again at the OLEC, Prescott House, and McVay Gardens on Sunday evenings. Middle schoolers meet from 5:00-6:15 and high schoolers meet from 7:00-8:15. All groups will drop off and pick up at the OLEC. Please bring a mask.

Testimony Youth Choir: Testimony choir has begun meeting between the two sessions of Element from 6:15-7:00 in the OLEC Oasis. Please note the new location; students will NOT be crossing the street for rehearsals. All drop off and pick up will be at the OLEC. Please bring a mask.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast: We have resumed our Tuesday morning high school prayer breakfast. 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 not resume meeting until our other Sunday School programs meet on campus.

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

Fall is in the air! We welcomed our friends back from Fall Break and enjoyed hearing about their adventures! We have many fun things planned for this month including exploring the changes of the season, Halloween celebrations and activities that support our "Great Outdoors" unit. Please call us at 753.3109 if you are interested in our program.

Missions Ministry

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

Room in the Inn Winter Season - Plans are underway to host our homeless guests in the safest way possible. If you would like to be included in email updates on how you can help and what the plans look like, please contact Alise Davis at alisedavis4@gmail.com.

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.

Deepest Sympathy

Tom Bauer, father of Lauren (Myron) Boswell, October 2

Albert owings, father of Doug (Debra) Owings & Cheri Tuncay, October 10

Thomas Julian Chipley, brother of John (Melody) Chipley, October 10

In Hospital

Anne Fritz

Congregational Concerns

Hugh Colville

Mackenzie Fittes

Cheryl Good

Brian Hailey

Mary Elaine Jones

Gerald Kilpatrick

Peggy Kilpatrick

Dee Ann Malcolm

Joan McKay

Greg McKenna

Jo Ann Mercer

Joel Myers

Carolyn Phipps

Judy Rossetti

Marcia Wagner