



# THE WINDOW

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## ENGAGE 2021

### EASTER & BEYOND

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*D*ear Church Family and Friends,

Our theme for this year has been **ENGAGE**, and we are now one-quarter of the year through understanding what it means to engage one another in our faith. You may recall that our motivation behind this theme relates to all of the ways that COVID has affected our church and our “usual” way of doing things.

Our usual way involves, most importantly, in-person gatherings with as many people present as possible. I’d like to think that I would preach the same way if one person were present in our sanctuary as I would if one hundred or five hundred were present. I’d like to think that I’d be totally present and eager no matter what the crowd is. But, let’s be honest: whether it’s church or any other event, we get energy and enthusiasm based on how many people are present. The more people, the more exciting and invigorating the event is. Having more people present creates contagious enthusiasm, and I love looking up on a (pre-COVID) Sunday morning and seeing a great attendance of several hundred people. I feed off of your reactions when I’m preaching and teaching, and there is a palpable sense of anticipation during our crowded worship services, especially during Christmas and Easter services.

At this time last year, we were filming our worship services before an empty sanctuary, and it was pretty deflating. I remain grateful for the technology that made our services available to so many through live-streaming, and it was a vital link for all of us to remain engaged for the first three months of the pandemic. Nevertheless, worshipping in an empty sanctuary was a strange experience – one that I hope never to experience again!

The most famous metaphor for the church in the New Testament is the human body. We are the BODY of Christ: many members within one body. With a diversity of spiritual gifts, we are connected to one another in order to give witness jointly to the grace of God at work in us and our world. To have fewer and fewer of us together means to diminish our witness and our work. We can maintain the relative health of our church body and sustain this mandated separation for a limited amount of time (a year?), but eventually we will weaken. Our faith will weaken, our witness will weaken, our membership will weaken, and our whole body will weaken – unless we commit to be and remain engaged!

Our preventative medicine has been this theme of **ENGAGE** and accompanying Sunday School classes with this same theme that fall into three different units. One unit is entitled Discipleship, another is Mission, and the third is Gospel. Each unit is designed to provoke a reaction of deeper faith and renewed service to the world. The three ministers at GPC are teaching the different units to different groups and classes throughout this year. These classes have stirred



good discussions and thoughtful reflections regarding our cultivation of faith and how we share it with others.

I can’t think of a better time for all of us to re-engage with faith and church life than right now as our society begins to emerge from the pandemic. I have been encouraged by so many people who report on their vaccination schedule. I’ll get my vaccination a few weeks into April, and by the end of the month I’ll be fully vaccinated and ready to be around more and more people again.

During the month of April we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection and the new life we all enjoy by God’s grace. Our gladness seems even more appropriate this spring as we meet in increasing numbers and as we do more faith-building activities together. We worship and learn best when we are face to face and in-person. We will be glad for the technology to connect us in the future when we’re sick or homebound (or on vacation), but our strength as a church lies in being together to worship and serve.

In what new ways can you engage your heart and soul in building up your own faith and the life of our church? How can you engage your neighbor or work colleague to invite him or her to church? How will you share your faith when someone asks you why you attend church? If God’s grace is the most important thing in your life, why not share it? It comes in an eternal and infinite quantity, and it was definitely meant to be shared.

Thank you for engaging in all the ways you do, and we look forward to closer contact and less “social-distancing” as we engage each other in our mutual faith and love for God through Christ.

Gratefully Yours,

*Will*



# GPC ONSITE & ONLINE

**GPC** CONTINUES TO BE CAUTIOUS AS WE RE-OPEN THE CHURCH FACILITIES FOR WORSHIP AND MEETINGS - LIMITING OUR CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER; MAINTAINING SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER; AND, OUT OF LOVE AND CONCERN FOR OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WEARING A MASK WHILE WE'RE INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDINGS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE **GPC** WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS.

IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING **GPC** EMAILS AND WANT TO, PLEASE CONTACT [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).

## CURRENT ONLINE/VIRTUAL MEETINGS

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS & HOW TO ENGAGE, CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT [COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST (FRIDAY MORNINGS)**

**VARIOUS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES-ADULT, SPECIAL NEEDS, YOUTH, CHILDREN (SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

## LIMITED ONSITE & ONLINE LIVESTREAMING

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (9:30AM SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE (6:00PM SUNDAY EVENINGS)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS (10:45AM SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - (SUNDAY MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS 10:45AM/4:30PM)**

**GPC** IS LIVESTREAMING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM** AND **SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00PM**.

**MEN'S LUNCH DEVOTION - 2ND/4TH MONDAYS/MONTH ON ZOOM - CONTACT ANTHONY DUKE ([ANTHONY.DUKE@IPAPER.COM](mailto:ANTHONY.DUKE@IPAPER.COM))**  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES - 1ST TUESDAY/MONTH ON ZOOM - CONTACT NANCY HALTER ([JHALTER2097@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JHALTER2097@COMCAST.NET))**  
**VARIOUS OTHER FELLOWSHIP GROUPS - TBD**

**ONLINE SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON GPC'S WEBSITE, GPC'S VIMEO & YOUTUBE CHANNELS, & GPC'S FACEBOOK PAGE. BE SURE TO LIKE, SHARE, & SUBSCRIBE.  
 YOU'LL BE NOTIFIED EVERY TIME A NEW VIDEO IS UPLOADED.**

**VIMEO - GERMANTOWNPRES ([HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/USER22619921](https://vimeo.com/user22619921))**

**YOUTUBE - GERMANTOWNPRES TN ([HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCwEm01y\\_cQ9Hys-3vYTQOMPw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwEm01y_cQ9Hys-3vYTQOMPw/))**

**REMEMBER: EVERYTHING IN BLUE TYPE IS A LIVE LINK IN THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

# ENGAGE 2021

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

See below for the list of members' birthdays for the current and upcoming months. Be sure to wish your friends a happy birthday and if you know anyone who's been left out, let us know by emailing [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org) or calling the church office 901-754-5195 and asking for the communications department.

### April

1 - Fritz Crombie  
1 - Beverly Froelich  
2 - Marty Wheeler  
4 - Tom Tweel  
6 - David Aslin  
6 - Jean Brooks  
8 - Judy Jones  
8 - J. W. McAllister  
8 - April Rice  
9 - Rachel Gwin  
9 - Anne Tansil  
10 - Steve Jackson  
10 - Laura Patteson  
11 - Mary Rogers  
11 - Susan Threlkeld  
12 - Tom Adams  
12 - Brenda Bishop  
12 - Jill Crocker  
12 - Austin Hughes  
12 - JoAnn Owens  
13 - Beth Schriener  
15 - Mickie Nabers  
15 - Warren East  
16 - Aidan Cooper  
16 - Brad Weiss  
17 - Polly Cotten  
17 - Bob Johnson  
17 - Meredith Mattila  
17 - Amy Thomas  
18 - David Grantham  
19 - Bill Burnett  
19 - Terry Pickett  
19 - Tracey Smith  
20 - Mike Howle  
20 - Kaylie Warren  
21 - Liz Callicott  
21 - Alan Callicott  
21 - Audrey McCleney  
21 - Laura Luckett  
22 - Jill Cox  
22 - Jim Tims  
23 - Gabby Wilkes Guynes  
24 - Dick Goughnour  
24 - Jim Kinney  
24 - Archie Whitaker  
24 - Johnathan Whited  
24 - Maggie Wilson  
25 - Patti Bradford  
25 - Stewart Holmes

25 - Kristy Sneed  
26 - Jeff Halter  
27 - Elaine Cates  
27 - Scott Drannon  
28 - Brooke Duke  
28 - Julie Lindow  
28 - Trey Thomas  
29 - Lanny Oakes  
29 - Martha Shuler  
30 - Tom Oldham  
30 - Bill Shirley

### May

1 - Xander Batey  
1 - MacLean Mayers  
2 - Robby Arthur  
4 - Jerry Heimlicher  
4 - Lori Harding  
4 - Witt Fesmire  
4 - Owen Wells  
5 - Kathryn Simpson  
5 - Brad Gay  
6 - Linda Thurman  
7 - Cindy Cleveland  
7 - Mallory Trenor Kenney  
8 - Donnie Harris  
8 - Phillip Langsdon  
8 - Tim McCaskill  
8 - Andrew Reed  
8 - John Rice  
9 - Gary Mosley  
9 - Brian McDaniel  
9 - Susie Smith  
10 - Dot Hartzog  
10 - Lisa Patterson  
10 - Susan Bingham  
10 - Albert Vacheron  
10 - Nathalie Vacheron  
11 - Christine Adams  
11 - George Moseley  
11 - Adam Pflugrath  
13 - Thomas Humphrey  
14 - Lola Fienup  
15 - Virginia Herrin  
15 - Nancy Hawkinson  
15 - Howard Cleveland  
15 - Ashley Robinson  
15 - Finley Tadlock  
15 - Isabella Walters

16 - Erik Nelson  
17 - Brett Hogan  
17 - Jim Perrin  
17 - Jennifer Prest  
17 - Chancellor Reynolds  
18 - Thatcher Groce  
18 - Becky Long  
18 - Dominique Vacheron  
18 - Peggy Whitaker  
19 - Michelle Brasfield  
19 - Andrew Hopkins  
19 - Karen Lawhorn  
20 - Alexa Guynes  
20 - Kwassi Walters  
21 - Kathleen Boyd  
21 - Judy Carmichael  
21 - Pam Graddy  
21 - Chuck Hurt  
23 - Mike Lyle  
24 - Anna Chandler  
24 - Ed Eleazer  
24 - Danielle Miller  
24 - Jennifer Peregoy  
24 - Robert Shaw  
26 - Ellen Morris  
27 - Fred Frick  
27 - Betty Potter  
28 - Ryan Arthur  
29 - Holt Trenor  
30 - Judy Hobbs  
31 - Johnny Fenlon  
31 - Chip Miller  
31 - Leighton Warren



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## 1ST OUTSIDE MUSIC SOCIAL OF 2021!

On Sunday, April 25 at 6:00pm Germantown Presbyterian Church invites the GPC family as well as members of the community to come enjoy music and outside fellowship in the GPC parking lot on the Arthur Road side of the campus. Bring your lawn chairs and pack your favorite snacks and drinks!

GPC offers a contemporary, blended evening worship service (contemporary takes on traditional music and a casual atmosphere) every Sunday evening at 6:00pm. GPC's evening worship is led by a praise band comprised of students from The Visible Music School, and assembled by GPC staff member and Visible Music School faculty member, Dr. John Johnson.

For the special music event on Sunday, April 25, at 6:00pm, Dr. Johnson says, "I have chosen songs that are hymns with a newer flavor but still familiar and contemporary praise and worship songs. We want to introduce to the wider congregation and community what we are doing for the blended Sunday evening service. We are all worshipping the same Lord, inspired by the Holy Spirit to honor God in all that we do.

"The accompanying instruments may be different such as a cajon, a bass, a keyboard, and four singers who lift their voices to lead the congregation in glorious praise to the risen Lord. We invite all that love the familiar hymns mixed with newer contemporary songs to come and praise the Lord with us April 25 at 6:00pm in the church parking lot on the Arthur Road side of the campus."

GPC's evening worship praise team includes: vocalists, Julia Goff, Karissa Walhof, Britni McCullough, and Dr. John Johnson; keyboardist: De'Merteiro Lee; acoustic guitar: David Oppel; bass player: Nathan Spohn; cajon: Jeff Williams; and sound: Ted Partin.

Make plans now to attend.

For more information about online and onsite worship and programs, check out the Germantown Presbyterian Church website: <https://GermantownPres.org/>.

You can also find social events listed on the GPC Facebook page and on Instagram.

[facebook.com/GermantownPres](https://facebook.com/GermantownPres)

[instagram.com/GermantownPres](https://instagram.com/GermantownPres)



Dr. John Johnson



Pictured from left to right: Britni McCullough, Karissa Walhof, Dr. John Johnson, David Oppel, Nathan Spohn, De'Merteiro Lee.  
Not pictured: Ted Partin and Jeff Williams.



# MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

## MUSIC NOTES

Spring is fast approaching, flowers blooming, and there's music in the air at GPC!! I once again thank Alex and our soloists who have continued to provide quality music in worship during this difficult time when we are not free to enjoy our Chancel Choir or at present even a small ensemble of singers. It is my prayer that we as a community/region of the country/the USA and the world as a whole are making progress in our fight with COVID! I pray, as I'm sure you do, that the future is brighter and we can hope for/realistically dream about a time when worship and music in worship are back to normal. I want to again greet you and all of our friends in the sanctuary as we lift the roof with LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!!!

By the time you read this article we will be on the other side of Easter. Palm Sunday was March 28, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 1 and 2, and Easter Sunday, April 4. Things will not be normal music-wise, but we will worship with appropriate music for each service.

- Palm Sunday: Marcus King opened the service with *Ride On King Jesus*; Christa Navy sang *Via Dolorosa (Way of The Cross/Way of Sorrow - the path Jesus took to His crucifixion)* as we moved from the celebration of Palm Sunday into the somber events of Holy Week.

- Wednesday, March 31, Noon: GPC provided the Community Holy Week meditation that was livestreamed each day from a different Germantown Church.

- Maundy Thursday Worship, April 1, 6:30pm: Music was provided by the Memphis String Quartet and GPC soloists the Crouse Family along with tenor T. J. Turner. Alex, of course, was at the keyboard.

- Good Friday Worship, April 2, 6:00pm offered a meditation on *The Seven Last Words of Christ* in the Chapel developed by Alex and Rev. Wiggins who led.

- EASTER Sunday Worship, April 4, 9:30 and 11:30am: GPC offered an extra morning worship to accommodate as many people as possible. Music included Karen Cooper singing *I Know that my Redeemer Liveth*; Coburn Jones sang *The Trumpet Shall Sound*. David Spencer and Ben Lewis played trumpets, and Alex played the piano, closing the service with a triumphant rendition of *The Hallelujah Chorus* (all pieces from Handel's MESSIAH).

- Sunday, April 11 was Youth Sunday - a very special worship experience for the entire church - where the youth are in charge of every aspect of the service including the special music.

- Sunday, April 18: We will feature soloist T. J. Turner, tenor.

- Sunday, April 25: Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano, will sing.

Services are livestreamed - go to [www.Germantownpres.org](http://www.Germantownpres.org) for access.

Thank you to those of you who support music at GPC through your contributions to the Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund in addition to your pledge to the annual church budget. Your gifts allow us to maintain quality music at GPC throughout the year. Thank You!!

I look forward to seeing you in worship some time in the near future.

Jerold C. Teachey, D.M. / Director of Music



# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

By Jackie Classen

## INTRODUCING MISS SARAH BOLLINGER

Sarah is a kind-hearted, respectful, and eager participant in GPC's Friendship Circle, despite her busy school schedule.

Sarah lives in the Cordova area of Memphis, with her parents, John and Crystal, and one of her older sisters, Anna. Sarah and Anna's oldest sister, Kate, lives in West Memphis.

Sarah was born on Thursday, March 21, 2002, in Indiana. When Sarah was about 7 years old, her family moved to Memphis so that her dad could start working for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Sarah turned 18 years old in March 2020, and she graduated a few months later from Home Life Academy's homeschool program. Her mother held a Zoom Graduation Party for Sarah in May 2020. Since graduating from high school, Sarah has been taking technical certificate college courses online from Southwest Tennessee Community College. These courses keep Sarah quite busy.

In her spare time, Sarah enjoys playing her piano and singing songs. She stated that cooking and baking – especially baking cakes for her friends' birthdays – are her favorite hobbies. Sarah also likes to exercise and workout with Special Olympics. She is talented in so many ways!

Sarah's favorite color – purple – reminds her of her favorite keyboard player, Jeff Fatt. Sarah shared that she has been a big fan of The Wiggles since she was very young. She remembers meeting Jeff and the other band members when she was about 4 years old at a Special Needs Meet & Greet, before their concert began. She was excited to get her picture taken with The Wiggles' band members! That is why she likes to dress in purple and black.

Sarah attends a church closer to her home for regular worship on weekends but says she enjoys having Friendship Circle as a small group. She learned of our Friendship Circle when a friend of hers invited her to participate last fall. She says that she enjoys having friends who want to know more about Jesus. Sarah also enjoys having crafts to do with her friends. Sarah adds richly to our Friendship Circle, with her excellent oral reading abilities, kind-hearted encouragement of others, truth-filled experience sharing, and her desire to share the American Sign Language with our participants. Our Friendship Circle is blessed to have Sarah as a part of our network of good friends! Thank you, Sarah, for adding so much to our lives!



Many thanks to GPC's PEACE program volunteers who joined Jackie to deliver goody bags to Christ Church's neighbors up and down Grove Park Road to thank them for their grace during the upcoming Joy Promade. Pictured from left: Helen Warren, Cathy Borden, Brooke Duke.





# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## MAUNDY THURSDAY AND AN AGAPE MEAL

*Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins*

We invite you to learn about and then observe a Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and also worship with us either in-person (50 maximum) or online this Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 6:30pm.

### First – what is Maundy Thursday?

The Thursday before Easter is known as either Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday. Maundy is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning command – referring to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."

Maundy Thursday commemorates this moment, as well as the moment in time when Jesus taught what it means to be a servant as He washes the feet of His disciples and when He eats His Last Supper with His disciples.

### Second – why create an Agape Meal?

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day are three episodes in one great celebration by which we die and rise to new life with Christ. In other words, immersion in this journey is life-shattering and life-creating, an experience of faith like no other. Here we touch the very heart of the Christian mystery.

Throughout Lent (the forty days before Good Friday) we've been walking beside Jesus as He journeys towards His suffering execution on the cross. So on this night, we can continue our journey with Jesus by creating a meal similar to the one we think He would have shared with His closest friends– His disciples.

### Third – what is Agape? And what is an Agape Meal?

Agape is one of the four main Greek words for love. It refers to the idealized or high-level unconditional love rather than lust, friendship, or affection (as in parental affection). It is the type of love that Jesus gives to us and expects us, His followers, to give to everyone we meet. An Agape Meal is a "love-feast" – a communal meal shared among fellow Christians.

### What might the Agape Meal consist of?

The menu is simple and can be served all together or in two parts:

Cholent (slow-cooked bean stew) with unleavened bread, olives with hyssop (mint-like herb), pistachios, date charoset (chunky fruit and nut paste), honey, wine, and water.

### Some Theology for Maundy Thursday and an Agape Meal:

St. Thomas Aquinas viewed The Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit as teachers and masters who provide lessons, at times by example. For Aquinas, the Last Supper and the Cross form the summit of the teaching that wisdom flows

from intrinsic grace rather than external power.<sup>i</sup> For Aquinas, at the Last Supper Christ taught by example, showing the value of humility (as reflected in John's foot washing narrative) and self-sacrifice, rather than by exhibiting external, miraculous powers.<sup>ii</sup>

Aquinas stated that, based on John 15:15 (in the *Farewell discourse*), in which Jesus said: "No longer do I call you servants; ... but I have called you friends," those who are followers of Christ and partake in the Sacrament of the Eucharist become His friends, as those gathered at the table of the Last Supper.<sup>iii</sup> For Aquinas, at the Last Supper Christ made the promise to be present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and to be with those who partake in it, as He was with His disciples at the Last Supper.<sup>iv</sup>

John Calvin believed only in the two sacraments of Baptism and the "Lord's Supper" (i.e., Eucharist). Thus, his analysis of the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper was an important part of his entire theology.<sup>v</sup> Calvin related the Synoptic Gospel accounts of the Last Supper with the Bread of Life Discourse in John 6:35 that states: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry."<sup>vi</sup> Calvin also believed that the acts of Jesus at the Last Supper should be followed as an example, stating that just as Jesus gave thanks to the Father before breaking the bread (1 Corinthians 11:24) those who go to the "Lord's Table" to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist must give thanks for the "boundless love of God" and celebrate the sacrament with both joy and thanksgiving.<sup>vii</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Michael Dauphinais, *Reading John with St. Thomas Aquinas*, Matthew Levering, 2005, xix, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Last\\_Supper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Last_Supper), accessed 032321.

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid, and Joseph Peter Wawrykow, *A-Z of Thomas Aquinas*, 2005, 124-25.

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid, and Stephen J. Pope, *The Ethics of Aquinas*, 2002, 22.

<sup>iv</sup> Ibid, and Wawrykow, *The Westminster Handbook to Thomas Aquinas*, 2005, 124.

<sup>v</sup> Ibid, and Howard L. Rice, and James C. Huffstutler, *Reformed Worship*, 2001, 66-68, and David S. Chen, *Calvin's Passion for the Church and the Holy Spirit*, 2008, 62-68.

<sup>vi</sup> Ibid.

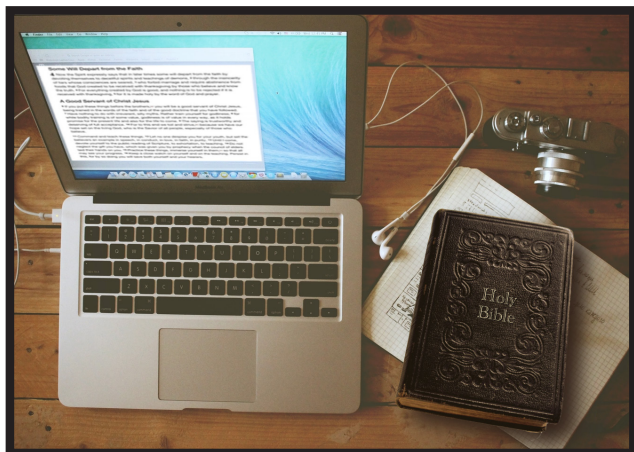
<sup>vii</sup> Ibid.





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## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR MEN & WOMEN



**Men:** You have great small group options during the week. Yay!

**Breakfast:** The men Zoom for Men's Sunrise Ministry Breakfast every Friday morning. The contact for that group is Drayton Mayers, and you can email him at [draytonmayers@gmail.com](mailto:draytonmayers@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom codes.

**Lunch:** There is also a lunch devotional group that meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom. Currently they're reading *Mornings with Bonhoeffer: 100 Reflections on the Christian Life* by Donald K. McKim. The contact for this group is Anthony Duke, and you can reach him at [anthony.duke@ipaper.com](mailto:anthony.duke@ipaper.com) to get involved.

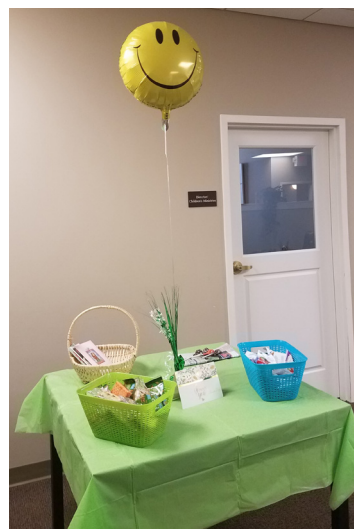
Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study will meet via zoom on Tuesday, April at 10:00am. Night circle will meet at 7:00pm. Our lesson this month is Lesson 8 - *God Laments*.

If anyone needs a packet or study guide (\$10) please contact Nancy Halter. Her e-mail is [jhalter2097@comcast.net](mailto:jhalter2097@comcast.net).



The PW Bible Study is *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller with Suggestions for Leaders by Dee Koza. The Horizons Bible study revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world.

Mid-South Presbytery gathering will be on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 am via zoom. GPC is the host. Our circles will send out zoom sign-in information to all members. All ladies are welcome.



Thank you to PW Circle 3 who provided St. Patrick's Day goodies for GPC staff!



**Save the Dates!**  
**NaCoMe Churchwide Weekend Retreat**  
**April 30 - May 2**  
**Contact: Laura Brown or Susan Lipscomb**  
 ([LLBrown88@gmail.com](mailto:LLBrown88@gmail.com) or [slipscomb6@gmail.com](mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com))

**COVID safety precautions will be in place.**

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## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPTIONS



These are tricky and challenging times. As such, the Adult Education classes being offered on Sunday mornings following worship will change as we move forward and circumstances change

for all of us. Here's what things look like this month.

In order to accommodate the 9:30am worship service, Sunday School classes (adult, special needs, youth, child) will follow the service, both in a limited capacity onsite and continuing online. All the study books being used by the classes can be found in your favorite online bookstore or from your class leader. Make sure you check in with your class coordinator to confirm your group's details. It's always a good time to join a Sunday morning group.

**Coffee & Conversations.** This group meets at 10:45am online and onsite on the second floor of the new adult education building because of flood damage downstairs on the lower level. This class was designed especially for parents with children in Sunday School onsite. Pastor Mike is leading this class using the new **ENGAGE 2021** study with a focus on evangelism. To participate, contact Anna White at [annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org).

**Hits of the Ages Class.** coordinators Liz ([lizcallicott@bellsouth.net](mailto:lizcallicott@bellsouth.net)) and Alan Callicott ([alan@callicottinsurance.com](mailto:alan@callicottinsurance.com)) - This class is studying the book of Genesis with the "Genesis to Revelation" study series. Currently this class meets primarily on Zoom, and it begins at 11am following worship. Beginning May 16, 2021 Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the **ENGAGE** series for 7 weeks. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

**Psalm 78 Class.** coordinators Stacy Weiss ([stacy.weiss@comcast.net](mailto:stacy.weiss@comcast.net)) and Kevin Floyd ([kevinfloyd@comcast.net](mailto:kevinfloyd@comcast.net)) - This class, which is made up of parents of school-age children, is currently looking at a book *Depending on Jesus: Discovering the Sufficiency of Christ* (link below). They meet on Zoom each Sunday at 11am and would like to invite other young parents to jump onboard!

Pastor Mike Lyle will lead an **ENGAGE** series with them in early fall. The class will continue to be held over Zoom. If we decide to meet in person, we will still offer a Zoom option.

In the electronic version of the newsletter, click the title for this resource: [\*Depending on Jesus: Discovering the Sufficiency of Christ\*](#)

For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

**Seekers Class.** coordinators Randy Harris ([randyfharis2@yahoo.com](mailto:randyfharis2@yahoo.com)) and Lanny Oakes ([lannyoakes@bellsouth.net](mailto:lannyoakes@bellsouth.net)) - Having recently completed the new **ENGAGE 2021** study with a focus on mission led by Pastor Susie, the group has returned to their study of the OT book of Isaiah. Beginning May 16, they will begin either "Old Testament Characters" or "New Testament Characters." Then on July 11, 2021, Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the **ENGAGE** series for 7 weeks.

It is simple to participate in The Seekers virtual Sunday School class using a computer, a tablet (iPad), or cell phone. This class continues to meet exclusively via Zoom. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

The dedicated group of women known as [\*Paula's Hearts and Hands\*](#) enjoys meeting together to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, booties, hats, and other things for those in need of prayer and support. They pray over each item produced and often watch a Bible Study series together. They have resumed meeting in person at church in Warren Hall. To find out more about this class, contact Mary Rogers at [mlrogers44@bellsouth.net](mailto:mlrogers44@bellsouth.net).

### NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

GPC members are invited to join a 6-week Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation led by Idlewild Presbyterian member (and former GPC member) Mary Edith Walker.

The study will begin Thursday, April 15 at 10am. Your Bible will be your guide. Last fall 7 members from GPC participated in her Bible Study and really enjoyed it!

Please contact Barbara Armstrong ([b2armst@gmail.com](mailto:b2armst@gmail.com)) to sign up or with any questions.



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## SESSION CORNER

Highlights from our 3/25th Session meeting include:

1. Presbytery Meeting Update: Pinecrest now it's own 501c3 w/ own bylaws, yet still PCUSA related. Covenant and lease agreement (of 99yrs for \$99) unanimously approved at 3/23rd Presbytery meeting.

2. Flood Recovery Update: Insurance Co & Contractor working together regarding what insurance will cover. Doing all they can. Things moving forward. Hope for mid-July completion; back together by August!

3. Ministry Teams continuing to incorporate our "Engage 2021" theme into committee work:

> Worship Committee: Biggest current concern is accommodating Easter services in A.C. Organizing on-line greeters for FaceBook. Engaging as best can in current environment. Hoping for live streaming in Warren Hall for potential overflow.

> Education:

1) Special Needs focused on relationship building w/ vols & participants to meet them where they are, and tailor to their interests. Thank you to Lea Buring for awesome Cookie Kits for Friendship Circle! Memphis Joy PROMADE is 4/16th! If you'd like to volunteer, contact the church office!

2) Adult Ed primary classes continue on well, and have incorporated Engage series. Missing Wednesday Night Compass though, and eager to begin discussing how to bring back in Fall. Committee open to ideas and welcomes volunteers for brainstorming.

3) Children SS trying to be reinvigorated, yet is challenging. Keep children's ministry in your prayers. We long for more young families w/ children to return. We miss you!

4) Upcoming Youth Auction 4/11th needs more ticket sales and involvement! Please sign up and join us in supporting our youth. Come to our safe & innovative auction, bid high, and take home yummy dinner to-go. Sign up via the website TODAY! We long for our youth to return. We miss you!

> Missions: Primarily focused on local missions, considering COVID environment. Challenging, due to inability to gather as needed when volunteering. If you're interested in serving on our Missions Committee as a lay member, please reach out to our church office. Brainstorming support is appreciated.

> Stewardship: Committee approved additional expense incurred from flood (over and above insurance coverage) to be added to retiring the debt campaign for *Building Tomorrow Today* / Ph 2, when this occurs. Committee plans to give more frequent updates on how our members' gifts & pledges further our church efforts.

> Communications / AV: Updating our GPC website. Assessing how GPC communicates (to members, and outwardly to our community at large) to ensure being as effective as possible. Assessing how Youth Room can be updated with new fun AV equipment! More to come there! Pleased with how quickly able to pivot to accommodate live streaming from AC after flood, and that new AC sound system is working well for worship services.

> Membership: Grateful for on-line friendship pad and those signing/requesting callbacks! Continue to pray for an end to COVID, so more traditional visits of potential new members can resume soon.

For further insight, members are welcome to review Session meeting minutes & committee meeting minutes for all Ministry Teams available in our church office.

**GPC members are invited to join a 6-week Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation led by Idlewild Prebyterian member (and former GPC member) Mary Edith Walker.**

**The study will begin Thursday, April 15 at 10:00am. Your Bible will be your guide. Last fall 7 members from GPC participated in her Bible Study and really enjoyed it!**

**Please contact Barbara Armstrong here ([b2armst@gmail.com](mailto:b2armst@gmail.com)) to sign up or with any questions.**

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## EASTER EGG HUNT

In spite of the threat of bad weather, the day was beautiful, and GPC's Easter Egg Hunt was a terrific success! Thanks to everyone who donated candy and volunteered in so many other ways to make this a special time for families. And thanks to Jeff Day for these amazing pictures!



**HeartLife**  
professional soul care

On Sunday, March 7, Ted Mattis led the Coffee & Conversation Sunday School class. Ted, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and an Ordained Minister, is on staff at HeartLife, a local therapy center. He shared with the class what he has seen in his practice as the effects of the pandemic on families, teens, and children. The class certainly enjoyed and benefitted from his expertise.

## CALLING ALL WOMEN ARTISTS

### CALL FOR ART SUBMISSION

Attention: Presbyterian Church (USA) Women & Youth (Female) Artists

Synod of Living Waters

Design Art for the PW Synod Triennial Gathering, a Presbyterian Women's Meeting in Birmingham, AL, June 2022

The design selected will be used for "Save-the-Date" cards, registration information forms, and program booklets.

Artwork should illustrate the theme below:

Theme: Fueled to Serve  
Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10

Mediums accepted: Paintings (watercolor, oil, acrylic), collage, digital art

Submit a digital photograph of your art.  
Do not send original work.

Include your phone number, please.

Deadline for entry: May 15, 2021

Email digital photograph(s) to: [JoPettis@aol.com](mailto:JoPettis@aol.com).

*You do NOT have to be a member of a PW group or Circle to participate.*



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## HOMELESS RESOURCES

To help the homeless: There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808  
[info@hospitalityhub.org](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)

2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329  
[innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)

3. MIFA - 901-527-0208  
[jseacat@mifa.org](mailto:jseacat@mifa.org)



### REMEMBER :

DON'T GIVE OUT ANYONE'S  
PERSONAL NUMBER!

Rising Together Roundation (RTF) promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for a group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community.

#### Challenge 1:

##### *Summer and After-School Programming*

Students from under-resourced communities struggle to access high-quality summer and after-school programming. These students face socio-economic challenges that have brought them to this critical point in their educational development, but they are all eager to learn and thrive.

#### Challenge 2:

##### *Educational Inequality*

The need for educational transformation in the U.S. is real and urgent. Right now children from under-resourced communities are performing significantly below grade level.

With third-grade reading serving as a powerful predictor of lifelong success, this educational inequity is holding back generations of children from reaching their full potential. This community crisis will affect lifelong success and the economy.

Educational inequality is the greatest social justice and civil rights issue in the U.S. today. With about 200 schools and 7,000 teachers, Shelby County Schools\* is among the 25 largest districts in the U.S. Of the approximately 106,000 students in the district, 80% are economically disadvantaged by free and reduced lunch standards.

#### Challenge 3:

##### *Community Impact*

Technology is a driving force of our economy. Well-paying jobs often require a college degree and ever-greater levels of STEM skills. Yet studies show the U.S. lagging behind other developed countries in creating the workforce of the future, ranking 38th out of 71 countries in math and 24th in science.

Rising Together is dedicated to serving and supporting elementary, middle, and high school students by creating, administering, and supporting excellent academic, leadership, and social programs and events and to providing necessary financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate. These programs and events are a collaborative effort by individuals representing public and independent primary and secondary schools, universities and colleges, and other organizations dedicated to excellence in education and leadership.

GPC is excited to be an ongoing partner with RTF, founded by GPC member and community leader Judd Peters. There are lots of ways to get involved in this program: teach, volunteer, become a partner, donate. Check out the website (<https://www.risingtogetherfoundation.com/>) for more information. If you want to talk to Judd Peters about other opportunities, you can email him here ([judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com](mailto:judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com)).

\*Shelby County Schools is the school district serving Memphis and unincorporated areas of the county.



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## UPDATE ON FLOWER DELIVERIES & VASES NEEDED

Many thanks to the Petals and Prayers Flower Ministry for weekly preparing individual flower arrangements from each Sunday's worship flowers – the flowers that have heard the hymns sung, the prayers prayed, and the sermon preached and then are delivered to our GPC family by Pastor Susie Wiggins each week.

As of this printing 322 flower arrangements have been delivered since Pentecost 2020! While this is wonderful, and while this ministry will continue, it also means that the flower ministry is running super low on vases. If you have small vases either from these deliveries or of your own that you could donate so this ministry can continue, please drop them off in the flower room (located right behind the sanctuary on the north side). Thank you so much!



## MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET



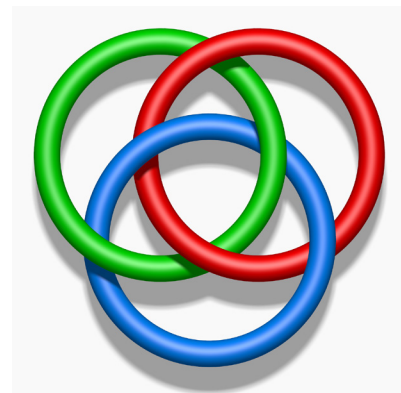
Items in our medical supply closet are available to borrow for members of the congregation. These items can be checked out through the church office by calling 901-754-5195. We have canes, walkers, crutches, shower safety stools, portable toilets, and even a hospital bed. Donations of more medical equipment, especially wheelchairs, are always welcome.

## CIRCLES OF CARE MINISTRY

Last March the Circles of Care Ministry was launched with about 30-35 GPC members caring for about 150 GPC members aged 80+ - those who live alone and were the most vulnerable for feeling isolated and alone in the midst of the pandemic.

The Circles of Care Ministry falls underneath the umbrella of the Congregational Care Committee and Deacon Robbie Hughes is now overseeing the ministry, which is going strong. GPC members are caring for others by telephoning, texting, writing, emailing, preparing meals, delivering meals. Additionally, personal notes are being written and sent to Germantown's front-line workers, specifically our firefighters and police officers. If you know of someone who might need some tender loving care by the Circle of Care Ministry, please let Pastor Susie know at [care@germantownpres.org](mailto:care@germantownpres.org), and likewise, if you would like to be involved in this vital ministry as a caring soul.

The Circles of Care Ministry launched on March 20, 2020 and continues to reach out and connect with many GPC parishioners – most especially our beloved seniors. Through all the ways we are connecting with people, we realize that there is a need to expand the care to younger parishioners and so we are wanting to expand the ministry. The way we will do this is to assign those who are interested in participating 5-10 members that you are willing to connect with each month: either call, email, or write personal notes to – but commit to contacting each one once a month at least. If you are willing to join our ministry team, just let Pastor Susie know by emailing her at [care@germantownpres.org](mailto:care@germantownpres.org) and she will give you a group of people to connect with and their contact information. The relationships being formed are wonderful!





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## FAMILIES & CHILDREN

### VBS Volunteer Opportunities

Vacation Bible School June 7-11, 2021  
WELCOME BACK VOLUNTEERS!

If you ask any of our confirmands what has been their favorite church experience, they will most likely answer...VBS! We are so excited to welcome children back into the church this year for a fun week to learn about Jesus Christ! We will take a closer look at the Bible as we learn to FOCUS on Jesus!

We cannot have a safe and successful VBS without our dedicated volunteers! Please review the positions in which we are in need. You may sign up to volunteer by going to [www.germantownpres.org/vbs](http://www.germantownpres.org/vbs) or email Anna at [annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org).

**SHEPHERD**– The Shepherd leads a group of 5 or 6 children around the church to each rotation. At each rotation a lead teacher will meet you there to lead the designated activity. Your job is simply to know the children in your group, lead them to each rotation, and be hands on as they need encouragement and help. You will have a youth mentor assigned to your group, and he / she will be reliable help! You may sign up to be an Shepherd as your schedule allows...5 days a week or 1 day a week. We understand Shepherds need some flexibility during his / her week, and we aim to make it work! Arrival time is 8:30am for the morning meeting. Head home after all of your children are picked up by a parent – 12:15pm. Approximately 10 shepherds needed each day!

**ELEMENTARY or PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER** – Calling all teachers! We need people who can deliver a clear message with interactive fun for the children. The elementary classroom teacher's role is to teach the Bible story of the day. A daily video is included in this time frame. Activities and supplies will be ready and prepared for you. You will receive a notebook so that you can study over the lesson, but activities and supplies will be ready and prepped! Arrive to GPC and head straight to your classroom at 9:00. Your first class will arrive at 9:15 with a Shepherd and youth mentor to help in the classroom. We need 4 classroom teachers! It is most helpful in this position if you can be present to teach all week, Monday through Friday.

**SNACK and KITCHEN MANAGERS** - We have a preplanned snack menu. We will need a volunteer to purchase the snacks and organize the kitchen so that the snack can be prepped daily. Daily, we will need 2 volunteers to prepare the snack and deliver it to individual children at the snack station. These 2 volunteers will also need to prepare the adult volunteer food snack station and clean it up daily.

**TEE SHIRT and VOLUNTEER PACKET COORDINATORS** – We are in need of 4 volunteers who have availability on June 2 and 3 to sort tee shirts and stuff the volunteer packets.



**VBS: Save the Date!**  
June 7-11

This year 3-year-olds (as of the week of VBS) through rising 5th graders will dive deeper into their faith by putting their FOCUS on God and His amazing plan for their lives! They will discover how to trust in what they CAN'T see because of what they CAN see! We will use this week to explore four different ways we can FOCUS on God: Hear, Talk, Pray, Live! Junior High youth will have the opportunity to serve as mentors for the week! VBS will take place from 9:00am – noon the week of June 7 – 11. Check out this link (<https://germantownpres.org/vbs/>) for everything VBS!

### April Sunday School Themes



# FAMILY MINISTRY

## YOUTH

### Youth VBS Volunteers Needed!

We are excited to welcome back our youth volunteers to VBS! We have many specific jobs for our youth to **ENGAGE** with our children at VBS. Please read the following descriptions, go to the online sign up form, and choose your top two preferences. The week of VBS plan to meet at church each morning at 8:30am for a volunteer daily brief. Someone will contact you as time gets closer to give you all the information you will need to know. Mark your calendar for June 7-11!

#### Junior High Mentor

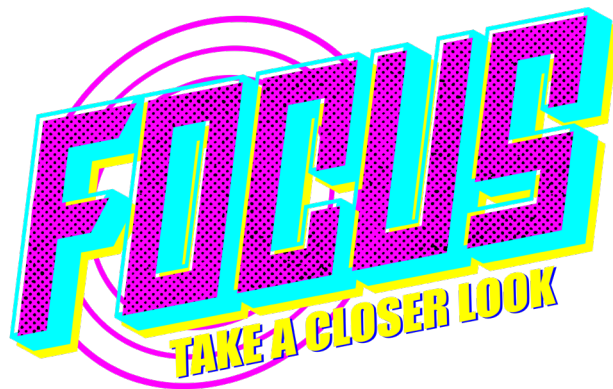
The junior high mentor will be assigned one group of children for the whole week. He / she will work with an adult leader to shepherd the group of children around the church to each rotation during VBS. This will give the junior high mentor the opportunity to personally know the children in the group, provide care, and have fun!

#### Craft Station Leaders

Two leaders will work together to guide children in a different daily craft. Crafts will be pre-planned with supplies gathered and a sample to follow. Like arts and crafts and children? This job is for you!

#### Art Station Leaders

Two leaders will work together to guide children in a different daily art project. The projects are pre-planned with supplies gathered and a sample to follow. Like different art medium – oil pastels, water color, finger painting? This job is for you!



#### STEM Leaders

Two leaders will work together to guide children in daily science and engineering opportunities. Like science, constructing, and exploring? This job is for you!

#### Game Leaders

Two leaders will work together to guide children in fun, indoor games – bowling, short relays, nerf balls. Like fun and games and children? This job is for you!

#### Play Ground Monitors

Two high schoolers are needed to engage with children and monitor them on the playground. Keeping children safe and happy is the name of the game on the playground. If you love preschoolers, this is for you! They will love you, too!

#### Photographer

This job is for two rising seniors or older who have experience with photography. Photographers will take pictures of children participating at VBS each day. The photographers will then review the pictures for the best selection and post to Germantown Presbyterian's Facebook page. Slideshow creation is a plus!

**MEMORY VERSE**

**Let us keep looking to Jesus.**  
**He is the one who started this journey of faith.**  
**And he is the one who completes**  
**the journey of faith.**

**HEBREWS 12:24 (NLT)**

**JUNE 7 - 11**

**TO VOLUNTEER ANY TIME OR ALL WEEK, CLICK HERE!**

**[HTTPS://GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/VBS-YOUTH-VOLUNTEER-REGISTRATION/](https://germantownpres.org/vbs-youth-volunteer-registration/)**



# FAMILY MINISTRY

## YOUTH



Going once,  
going twice and...

It's time once again  
for the annual GPC  
Youth Auction!  
While this event  
will look and feel  
very different  
than past years'

auctions, it will still be a fun and

important way to support our Youth Ministry.

We have worked hard to modify the auction program to provide a safer, pandemic-friendly event. Here are some highlights of the 2021 Youth Auction:

- Guests will sign up for a specific time slot between 10:30am and 6:00pm on Sunday, April 11. This will be your time to come to the auction (location TBA due to recent water damage) and bid on auction items. Each time slot will be open to 40 people. All items will be available for in-person bidding; however, all bids are blind (you won't know what anyone else has bid for an item). You can only bid once - so make your bid count!
- No live auction will take place.
- For the opportunity to bid, you may purchase one of these options:
  - Option 1 — Browse, Bid and Bites to Go! This option includes a Browse and Bid time and a dinner to go. Order your meal in advance through the online registration. Come browse and bid and take your meal home to enjoy. You can even order additional meals to deliver to neighbors or to enjoy another day. Please note: there will not be any meal served on site. All meals are ordered in advance to be taken home.
  - Option 2 — Browse and Bid only — Come bid to your hearts' content during your designated time slot. This option does NOT include a meal.
  - Option 3 — Donation only — Can't make it in person to the event but still want to help our youth? You can choose to donate any amount to support the youth fund.

### Bid Winners announced on Facebook Live!

Join Christopher Greco on Facebook Live at 7:30pm to hear the winners of the traditionally live auction items. Remember, due to COVID restrictions, there is not a Live Auction this year.

All bid winners of all auction items will be notified by email with a link to pay for their item(s). The email will include information about picking up won items at church.

### Changes in Donating Items to the Auction this year:

Due to COVID restrictions, we can only accept NEW and UNUSED items this year. We cannot accept baked goods and we cannot accept any used items. If you have questions about this, or about an item you would like to donate, please contact Christopher Greco in the church office ([youth@germantownpres.org](mailto:youth@germantownpres.org)). Thank you so much for your understanding!

### April Themes for Sunday School

It can be easy to forget who God really is sometimes. And it can be even easier for youth to forget who they really are, too! But every year at Easter, we get the chance to point them back to what God did thousands of years ago to remind us not only who He really is, but who we really are because of Him. Loved, important, forgiven—Jesus' death and resurrection shows us we're all that and more to Him. In this series, we'll remind students what they can know to be true about themselves because of the gift we celebrate at Easter—Jesus' resurrection and after life!



### Summer Youth Trips

**June 20-25**

Jr. High Trip to The Great  
Escape, Cleveland, TN



**July 18-24**

Sr. High Trip to  
Montreat, NC



# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation

>Shirley Billups	>Jean/Gil Brooks	>Woodie/Johnathan	**Dixie Johnson	>Tavia/Cole Sanders
>Sherril/Jim Blair	>Tommie Faye Coffman	Whited	>Dot Ledlow	>Diane Short
>Linda Sue/Bob Bobo	>Kay/David Collins	>Judy/Fred Frick	>Carol/Bill Leppert	>Pam/Bill Spencer
>Beth Boyle	>Fritz/Jeanie Crombie	>Ernie Goad	>Aggie/Jack Losa	>Jan Thomson
>Bill Boyle	>Kay Donaho	>Dot/Lamar Hartzog	**Pat Plunk	>Bob Thurman
>Huddy/Bayard Boyle		>Jean/Bob Hicks	>Jackie/Bill Ruleman	>Amanda Walters

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:  
the family of Hazel Canon in her death;  
family of Janie Deupree in her death;  
the family of Sandy Franks in her death.

## In Service in the Military

Sidney Baker - niece of Kay Donaho  
Kyle Bishop - grandson of Brenda Bishop  
Trip Hiller - grandson of Anne & Wayne Tansil  
Johnny Nowell - son of Jo & Adm. John Nowell  
Patrick Peak - son of Eleanor Denton  
Jason Ragain - son of Debbie Ragain

## Coronavirus Prayers

Doctors, nurses, emergency workers dealing with COVID-19  
Patients with COVID-19  
Wisdom for church leadership  
Bethlehem Bible College

## GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

>Bacon family - participants in Special Needs Ministry	>Brenda Heflin - friend of Linda/Bill Shirley	**Mary Ann & Troy Odom - parents of Tracey Smith	>Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger
>Melba Buzzard - friends of Phyl Simmons	>Mike Hutchinson & family - friends of Chuck/Susan Shirley Hurt	>Penny & Paul - friends of Debbie Ragain	>Michael Rowland - friend of Beth Brock family
>Russell Foshee - neighbor of Jean Carroll	>Kelly & family - participants in Special Needs Ministry	>Charles Powell - father of Laura Farmer	**Bill Sims - extended family of Missy Gwin
>Bob Gates - family of Jean Carroll	>Kelsey & dad, Tim - friends of Pastor Susie	>Alan Presson & family - friends of Chuck/Susan Shirley Hurt	>Shirley/Dick Vosburg - friends of Margaret Owens
>Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss	>Bill Kenner & family - uncle of April Rice	**Randy & family - co-worker of Eric Buring	>Grayson Walters - cousin of Pastor Susie
>Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger	**Aunt Marion - aunt of Susan Morgan	**Ruby Reid - friend of Phyl Simmons & former GPC member	>John Wasileski - friend of Ann Harbor
>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	**Bill McKinney & wife - friends of Phyl Simmons		>Sonia/John Wucher - cousins of Jeanie Hill

**\*\*Indicates new request added since last month.**

Friends and family requests submitted to the office for prayer will remain for 30 days before being removed. If you notice someone you requested prayer for is no longer on the list, simply notify the office, and they will be placed back on the list.

## April 2021 GPC Family Prayer Ministry

### Apr 4

Becky & Vern Barton  
Abby Chandler, Anna, Will  
Steffie & Rob Draughon,  
Abigail, Amelia  
Ernie Goad  
Jean & Robert Hicks  
Jo Ann Owens  
Susan & Ken Pasley, Kendall  
Janet Roll

### Apr 11

Amy & Tim Barker, Jay  
Lalla & John Colmer  
Priscilla & Warren East  
Andrea Goughnour  
Peggy Hogan  
Betsie & George Menendez  
Greta & Seth Regenold,  
Copeland & Porter  
Liza & Holt Trenor

### Apr 18

Sarah Cannon & Adam  
Pflugrath, Evan Pflugrath  
Jane & Culver Craddock  
Susanne Crain  
Jane & Jim Kinney  
Helen & Fred Norman  
Meredith & Greg Wagner,  
Angela & Cooper  
William Warren, Kyle, Tyler,  
Will Jr.

### Apr 25

Honour & Eddie Batey  
Pat & Dick Bevier  
Scott Hall  
Mary Ann & Randy Harris  
Margaret & Tom Oldham,  
Caroline, Josh  
Mary Rogers  
Libba Schatz  
Mary Jane Thompson, Viktor



# MEMORIALS

During the month of February GPC received the following honorarium and memorial gifts.

## To the Memorial Fund

### In Memory of Tom Cates

June Boswell  
David B. Carr  
Robert E. Giles  
Ellie & Dick Goughnour  
Brenda & David Jeter  
Carol & Jack Rasnic

### In Memory of Ben Froelich

Brenda & David Jeter

### In Memory of Betty Green

Carol & George Barnes  
Nancy & Jeff Halter  
Dixie & Bob Johnson  
Helen & Fred Norman  
Barb Poier  
Mary Rogers  
Connie & Tom Scott  
Sarah Warner  
Maureen & Bill Wilson

### In Memory of Peter Hawkinson

Anonymous

### In Memory of Harvey Marcom

Farnsworth Investment  
Company

### In Memory of Billie Martin

Bonnie Algee  
Jerry Huff

### In Memory of Richard Nokes

Carol & George Barnes  
Kay Dortch  
Katie & Ed Eleazer  
Charles M. Elliott, M. D.  
Mr. & Ms. James Keras  
P. N. Ledbetter  
Libba Schatz

### In Memory of Wes Westmoreland

June Boswell

## To the Memorial Garden Fund

### In Memory of Bryce Griffis

Helen & Fred Norman

## To the Music Fund

### In Honor of Sandy Franks

Mr. & Ms. Thomas Wilson

### In Memory of Andrew Arthur

Violet Olsen

### In Memory of Tom Cates

Violet Olsen

### In Memory of Betty Green

Bonnie Algee

### In Memory of Diane Bell

Violet Olsen

### In Memory of Billie Martin

Violet Olsen

### In Memory of Mary Alice Turner

Violet Olsen

## To the Youth Fund

### In Memory of Tom Cates

Ashley Lewis Park

## To the General Fund

### In Honor of Kate Reynolds

Peggy & Gene Rees

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are making progress. The dry wall has been repaired and most of the painting except for the Sanctuary is complete. Big tasks ahead in the Sanctuary: re-carpeting throughout and repairing and replacing the pews. We're still looking at a mid-summer completion date.

Fred Turverey, Business & Facilities Administrator



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9:30AM WORSHIP  
(ONSITE & ONLINE)

10:45/11AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(ONSITE & ONLINE)

6:00PM WORSHIP  
(ONSITE & ONLINE)

OFFICE HOURS:  
8:30AM-4:00PM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

**May Window Deadline: April 15**

### GPC Financial Summary, February 2021

	<b>Feb. 2021</b>	<b>2021 YTD</b>		<b>Feb. 2020</b>	<b>2020 YTD</b>
Revenue	\$175,906	\$443,425		\$ 125,000	\$ 431,670
Expenses	\$ 123,515	\$282,489		\$ 133,001	\$ 293,141
Net	\$52,391	\$160,936		\$ (8,001)	\$ 138,529

We had revenue of \$175,906 in February, which, with expenses of \$123,515, produced a surplus of \$52,391 for the month and \$160,936 YTD. Our financial performance continues to improve over prior years despite the pandemic. Included in our figures for February is the first required payment on our construction loan for the Education Building and Fellowship Hall that was completed in August 2019. The current balance on that loan is \$1,483,474 and will be repaid based on a 15-year amortization. Interest rates remain low and our rate on the loan is 2.22%.

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PASTOR

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