



# *THE WINDOW*

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## **ENGAGE 2021**

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*D*ear Church Family and Friends,

Psalms 84 begins with these words: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God." The writer of this psalm is singing a truth that we all experience: it is so good for our souls to be inside "the dwelling place" of the Lord. The "courts" in Psalm 84 are the various Temple courtyards where people gathered as they prepared to worship.

In ancient Israel, God dwelt – or chose to be present – in the Holy of Holies, which was the most sacred space in the Temple. God's glory lived in the Temple, and the holiness of God was a fearful and wonderful presence that surrounded the people in worship. The Temple was a place of awe, wonder, and praise.

As much as the Temple is the "home" for God's people, it also serves as a place of welcome and protection for other creatures, like the birds who make their nest in the nooks and crannies of the Temple stones. I can imagine the psalmist watching the swallows dart in and out, circling in the air above the Temple before returning to their nests. The birds don't know their Creator, yet they fly and eat and nest as they were created to do. They are fulfilling their God-given instincts.

One of our God-given instincts is to worship, and this Psalm speaks to the desire to be in the presence of God in the sacred space that is the Temple. In fact, the Psalmist is clear in his priorities. If one could choose between large, ornate "tents," meaning wealth and status gained by wicked means, or being a lowly, humble servant in the Temple – then the choice is clear: "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness" (v. 10).

Our church membership is filled with people who own the same sentiments of love and appreciation for our church: both our physical structures and our spiritual home. This spring sees people coming back to GPC for the first time in a long time – for some a full year. I have heard so many people describe the emotion that has overwhelmed them with just walking into the building. Even though we are worshipping in the Activities Center, there is a genuine mixture of joy, relief, and gratitude when people sit down for worship at GPC for the first time in a year. ...And then they see the people and the tears begin to well up.

I have learned throughout the last year just how much people love both the physical and spiritual home that our church and congregation are, and we appreciate it even more now because of the sense that it was "taken away" by the pandemic.

Now, however, we are returning, slowly but surely, and we are beginning to engage with one another again in the life



of our church. The danger to our health system is subsiding, more people are being vaccinated, and we are able to open up more and more to regular church life. We have increased our seating capacity from 50 to 70 (and in our make-shift, AC-Sanctuary, that's comfortably full), with more seats for visitors and extended family. We are open for meetings and groups to resume, as long as groups don't mind sharing limited space due to the flood. We are happy for people to come into the church building for gatherings, prayer meetings, and Bible studies, even if we're still bound by a few pandemic-protocols. Our church leadership will soon contemplate when to return to our usual morning schedule of two worship services with Sunday School and fellowship in between.

Finally, I want to offer a word of gratitude for our Presbyterian decision-making process. Instead of a Superintendent or Bishop making top-down decisions for our congregation, we rely on our local leadership of Deacons and Elders to discern God's will and what is best for our congregation. Never in my ministry have I seen this Spirit-inspired process more important than during this pandemic, mainly because our leadership represents the spectrum of belief and approach toward responding to the pandemic. We have church officers with a wide array of viewpoints, from very cautious to very open, and we have tried to navigate the right course for the church. We rely on those with close knowledge of infectious diseases, how they spread, and the harm they might inflict.

Our leadership reflects our congregation, and our leaders have not always agreed with one another or with the decisions and direction of the majority. In the same way, some church members have not agreed with the leadership's decisions during the pandemic, either because they perceive we are being far too restrictive or far too loose. We have received emotional feedback from both perspectives, for which I am grateful because those opinions reveal the underlying truth of how much people love their church and fellow members.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, we know these words from Psalm 84 ring true: "For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."

Grace, mercy, and peace,

*With*

# 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.

### May

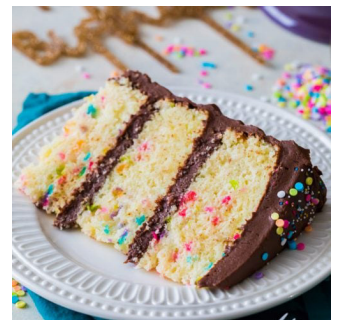
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 2 – Robby Arthur  
 4 – Jerry Heimlicher  
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 5 – Kathryn Simpson  
 5 – Brad Gay  
 6 – Linda Thurman  
 7 – Cindy Cleveland  
 7 – Mallory Trenor Kenney  
 8 – Donnie Harris  
 8 – Phillip Langsdon  
 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

### June

1 – Diane Stearns  
 2 – Forrest Owens  
 3 – Graham Askew  
 3 – Laura Brown  
 3 – Alex Cleveland  
 3 – Anderson Holmes  
 3 – Sally McCulloch  
 3 – Patton Shaw  
 4 – Annaleigh Eason  
 4 – Diane Newton  
 4 – Lacey Schepman  
 5 – Michael Norman  
 6 – Laura Schriener  
 6 – Erwin Westmoreland  
 7 – Kate Bingham  
 7 – June McClellan  
 8 – Kallen Esperian  
 8 – Susan Hormberg  
 8 – Sara Mayers

9 – Evelyn Mosley  
 9 – Caroline Oldham  
 9 – Grace Sanders  
 10 – Jim Carson  
 10 – Peggy Hogan  
 10 – Teresa Owens  
 11 – Linda Shirley  
 12 – Alma Crone  
 12 – Amy Howell  
 13 – Michael Goodin  
 14 – Mike Wilson  
 15 – Jim Morse  
 17 – Linda Sue Bobo  
 17 – Jeanie Crombie  
 17 – Rob Draughon  
 18 – Violet Olsen  
 19 – Sharon Goldsworthy  
 19 – Rob Russell  
 19 – Quin Teachey  
 20 – Kirsty Adams  
 20 – Ann McGaha  
 21 – Harrison Bingham  
 21 – Zac Overbey  
 21 – Arlene Wade  
 21 – Barry Wall  
 22 – Bryan Howell  
 22 – Kathy McCoy  
 24 – Barbara Armstrong  
 24 – Don Powell  
 25 – Leigh Powers  
 26 – Betty Dowden  
 26 – Bill Potter  
 28 – JoEllyn Slott  
 29 – Catherine King  
 29 – Walter Shorter  
 30 – Dan Work





# ENGAGE 2021

## 1ST OUTSIDE MUSIC FELLOWSHIP EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Sunday, April 25 at 6:00pm GPC hosted the first outdoor music fellowship event of 2021 by offering the contemporary, blended evening worship service (contemporary takes on traditional music and a casual atmosphere) in the parking lot on the Arthur Road side of the campus. Over 100 people came together to worship outside and enjoy GPC's new evening praise band led by Dr. John Johnson.

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. This 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.





# MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

## MUSIC NOTES

April has proven to be a very difficult month for those of us who work in music at GPC. Sandy Franks, our dedicated colleague of many years passed away due to pancreatic cancer on April 12. She was diagnosed December 30. It is so hard for all of us to believe/accept. It happened so fast. Sandy sang in the concert with Kallen and in the Saint Saens Christmas Oratorio in December. At that time she had no idea! Keep her husband Woodie and 9th grade son Johnathan in your prayers.

I began here at GPC as Director of Music in November of 1993. I met Sandy as a Doctoral Student at The University of Mississippi in 1995 - my wife Dr. Jan Petri, myself, and our Speech Pathologist Dr. Bill Hinkle were adjunct Professors. Dr. Hinkle and I served on Sandy's Doctoral Committee in 1996; her doctorate was in Vocal Pedagogy. She asked to do a doctoral project in our medical office (Jan H. Petri, M.D. & Voice Care Associates). I told her that we would do the project with her if she would sing with me in our choir at GPC. She agreed and that led to her joining us at GPC as soloist/section leader and Music Administrative Assistant.

About 12 years ago she became our Coordinator of Children's Choirs which included VBS week as she taught the children songs throughout the week. In fact, many of you are probably more used to seeing her from the back, like the picture at the top, as she directed GPC's children's choirs for very special events.

Sandy has a long history of distinguished service at GPC - she was loved by all as a soloist. She had the ability to sing all styles of music with equal beauty and clarity. The congregation loved to hear her sing spirituals a capella especially at Christmas Eve services when she'd sing *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* and always that meaningful, worshipful moment when she'd sing *Away in a Manger* from the balcony. Sandy will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

May at GPC will see our Children involved in worship on May 9, Mother's Day; we will end the month with Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Even with the restrictions of COVID we strive to bring quality music to worship each Sunday. As I always do let me thank those of you who make special contributions to music through our Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund. We give GOD the GLORY for all that we accomplish through music at GPC!!

I hope to see you soon in Worship.

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





# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## Memphis Athletic Ministries

*Love God....Love Others....Love Self*

May 2021:

*contributed by Jonathan Torres, MAM CEO*

Memphis Athletic Ministries is gearing up for the summer months and would love to get GPC members involved with our Summer Academy. Summer Academy is focused on slowing "summer slide" for rising 3rd - 8th grade students across the city. Historically, Memphis students decline in their reading and math skills due to learning inactivity in the summer months, and MAM is working hard to combat that decline. We provide all-day activities to keep students engaged in learning in a fun and safe environment. MAM families pay \$50 for the entire 5-week summer program. To offset costs, we are asking for support from friends across the city to cover our expenses to provide excellent programs to our families. To get involved, visit [www.mamsports.org/summer](http://www.mamsports.org/summer) to DONATE NOW! Thank you for your support.

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 LIFE

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPTIONS



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; he even brings a new kind of coffee to try each week. 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 9, 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 the book *Depending on Jesus: Discovering the Sufficiency of Christ*. 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 "Old Testament Characters," and then on July 11, Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the **ENGAGE** series for 7 weeks. Following this study, they will return to OT characters, and in early fall, Pastor Will will begin another of the 3-part **ENGAGE** series.

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 Prebyterian member (and former GPC member) Mary Edith Walker.

The study began April 15 and will meet on Thursdays 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.



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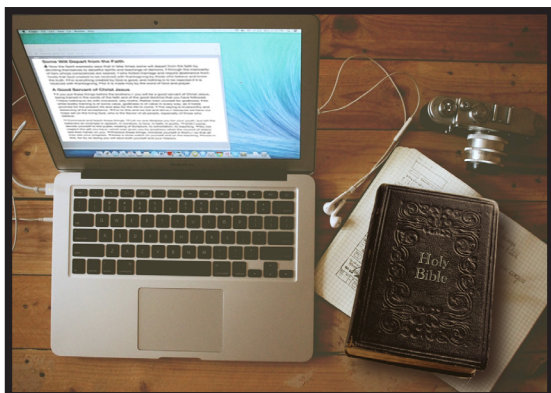
## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR MEN & WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) Bible Study will meet via zoom on Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00am. Night circle will meet at 7:00pm. Our lesson this month is Lesson 9 - *The End of Lament*.

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.



**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.

## 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.*

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## WITH DEEP GRATITUDE & JOY

Hello GPC Faith Family!

As the "new guy" on staff, I wanted to share a note of deep gratitude and joy with "y'all" (by the way, "y'all" is, in my humble opinion, the most efficient word in the English language). Francesca and I have been so generously welcomed by you that at times we have found it difficult to articulate the humbling sense of home we have felt in your presence. From gift baskets overflowing with treats, to digital and in-person warm greetings that no mask could ever fully hide - we are grateful to be part of such a wonderful faith community. It is clear the Holy Spirit is up to something spectacular in this place. And we are excited to companion with you in your journey of faith.



In this new role, I have been given the incredible opportunity to help people deepen their relationship with Jesus and discover invigorating opportunities to share that depth of love in Christ with others. What that looks like over the next few months is I'll be building a lot of relationships, listening, and learning how we operate. My guiding purpose is to partner with all current efforts to strengthen and grow the faith and health of this congregation. So during the next few months, I'll begin this effort by teaching the third section of a series called **ENGAGE**; focused on deepening our understanding of the gospel, and how God is inviting us to live out our faith practically.

Here are the groups that I'll be teaching:

- Coffee & Conversations Sunday School Class, 10:45am-11:45am in-person and via Zoom, Second Floor Room 218, March 21 - May 2
- Hits of the Ages Sunday School Class, 11:00am-12:00pm via Zoom, May 9 - June 20
- The Seekers Sunday School Class, 11:00am-12:00pm via Zoom, July 11 - August 22

I am so looking forward to connecting with and getting to know each of you very soon!

Warm Blessings,

Rev. Michael H. Lyle (Mike)  
Associate Pastor - Evangelism & Discipleship

### How To LEAVE A VOICE MAIL FOR GPC STAFF

IF YOU'VE CALLED THE OFFICE AND TRIED TO REACH THE STAFF BUT GOTTEN A MACHINE INSTEAD, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

1. PRESS 1 FOR THE STAFF DIRECTORY
2. ENTER THE 1ST 3 LETTERS OF THE STAFF MEMBER'S FIRST NAME
3. YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THAT STAFF MEMBER'S PERSONAL VOICE MAIL.

YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

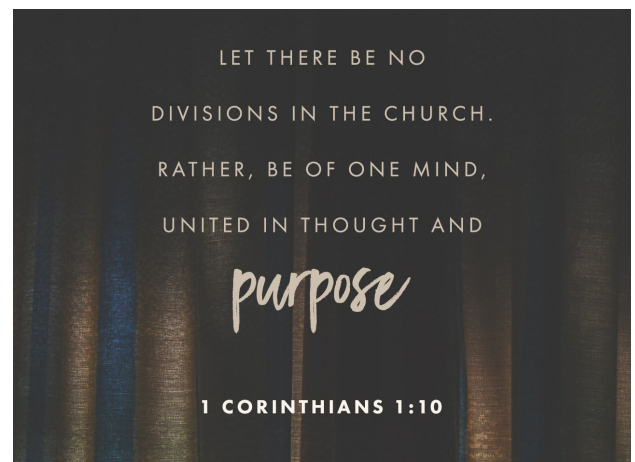
Thank you, GPC Family:

My heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every one who has shown me such kindness over the loss of Andrew. There really are no words to express my deep gratitude for the showing of such love to our family.

God bless you all!

Keep us in your prayers as I will keep our church family in my prayers.

Love, Barbara Arthur





# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! TO ALL WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S MEMPHIS JOY PROMADE SO WONDERFUL!**



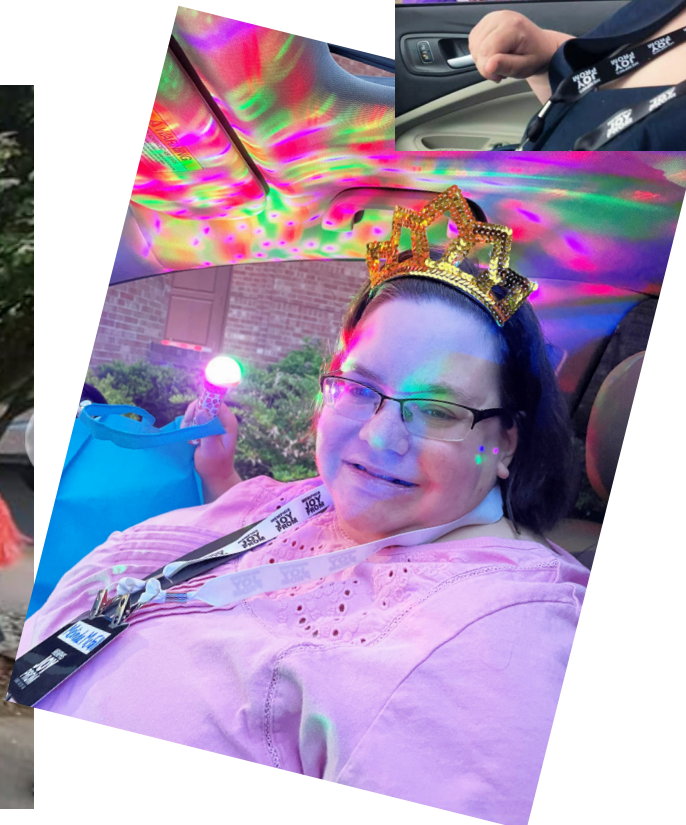
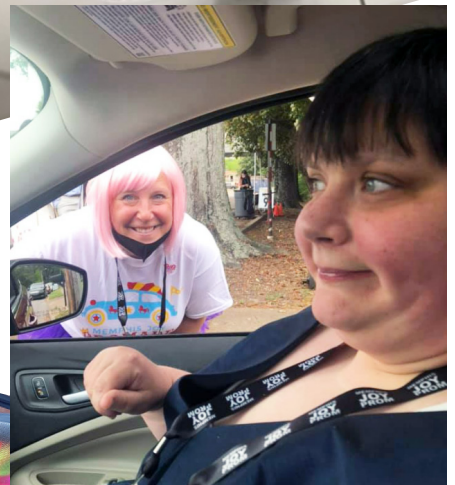


# SPECIAL NEEDS





# DS MINISTRY





# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

By Jackie Classen

## MEET THOMAS GUERERRI

A friendly, witty, talented, and energetic musician, Thomas springs GPC's AMPLify program into movement after movement of melodious sound. Thomas's consistent training and rehearsals have developed his capabilities for reading sheet music, recognizing and adapting rhythms, and harmonizing with the ensemble. Thomas says he appreciates the activities of our AMPLify program – playing the xylophone, guitar, and many hand instruments. Besides his instrumental talents, Thomas is further blessed with lovely vocal abilities as well.

Thomas enjoys all genres of music and has a keen ear for a variety of tunes. He is adept at playing guitar, piano, xylophone, and other percussion instruments. Whatever instrument he chooses to use, Thomas learns quickly with a natural ear for notes! In AMPLify, Thomas has experienced semi-private lessons with guitar, and group instruction including use of the piano, and many kinds of percussion and hand instruments. Alongside his joy for playing music, Thomas's interests include learning about classical composers. His parents shared that Thomas also enjoys riding in the car listening to movie soundtracks.

Thomas lives locally, with his parents, Dale and John Guereri. He has one older brother – his big brother and best friend forever – John Darwin Guereri. Both of his grandmothers live nearby, too. Though he was born here, in the music city of Memphis, Tennessee, Thomas lived in Barton, Mississippi, until age five. Despite his diagnoses of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Thomas's parents have always focused on his abilities rather than his disabilities. They are rightfully proud of the tremendous progress Thomas has made over the years, recognizing it is by God's grace and with the support of a strong team of people working with Thomas.

Thomas began receiving private speech and occupational therapy at 2 ½ years of age. As more outlets were accessible for services through the public school system, Thomas engaged in both venues for therapeutic services. The one-to-one sessions as well as the group sessions took Thomas's skills in a positive direction. His services continued through high school and included a full-time aide during school hours. His work was modified, as decided, and implemented, by his IEP team members. These services afforded Thomas the opportunity and privilege to receive a regular high school diploma. Additionally, while attending White Station High School, Thomas completed the Junior ROTC program and was inducted into the Science National Honor Society! He received further recognition for excellence from the Honors Physics class teacher who requested Thomas attend her class! Thomas graduated from White Station High School in 2017.

During his high school years, Thomas participated in events like Special Olympics and Autism Speaks walks. He was also a participant in the Best Buddies program. These are remarkable accomplishments, considering Thomas initially struggled within social settings. His parents reported that he was nine years old before he was comfortable going to restaurants. The strong odors and large crowds presented challenges to Thomas. Another interesting obstacle overcome – Thomas is now equipped to enjoy

people singing "Happy Birthday" on April 14; for many birthdays, his family had to sing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" instead. It is inspiring to know Thomas has overcome several trials in his twenty-three years!

On Thursday mornings, Thomas participates in Germantown Presbyterian Church's Orff-based AMPLify music program, and we feel mightily blessed to work with him and enjoy his talents! He initially participated in our summer Wacky Wednesday program activities. He is witty and engages easily in conversations around his preferences and interests, such as animals. In his younger years, Thomas wanted a platypus as a pet; however, he and his brother, John Darwin, accepted an alternative and had a fish named JoJo. Thomas has learned about many animals and willingly shares his knowledge of animals' habitats and food-chain rankings. Thomas also enjoys painting and coloring, as well as being an active person. Thomas enjoys outdoor activities, such as walks with his mom, swimming, and going to the zoo.

Through the love and nurturing of a dedicated Christian family, Thomas has accomplished so much! God has blessed Thomas with a wide array of talents and interests, and we admire how he and his family give God the glory for all the talent he shares. Thomas is respectful, kind, funny, and serves as a good role model to others who may struggle with similar abilities and challenges. We pray that Thomas will be a part of our music program for many years to come. If you would like to experience Thomas's talents, consider watching our upcoming AMPLify program on May 20, 2021, here at GPC. We thank you for supporting our PEACE program, which brings great joy to our participants and provides excellent opportunities our participants' talents to shine.





# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## SESSION CORNER

Highlights from our 4/15th Session meeting include:

1. GPC Intern, Kirsten King, presented update on GPC's Strategic Visioning Process currently underway to update church Strategic Goals. As her seminary project, she agreed to facilitate this on-going process for our Strategic Visioning Committee (SVC). Further updates will be provided as we continue.

> Note: The SVC was formed by Session Fall 2019 when GPC leaders recognized need to reflect and update our church's Strategic Vision for Ministry that was adopted by Session Fall 2015. The SVC was formed to help guide church leadership in reviewing the 2015 Strategic Vision for Ministry. This culminated in a joint Session & Diaconate Retreat held Feb 2020. Session and Diaconate committees provided further more narrowly focused input in follow-up to this retreat. The pandemic then halted our process. In Dec 2020, Kirsten helped our SVC focus to re-start. We are grateful for Kirsten's expert facilitation to help the SVC and GPC leaders complete this important process for our church.

2. Session approved Worship Committee recommendation to increase sign-up capacity from 50 to 70 people for both worship services held in the Activity Center. This includes capacity in this area for weddings and funerals. Members are encouraged to attend the 6pm evening service where there is currently more availability for sign-up.

3. Ministry Teams reports:

> Worship Committee: April meeting consisted of fine-tuning Easter service logistics.

> Education:

1) Memphis JOY PROMADE 4/16th! Grateful for generous donations that allowed us to meet goals. Decorations look great!

2) Adult Ed: Beginning to think about Fall. Pleased to have Mike Lyle on committee now.

3) Children: VBS scheduled M-F week of June 7th from 9am-12pm. Sign up your children today, and help volunteer! (Vols willing to fill any last-minute gaps that will be needed that wk would be especially appreciated.)

4) Youth: 4/11th Auction was a success! Approximately 70 families represented. Still finalizing auction results, yet appears up to \$14k raised. Thank you! Plans for summer include: Sr High trip to Montreat and Jr High trip to Great Escape. Continuing effort to boost youth involvement by reaching out to meet families where they are. Christopher Greco doing a super job.

> Missions: Invited "Room In The Inn" leadership team to April meeting to help brainstorm on how to move ministry forward after Susan Hurt steps down. "Rising Together" has summer program plans. "Binghampton Christian Academy" vols remain at work. New MAM CEO to speak during Moment for Missions.

> Stewardship: +\$6k surplus March MTD, \$167k surplus YTD. Committee finalized work on Employee Manuals for GPC staff; to send to Session for review / input. Special thanks to Susan Morgan and Melinda Russell for their help with this. Session approved Committee recommendation to modify Susie's title (per her request) to "Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Nurture."

> Communications/AV: New website soft launch underway. Contact Laurie in the office or Drayton to let them know if you have feedback or questions. Assessing church internal and external communication efforts. Be watching for survey to solicit feedback. Making improvements Sunday by Sunday for AC live streaming. Special thanks to David Bradford for all he does. Improved sanctuary lighting to be in place soon.

> Membership: April 25th two new members scheduled to join at 10:30am in Session Meeting Room!

For further insight, members are welcome to review Session meeting minutes & committee meeting minutes for all Ministry Teams available in our church office (any time Monday - Friday 8:30am-4pm).

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

*Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins*

Being aware of our own, as well as others', mental health is always vital to our sense of wholeness – body, mind, and soul, for these aspects of being human are as connected to each other as our bones are connected one to the other, and the function of our organs rely on the function of other organs. Our heads, hearts, and physical bodies rely on one another for spiritual, physical, and emotional health.



When I, as a pastor and also a mental health professional work with individuals, couples, and families, I help them to see this connection and also to strive to improve the connection in their daily lives for the benefit of their relationships with themselves, one another, and with God.

As we enter into the month of May, then, we have a wonderful opportunity to explore our own mental health and its importance in our lives because May is designated as MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!

What, then, is Mental Health? Let's begin with the opposite - What is Mental Illness?

Mental Illness - is a brain disorder that covers a wide range of maladies in our brains:

- Depression – overwhelming sadness that doesn't go away
- Anxiety – when worries and fear affect our ability to function day-to-day
- Compulsive behaviors – when our anxieties manifest in behaviors that we feel as though we must repeat over and over again
- Bipolar – when mood swings (very high highs and very low lows) are pervasive and persistent
- Psychosis – when we feel as though our brain is playing tricks on us – seeing, hearing, or believing things that don't seem real or quite right
- Eating Disorders – when our physical health and overall well-being is affected by the way we eat – or don't eat
- Post-Traumatic Stress – when we are continually bothered by a previous traumatic life event
- Addiction – when alcohol or controlled substance use takes over our lives

In our culture and society, there seems to be a stigma around Mental Illness. So, how can we help dismantle this stigma?

- Acknowledging out loud that mental illness is a brain disorder that needs to be attended to by mental health professionals.
- Talk about our own struggles.
- Help to educate others, for education leads to understanding, understanding leads to empathy, empathy leads to compassionate care.

What about how our own community of faith responds to mental illness? At GPC, we are well connected with organizations that help individuals, couples, and families who want and need to seek help:

- NAMI – the National Alliance on Mental Illness provides support groups and free classes to those whose family members suffer from mental illnesses.

> During the pandemic, NAMI is meeting virtually on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings. If you would like to know more please contact Pastor Susie: [care@germantownpres.org](mailto:care@germantownpres.org)

> Following the pandemic, NAMI will resume their in-person group meetings at GPC on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome.

- COUNSELING: Samaritan Counseling also has offices here at GPC and their professional counselors provide help for those who need it. During the pandemic, Samaritan counselors are providing Telehealth counseling sessions. Soon, however, they will return to in-person counseling. For information and appointments, call 901-729-3900.

Samaritan Counseling believes that financial limitations should not preclude any person from receiving needed care so fees for their services are based on circumstances of the individual, income, and family size. Samaritan Counseling's ability to provide these services is made possible thanks to the contributions from community partners, our generous individual donors, and our active community fundraising activities throughout the year.

To learn more, seek a counseling session, and/or contribute: [www.samaritanmidsouth.org](http://www.samaritanmidsouth.org).

- GRIEF SUPPORT: GPC member Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor, leads the Grief Support groups, along with GPC members Beth Brock and Linda Oakes. This group helps those experiencing personal loss to realize



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that they aren't alone and to begin to move through their grief.

>To know more and/or seek one-on-one grief counseling with Stephanie, please call: 901-494-7786.

>After the pandemic, the Grief Support Group will resume its monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursdays at 6pm in the Parlor.

• **CIRCLES OF CARE MINISTRY** – mid-wived into being in the midst of this global pandemic, the Circles of Care Ministry currently cares for about 150 of GPC's most vulnerable parishioners – those most isolated and away from their own families as well as their church family. I've come to recognize the need to expand this ministry and need your support to do so. If you are willing to participate in this vital connectional, relational ministry, contact me at: [care@germantownpres.org](mailto:care@germantownpres.org).

Now, about Mental Health ...

Who can benefit from practicing Mental Health guidelines? EVERYONE!

Here are some ways to benefit:

• **Keep and/or create a rhythm to your day** -  
 > Start your day with positivity and possibility:  
 \* wake up with the sun, make your bed, get dressed;  
 \* eat healthy foods; try new recipes;  
 \* be creative - try new activities or return to old ones that you used to enjoy when you had the time.

• **Connect** -  
 > with God -  
 \* pray at least once daily (more is even better);  
 \* find GPC's Daily Devotions on the GPC Facebook page, and GPC's Worship services and Sunday school classes on the GPC website, on YouTube, and on Facebook;  
 \* read your Bible – God's Word will bring you comfort – try reading the Psalms, for example.

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)*

> with Family and Friends – learn to video-chat and/or call each other;

> with Nature – go outside – fresh air is good for what ails us!

• **Unplug** – set a time of day when you will unplug from your devices.

• Only read/see the facts on the pandemic: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or the World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>. Don't get misled with false information.

• Reach out – find mental health resources (see above lists) whenever you are in need of talking to someone.

• Serve God by serving others.

• Be gentle with yourself:

> Breathe deeply, exhaling anxiety and inhaling the breath of the Holy Spirit of God. Repeat over and over again until you begin to feel more calm.

> Know that your reactions of anxiety are normal – we are all feeling them; there is no shame in feeling anxious. Just learn how to manage your anxiety in healthy ways. Listen to "Coronavirus Anxiety (Part 1)" podcast: <https://www.apa.org/research/action/speaking-of-psychology/coronavirus-anxiety>

\* Unhealthy ways include excessive drinking and eating, and taking your feelings out on others through sarcasm, belittling, defensiveness, contempt, and stonewalling.

> If you have difficulty sleeping, try one of the apps that help to take your mind off of whatever is keeping you awake. I like the bedtime stories about nature that are on the app *Calm*.

Pastor Susie Wiggins



# GPP

## GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOLERS ENJOY SPRINGTIME!





# 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 a Shepherd as your schedule allows...all 5 days or even 1 day a week. We understand Shepherds need some flexibility during their 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!

### May Sunday School Themes

**"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."**

1 TIMOTHY 4:8, NIV



# 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 12:2A (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

### Youth Sunday

On Sunday April 11, we held Youth Sunday at the morning service. It kicked off with Middle Schoolers Jason Lindow and Julianna White opening us in a prelude. High Schooler Victoria Lindow followed in giving us our opening announcements. Worship began when Gracey Owens led the congregation in a reading. Attendees were guided in their confession of sin and given the opportunity to greet one another by Julianne Hurley as the younger Christians gathered at the front of the room with Andrew Miller.

The sermons were atypical because we did not see Will, Susie, or Mike lead us, but instead the Class of 2021 graduates Billy Burnett, Sarah Hardin, Audrey Holmes, and Katherine Willingham each delivered a unique message following Charlie Floyd's prayer. Billy charged the congregation to continue supporting growing faiths within the church. Sarah shared how remaining faithful provides loving and trusting opportunities. Audrey recalled the love and care the church has provided her since birth. And, Katherine gave us a warming history on where we've been and what her church home will become.

Following these sermons, Kate Reynolds guided us in a gorgeously written Affirmation of Faith as Grace Jones lead us in a prayer for the people and the Lord's Prayer. Cat Rice helped accept the tithes and offerings. Concluding, the Reynolds boys, Rees and Chancellor, dedicated the offering then charged the Class of 2021 and congregation before concluding the service.



### Senior Banquet

On Sunday April 18, we held a banquet in Warren Hall to honor our graduating Senior High Schoolers. Two families were in attendance, the Callicots and the Willinghams. Everyone had the opportunity to hear from three members of UKIRK Memphis as Reverend Elizabeth Doolin brought three collegiate speakers to share their faith journeys after graduation. The event was catered by Garibaldi's with cupcakes provided by Lea Buring after the event concluded. Congratulations to Ruth Callicot and Katherine Willingham as they head off to Knoxville and Fayetteville respectively in the Fall!

## HABITS

### May Sunday School Theme

People talk about "loving God" all the time, but there's one problem that nobody seems to mention: you can't see Him. Weird, right? How do you connect to someone who never seems to respond audibly? In this series, we talk about the faith habits that make it possible to connect with an invisible God. And while there's no formula for knowing everything about God, there are key habits that will change the way we see Him at work all around you.

*MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S YOUTH AUCTION. THINGS WERE CERTAINLY DIFFERENT THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS, THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR BID, THOSE WHO DONATED MONEY THIS YEAR'S PLANNING TEAM (BROOKE DUKE, REBECCA FLOYD, AND LAUREN UTTERBACK.*

*THE TOTAL FOR THE AUCTION IS JUST SHORT OF \$20,410.00.*

*THANK YOU AGAIN  
TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS A GREAT SUCCESS.*

# IN OUR PRAYERS

## In the Congregation

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

## 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

**Clay Burrow - son of Erwin Westmoreland	>Bill McKinney & wife - friends of Phyl Simmons	**Patricia Rose - sister of Shirley Billups
>Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss	**Marjorie Marshall - former GPC member	>Michael Rowland - friend of Beth Brock family
>Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger	>Mary Ann & Troy Odom - parents of Tracey Smith	>Bill Sims - extended family of Missy Gwin
>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	>Randy & family - co-worker of Eric Buring	**William Steven, son of Hayley Steven - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt
**Keegan - son of business partner of Dave Slott	>Rubye Reid - friend of Phyl Simmons & former GPC member	**Ruth Warren - mother of William Warren
>Kelsey & dad, Tim - friends of Pastor Susie	>Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger	
>Aunt Marion - aunt of Susan Morgan		

**\*\*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.*

## May 2021 GPC Family Prayer Ministry

### May 2

Jeff Bowlin  
 Emily & Chad  
 Coursey, Cate, Sam & Thomas  
 Sharon & Jim Goldsworthy  
 Kimm & Andrew  
 Harris, Emma  
 Grace, Colton, Beau  
 Rebecca Lane  
 Margaret Owens  
 Susan & Mike  
 Threlkeld  
 Susie Wiggins

### May 9

Judy Bilbrey  
 Susan & Warren  
 Crain  
 Tamah & Jeff Halfacre,  
 Mary Lennox  
 Susan & Malcom  
 Lipscomb  
 Erin & Stephen Potter,  
 Gracie, Molly, Morgan  
 Sharon & Roger  
 Turner

### May 16

Shirley Billups  
 Alice Franceschetti  
 Jennifer & Eric Gentry,  
 Reid, Sam, & Sarah  
 Nicki & Tommy Lamar  
 Richard Linder  
 Linda & Lanny Oakes  
 Jackie & Bill Ruleman  
 Cathy & Randy Smith  
 Marion Treadwell,  
 Mac, Mary Margaret

### May 23

Sherril & Jim Blair  
 Rachel Gwin  
 Mary & Jerry Heimlicher  
 Carol & Phillip Langsdon  
 Patricia Potter  
 Brittany & Ryan  
 Schwaigert, Greyson,  
 Lachlan  
 Cindy & Rick Tripp  
 Stacy & Brad Weiss,  
 Jake

### May 30

Karen & Clyde Blount  
 Jill Crocker, Daniel,  
 Davis  
 Sandy Jones  
 Judy Nokes  
 Melinda & Phil Russell  
 Sarah Thompson  
 Maureen & Bill Wilson,  
 Maggie, William



# MEMORIALS

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

## To the Memorial Fund

*In Memory of Andrew  
Arthur*

Nancy Hawkinson  
Jerry Huff  
Helen & Fred Norman  
Mary Lee Toler

*In Memory of Jeffrey Arthur  
Nancy Hawkinson*

*In Memory of Dianne Bell  
Dixie & Bob Johnson*

*In Memory of Tom Cates  
Catherine King*

*In Memory of Joe Donaho  
Catherine King*

*In Memory of Jane Deupree  
Cynthia Brown  
Inga Burkett  
David Shoemaker  
Barbara Walters*

*In Memory of Ben Froelich  
Catherine King*

*In Memory of Betty Green  
Mary Lee Toler*

*In Memory of Peter  
Hawkinson*

Barbara McMahon  
Pam & John Mohundro

*In Memory of Chelsea Miller  
Bonnie Algee  
Timothy Thompson*

*In Memory of Dick Nokes  
Cox Chevrolet*

Laura & Buddy Dearman  
Mr. & Ms. Lewis Holland  
Mr. & Ms. Jack Lindley, III  
Thomas Southard  
Sue Williams

*In Memory of Fred Sauer  
Nancy Hawkinson*

*In Memory of Wes  
Westmoreland  
Catherine King*

## To the Music Fund

*In Memory of Dianne Bell  
Macie Houston  
Sydney & Robert McLean*

*In Memory of Tom Cates  
Macie Houston*

*In Memory of Jane Deupree  
Cheryl & Gary Riedel*

*In Memory of Betty Green  
Nancy & Jeff Halter  
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In Memory of Peter  
Hawkinson  
Barbara Arthur  
Lucy D. Yancey*

*In Memory of Chelsea Miller  
Linda Sue & Bob Bobo*

## To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

*In Memory of Ernest  
Mellor  
Terry Bishop*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Painting in the Sunday School area is nearing completion. Next step is carpeting. In the Sanctuary and Narthex, painting will begin the last week of April. We also will be replacing the ceiling in the Narthex, re-carpeting the Sanctuary and the balcony, refinishing the hardwood floor on the Chancel and replacing the grill cloth in front of the organ pipes. The bases for our pews are being constructed off-site and the actual repair will be completed here. Completion date is expected to be late June.

Fred Turverey, Business & Facilities Administrator

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:  
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

**June Window Deadline: May 15**

### GPC Financial Summary, March 2021

	<b>Mar. 2021</b>	<b>2021 YTD</b>		<b>Mar. 2020</b>	<b>2020 YTD</b>
Revenue	\$167,932	\$611,357		\$ 125,388	\$ 557,008
Expenses	\$ 161,649	\$444,093		\$ 147,033	\$ 440,168
Net	\$6,283	\$167,264		\$ (21,645)	\$ 116,840

March saw total revenue of \$167,932 which, after expenses of \$161,649, produced a small surplus of \$6,283. These numbers include our amortization of the balance on our new Education Building, with \$1,476,231 currently owing. Our monthly payment for principal and interest totals \$9,797.

Our year-to-date results remain strong, and we are well-positioned financially to return to more on-site activities when conditions permit.

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