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Dear Church Family and Friends,

As we turn to the start of our program year in this month of August, the two words often occupying my mind and vocabulary are: uncertainty and vision.

First, let's talk about the uncertainty caused by the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are watching the Delta variant of the virus spread rapidly in many areas locally and around the world. I won't try to summarize all of the multi-faceted aspects of this variant, mainly because it would just contribute more uncertainty to an already confusing picture of the pandemic. Our church's Coronavirus Recovery and Response Team will continue to meet, assess the situation, and chart the best course that we can prayerfully discern going into the fall.

I have been listening carefully and responding to everyone who has contacted me about their uncertainties, questions, and opinions regarding the virus and our response to it. As you can imagine, in our congregation there is as wide a range of opinion as there is in our society around us. We have church members who occupy the whole spectrum of research, politics, risk, culture, ideas, reactions, strategy, etc., when it comes to what we could/should/would/ought to be doing when it comes to the church and the ongoing pandemic.

The underlying attribute for so many of my conversations has been uncertainty. What do you (individually) do and how do we (as a fellowship of believers) move into the future when there is so much that we do not know about the Delta variant and its potential for harm? Do we hunker down and "play defense" and move in super-slow motion caution? What scientists and doctors should we listen to when there is an increasing diversity of approach among the experts? What amount of risk should we be willing to take on as a necessary part of advancing our ministry and our church's work? Why worry if most of us in our area are vaccinated? Are there more scientific factors involved than just epidemiology, mainly sociology and psychology and what a "lock down" mentality does to us spiritually?

I hear and understand the many aspects of uncertainty that are affecting your life and mine – and ours together as a church.

This is where the vision comes in. There is great uncertainty among us that breeds many different opinions and approaches to church life – nevertheless, we are seeking to unite around a vision for our future together. On June 19, the Session and Diaconate adopted a Strategic Vision for our church. The new vision is a culmination of many months of hard work by a smaller group of deacons, elders, and ministers. After looking at our 2015 Vision for Ministry and its values, successes, and weaknesses, we have identified four goals for all of our groups and committees to include in their work and witness.



The four goals are captured in the words: **Connecting**, **Growing**, **Caring**, and **Sharing**. We will be using and explaining these words and their meaning over the course of this fall, but let me offer a preview of coming attractions. By **Connecting**, we hope to strengthen the ties that already bind us together as a congregation. Some leadership teams among us will find ways to create new fellowship opportunities, new groups, and new classes as we find new ways to grow closer in Christ. By **Growing**, we will increase our knowledge of Scripture and God as we spiritually grow in Christ. We anticipate that spiritual growth will lead to the growth of our congregation in many ways. By **Caring**, we will increase our capacity to care for the world as Christ does, and we will increase our ministry both locally and abroad to those who struggle for a variety of reasons. By **Sharing**, we will tell the story of God's love among us in new ways as we communicate who we are and what we believe in both traditional and new media and formats.

The four goals are meant to be broad enough for our wide variety of church committees and groups to plug into, and yet we hope they are specific enough to give a direction and a purpose to what we are doing as a congregation. In addition, the four goals of our vision will decrease the amount of uncertainty among us.

In what era of history has there not been tremendous uncertainty? The future is always uncertain, and we have no idea of what lies around the corner. The churches that I have watched fail and die do so because of a lack of vision and faith. The fear caused by uncertainty forces them to shrink back and wither. Churches of Christians who have a vision for God's love through Christ and God's good future will align themselves according to the values of God's kingdom as they march hopefully into the future.

None of us know what lies ahead for the next year. There will be uncertainty as we continue to deal with the pandemic's effects, but I hope that any fear will be faced with confidence in God's goodness. I believe that God will guide us as we follow our vision, and I am hopeful that God will reward us for moving faithfully into our future together for the sake of the Good News.

Grace, mercy, and peace,

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GPC ONSITE & ONLINE

GPC CONTINUES TO RE-OPEN THE CHURCH FACILITIES FOR WORSHIP, CLASSES, AND MEETINGS, AND THE SANCTUARY NOW WELCOMES **SUNDAY** WORSHIPPERS. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED DO NOT NEED TO WEAR MASKS, BUT MASKS ARE CERTAINLY STILL OK FOR ANYONE WHO DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE WITHOUT ONE. 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.

ONSITE & ONLINE LIVESTREAMING

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS & HOW TO ENGAGE, CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT COMMUNICATIONS@GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG.

MEN'S BREAKFAST (FRIDAY MORNINGS)

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 AFTER WORSHIP)

GPC IS LIVESTREAMING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM**.

MEN'S LUNCH DEVOTION - 2ND/4TH MONDAYS/MONTH ON ZOOM - CONTACT ANTHONY DUKE (ANTHONY.DUKE@IPAPER.COM)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES - 1ST TUESDAY/MONTH RESUMING IN PERSON ON AUGUST 17 AT 10AM/7PM - CONTACT NANCY HALTER (JHALTER2097@COMCAST.NET)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 2ND/4TH THURSDAYS/MONTH IN PERSON - CONTACT JEAN CARROLL (JEANCARROLL1@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 ADDED.

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

YOUTUBE - GERMANTOWNPRES ([HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCwEm01Y_c09Hys-3vYTQOMPw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwEm01Y_c09Hys-3vYTQOMPw/))

REMEMBER: EVERYTHING IN BLUE TYPE IS A HYPERLINK IN THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

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UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR PLANNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:00PM
THE RAMBLERS OUTDOOR CONCERT
(RAIN BACK-UP - ACTIVITY CENTER)

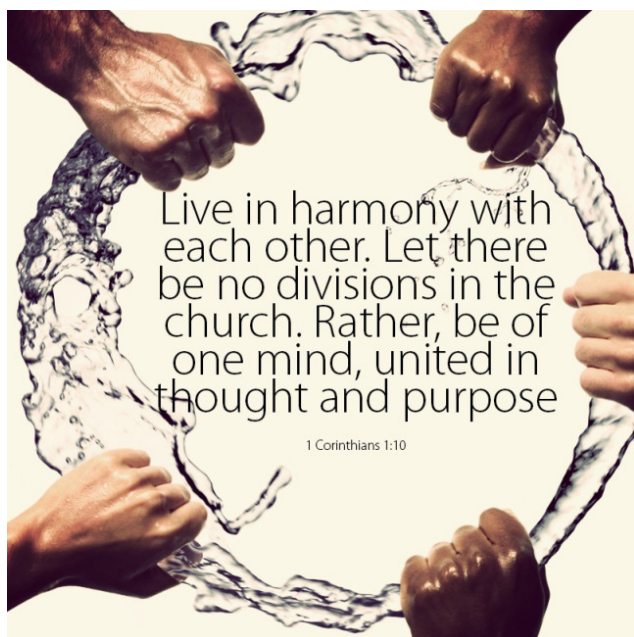
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 4:00PM-7:00PM
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FRIDAY/SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5/6
WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5
MEN'S/KIDS' EVENT



SAVE the DATE – Women's Retreat – First weekend in November (11/5-11/6/21). This will be our 4th Annual Women's Retreat, and we are planning to return to Pinecrest for a wonderful time of incredible fellowship, delicious food (including Pinecrest's famous cinnamon rolls), God's beautiful and quiet nature, and some inspiring Bible study. This year there will be an added element for dads and kids! "What?" you ask??? Yes, Pastor Will is going to coordinate a Friday evening movie, pizza, and popcorn time in the Activity Center for dads and kids to make it even easier for moms to attend the Women's Retreat – how cool is that?! So, **SAVE THE DATE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS – AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!**



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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 or calling the church office 901-754-5195 and asking for the communications department.

August

1 - Molly Aslin
1 - Beth Bowman
2 - David Waldrop
3 - Helen Brown
4 - Ali Slott
4 - Arlene Southern
5 - Shirley Billups
5 - Lelia Jones
7 - Courtney Wall Bittick
7 - Paula Stack
7 - John Wheeler
8 - Don McCrory
8 - Sara Perkins
9 - Jake Hurley
9 - Barbara Logan
10 - Vache Cammack
10 - Bruce McCulloch
11 - Nancy Webb
12 - Jeff Day
12 - Dot Ledlow
12 - Lauren Utterback
13 - Melissa Ivy
13 - Mattie Jordan
14 - John Humphrey
14 - Victoria Lindow
14 - Ann Phillips
15 - Carol Leppert
16 - Carolee Carlin
16 - Patsy Carson
16 - Elizabeth Jones
16 - Stephen Potter
17 - Harper Halfacre
17 - Mary Kay Nelson
17 - Steve Nelson
18 - Kim Perkins
19 - Priscilla East
19 - Andrea Goughnour
19 - Vernon Sneed
20 - Hank Davis
20 - Martha Drannon
21 - Drew Hormberg
21 - Patty Jackson
21 - Bob McLean
21 - Karen Russell

22 - Morgan Arthur
22 - Garrett Guynes
22 - Sue Kelley
23 - Kendall Pasley
23 - David Robinson
24 - Barbara Arthur
24 - Susan Gyura
24 - Dick Linder
25 - Barbara Branch
26 - Debbie Moseley
26 - Gary Riedel
27 - Jim Boyd
27 - Jay Galyean
27 - Josh Perkins
27 - Cannon Smalley
28 - Chris Fienup
29 - Drayton Mayers
30 - Jimmy Kiser
30 - Beth Willingham

September

1 - Emily Coursey
1 - Rachel Hormberg
2 - Beth Boyle
2 - Phil Carroll
2 - Jan Petri
2 - Bill Priester
4 - Helen Norman
5 - Kiki Kalagias
5 - Bill Prest
5 - Cynthia Shaw
5 - Anne Tims
5 - Ruth Woodworth
6 - Jeff Cook
6 - Jan Thomson
7 - Barbara Ragsdale
8 - Evey Eason
9 - Randy Greebon
9 - Greg Morgan
9 - Mary Strop
9 - Susan Walker
10 - Susan Lipscomb
11 - Candace Askew

11 - Amy Morse
11 - Lindsay Overbey
11 - Metcalf Prest
13 - Cat Carlin
13 - Eleanor Denton
13 - September Eason
14 - Emma Grace Lumm
15 - Janet Dellinger
17 - Agnes Thomas
18 - Jim Blair
18 - Randy Edens
18 - Kimm Harris
18 - Jeff White
19 - Audrey Holmes
19 - Campbell Humphrey
19 - Reut Grueber Wise
20 - Mark Cooper
20 - Bobbie Ann Spangler
21 - Don Chandler
21 - Brittany Schweigert
22 - Paul Gwin
23 - Austin Hogan
24 - Sue Perrin
25 - Walter Fast
26 - David Edwards
27 - Bo Cotten
29 - Warren Crain
30 - Shannon Cammack
30 - Rob Cotten



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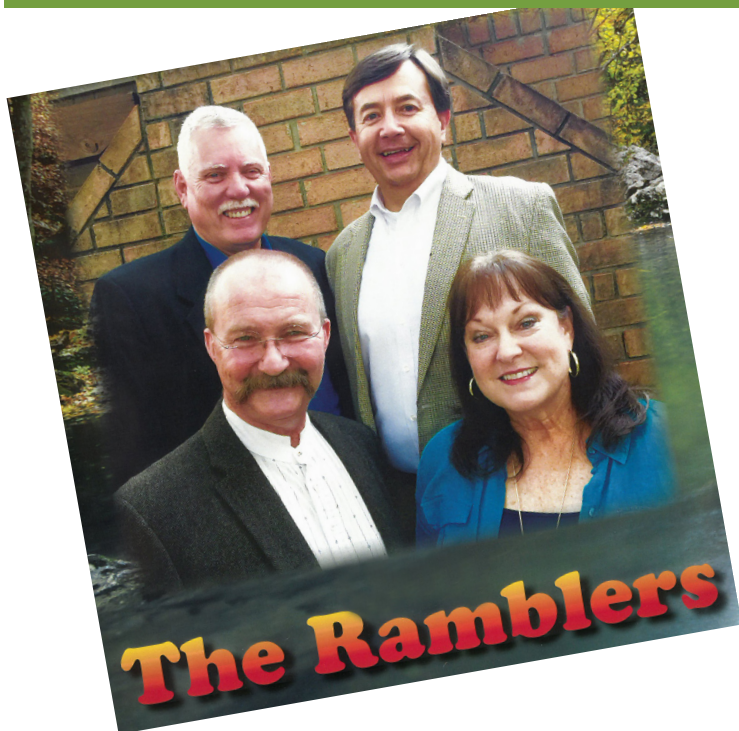
JOIN **GPC** ON **SUNDAY NIGHTS** FOR **EVENING WORSHIP**
IN **WARREN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



#GPCJubilee!
September 19 - Save the Date!

& look for fun and exciting volunteer opportunities.

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Back by popular demand! The Ramblers!
Saturday, August 21 @ 6pm,
Arthur Road parking lot.
Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs.

This will be an extra special time as GPC will also celebrate the staff in a staff appreciation event to thank them for all they've done to keep church and worship happening during these challenging times.

Saturday night, August 21 at 6:00pm, GPC member Chuck Utterback and his music group, The Ramblers, will perform a concert outside on the Arthur Road side of the church. Bring your lawn chairs and your picnic baskets and enjoy the shade from the trees as you fellowship and enjoy music.

This group came last August, and they were a tremendous hit.

For the past 39 years, The Ramblers have been entertaining audiences throughout the south-eastern United States with their unique brand

Saturday, August 21

6:00pm

Arthur Rd Parking Lot

**Outdoor Concert
Fellowship Event**

of harmony and humor. Tim Parrish, Randy Mathenia, and Chuck Utterback started performing together in college and have gone on to produce three albums. A number of major country music stars have closed The Ramblers' shows, including Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Barbara Mandrell, George Jones, and Steve Wariner. The Ramblers have appeared on The Nashville Network and continue to delight audiences young and old. Each member has a great deal of musical experience and a wide range of influences. The Ramblers feature tight harmonies, great instrumentals, and a really fun time for all their audiences.

The Ramblers also feature good old Southern Gospel Quartet style harmony with the exquisite keyboards of Cheryl Maccarino.



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2021-22 ELDER LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Elder Leadership Teams 2022-2024

Session Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 & as needed

Worship (1 st Tues 5:30) The Worship team serves the congregation by providing for the spiritual nourishment of members	Education (CMST – 2 nd Monday at 6:30) (YMST – 2 nd Monday at 6:30) (Adult Ed – 1 st Tuesday at 5:30) The Education Team provides a wide range of spiritual growth opportunities supporting members and guests through all phases of the journey of being disciples of Jesus Christ.	Mission (2 nd Tues at 5:30) The Mission team is tasked with intergenerational GPC mission activity to connect and spread the good news of the Gospel both locally and abroad by setting mission priorities and identifying, reviewing, and coordinating aligned opportunities for mission trips and offerings of financial support.	Membership (2 nd Tues at 7:00) The Membership team is tasked with identifying, recruiting and assimilating new member of the congregation. They are also tasked with keeping the membership current and accurate.	Stewardship (2 nd Tuesday 6:00) The Stewardship Team guides the church in overseeing our resources. This includes both our financial and our personnel resources. This team supports and works with the church staff, ensuring growth and development of each staff member. This team encourages the church in being generous.	Communications & Technology (4 th Tuesday 5:30) This team serves to promote the flow of information vital to the church ministry and leadership. Recognizing that quality information is key, we will use multiple methods and technologies to ensure that our members are informed in the most timely and efficient manner.	
Responsibilities Include: - Worship Services - Ushers, Greeters, & Liturgists - Communion Servers - Music - Sacraments - Flowers - Weddings - Funerals	Responsibilities Include: - Curriculum, Teacher Recruitment, Recognition, Training - Youth Programming, SS, etc. - Compass / Wed. Night Dinner - Children's Programming, SS, etc. - Presbyterian Women - Sunrise MENistries - Heritage Library	Responsibilities Include: - Local Missions - Global Missions - Mission Trips	Responsibilities Include: - Recruiting New Members - New Member Classes & Assimilation - Upkeep of the rolls	Responsibilities Include: - Budget - Personnel Matters (or delegation of these to appropriate person) - Congregational Tithing and Offerings	Responsibilities Include: - Communication Strategy - Technology and equipment, including all audio and visual equipment purchases and repairs	
STAFF: Susie, Will, Mike Jerold, Alex, John This committee has several non-elders also	STAFF: Mike – Adult Ed Anna – Children Jackie – Special Needs Christopher – Youth Each subcommittee has non-elders	STAFF: Will This committee has several non-elders also	STAFF: Mike (Ann is official record keeper in Servant membership changes)	STAFF: Fred, Amber, Will This committee has non-elders also	STAFF: Laurie, Will	2022
Dick Goughnour(C)	Mary K. Grantham (Sp. Needs) Helen Warren (C --Adult Ed) Chancellor Reynolds (YMST) Barbara Armstrong (Adult Ed)	Susan Hornberg (C)	Amy Phillips (C)	Alex Ivy (C)	Drayton Mayers (C)	2023
Joe Graddy Katherine Burnett		Noel Florendo	Beth Willingham Lea Buring	John Seabold	Ty Hardin	2024
Bob Johnson Elizabeth Powell	Terry Pickett (Adult Ed)	David Aslin Sue Perrin	Debbie Ragain	Alan Callicott	Ann Harbor	

EACH LEADERSHIP TEAM IS ENCOURAGED TO RECRUIT NON-ELDERS TO SERVE A ONE OR TWO YEAR TERM TO ASSIST WITH YOUR WORK

Nominating Committee (2):

Session Clerk: Diane Callahan

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2021-22 DEACON LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Deacon Leadership Teams 2022-2024

Diaconate Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7p.m. in the Session Room

	Congregational Life <u>Responsibilities Include:</u>	Congregational Care <u>Responsibilities Include:</u>	Buildings and Grounds <u>Responsibilities Include:</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational Events • NaCoMe • Congregational Gatherings • Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? • GPC Jubilee 2021 • Outdoor Concerts • Christmas Caroling • Chili Cook-Off • Congregational Breakfasts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Ministries • Prayer Ministry • Take-Them-A-Meal • Circles of Care • Friends in Christ • Fellowship Groups • Grief Ministry • Belonging Ministry • Retreats: Women's, Couple's, Men's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property appearance • Maintenance • Building upgrades and repairs • Usage policies
	<u>STAFF:</u> Susie	<u>STAFF:</u> Susie	<u>STAFF:</u> Fred
2022	Sherrie Homer Kelly Phillips Annaleigh Eason (YMST)	Pam Graddy Gary Veazey	Patii Bradford Charles Falkenkopf
2023	Jay Chandler	Martha Drannon Robbie Hughes	Molly Miller Dan Young
2024	Sue Kelley Mary Ann Harris Graham Askew	Alice Kiser Garrett Guynes	Greg Morgan David Paris

Moderator: Gary Veazey
Nominating Committee Representative: Molly Miller

Vice Moderator: Jay Chandler

Secretary: Alex Kiser

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Thank you to the Petals & Prayers Ministry for providing individual arrangements of flowers every week from the Sunday chancel arrangement.

Each Sunday or Monday, flowers from the chancel will be placed into portable sized vases to take to the sick, bereaved, or shut in.

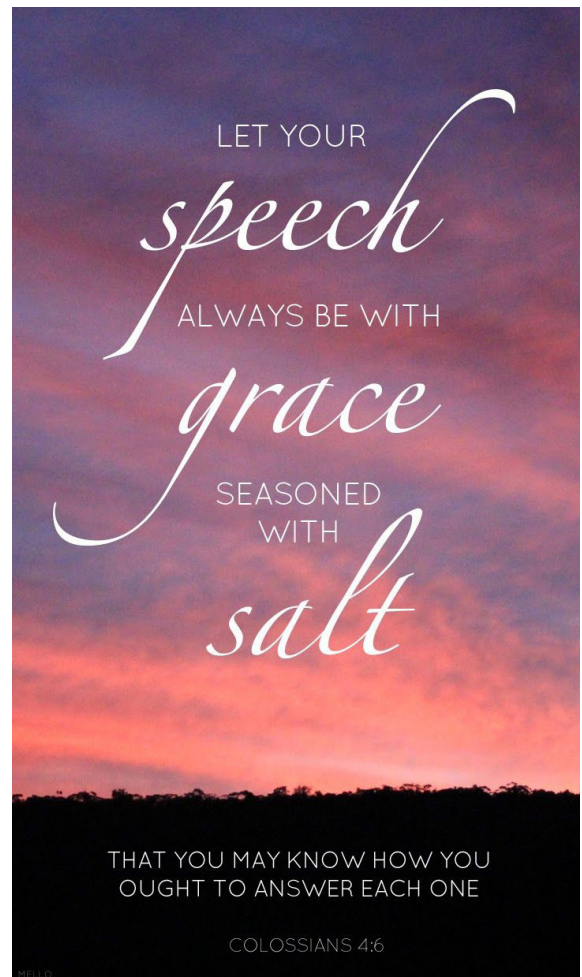
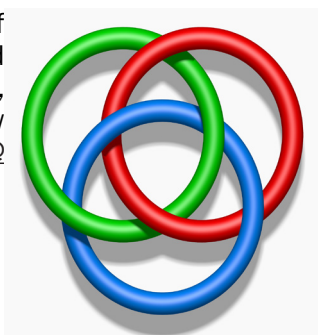
Typically Pastor Susie delivers these throughout the week, but anyone is welcome to share an arrangement with friends or family. Just come by the church office and you'll be directed to the flower room to choose a bright arrangement to share with a loved one.

CIRCLES OF CARE MINISTRY

This wonderful ministry bubbled forth during the very early days of the pandemic (March 2020), and now about 30 GPC parishioners are caring for about 216 other GPC parishioners.

How? Mostly by calling and checking on others. What do they say? "Hi, I'm (name) from GPC and I'm calling to check in on you. We want you to know that your church family loves you. How are you doing? Is there anything you might need us to do for you?"

If you'd like to be a part of this vibrant ministry and call on a handful of folks, please let Pastor Susie know by emailing her at care@germantownpres.org.



MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET



Currently the Medical Supply Closet is full. There are plenty of walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, and other medical supplies folks need from time to time. If you are in need of one or more of these, you are welcome to check them out from the Medical Supply Closet. Simply contact Ann DeVere (901-754-5195 or office@germantownpres.org) at the front desk of the GPC office, and she will assist you in getting what you or your loved one might need.

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THE GPC PRAYER MINISTRY

*Contributed by The
Congregational Care Prayer Team*



These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We, as a church, want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request and/or otherwise participate in prayer.

1. The website has a prayer request link on the home page with a praying hands graphic or you can email prayers@germantownpres.org.

2. Prayer cards that used to be in the sanctuary pews have now been returned to the pew racks and can also be found in the AC lobby, the Welcome Center, the GPC office and elsewhere around the church. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. You can specify that your request be prayed over by pastors only, by a small prayer group, or shared with the churchwide prayer list published in the monthly newsletter.

3. Another way to request prayer is through the email list that church member Margaret Owens oversees. She sends requests to a larger prayer list within the GPC family. If you'd also like to be included on this list to receive prayer requests or if you have a prayer request that you want to share, you may email her as well. Her email is margaretowens1@aol.com.

4. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. Or you can also send a prayer request directly to the pastors at prayers@germantownpres.org.

This is a great way for us to get renewal and strength.

GPC's GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Grief Support Resumes In-Person Meetings This Month

Friends, at long last, the Grief Support Group held its in-person meetings in June.

On Thursday, August 12, the Grief Support Group will begin its regular monthly in-person meetings (held on the 2nd Thursday of each month) in the church parlor.

The group meetings are free and open to GPC members, visitors, and those from the greater community area. If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the Grief Support Ministry Team listed below.

The Grief Support Ministry Team:

Stephanie Wall - The Grief Support Ministry leader, GPC member and former GPC staff member, Elder, Deacon, Certified Grief Support Specialist and Certified Grief Counselor through the American Academy of Grief Counseling, The American Institute of Health Care Providers, and The Grief Recovery Institute

Beth Brock - GPC member, Elder, Deacon, Former Board Member of Memphis Crisis Center

Linda Oakes - GPC member, Deacon, Retired Nurse St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Hospice Volunteer

Contact information for this Ministry Team:

Stephanie Wall-901-494-7786 or stephaniewall@hotmail.com

Beth Brock-901-355-0262 or beth.coleman.brock@gmail.com

Linda Oakes-901-237-6566 or linoakes@bellsouth.net



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CARING FOR AND NURTURING A CONGREGATION IN LIFE AND FAITH

What does it mean to well care for a congregation? To me, it means to provide pastoral care and nurture for everyone. That is, to be beside everyone in their life and faith journeys in all the ways they may need. And, it means providing ways for parishioners to learn and grow in their life and faith journeys.

So, some of your questions may be –

- How should I let the church know of my pastoral needs?
- When I have a prayer concern – what do I do?
- How do I connect with a pastor and ask that they join me in my life and faith journey?
- What are ways GPC strives to connect with (nurture) our parishioners besides prayer?
- How can I serve God by participating, connecting, and even serving at GPC?

Ways to let the church know of your needs:

- Call the church office – Ann DeVere is our main point person – 901-754-5195. Call Ann and let her know ...
 - > Of your specific need;
 - > OR that you would like to have a pastor call you back;
 - > OR, ask to be connected to one of the pastor's voice mail boxes;
- * Leave a voice mail message for us ... and we will call you back!

- If after church business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30-4pm), call the church office and then **PRESS 1** to connect with the **ON-CALL PASTOR**.
 - > You'll be directly connected to their cell phone – and can speak with the pastor – OR can leave a voice mail message and we will call you back!

- Email the church office: office@germantownpres.org OR care@germantownpres.org.

When I have a prayer concern – what do I do? And, what are the levels of sharing my prayer concerns?

- Follow the prompts above ...
- There are 3 levels of sharing prayer concerns:
 - > Pastors Only
 - > Monthly Published Prayer List (GPC's *The Window*) (see page 26 in this month's issue)
 - > Email Prayer Distribution List – about 250+ Prayer Warriors who are ready and willing to be in prayer for you!

So – let whomever you speak with know at which level(s) you want your prayer concern shared.

How do I connect with a pastor and ask that they join me in my life and faith journey?

- Follow any of the prompts above and we will be thrilled to be beside you in your life and faith journeys!

What are ways GPC strives to connect with (nurture) our parishioners besides prayer?

- Circles of Care Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- Friends in Christ
- Fellowship Groups
- Book Study Groups
- Women's Retreat
- Men's SONrise Breakfast
- Presbyterian Women
- Women's Bible Study
- Men's Lunch Bible Study
- Sunday School Classes for Adults, Children, Youth, and Special Needs
- Youth Group
- Music – Choir and Handbells
- Special Needs Ministry

What are opportunities to serve God by serving at GPC?

- Teaching/Facilitating – children, youth, adults, special needs – ALL need you!
- Participating in one or more groups (see above!);
- Attending as many activities as you can during the week and on Sundays;
- Participating in one or more mission opportunities (local or global) with GPC's Mission Team (contact Susan Hornberg for more information);
- Volunteer in the GPC office;
- Help with an upcoming Congregational Life event, e.g. Outdoor Music events, Chili Cook-Off, etc. (contact Kelly Phillips or Sherrie Horner for more information);
- Help with Special Needs classes and events, e.g. Sunday school, Wacky Wednesdays, Friendship Circle (contact Jackie Classen for more information).

Remember, God loves you! We love you! Let us know how we can best serve you and how you feel called to serve God at GPC. It's our great joy and honor to do so!

Blessings, grace, and peace,

Rev. Susie Carter Wiggins
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Nurture

To get contact information for any of the people mentioned in this article, email the church office at office@germantownpres.org.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WAYS TO GIVE

In the Mail

Mail checks to:
2363 S Germantown Rd
Germantown TN 38138.



Text

Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Online



Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR Code to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.

*For more information please call
Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.*



Giving App

Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!

DON'T FORGET GPC THIS SUMMER

***GPC WISHES YOU A SAFE, HEALTHY, & FUN SUMMER,
BUT DON'T FORGET YOUR TITHE.***

***SUMMER'S TYPICALLY A CHALLENGE TO STAY ON BUDGET,
SO YOUR GIVING IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS IT IS DURING THE YEAR.***

THANK YOU, & WHEN YOU'RE IN TOWN, MAKE SURE YOU COME WORSHIP WITH US.

Help Needed with Worship Services: GPC is looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday morning and evening worship services. The people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have to do is learn the user-friendly system. It's vitally important to our expanding presence on social. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church at communications@germantownpres.org.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR MEN & WOMEN



Join the Thursday Bible Study

Submitted by Jean Carroll

The Thursday Bible Study meets in the library the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

The Bible Study is 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, and we're using our Bibles and the study guide, *1 & 2 Peter and Jude* by N. T. Wright. You may order the study guide from Amazon (\$9 or \$10); Jean can order it for you; or you can check it out from the GPC library.

There is not a Bible Leader for this group. We take turns reading the questions, and everyone who wants to do so participates in a discussion. This group has found this to be a really meaningful format. We share prayer requests confidentially and pray.

Please let me know if you would like to join this group. We will, of course, continue to follow the guidelines as proscribed by the CDC and the Shelby County Department of Health.

Contact for this group is Jean Carroll - 901-755-6950 home, 901-674-6950 cell, or jeancarroll1@comcast.net.

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

Breakfast: The men meet in person and Zoom for Men's Sunrise Ministry Breakfast every Friday morning at 6:30am. The contact for that group is Drayton Mayers, and you can email him at 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 to get involved.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2021-2022 will be *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary — Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard these stories of His grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as He heard about His family? What might the stories of these women have added to His sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?



Presbyterian Women (PW) Gathering will be Tuesday, August 17 at 10:00am in Warren Hall. New officers will be installed, and a catered lunch will be provided. All women are invited to attend. If a new member, please contact Nancy Halter (jhalter2097@comcast.net or 731-267-0497) or Bonnie Algee (bbalgee@bellsouth.net or 901-674-2613). If you are a returning member, your circle leader will be in touch with you for reservations.

Those unable to attend the installation may drive-thru on August 17 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm in order to pick up your packet and purchase a study guide (\$10.00). Please have exact cash or check made payable to PW GPC.

August 28 Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins will present our Bible study for 2021-2022 via Zoom. We will be studying the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus - Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. The name of our study is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. Zoom information will be made available closer to the presentation date. We invite all women to sign in and enjoy this presentation.

PW Circles begin September 7 going through May 4 and will meet at GPC.

Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am.
 Circle #1 - UL215
 Circle #2 - UL216
 Circle #3 - UL217
 Circle #4 (night circle) - Parlor at 6:30pm refreshments and 7:00pm lesson.

If additional information is needed contact Nancy Halter at jhalter2097@comcast.net or 731 267-0497 or Bonnie Algee at bbalgee@bellsouth.net or 901-674-2613.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

FINDING YOUR PEOPLE IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Kicking-off this August the 15th, we are excited to share that each of our 5 adult Sunday School classes will be back in the building and meeting every week as they grow closer together in faith and friendship. God has blessed our church family with a passion for helping each other grow as disciples of Jesus. And as we fully emerge from COVID, we have the opportunity to write a new chapter in that great history.

Each of our Sunday School classes are vibrant, healthy, and a wonderful place to connect meaningfully with others. So if you're curious about what it would be like to feel a deep sense of belonging and friendship, our groups are an easy and enjoyable way for you to experience that sense of home. There is nothing better than growing closer to Christ through authentic relationships. So come check out our Sunday School classes. We can't wait to welcome you on the journey of faith.

Name	Description	Location	Time	Point of Contact
Coffee & Conversations	Parents of young children, currently focusing on the Prodigal Son story	Second Floor Room UL-217	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Candace Askew: candace.phillips@fedex.com
Paula's Hearts & Hands	Women's knitting group, currently focusing on 1 Corinthians	Second Floor Room UL-214	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Susan Olinger: olinger.sh@gmail.com
Psalms 78	Parents of school age children, currently focusing on stories behind hymns	Second Floor Room UL-215	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Rebecca Floyd: rebeccaflloyd1973@gmail.com
The Seekers	Adults of all ages, currently focusing on evangelism	Second Floor Room UL-216	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Randy Harris: randyfhharris2@yahoo.com
Hits of the Ages	Adults of all ages, currently focusing on the 12 Disciples	Second Floor Room UL-218	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Alan Callicott: Alan@callicott-insurance.com

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE – BEGINNING AUGUST 15, 2021

Morning	Evening
8:30-9:30am – Early Morning Worship	5:30-7:30pm – Youth Group
9:30am – Children's Sunday School Dropoff	6:00-7:00pm – Evening Contemporary Worship
9:40-10:40am – Sunday School Hour	
10:45am – Children's Sunday School Pickup	
10:30-11:00am – Coffee & Donuts	
11:00am-12:00pm – Late Morning Worship	

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



LEARN MORE ABOUT GPC

It's a great time to be a part of Germantown Presbyterian Church. Not only are we back in person, but we are also back in our newly renovated sanctuary. Beginning August 15 we will have three wonderful services from which to choose to attend.

There will be an Inquirers Luncheon on September 12 immediately following the eleven o'clock service. All of you who have been visiting both in person and online who would like to know more about GPC and how to join, come have lunch with us and find out all the many areas in which our church is involved and where you might be interested in participating.

Let's grow in GPC together. If you'd like to attend the luncheon, contact me at 901-647-6433 or amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com.

Peace in His love,
Amy B. Phillips
GPC Membership Committee



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SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



Happy Fall Kick-off! We, the members of the Special Needs Ministry Team of Germantown Presbyterian Church (GPC), wish to welcome you to the Fall term of our specially designed programs! We are excited and honored to offer the loving support of Christ to all God's exceptional adults and children! Our programs meet the needs of all ages, preschool – adult. We are the Place where Exceptional Adults and Children are Embraced (PEACE), and we cordially invite you to check us out!

Sunday mornings' worship services occur before and after Bible study.

Whether an early-riser or one who prefers to (or needs to) ease their way out of the house on Sunday mornings, GPC's community of believers stands ready to welcome all worshippers into our comfortable, engaging atmosphere. All God's children are valued; all are welcome, and we do our best to make necessary accommodations to allow access for everyone!

Flexible scheduling to

and for



Sunday morning Bible study is offered to children of all ages - preschool (infant - kindergarten), elementary (1st - 5th grade), youth (6th - 12th grade) - and adults of all ages. Bible study lesson accommodations are created by trained teachers and supported by a former Special Education Teacher who attained a Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education degree from the University of Memphis before beginning a 20-year career in the field.

Participants may choose to worship at 8:30am, then attend Bible study at 9:40am; or attend Bible study at 9:40am, then attend worship at 11:00am. GPC even offers evening worship service, beginning at 6:00pm. We will begin our next series on August 15; feel free to join us!

We live to, and love to, serve our community of exceptional adults and children, so additional opportunities for Sunday Bible study may be created for attendees of our evening worship service. Please feel free to voice your needs to our Special Needs Ministry Director, Jackie Classen, at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS' FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE IS GEARING UP!

Proverbs 17:17: "A friend loves at all times."

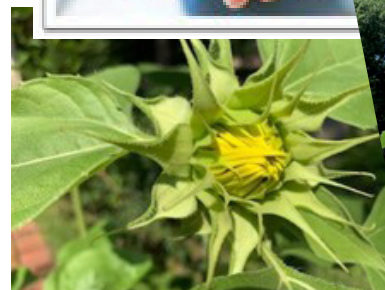
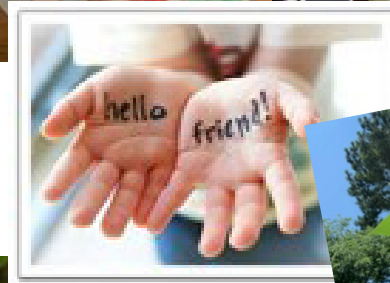
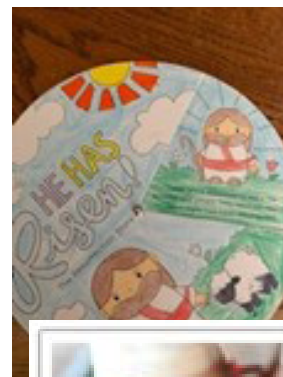


GPC's Friendship Circle exists to build participants' God-like character through Bible study and creative outlets, while creating sincere and lasting friendships. This group of friends meets each Wednesday (starting August 11 and ending for the fall term on December 16). Each session is conducted from 12:15pm - 2:30pm, offering a lunch-bunch and fellowship atmosphere, coupled with character-building Bible lessons. These lessons are paired with a variety of engaging activities such as arts and crafts, service projects, game-playing, and skill-building. We offer flexible settings for participation – in-person or via Zoom conferencing. Participants are able to attend at their convenience for the whole session or part of the session. Our group is filled with loving adults who enjoy meeting and making new friends. Feel free to come and join our group!

Friendship Circle thrives best with volunteer support. In the past year our friends enjoyed chair yoga with Wendy Holmes, a virtual visit by Lisa O'Kane of Southeastern Guide Dogs, creating lovely flower arrangements with our Flower Committee's Sandy Jones, cultivating sunflowers from seed to stalk-height, cookie-decorating with our GPC baker Lea Buring, painting-by-number, making decorative coasters in a craft led by one of our participants, Bingo and trivia games, sending Valentine's Day and Easter cards to family and friends, as well as to GPC members residing in assisted care facilities throughout the Memphis area. Most of our participants also attended the annual Memphis Joy Prom last year (although it looked COVID different in 2021), a multi-church, collaborative event occurring next in the Spring on April 29, 2022. Stay tuned for more information on that upcoming, glamorous event!

Volunteers and caring members are encouraged to share ideas, passions, and talents, to foster the success of this valuable program. Do you have a hobby you would like to share with others? Is there a service area for which you are passionate? Our friends rally behind causes such as making blankets for animals in shelters, providing food to needy families, and many others.

Another way to help is by spreading the word; let others in the community know that we are here to support their needs! Are you or any of your neighbors, friends, or coworkers related to or familiar with an adult with special needs who might enjoy our group's support and love? Feel free to speak up about our PEACE program! You may direct them to our website (www.GermantownPres.org) or share our e-mail address with them, specialneeds@germantownpres.org.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

AND THERE IS EVEN MORE THE PEACE PROGRAM OFFERS...

By Jackie Classen

1 Chronicles 15:16: "David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals."



AMPLify is GPC's inclusive music instruction program. Led by the skill of Noel Wilkins, our participants have learned to incorporate rhythm, melody, and improvisation to create a joyful sound. We each possess varying musical ability, and Noel captures and enhances each participant's talent as he offers instruction using the Orff approach. Our fall and spring terms culminate in live concert performances with our participants playing a variety of instruments before supportive members of the GPC congregation and their families.

AMPLify is one of GPC's favorite programs! The participants engage in instruction tailored to their needs and abilities, learning to play guitars, drums, tambourines, piano, and xylophones. AMPLify is enjoyed by our participants, their families, church staff and our congregation members. Our weekly practice sessions do fill the church with a joyful sound!

AMPLify jam sessions are offered every Thursday (starting August 12 and ending for the fall term on December 9) from 10:00am – 11:30am. As with any musical ensemble, the more musicians, the merrier the melodies! We appreciate the support of our many audience members and volunteers and hope that you will help us spread the word and build our band into an orchestra!

AMPLify lives up to its name, with offerings beyond the designated class time. Private guitar lessons are made available by application. Noel Wilkins can turn your novice into a shining star! Noel's talent for meeting individuals' needs stems from years of experience and an abundantly

patient and charismatic demeanor. Noel finds the talent God placed within each of His creations!

If you are around GPC on a Thursday morning, you will enjoy our melodies stirring throughout the church. We encourage you to stop by and have a listen or grab an instrument and join in with the fun! Our participants' joy will invigorate your soul! Thank you for supporting this finely-tuned PEACE program!



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

JoyLife 901 Breakfast Club

Thanks to the generous nature of our Men's Breakfast Club members, plans are under way to return the JoyLife 901 Breakfast Club to Germantown Presbyterian Church! We hope to participate in a greater way this year than in prior years and continue to do so in the years ahead!

We currently have members ready and willing to provide the time and talent; sadly the treasury is a bit depleted due to our COVID-19 hiatus. We would GREATLY appreciate donations to help us gather the supplies required to kick-start this program again. These resources will provide the meals to our friends with special needs! If you feel led to help supply the treasure, we will happily pour on the love to this community! We rest in the assurance that God will provide the means!

You can contact Director of the Special Needs Ministry, Jackie Classen, at specialneeds@germantownprs.org with questions or for more information.



We are considering the return of this VALUABLE and NEEDED ministry opportunity!

Everyone needs an opportunity for the refreshing of their souls. Because parenting is a full-time job, with high stakes – the positive encouragement of their children – we recognize their need for even a little time off.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. - Mark 1:35

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

We all seek vacations to rest and relax, often returning with restored vigor and enthusiasm for the work required of us.

What GPC needs to return this program is volunteer support! If you have the heart to work with children in a loving way, we need your help! It's an easy evening, once a month... the more volunteers we have the smoother it will go! Please consider joining our efforts to help GPC's parents and parents of children with special needs

BREATHE a sigh of relief! They need it, they deserve it, and we can offer it – with a little help from within ourselves. Thank you for prayerfully considering joining our team to allow this ministry to thrive again!

For more information, contact Director of Special Needs Ministry Jackie Classen at specialneeds@germantownprs.org.

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

MUSIC NOTES

August will be an exciting month at GPC. Installation of our new Associate Pastor Mike Lyle/Chancel Choir resumes/ an outside concert/and back to two Sunday morning worship services. A month filled with special activity and excitement!!

Chancel Choir resumes Sunday, August 15, the Sunday we return to our regular 8:30am and 11:00am Sunday morning worship! **Kick-Off Sunday.** ALL church programming will resume its normal pre-COVID schedule.

We are all excited as well as a bit apprehensive. PRAY that all continues to go well with numbers being vaccinated as our church/our community/our nation and the world continue to battle COVID. We are ALL ready to move forward and not look back, I PRAY that we are allowed to do so.

Sunday, August 15 will be a great day. Marcus will be soloist, and we will have two trumpets from the Brass Quintet join us for both services as we lift the rafters singing *Lift High the Cross* as our first hymn. Our choir anthem will be a special arrangement of *How Great Thou Art*. This will be a day you will not want to miss.

August 1 is the first Sunday in August, a Communion Sunday. We will still be having only one service at 9:30am. Shannon and Aaron Redburn will be soloists this Sunday. It is with sadness for us here at GPC but with great joy for Shannon and Aaron that I inform you that August 1 will be their last Sunday with us. They have both accepted jobs in Kansas City, their home town, and are excited to be moving back where they can be close to family. Dr. Shannon and Dr. Aaron (they both completed their Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at UM about a two months ago) have been with us for four years. They have been a tremendous asset to our music ministry, and they will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best and want them to know that they will always be considered a part of the GPC Family. Shannon and Aaron's musical talents have blessed us all; they leave with our Prayers and Blessings!!

On Sunday, August 8 our soloist will be Kerriann Otano. We will still be worshipping at one 9:30am worship service. Kerriann is new to GPC; she is married to Dane Suarez who was with us for two years several years back when he was an apprentice with Opera Memphis. Dane and Kerriann are now living in Memphis; Kerriann has taken a job as Marketing Director with Opera Memphis; Dane will sing with us when in town; he is now a professional singer traveling

and singing with various opera companies. He is currently singing with the San Diego Opera. Kerriann has also been a professional singer (she debuted with the Met two years ago), but for now she has decided to settle down, travel less, and, at present, work here with Opera Memphis. Welcome Kerriann and Dane!!

Saturday evening, August 21, 6:00pm - Outdoor Concert in the Arthur Road parking lot featuring Chuck Utterback and the RAMBLERS. Bring food/drink/lawn chairs, and be ready for fun and down-home entertainment!! Sponsored by Congregational Life!

Sunday, August 22 we will continue with our regular 8:30am and 11:00am worship. Althea and Russell Crouse will be soloists, and the GPC Chancel Choir will join them at 11:00am.

Sunday, August 29 will be a special day in the life of GPC as our new Associate Pastor Mike Lyle will be installed during the 11:00am worship service.

As we return to our normal schedule, children's choirs and bells and adult bells will also be resuming soon. Watch for specific times and dates.

A Big Thank You to ALL who contribute to the Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund. Your gifts to music and your support of the annual church budget allow us to have quality music at GPC year-round. Thank You. See U soon > I look forward to Seeing you in Worship!

Jerold C. Teachey, DM
Director of Music



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

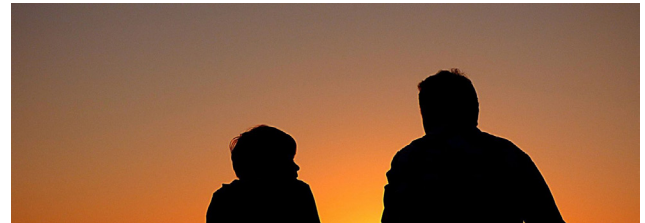


Memphis Athletic Ministries

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

Memphis Athletic Ministries (MAM) is searching for men and women who will commit to mentor a high school student for this upcoming school year. Mentors will be matched with students accepted into our Amplify Mentoring Program (AMP). AMP students are hand selected and hired by MAM to work in our sites and gain college and career training. Mentors will help these students set goals and take the steps to reach those goals and prepare them for life after MAM. For more information or to sign up, go to: www.mamsports.org/volunteer.

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RISING TOGETHER FOUNDATION



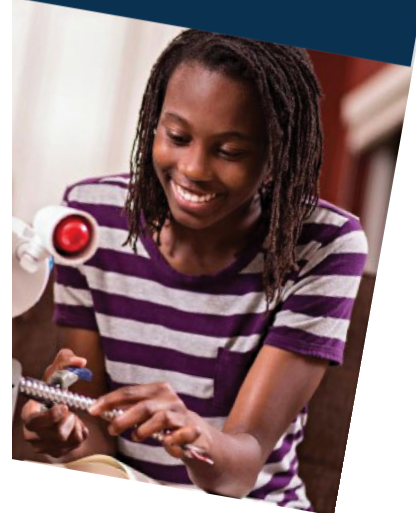
OUR STRATEGY

Rising Together invests our resources into programming that helps disadvantaged students. We partner with schools, churches, and other community organizations that are committed to serving disadvantaged students and have great facilities that are often under-used in the summer months. We pay for everything related to our programs and our partners provide the facilities.

For many youths in our community a good education is a way out of poverty, yet they don't receive the opportunities to improve their academic and leadership skills. In the summer months rather than develop skills, they often regress academically. During the school year they are not offered academic enrichment and leadership programs and events like many of their peers. Our organization was founded to address these inequities in education and opportunity through our academic programs and summer camps.

OUR PROGRAMS

Rising Together promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for our group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community. Our programs and events are a collaborative effort by individuals representing universities and colleges, public and independent schools, and other organizations dedicated to excellence in education and leadership.



BRIDGING THE GAP
FOR EDUCATION AND
OPPORTUNITY.

FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

By Anna White

August Schedule

August 1 - No Sunday School for children as we prepare for the coming year.

August 8 - 10:30 - 11:30am, teacher training in The Well.

August 15 - 9:30am/AC, Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast.

8:30 and 11:00am, regular worship services resume. Yay!

August 22 - First day of regular 9:30am Sunday School drop off. Watch for details in the GPCKids weekly eblast.

August 29 - Presentation of 4th and 5th graders in 11:00 worship; 4th and 5th grade swim party at the home of Ashley and David, Tyler Robinson. Watch for details.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR 2021-22

In the family ministry at GPC, a Bible verse we live by is from Psalm 78:4, "We shall teach the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."

Each Sunday we have dedicated Sunday School teachers who teach to make this happen! We are always in need of new teachers and substitutes. We aim to have 4 people on each team of teachers so that teachers can alternate their schedules and maintain flexibility for their weekend family and travel needs. As you can see, we are short 4 people on each team. Please email Anna if you are willing to join one of these teams (children@germantownpres.org). And, a big thank you to these teachers who are so faithful in the lives of our GPCKids!

2 and 3 year olds - Lea Buring, Nancy Webb, Lacey Schepman

PreK and Kindergarten - Molly Miller, Mattie Jordan

1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades - Margaret Oldham, Kelly Phillips, Tracey Smith

4th and 5th grades - Marjorie Reynolds, Bo Hormberg



FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILIES & CHILDREN



Nursery and Toddler Childcare Providers Needed

At Germantown Presbyterian Church:

Alternating Sunday mornings, some
Sunday evenings, some Wednesday
evenings, and occasional special events.

Submit resume to
annaw@germantownpres.org

FAMILY MINISTRY

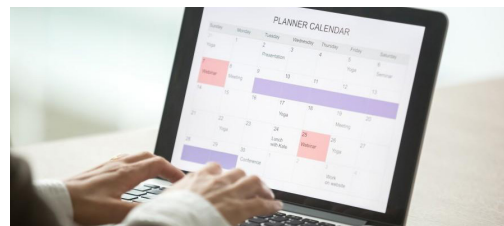
YOUTH

By Christopher Greco



YOUTH HEAD OUT TO MONTREAL WITH CHRISTOPHER GRECO (DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY), ELIZABETH WILSON, AND FORREST OWENS.

LOOK FOR MORE PICTURES FROM THE TRIP NEXT MONTH.



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE AND UPCOMING DATES TO MARK

August 8, Sunday

- > SS Leader Training
- > Youth Group/Small Group Leader Training (in the evening at 5pm)

August 9, Monday

Shelby Co Schools and Germantown Municipal Schools first Day

August 15, Sunday - KICKOFF SUNDAY

- > Pancake Breakfast
- > Senior High Pool Party

August 22, Sunday

- > First Sunday School
- > Confirmation Meeting w/Confirmands, Teachers, and Parents during Sunday School
- > Junior High Pool Party

August 29, Sunday

- > Regular Sunday School
- > Youth Group

September 5, Sunday

No Youth or Sunday School for Labor Day

September 6, Monday - Labor Day

September 12, Sunday

- > Sunday School
- > Mess Fest

September 19, Sunday - GPC JUBILEE

- > Sunday School
- > No Youth Group

September 26, Sunday

- > Sunday School
- > Youth Group

Dates to Mark on Your Planner:

October 15-16 - Junior High Lock-in

October 22-23 - Senior High Lock-in

November 21 - Youth Thanksgiving Celebration

December 12 - Youth Christmas Party

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation

>Shirley Billups	>Kay/David Collins	>Jean/Bob Hicks	**Lalla Mellor	>Tavia/Cole Sanders
>Sherril/Jim Blair	>Fritz/Jeanie Crombie	**Judy Hobbs	>Caroline Oldham	>Diane Short
>Linda Sue/Bob Bobo	>Kay Donaho	>John Hurt	>Pat Plunk	>Pam/Bill Spencer
>Huddy/Bayard Boyle	>Judy/Fred Frick	>Dot Ledlow	>Greg Morgan	>Mary Strop
>Jean/Gil Brooks	>Rachel Gwin	>Carol/Bill Leppert	>Susan Robinson	>Anne/Wayne Tansil
>Tommie Faye Coffman	>Dot/Lamar Hartzog	>Aggie/Jack Losa	>Jackie/Bill Ruleman	>Jan Thomson

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:
the family of Terry Bishop in his death;
Gaye Pitts & family in the death of her father;
family of Diane Stearns 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

>Brad & family - friends of Jeanie Hill	**Jean Griffin & family - friends of Gisele & Terry Pickett	>Kim & Chris Mitchell - niece & nephew of Violet Olsen	>Bill Sims - extended family of Missy Gwin
>Brandon - PEACE program participant & friend of Jackie Classen	>Debra Hampton & family - co-worker of Woodson Farmer	>Hubert Moore - uncle of Patrick Rice	**Mark Smith - brother of Barbara Armstrong
**Deborah Cornelius - friend of friend of Greg Morgan	>Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger	>Mary Ann & Troy Odom - parents of Tracey Smith	>Mary C. Thrift - sister of Carol Barnes
>JoAnne Day - mother of Jeff Day	>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	>Nephew of Margaret Owens	>Mary Ann & Merle Weaver - friends of Jackie Classen
**Diane - former college roommate of Jeanie Hill	>Aubrey Holder - brother of Debbie Florendo	>Dad of Aaron Redburn	>Amber West - friend of Susan Shirley Hurt
>Brad Flynn - friend of Drayton Mayers	>Keynen - Brianna Reilly's boyfriend	>Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger	>Bryan & Robin Crouse
>Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss	>Mary Jo - sister of Kristy Sneed	>Sally - mother of Martha Mayers	Woodell - family of Althea, Russell, Christina Crouse
>Cliff Green - brother of Susan Green Jones		**Jamie Satterwhite - nephew of Jean Carroll	

****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.

August 2021 GPC Family Prayer Ministry

<u>Aug 1</u>	<u>Aug 8</u>	<u>Aug 15</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Aug 29</u>
Beth Boyle	Barbara Branch	Beth Bowman	Beth & Ben Brock	Tucker Brock
Susan & Scott Bingham, Harrison & Kate	Eleanor & David Denton	Paul Boyle	Christy Campbell, Claire & Max Lino	Kay Donaho
Nancy & Jeff Halter	John Edmonds	Kriste & Kevin Cullum	Teresa & Ty Hardin, Sarah	Joyce Henry
Becky Long	Leah & George Lumm, Emma Grace, George	Judy Hobbs	Jeanie & Walter Hill	Molly & Chip Miller, Andrew, Mattie, Miller Grace
Sally & Bruce McCulloch	Carolyn Pearce	Lindsay & Zac Overbey, Everett & Isla	Kelly & Thomas Lackey, Catherine	Pamela Palmer
Sue & Jim Perrin	Beth Schriener	Carole Phelps	Morgan & David Paris, Darcy, Jean, Roy	Martha Shuler
Sandy Roberts	Cackie & Robert Walker, Alexander, Madeleine, Olivia	Linda & Bill Shirley	Anna & Jeff White, Alyssa, Julianna	Fred Turverey & Gerre Craig
Robert & Vickie Shaw		Frida Walters Moky, Dilon, Isabella		
Donna & Jerry Wilhite				

ENGAGE IN 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GPC FAMILIES WHO HAVE WELCOMED BABIES IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR

As many of you probably know, GPC welcomes the birth of babies into the GPC family with a baby rose in Sunday morning worship. The following families have welcomed babies in the first half of the year. If you know of a baby that hasn't been mentioned, please contact the office at office@germantownpres.org so we can keep our records current.

January

February

March

April

Lincoln William Thomas, son of Amy and Trey Thomas, little brother of Robbie, grandson of Agnes Thomas, Laura and Robert Shriner, and great grandson of Dr. Bill and Betty Potter.

May

John David and Matthew Charles, twin sons of Maria and Chad Fahrenkopf, little brothers to Katherine, grandsons of GPC members Charles and Alinda Fahrenkopf.

Lila Marie Goodin, daughter of GPC members Jennifer and Michael Goodin, and little sister to Evelyn, Grey and Rosalie.

Emma Jean Harris, daughter of GPC members Spencer & Molly Harris, little sister to Ava, and grandparents, Randy & Mary Ann Harris.

Beckett Knox Scroggin, son of Eileen and Steele Scroggin, and little brother to Lincoln.

July

Darby Keltner Kilpatrick, granddaughter of GPC members Ron and Sharon Arthur, daughter of Jordan and Haley Arthur Kilpatrick, sister, Stella, and great granddaughter of Barbara Arthur.

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

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Betty McCallen
Kay & David Collins
Dixie & Bob Johnson
Erwin Westmoreland

In Memory of Jack Kelley
Karen Stalker

Music Fund

In Memory of Sandy Franks
Lea & Eric Buring
Althea & Russell Crouse
Dixie & Bob Johnson

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

September Window Deadline: August 15

GPC Financial Summary, June 2021

	June 2021	2021 YTD		June 2020	2020 YTD
Revenue	\$165,792	\$1,107,851		\$131,057	\$952,548
Expenses	\$148,450	\$915,724		\$123,952	\$815,638
Net	\$17,342	\$192,127		\$7,105	\$136,910

We had a surplus of \$17,342 in June with a Year-to-Date surplus of just over \$192,000. Both of these numbers are an improvement over our June 2020 results and put us in an excellent position to absorb the increased expenses associated with our return to full program status in August. Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship.

The GPC Session did not meet in July,
so no Session Corner appears in this month's newsletter.

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