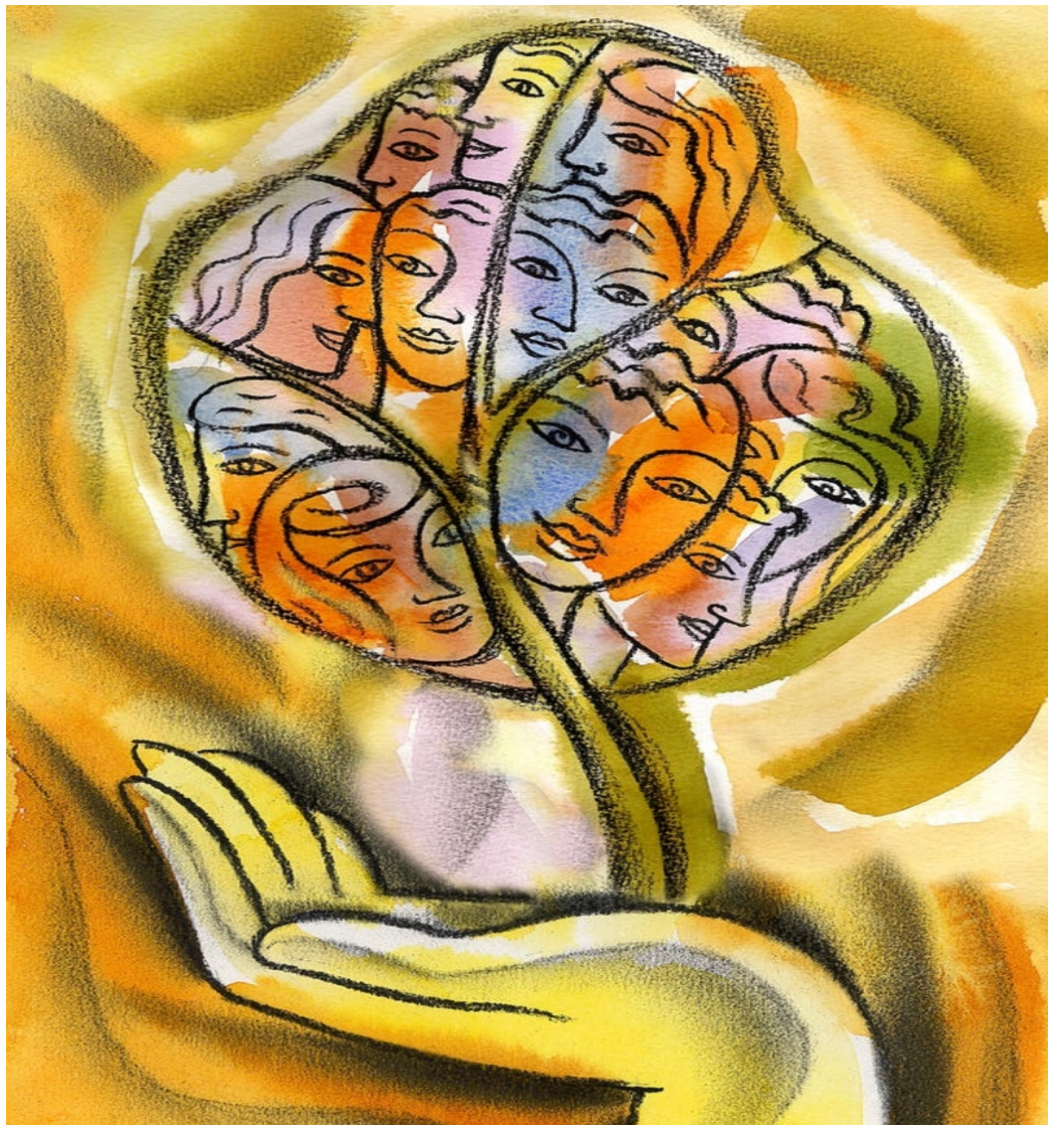




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*November 14, 2021*

*8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.*

*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE *Angels Ever Bright and Fair* Handel/Nixon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mike Lyle

INTROIT (11:00) *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* arr. Mark Arnold

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16) (8:30) Ms. Jill Crocker  
(11:00) Mr. Drayton Mayers

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**People: For You show me the path of life. And in Your presence there is fullness of joy.**

\*OPENING HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Jesus, you are such a good and faithful friend. But we confess that we have neglected you by forgetting that we are human-beings first and last, not human-doers. We have become addicted to achievement, driven by anxiety, and motivated by fear of the unknown. Rather than listening and trusting you, we have sought comfort in our own initiative and ideas. Lord, have mercy on us. Sprinkle our hearts clean with confidence in your unfailing love. And hear us now as we continue with you in silence.**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*SHARING OF GRACE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please remember others in our church family who cannot be with us today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love.)*

# THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Almighty God of our Fathers*  
Chancel Choir

Will James

*Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal. Holy, holy Lord God of Israel. Blessed art Thou, the God of our fathers. Unto Thy throne do we lift up our songs, Lord, our Creator. Great is Thy name, the King of kings. Our prayers ascend to Thee. Hear our prayer unto Thee: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy will be done, Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us our daily bread, and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lyle

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Engaging Our Potential...in Caring

Rev. Lyle

ENGAGING OUR POTENTIAL: *Caring For One Another*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Jones

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wiggins

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*And Can it Be?*  
Desiree Soto, soprano

Dan Forrest

*And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Jones

## *SENDING*

\*HYMN 144

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFYDOL

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Lyle

\*POSTLUDE

*Grand March on "St. Oswald" and "Nicaea"*

Percy Fletcher

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## *WORSHIP ARTS TODAY*

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*Welcome to worship* online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Scan the QR code to sign into the online Friendship Pad.



*Interested in joining GPC? You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 or [amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com](mailto:amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com).

*GPC's pastors* can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

**Church Family Prayer Program:** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Phil Carroll; Kathy & Steve Davis; September & Bob Eason, Annaleigh, Evey, Renn; Shirley Howell; Mary & Steve Nelson & Erik Nelson; Pat & Ken Plunk; Kristy & Vernon Sneed.

**In November, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:**

First Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, MO

First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO

**Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements  
Week of November 14, 2021**

***Engaging Our Potential (EOP):*** Commitment Sunday this year is November 21, and GPC is doing something new by combining our regular annual funding campaign with a debt-retirement campaign into one consolidated effort, and we're calling it *Engaging Our Potential*. You will continue to see information and reminders about this as we approach Commitment Sunday on November 21. *Engaging Our Potential* is a two-year financial stewardship campaign to fund our annual operations budget and to eliminate the remaining \$1.5 million of capital debt. While this is new for GPC, this method has been very successful for many churches and

educational institutions over the last ten years. Questions? Call Fred Turverey or Alex Ivy at 901-754-5195.

***EOP Prayer Vigil:*** On Friday, November 19, just before Commitment Sunday on November 21, GPC is holding a 12-hour prayer vigil, and you're invited and encouraged to sign up! A sign-up has been scheduled with ½ hour segments, and the great wish is to fill up all these slots so the GPC family is being prayed for through the entire 12 hours. You don't have to pray for a full half hour – just during that time. You may come onsite and pray in the historic Evans Chapel, or you can simply pray wherever you are. Prayer prompts will be provided both online and onsite to help guide you if you wish. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind opportunity to bless yourself and your church family.

And please prayerfully consider your commitment to *Engaging Our Potential* that will encompass both your annual giving for two years AND your commitment to debt retirement.

### ***New News!***

#### **Wednesday Evening Advent Offerings for Adults & Kids**

**Wednesday Evening Advent Devotional Series *A Season of Preparation & Celebration.*** Over the last 18 months, we have had so few opportunities to spend some good quality time together as a family of faith. And that's crucial for the deepening of our relationships with one another and with Jesus. But that all changes this Christmas! This Advent, we are excited to invite you to experience four delicious and delightful evenings that will be meaningful for the whole family. Join us during the four Wednesdays of Advent, December 1, 8, 15 and 22, for dinner and a wonderful new devotional series called *Come, Lord Jesus, Come.*

Participants will be given three ways to enjoy this devotional together:

- women's group,
- men's group,
- joint group.

So come join us this Advent season as we celebrate the birth of the King of kings together!

#### **2021 Wednesday Evening Advent Devotional Schedule – a**

- Dinner: 5:30pm - 6:00pm in Warren Hall
- Adult Advent Devotional: 6:00pm - 6:55pm
- Children's Lessons & Carols: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Closing Prayer: 7:00pm

**Children's Wednesday Evening Advent *Lessons & Carols!*** We are so excited to welcome our children, ages 3-5th grade, during the four Wednesday evenings of Advent, December 1,8,15 and 22, to learn and experience the true meaning of Christmas! Children will not only grow in their faith through stories, crafts, and well-loved carols, but will also have the exciting opportunity to share the carols they've learned as they help lead worship during GPC's 3:30pm Christmas Eve Service. Full nursery care will be provided for all infants and toddlers. More detailed information to come. Registration is super helpful but not required. Register your child here:

**Christmas Caroling & Chili Cook-off/Dessert Bake-off.** These favorite seasonal GPC activities are back. At 3:30pm meet in the Activity Center Lobby to go out Christmas Caroling to GPC members in their homes and retirement communities. Come to the Activity Center at 5:30 with your \$1 bills and plan to vote on your favorite pot of chili and your favorite dessert. Adults will make the chili and kids will present their best dessert. Winners will be announced at the end of the evening. The proceeds this year will go to Binghampton Christian Academy. Online and in-person registration will open on November 21.

**Advent Schedule for Your Planner:** 8:30am/11:00am/6:00pm – special Christmas music in all GPC worship services.

December 5, Sunday – 8:30am/11:00am, sanctuary – selections from Handel's Messiah by GPC Chancel Choir Ensemble  
2:30pm, sanctuary – Sounds of the Season with Kallen Esperian, accompanied by Gary Beard, GPC Chancel Choir Ensemble, Soloists, Strings, Horns

December 12, Sunday – 2:30pm, Activity Center – AMplify Winter Concert (the music part of the GPC Special Needs Ministry)

December 18, Saturday – 4:00pm, historic Evans Chapel – Blue Christmas Worship Service (for those grieving during the season)

December 19, Sunday – 3:30pm, AC Lobby – meet to go Christmas Caroling  
5:30pm, Activity Center – GPC Chili Cook-off/Dessert Bake-off

December 24, Friday – Christmas Eve Worship Services  
3:30pm, sanctuary – Family-oriented Worship  
5:30pm, sanctuary – Traditional Worship  
11:00pm, historic Evans Chapel – Candlelight Worship

**Activity Center Kitchen.** Odd dishes and containers have accumulated in the Activity Center



kitchen. Check to see if anything there belongs to you. All unclaimed items will be donated after Sunday, November 21, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month moving forward.

### Families

**Honey, I Shrunk the Guitar!** The children's music program is offering ukulele lessons. Yes. Ukulele lessons! The goal here is to teach the ukulele to GPC 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to play during the Christmas Eve service that they'll lead, December 24, at 3:30pm. So, of course, before those lessons get started, GPC needs ukes! Ukulele donations are being sought. Even used ukes can be fixed up and re-strung. The instruments are needed prior to Wednesday, December 1 when the lessons begin. If you have questions, please contact Alex Benford (901-754-5195 or [alexb@gpctn.org](mailto:alexb@gpctn.org)).

**Attention families:** The coming calendar change to November helps us to recenter our thoughts on the blessings God gives us. GPC Families, have your family join us this month as we think about what we are thankful for each day in November. You can pick up a November gratitude calendar located at the information tables in the Narthex, AC Lobby, or downstairs at the Welcome Desk in the elementary hallway. The calendar suggests a daily topic for your family to think about as some of the many blessings we have been given. Use this calendar as a starting point to help center your mind on God's blessings.

### Special Needs

**Special Needs Program Save the Date!** Sunday, December 12 at 2:30pm GPC's AMplify group, the musical program in the Special Needs Ministry, is presenting their Winter Concert in the Activity Center. This is always an amazing event, and you won't want to miss it. Come, tell your friends, bring your neighbors, and celebrate Christmas in this most special way. For more information, please contact Jackie Classen Williams at [specialneeds@gpctn.org](mailto:specialneeds@gpctn.org).

### Missions

**Memphis Food Bank Mobile Pantry** has set up a mobile food donation site at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, and more volunteers are needed to sign up and help Idlewild volunteers distribute food. The volunteers staff this site two (2) times a month on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am-10:30am; at least 25 volunteers are needed. Go to this website [here \(https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaaac22aafa7-idlewild\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaaac22aafa7-idlewild) to sign up to help give out food to our hungry neighbors.

**Mentors for 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 Mentoring Program. 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](http://www.mamsports.org/volunteer).

### Congregational Life



**GPC is searching for a new Director of Ministry to Children.** This is a full-time job, and a position description may be found on the church website. There are also copies available on tables outside the entrances to the sanctuary. For more information, please contact September Eason at [children@gpctn.org](mailto:children@gpctn.org).

**Nursery Open Sunday Nights:** The nursery is now open Sunday evenings from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. If you haven't come on Sunday nights because you need childcare, now is your time! Come join us.

**Audio Visual 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 all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at [communications@gpctn.org](mailto:communications@gpctn.org).

**Women at GPC:** Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month - Day Circles meet at 10:00am, and the Night Circle meets at 6:45pm. Gatherings are every other month and will feature a guest speaker or service project. We are all strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Our study for 2021 - 2022 is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me - Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Books are \$10. New members that are interested in joining or have questions, contact Bonnie Algee - [bbalgee@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbalgee@bellsouth.net) or Brenda Jeter - [bjeter3044@gmail.com](mailto:bjeter3044@gmail.com).

**Men at GPC:** Men's Breakfast: Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in Warren Fellowship Hall (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30am (bring \$3) and Bible study at 7:00. Different men lead each week's study using Scripture from the lectionary. Come one, come all! Currently the meetings take place in a hybrid format, so you can attend in person or via Zoom. All men are invited to come as you can on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 12:00pm. The group is currently discussing readings from the book *Mornings with Bonhoffer*. Currently this group is meetin in person in Warren Fellowship Hall. Keep watching the newsletter for updates. Part of GPC's Men's Ministry, the contact person for this bimonthly lunch study is Anthony Duke ([Anthony.Duke@ipaper.com](mailto:Anthony.Duke@ipaper.com)).

**Thursday Morning Bible Study Invites You to Join!** This group meets at 10:00am in room UL-216 on the second and fourth Thursdays. They are studying 1st, 2nd Peter and Jude by N.T. Wright. After the Bible study, for those that are interested, they become a prayer group using the prayer sheet in the "Window" newsletter. They also share and pray for one another. Everyone is invited, and the group is always excited to welcome new members. If interested, please contact Jean Carroll at [jeancarroll1@comcast.net](mailto:jeancarroll1@comcast.net) or (h) 901-755-6950 or (c) 901-674-6950.

**Eat, Pray, Read Women's Book Group:** Come as you are for fellowship, prayer, and study - Eat, Pray, Read is a study group for those interested in expanding their faith and spiritual growth through Christian books and Bible study. This women's group meets on the second Monday of the month in the church parlor unless otherwise specified. The meetings are 10:00am-11:30am beginning with snack and fellowship followed by prayer and book discussion. Participants take turns leading the discussion, prayer, food, and fellowship. Each person is responsible for purchasing her own book and reading it before the day of discussion. Everyone is invited! Come for one, come for some, come for all! The schedule for the rest of the year is: November - A Place Called Heaven, Dr. Robert Jeffress December - Gift From the Sea, Anne Morrow Lindbergh January - The Second Mountain - The Quest for a Moral Life, David Brooks February - Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Writings Selected with an Introduction by Robert Coles, Robert Coles March - We Need to Hang Out - A Memoir of Making Friends, Billy Baker April/May - TBD

### **Congregational Care**

**Grief Support Ministry:** The Grief Support Group has begun meeting regularly again on the second Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:30pm in the parlor. For more information, contact the church office (901-754-5195) or [office@gpctn.org](mailto:office@gpctn.org).

# Germantown Presbyterian Church

## Nomination for Officers

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination form directly to the church office, in the offering plate, to a Nominating Committee member or via email to [nominations@germantownpres.org](mailto:nominations@germantownpres.org). The Nomination Forms will be available through the month of October.

### **Consider the following qualifications before completing the back of this form:**

#### Church Involvement

- regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
- areas of service in church ministries
- demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission

#### **Christian Living**

- love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
- strong faith
- demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
- spiritual maturity
- acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living

#### **Personal Characteristics and Skills**

- cooperativeness: willingness to learn and listen
- ability to follow through on assignments
- openness to new ideas

#### **Particular Qualifications for Offices**

##### **Deacon**

- gifts of sympathy, compassion, and sound judgment in ministry to others

##### **Elder**

- gifts of good judgment, fair-mindedness
- spiritual leader with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation
- willingness to teach and preach

##### **Nominating Committee Member**

- gifts of spiritual discernment and wide knowledge of the members of the congregation to seek God's will for the leadership of the congregation

## *Officer Nomination Form*

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination to  
the office of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Elder

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Elder (*current high school 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> gr*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Deacon (*current high school 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> gr*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominating Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominating Committee, Youth Member (*current high school 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> gr*)

What spiritual gifts does this person possess?

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What church activities/programs does this person participate in?

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Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print your name here.)