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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

I've been studying a passage from the New Testament lately that I think is relevant for our life together as a church. Luke 9:1-6: says: "Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them 'Take nothing for your journey: no staff, no bag, no bread, no money – not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony against them.' And they departed and went to the villages bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere."

We learn from this passage that disciples are gathered together...in order to be scattered. We come together each week for worship, learning, and fellowship. When we gather as believers in Christ, the purpose is to be nourished and nurtured. We are strengthened in our faith when we are around like-minded and like-hearted people. We learn from one another, and we are strengthened in our faith when we pray for each other. When we worship together, we experience God's powerful presence among us, and Christ inhabits the space in which we gather as well as each individual's heart. Christ calls us into His presence just as He did those first disciples.

In Luke 9:1, Jesus called His disciples together, and He is described as the source of their knowledge and power. While they are with Him, Jesus transfers spiritual power and authority to them. This power is to be used to benefit other people in the same way that Jesus would – feeding, healing, and teaching. Jesus sends them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and He gives them the tools – healing and casting out demons – to demonstrate the coming of God's kingdom.

The most fascinating part of this story is how Jesus orders that they take nothing but His authority with them in order to accomplish their mission. Jesus gives them power to heal and to preach about the kingdom, and that is all that they will need when He sends them out into surrounding villages and towns. Jesus tells them not to take clothes, food, or money – all of the things I would instinctively pack. Once they find accommodations, they are ordered to stay put and to preach about the kingdom and demonstrate God's love through healing. They are to be totally dependent on God's power and provision, and they are not to rely on their own power or connections.

The disciples trust Jesus and accept His power and authority as they go out into the world to carry on His ministry in His name. I believe this is exactly what we are called to do today. When we gather together at worship and Bible study, it is to be nourished in our faith and strengthened in our life with

God. We are called to leave Jesus's presence, however, and to go out into the world to demonstrate God's love in action. We are never called to ignore the world – but to embrace it and offer God's healing love. When the disciples left Jesus's presence, they went through many villages bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere – because they trusted in the one who had given them good-news power and authority.

Here we are in the new year of 2022, and our purpose is not different from that of the first disciples. Jesus calls us to gather around Him in worship and to receive grace and nourishment for our souls from Him. Then, he sends us out into the world to serve Him by serving others – by healing and preaching the good news of God's kingdom. Every day should be a demonstration of God's love at work in your life.

I am as excited about GPC's worship and witness as we enter 2022 as I have ever been. We will continue to be nourished in worship, and we will receive power and grace from Christ as we dwell in His presence. Then we will go out into the world carrying His healing power with us as we demonstrate His love for all the world. May God bless us as we start another year of worship and service.

Grace, mercy, and peace always,

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GROWING 2022

DATES FOR YOUR 2022 PLANNER

January

3 - Monday, GPC office closed
 5 - Wednesday, 12pm: Friendship Circle resumes
 6 - Thursday, 9:30am: AMPlify resumes
 7 - Friday, 6:30am: Men's Breakfast resumes
 7,8 - Friday, Saturday: Confirmation Retreat
 8 - Saturday: Room in the Inn - GPC hosts

February

5 - Saturday, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
 12 - Saturday: Room in the Inn - GPC hosts
 18, 19 - Friday, Saturday: Senior High Lock-In
 27 - Sunday: Children's Sunday; Joining Sunday

March

2 - Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
 6 - Sunday: Youth Auction
 12 - Saturday: Room in the Inn - GPC hosts

April

10 - Sunday: Palm Sunday
 11-15 - Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches/Midday Worship
 14 - Thursday: Maundy Thursday
 15 - Friday: Good Friday
 17 - Sunday: Easter
 24 - Sunday: Confirmation Sunday/Youth Sunday/Senior Banquet
 29 - Friday: Memphis Joy Prom
 29-1 - Friday-Sunday: NaCoMe

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Welcome New Members



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TO THE CHURCH **OF GOD**
THAT IS IN CORINTH
 TO THOSE SANCTIFIED **IN** CHRIST JESUS
 CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER
 WITH ALL THOSE WHO IN EVERY PLACE
 CALL UPON THE NAME **OF OUR LORD**
JESUS CHRIST
 BOTH THEIR LORD AND OURS
1 CORINTHIANS 1:2

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STAFF BOOK SUGGESTIONS IN 2022

Lots going on in 2022, and if you're looking for some good reads to start the year, check out the following staff recommendations.

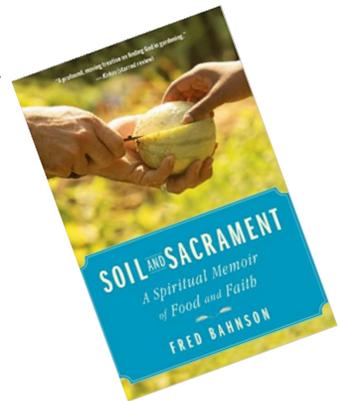


Every Moment Holy, Volume 1 by Douglas Kaine McKelvey, Ned Bustard. From Amazon: This pocket edition is smaller in size and made with a flexible cover. It fits easily in a bag or glovebox or coat pocket—perfect for everyday use while on the move. It includes all the liturgies from the Volume I hardcover edition plus a new liturgy from the forthcoming book featuring liturgies for seasons of dying and mourning. Also includes new illustrations by Ned Bustard.

- over 100 liturgies for daily life (including liturgies for meals)
- beautiful leather-bound flex-cover
- silk bookmark

Soil & Sacrament: A Spiritual Memoir of Food and Faith by Fred Bahnson. From Amazon: Part spiritual quest, part agricultural travelogue, this moving and profound exploration of the joy and solace found in returning to the garden is inspiring and beautiful; a powerful, personal story of how growing and sharing food pulls us closer to God.

Soil and Sacrament tells the story of how Bahnson and people of faith all over America are re-rooting themselves in the land, reconnecting with their food and each other, and praying with their very lives the prayer of the early Christian monks: “We beg you, make us truly alive.” Through his journeys to four different faith communities—Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal, and Jewish—Bahnson explores the connections between spiritual nourishment and the way we feed our bodies.... *Soil and Sacrament* is a book about communion in its deepest sense—an inspiring and joyful meditation on what grows above the earth, beneath it, and inside each one of us.

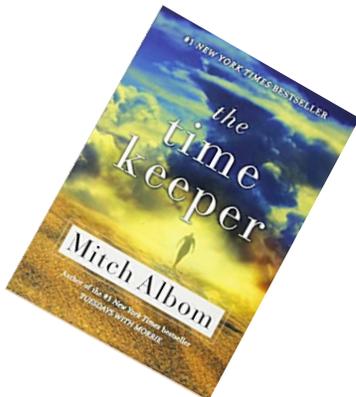


The Time Keeper by Mitch Albom. From Amazon: *The Time Keeper*, a compelling fable about the first man on Earth to count the hours, the man who became Father Time. Told in Albom's signature spare, evocative prose, this remarkably original tale will inspire readers everywhere to reconsider their own notions of time, how they spend it, and how precious it truly is.

In this work of fiction, the inventor of the world's first clock is punished for trying to measure God's greatest gift. He is banished to a cave for centuries and forced to listen to the voices of all who come after him seeking more days, more years.

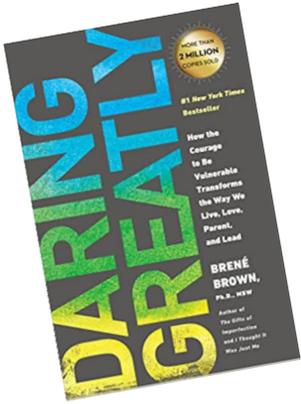
Eventually, with his soul nearly broken, Father Time is granted his freedom, along with a magical hourglass and a mission: a chance to redeem himself by teaching two earthly people the true meaning of time.

He returns to our world—now dominated by the hour-counting he so innocently began—and commences a journey with two unlikely partners: one a teenage girl who is about to give up on life, the other a wealthy old businessman who wants to live forever. To save himself, he must save them both. And stop the world to do so.



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Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead by Brené Brown.

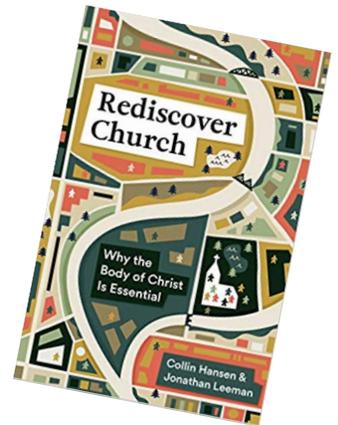
From Amazon: Based on twelve years of pioneering research, Brené Brown PhD, MSW, dispels the cultural myth that vulnerability is weakness and argues that it is, in truth, our most accurate measure of courage. Brown explains how vulnerability is both the core of difficult emotions like fear, grief, and disappointment, and the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, innovation, and creativity. She writes: “When we shut ourselves off from vulnerability, we distance ourselves from the experiences that bring purpose and meaning to our lives.”

In a world where “never enough” dominates and feeling afraid has become second nature, vulnerability is subversive, uncomfortable. It’s even a little dangerous at times. And, without question, putting ourselves out there means there’s a far greater risk of getting criticized or feeling hurt. But when we step back and examine our lives, we will find that nothing is as uncomfortable, dangerous, and hurtful as standing on the outside of our lives looking in and wondering what it would be like if we had the courage to step into the arena—whether it’s a new relationship, an important meeting, the creative process, or a difficult family conversation. *Daring Greatly* is a practice and a powerful new vision for letting ourselves be seen.

Rediscover Church: Why the Body of Christ Is Essential by Collin Hansen, Jonathan Leeman.

From Amazon: “A Christian without a church is a Christian in trouble.” From Amazon: Since a global pandemic abruptly closed places of worship, many Christians have skipped church life, even neglecting virtual services. But this was a trend even before COVID-19. Polarizing issues, including political and racial strife, convinced some people to pull away from the church and one another. Now it’s time to recommit to gathering as brothers and sisters in Christ.

In *Rediscover Church*, Collin Hansen and Jonathan Leeman discuss why church is essential for believers and God’s mission. Through biblical references and personal stories, they show readers God’s true intention for corporate gathering: to spiritually strengthen members as individuals and the body of Christ. In an age of church-shopping and livestreamed services, rediscover why the future of the church relies on believers gathering regularly as the family of God.

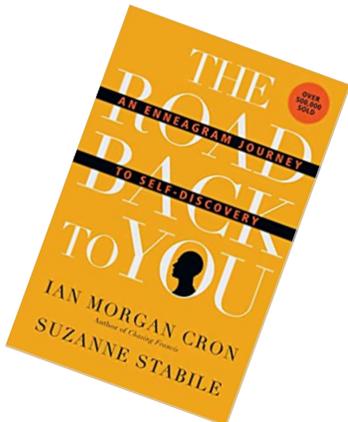


The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery by Ian Morgan Cron & Suzanne Stabile. What you don’t know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships—and even keep you in the shallows with God.

From Amazon: The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile forge a unique approach—a practical, comprehensive way of accessing Enneagram wisdom and exploring its connections with Christian spirituality for a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God.

Witty and filled with stories, not only will you learn more about yourself, but you will also start to see the world through other people’s eyes, understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the way they do.

The wisdom of the Enneagram can help take you further along into who you really are—leading you into places of spiritual discovery you would never have found on your own, and paving the way to the wiser, more compassionate person you want to become.



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CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS FOR 2021

In honor of/appreciation for:

Given to the glory of God and in honor of our GPC Church Family by Kay & David Collins
In gratitude to the members of GPC by Ann DeVere
Pat & Dick Bevier by Laurie Henderson
Huddy & Bayard Boyle by Peggy Whitaker
Paul Boyle by Peggy Whitaker
Jean & Ray Carroll by Macie Houston
Kay & David Collins by Macie Houston
Kay Donaho by Amy and Jim Howell, Abby & Bryan Howell
M/M Ed Eleazer, Jr. by Susan Brown
Jennie Fulmer by Linda & Donnie Harris
Jennie Fulmer by Lalla & John Colmer
Jennie Fulmer by the Jeff Harris family
Jennie Fulmer by Macie Houston
Jennie Fulmer by Vickie & Robert Shaw
Ellie & Dick Goughnour & family by Linda & Donnie Harris
GPC friends who love, support, laugh, and pray by Elizabeth & Jerry Wilson
Linda & Donnie Harris by Macie Houston
Brenda & David Jeter by Macie Houston
Allen & Quin Johnson (sons) by Dixie & Bob Johnson
Becky Laine & family by Linda & Donnie Harris
Nicki & Tommy Lamar by Macie Houston
Aggie & Jack Losa by Macie Houston
Our grandsons, Wesley & Henry by Tara & David Martin
Ginger Nix, Thomas & Marley Douglas by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
Angela, Zach, & Oliver Nix by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
Mary Ann B. Odom by Tracey & Rush Smith, Grey & Susie
Mary Ann R. Odom by Tracey & Rush Smith, Grey & Susie
Ann & Roscoe Phillips by Macie Houston
The Keith Rogers, III family by Mary Rogers
Kim & Tom Sauer by Sally & Bruce McCulloch
Mary Blanche Scott by Linda & Donnie Harris
Ramona & John Seabold by the Jeff Harris family
Ramona & John Seabold by Macie Houston
Kristy & Vernon Sneed by Macie Houston
Mary & Rodney Strop by Lalla & John Colmer
Mary & Rodney Strop by Peggy Whitaker
Jan Thomson by Linda & Donnie Harris
Our children by Helen & Lance Warren
Katie Wiener, daughters, Bailey & Katie by Katie & Ed Eleazer
Sandy & Gerald Wilson by Macie Houston
Keith Whitaker by Peggy Whitaker
Peggy Whitaker by Ann DeVere & Laurie Henderson
Peggy Whitaker by Tracy & Emmett Whitaker, Archie & Emmett, Jr.
Tracy & Emmett Whitaker, Archie & Emmett, Jr. by Peggy Whitaker
Jackie [Classen] Williams & the Special Needs Ministry by Helen Warren
Ginger & Billy Wise & Katherine by Peggy Whitaker

In memory of:

Barbara & Andrew Arthur by Peggy Whitaker
Jeffrey Arthur by Peggy Whitaker
Danny Boyd (Jim's brother) by Kathleen & Jim Boyd
Elizabeth Boyd by Paula's Hearts & Hands Sunday School Class
Mary Boyle by Bill, Beth, & Billy Boyle
Lib & Bob Carter by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
Tom Cates by Elaine Cates
C. Thomas Cates by Sharon & Jim Goldsworthy
Tom Cates by the Jeff Harris family
Tom Cates by Linda & Donnie Harris
Lydia & Marvin Cole (my wonderful parents) by Becky Stanley
Bill Coursey, Sr. by Cate, Sam, & Thomas Coursey
Linda Demos by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Jock & Margie Allen DeMoville (Dixie's parents) by Dixie & Bob Johnson
Margaret Jock DeMoville (Dixie's sister) by Dixie & Bob Johnson
M/M J. K. Dobbs, Jr. by Katie & Ed Eleazer
John C. Dobbs by Katie & Ed Eleazer
Dr. Joe B. Donaho by Amy and Jim Howell, Abby & Bryan Howell
Peggy Doole by William Doole
Alice Carmen Doyle by Dianne King & daughter, Meredith Martin
Holly Dyer by Barb Poier
D/M Edwin Eleazer by Katie & Ed Eleazer
Ed Eleazer, III by Katie & Ed Eleazer
Nan Farrington by Steffie Draughon
Eudene Freiman by Steffie Draughon
Ben Froelich by Linda & Donnie Harris **Bill Fulmer** by Linda & Donnie Harris
Betty S. Green by Susan Green Jones
Clifford Green, Jr. by Susan Green Jones
Carl Hallock by Kathy & Gary Veazey
Jim Harbor by Ann Harbor
Susan & Joe Harris by Cindy & Scottie Grimes
Susan & Joe Harris by the Jeff Harris family
Paula Heist by Paula's Hearts & Hands Sunday School Class
Bill Houston by Linda & Donnie Harris
Charles Neely Hurt, Sr. by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Alleene & Swede Johnson (Bob's parents) by Dixie & Bob Johnson
Janie Maureen Johnson by Judy Carmichael
Larry L. Johnson (Bob's brother) by Dixie & Bob Johnson
Jack Kelley by Sue & Sarah Kelley
Edwin J. Mahlerwein by Tara & David Martin
Robert O. Martin by Tara & David Martin
Our grandparents - Merry Christmas! by Tara & David Martin
Lalla & Ernest Mellor by Lalla & John Colmer

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CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS FOR 2021

Lalla Mellor by Linda & Donnie Harris
Lalla Mellor by Macie Houston
Thomas H. Miles by Norma Miles, Christy & Walter Smalley
Troy Lee Odom, Jr. by Tracey & Rush Smith, Grey & Susie
Paul Olsen by Violet Olsen & family
Nathan Owens (wonderful husband to Margaret and father to Elizabeth & Forrest) by Elizabeth Wilson
Don Poier by Barb Poier
Keith Rogers, Jr. by Mary Rogers
Phillip Russell by Kathleen & Jim Boyd
Jill Sampson by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Bernice & Adrian Sanger by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Gayle & Jacques Schuler, Jr. by Susan Brown
Juanita & Robert Schwam by Norma Miles, Christy & Walter Smalley

Great Grandpa Sharrah by Shelby Montague
Tansey & Ogden Shirley by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Libby Singleton by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Hart Toler by the Toler family
Sue & Zack Turner by Susan & Chuck Hurt
Diana Watkins by Peggy Whitaker & family
Meredith Tweel & Tracy Tweel by Tom Tweel
Bud Webb by Lea & Eric Buring, Dina & Ollie Ciabattini
Bud Webb by Linda & Donnie Harris
Bud Webb by Nancy Webb
Bud Webb by Laura & John Wood, Aris & Cat Welden
Pat Whitaker by Peggy Whitaker & family
Ralph J. T. Wiggins by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

THANK YOUS

The family of Barbara and Andrew Arthur would like to sincerely thank you for the many expressions of sympathy received in the wake of their deaths. We are overwhelmed by the love and comfort provided by the fellowship of believers and pastoral staff at Germantown Presbyterian and deeply thankful for the donations made in their names in support of this church. Barbara would have especially loved the memorials made in support of the music program as it was such a joy and comfort to her, especially in the bereavement of her final year. We are heartened and reassured to know that we will one day be reunited with them in the presence of our Lord.

In Christ,

Corwin and Jenni Arthur & family, Drew and Vicki Arthur & family and the family of Jeffrey Arthur

Revelation 21:2-7 (NLT)

²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

³I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

⁵And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." ⁶And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.



I would like to thank our many wonderful church members and staff for the prayers, cards, meals, and loving support before and after my recent cancer surgery. I was lifted up by the prayers and felt them at every moment.

Gratefully in His love,
Barbara Armstrong

CARING 2022

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.

January

1 - Bill Coley
 1 - Pat Potter
 2 - Ernie Goad
 2 - Bill Ruleman
 3 - Phil Mosley
 4 - David Bradford
 5 - Debbie Ragain
 5 - Jim Robinson
 5 - Wes Robinson
 6 - Brock Bowden
 6 - Davis Crocker
 7 - Wes Burrow
 7 - Martha Drexler
 7 - Paula Hopkins
 7 - Jay Ragain
 7 - Billie Work
 8 - Sondra Biggs
 8 - Carolyn Porter
 9 - Andrew Morse
 10 - Chris Harding
 10 - Katherine Harding
 10 - Luke McClellan
 11 - Bill Lawhorn
 13 - Matt Graddy
 14 - Judy Bilbrey
 16 - Tim Barker
 16 - Noell Moseley
 16 - Mary Jane Thompson
 17 - Christy Campbell
 17 - Will Chandler
 17 - Ginny Cifaldi
 17 - Walter Hill
 18 - Kathy Kalagias
 18 - Libba Schatz
 19 - Anthony Duke
 20 - Sarah Teachey
 21 - Billy Burnett
 21 - Doug Geyer
 22 - Jared Smith
 22 - Jessie Wells
 22 - Emmett Whitaker
 24 - Lydia Waldrop
 25 - Katherine Burnett
 28 - Eddie Batey

28 - Susan Jones
 28 - Mandie Shepherd
 29 - Holly Hensarling
 30 - Sally Fienup
 30 - Randy Harris
 30 - Andrew Miller
 30 - Austin Simmons
 31 - Ed Dellinger
 31 - Mary Blanche Scott

22 - Debbie Florendo
 23 - Stewart Carlin
 24 - Alex Ivy
 25 - Beth Brock
 25 - Deborah Shorter
 26 - David Paris
 27 - Gaye Pitts
 27 - Tommy Trenor
 28 - Martha Mayers
 28 - Donna Morley
 28 - Wayne Tansil

February

2 - Ryan Schwaigert
 3 - Drew Hensarling
 5 - Judy Nokes
 6 - Mary K Grantham
 6 - Jim Simpson
 7 - Becky Barton
 7 - Linda Oakes
 8 - Abby Howell
 9 - Dixie Johnson
 10 - Nancy Halter
 10 - Cheri Howle
 10 - Donna Wilhite
 11 - Meredith Geyer
 11 - Pat Plunk
 12 - Michael Gyura
 12 - Mary Heimlicher
 12 - Walton Prest
 13 - Lea Buring
 13 - Lalla Colmer
 14 - Bill Boyle
 14 - Spencer Harris
 14 - Tomas Morse
 14 - Win Morse
 16 - Kelly Galyean
 16 - Bo Hormberg
 16 - Leah Lumm
 17 - Keith Ellis Prest
 18 - Alice Kiser
 18 - Tyler Russell
 21 - Krista Tadlock
 22 - Carol Boals
 22 - Reed Brasfield



CONNECTING 2022

FINDING YOUR PEOPLE IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Each of our 5 adult Sunday School classes are gearing up for the new year 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.

If you want to get involved in a Sunday morning group, email Pastor Mike at mikel@germantownpres.org.

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
Psalm 78	Parents of school age children, currently focusing on stories behind hymns	Second Floor Room UL-215	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Rebecca Floyd: rebeccafloyd1973@gmail.com
The Seekers	Adults of all ages, currently focusing on evangelism	Second Floor Room UL-216	Sundays 9:40-10:40am	Randy Harris: randyfarris2@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@callicottinsurance.com

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Morning

8:30-9:30am - Early Morning Worship
 9:30am - Children's Sunday School Dropoff
 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

Evening

5:00pm - Nursery Open
 5:30-7:30pm - Youth Group
 6:00-7:00pm - Evening Contemporary Worship

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MEN AT GPC

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in Warren Fellowship Hall and on Zoom (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.



Men's Lunch Devotions

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 meeting 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).



WOMEN AT GPC

Presbyterian Women

Jerold and Friends got our PW ladies in the Christmas spirit with wonderful music followed by a magic show featuring Jeffrey Day. Following the music we all gathered in Warren Hall and had lunch and fellowship.

The angels on each table were donated by Jan Thomson, and they added a special meaning to the beautiful flower arrangements on each table. Thanks, Jan.

Our next PW meeting will be Tuesday, January 4, at 10:00am and 6:45pm night circle. Our study will be Lesson 5 - *Ruth and Redemption*. Our study book this year is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me - Learning from the Women in Matthew*.

Circle 1 - Room UL215

Circle 2 - Room UL216

Circle 3 - Room UL217

Circle 4 (night circle) - The Parlor

New members that are interested in joining or have questions, contact Bonnie Algee - bbalgee@bellsouth.net or Brenda Jeter - bjeter3044@gmail.com.



CONNECTING 2022

THIS IS WHAT GPC MEANS TO ME...

By Beth Carter

“But how will I ever find a church in such a large metropolitan area?” I asked my pastor after our final service at our small Presbyterian church.

“Well, just look for a church that will help you grow spiritually while you serve others. But remember this,” he added with a wink, “if you do find the perfect church, don’t join it because then it won’t be perfect anymore!”

I laughed at the wisdom of his insight, but I also knew that he was right. Looking for a new church home would require the ability to look past superficial qualities to find a grace-filled body of believers.

With my minister’s words still fresh in my mind, our family packed our belongings for the big move. Our excitement about relocating to the Memphis area was tempered only by our concern about finding a church home. Would we really be able to find a place to deepen our faith and serve others in such a large city? And how would my husband and I ever know when we found the right place?

At the invitation of a coworker, our family came to Germantown Presbyterian Church for a visit. On that first Sunday, we sat expectantly in the sanctuary for worship. That is when I looked around at the beautiful building and smiling faces and my heart sank. This place was obviously perfect, maybe even too perfect for us. After all, the facility was so large and the message was so well delivered, not to mention the fact that the people seemed so together, that all I could manage to feel was a vague sense of discomfort. Who was I kidding? How could we ever belong to such a large, polished suburban congregation?

The answer to all my questions came as soon as the music ended, and I felt a hand on my shoulder. Suddenly, our family was surrounded by kind faces and warm handshakes. Before we knew what was happening, our children were laughing with new friends, and my husband and I were being invited out to lunch. By the time we walked to the parking lot, each member of our family had a host of reasons to return to Germantown Presbyterian Church.



Several weeks later, we stood up and joined the very congregation that I had been sure was not the right place for us. When we greeted our new church family, I remembered Psalm 84:1. *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.* With thanksgiving, we worshipped that day because I knew that we were finally home.

HOW CAN YOU MEET OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR GPC FAMILY?



Back by popular demand:

Save the date for an in-person fellowship on Saturday, February 5 for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*

This annual event has become a GPC favorite. Last year this event was held entirely on Zoom, but, circumstances permitting, the plan is to meet once again in person. GPC members sign up to be a host or a guest and then spend the evening over a delicious meal getting to know new people or renewing relationships with those they already know. Childcare will be available at the church.

Continue to watch GPC communications and social media for more information.

Do you want to share what GPC means to you? We want to hear about it! Contact Pastor Will at 901-754-5195 or willj@GPCTN.org.

CONNECTING 2022



We are so excited to share that starting this January, GPC is launching a newly revamped experience that is fun and relaxing for the whole family - GPCONNECT. This program has evolved over the years as Parent's Night Out, and most recently as Breathe. But it's a new day and a new year, and so too we have recast this experience to more inclusively support the unique demands of young families today. One evening a month, from 6pm-9:30pm at the church, GPCONNECT is a time for children, kids, and students up to the age of 12, to enjoy a fantastic evening that includes dinner, themed crafts and activities, Bible-based story time/lessons, and a movie. Pickup and drop-off will take place at the preschool entrance under the overhang. And that's only half of the experience.

For parents, this is an opportunity to intentionally connect with one another in deep and meaningful relationships. With all the demands on parents today, it can be so hard to find the time and energy to build lasting friendships. So we offer these evenings as an opportunity for parents to connect and enjoy a great faith-filled night out together, with the comfort and confidence of knowing your child is well cared for.

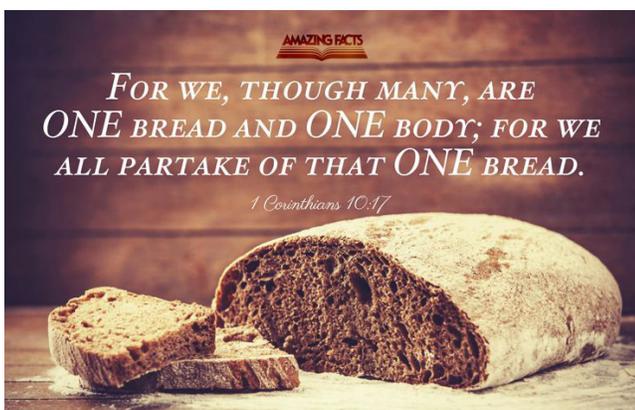
So mark your calendars and watch for more registration information to come your way on the church website and the GPCKids weekly e-blast. Sign up to receive the GPCKids weekly e-blast by sending your email to annaw@gpctn.org.

Spring 2022 GPCONNECT Dates

- January 28 – Friday Evening
- February 25 – Friday Evening
- March 27 – Sunday Morning Brunch
- April 29 – NaCoMe Church Retreat Weekend
- May 20 – Friday Evening

Fall 2022 GPCONNECT Dates

- August 26 – Friday Evening
- September 23 – Friday Evening
- October 21 – Friday Evening
- November 13 – Sunday Morning Brunch
- December 9 – Friday Evening



CONNECTING 2022

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE - CHILI COOKOFF & CAROLING RECAP

Contributed by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

The Caroling/Chili event was exceptional! It's like our "muscle memory" returned to us on how to have a safe (spread-out) congregational event at Christmastime!

Here are the particulars:

- \$431 was raised for Binghampton Christian Academy –
- The Chili-Cook-Off winner for 2021 was Kim Sauer – her winning chili was White Chicken Chili. Kim's award was the coveted GPC "Golden Crockpot!"



Karen & Mark Cooper who led the other group, and Jerold who provided the song booklets and caroling, too. About 10-12 carolers went with each group and they caroled at The Villages at Germantown, Germantown Plantation, and the homes of several parishioners.

BOUNTEOUS thanks to Jim Goldsworthy for being our Emcee for the awarding of the prizes section of the event. He did a great job!

LAVISH THANKS and PRAISE to the incredible Congregational Life Committee: Sherrie Horner, Kelly Philips (co-moderators), Jay Chandler, Graham Askew, and Mary Ann Harris. They shopped, shopped some more, set-up and decorated the Activity Center on Saturday morning, and then were all-hands-on-deck during the event to create a wonderful time for our congregation.

Abundant thanks, too, to all the "honorary CLC'ers" - Randy Harris, Neal Horner, Graham Askew's dad, Judy Chandler, and Brooke Duke - all who jumped in to help in oh so many ways!

ALL WAS GOOD! GOD IS GOOD –
ALL THE TIME! THANKS BE TO GOD!

The kids' winners were:

- CeCe Duke – Most Festive Dessert
- Sam Coursey – Best Decorated Dessert
- Noah Schepman – Best Fudge Brownies
- Jacob Schepman – Creamiest Dessert
- Charlotte Robinson – Best Presentation of Dessert
- Tyler Robinson – Most Creative Brownies

• Many other delicious desserts were donated by many GPC'ers!

ABUNDANT thanks to the Evening Worship Team led by Dr. John Johnson. They led us in Christmas songs and provided song sheets for everyone to sing along.

PLENTIFUL thanks to Pastor Mike Lyle for leading us in a Christmas devotion based on Mary's story as told in the Gospel according to Luke 2:15-19. Mike asked us to take all the things that come to us this Christmas week and ponder them in our hearts, treasuring each one, just as Mary did.

EXTRAVAGANT thanks to everyone who led and caroled, too: Lauren, Chuck & Miller Utterback who led one group and



CONNECTING 2022

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE - GPC WORSHIPS TOGETHER

**3:30PM FAMILY
CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE**



**5:30PM TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE**



KALLEN ESPERIAN CONCERT



Join GPC's Flower Committee

Do you enjoy working with flowers? Join us on the flower committee. Learn to create arrangements for the sanctuary or how to break down those arrangements into small vases for the vital Petals and Prayers Ministry.

If you are interested, love flowers, and have an extra hour or two a month, contact Sandy Jones. Call or text 513-967-3434 or email at sandyjj319@hotmail.com.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



Amplify Resumes Thursday, January 6



Friendship Circle Resumes Wednesday, January 5

BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUTS: JANUARY 2022

9: Noel Wilkins (our fabulous Amplify Music Teacher)
To see Noel's excellent leadership talents, please check out our website's link to the AMPLify Fall 2021 performance, held Sunday, December 12!

18: Miss Abby (Murphy's PA)
Abby is currently seeking entry to law school. Please pray for her as she makes her way through this next stage of career preparedness.

18: Brett Glaser
Brett is new to our Friendship Circle, which meets Wednesday afternoons. He has engaged in our programming enthusiastically, and we are thrilled to include him in our circle of friends.

24: Shelby Stewart
For the January 2021 newsletter, our former Director, Helen Warren, developed a lovely article highlighting Shelby's family, activities, interests, and endeavors. That article is available on our website, under the Resources tab.

30: David Sawyers
For the December 2020 newsletter, former Director, Helen Warren, crafted an article to highlight the oldest member of Friendship Circle (at that time), David Sawyers. While we've been missing David's company this year, we hope that he and his loved ones are doing well and hope to see him again soon!

JANUARY IS NATIONAL BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION MONTH

In January, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) launches a campaign to promote awareness of disabilities brought on by birth defects and their effects across the lifespan. They estimate birth defects occur in approximately 1 of 33 infants born in the United States each year. Their comprehensive website provides beneficial information to help families seek proper care, and healthcare providers to deliver the best care, for patients across all stages of life. (For more information, please scan the CDC QR Code below.)

What are birth defects?

Birth defects are structural changes affecting almost any part of the body, which present at birth and typically arise as babies' organs develop – often during the first three months of pregnancy. The WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) organization promotes precautionary measures women can take to increase the likelihood of having a healthy, full-term pregnancy and baby, but not all birth defects can be avoided. The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) provides a comprehensive list of specific birth defects and provides additional resources. To access these resources, please scan the NBDPN QR code below or visit: https://www.nbdpn.org/docs/Appendix_3_1_BirthDefectsDescriptions_2017MAR24.pdf.



CDC QR



NBDPN QR

Praise God for the readily available information to share medical professionals' knowledge with each other and families in need! Praise God for our medical professionals' hearts for serving as they do!

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Contributed by Jackie Classen Williams

On Sunday, December 12, GPC's Amplify group, a part of the Special Needs Ministry, performed their winter concert in the Activity Center.

A little AMPLify Background:

In January 2021, we had 8 performers, which included the teacher, me, 4 participants, and 2 PA's. We currently have 20 - 23 performers, including the teacher, me, 2 volunteers, and 9 - 12 participants with 4 - 6 PA's. [We have a couple of semi-regular attendees (to explain the numbers shared).]

Our dream goal has been to grow our band into an orchestra. We're making some progress, but we'd LOVE to add more participants to the fun! January is a great time to start!

NOTE: We meet in our largest room, with the highest-ceiling and most space for spreading out - the gym, which is where our performance occurred. So, we do have room to add more participants safely!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Do you recognize that person you always see on Sunday morning sitting in the third pew up from you? Remember their name?

You know what you need? Nametags!

Simply contact the GPC office at 901-754-5195 or office@GPCTN.org and request your nametag. If you can't remember what you did with one you had a long time ago, contact the GPC office and ask for a replacement.

Engage with each other by wearing your nametags to worship and greeting each other by name!

GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Ever wonder who those friendly folks are that welcome you to the morning worship services? They smile, open the door or hand you a bulletin. Well, they are Greeters, and you can be one, too! It's one of easiest jobs out there - no experience necessary - and a great way to interact with new and long-time church members and visitors. To apply just email Missy Gwin at thegreetergetter@gmail.com, and she will add you to her Sign-Up Genius account which goes out once a month for the following month. On the flip side, if you are already receiving these emails and are unable to serve in this way - just let her know. Thank you for your service to our church.



Hear Ye – Hear Ye ... all Fellowship Group Conveners

Mark your planners - Monday, January 24 - 6:30pm

Come and join in a FG Conveners' meeting when we will share with each other how Fellowship Groups have gathered (or not been able to) during this now-almost-two-year global pandemic. We will meet in Room UL-218 AND via Zoom ... your choice! The Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting.

Poinsettias lined up for delivery to GPC homebound members by Pastor Susie.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 are in 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 at 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 Group Meets Every Month

The Grief Support Group has resumed its in-person meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the church parlor from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. All are invited to attend.

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 part-time 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



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GPC WELCOMES STEPHANIE WALL BACK TO STAFF

We welcome back to the Germantown Presbyterian Church staff, Stephanie Wall, in the position of Bereavement Specialist. Stephanie, a long-time member of GPC and a former staff person (formerly Director of Congregational Care and Director of Youth and Family Ministries), has been providing ongoing grief support and counseling to our members, visitors, and others within the greater community for 7 years. In formalizing this part-time position, she will continue this work, which is currently offered in a grief support group format as well as an individual counseling format. Stephanie is a Certified Grief Counselor through the American Academy of Grief Counseling and a Grief Recovery Specialist through the Grief Recovery Institute.

Since this ministry began in the spring of 2014, well over 100 individuals have sought grief support, encouragement, and counseling for grief related to significant loss. Many of those who have sought support and counseling are members or visitors of GPC, yet many are those who have found out about the ministry and sought help through word of mouth, internet search, GPC website and resourcing through local mental health care providers.

This Grief Support Ministry has continued to grow and as it has grown it has become evident that what is offered through this ministry is unique in many ways. This ministry aligns with the GPC strategic goals: Connecting - Caring - Sharing - Growing. Its objective is to meet the needs of bereaved individuals, providing a safe, confidential place to gather. It strives to provide emotional and spiritual care, prayer, encouragement, and tools for navigating grief. The ministry is guided by Scripture - seeking to "bear one another's burdens" and to "weep with those who weep" - to be the heart, hands, and feet of Christ to those in our midst who are grieving.

Ordinarily those seeking help through the Grief Support Ministry have lost loved ones, such as a spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend, to death. The loss types that can be helped through this ministry are not limited to, but include: suicide, illnesses, accidents, murder, overdose, miscarriage/stillbirth. Those who have experienced other types of significant loss, such as divorce, loss of health, and others are encouraged to seek help through the individual counseling format.

Partners in this Grief Support Ministry, working alongside Stephanie, are Linda Oakes and Beth Brock.

If you would like more information about this ministry and/or are considering participating in our Grief Support Group or in individual counseling, details and leader contact information can be found on the church website and on page 19 of this newsletter. Donations may be made to the Grief Support Ministry. In addition to general grief support donations, gifts may be made in honor of or in memory of another.



Paula's Hearts & Hands Sunday School class is so grateful for the anonymous gift given to our class. We ordered all this beautiful yarn to make prayer shawls.

Thank you so much to the one who made this purchase possible.

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

MUSIC NOTES

Another year has come and gone. We give thanks for so many blessings; even with the difficulties COVID has presented, we have continued to have quality music in worship at GPC.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to ALL who have made music at GPC a priority in their busy lives. Choir members and instrumentalists have made music in worship a priority otherwise we would have failed to keep our standards high! Our church musicians have taken time from so many aspects of their personal lives to ensure that we have the right balance of voices to sing Praise to our God!! Thanks to ALL!!!

Music in worship at GPC is always special in December - this year was No Exception. We had a *Messiah* Sunday December 5; bells and children in worship December 12; brass with an exciting anthem and our frozen chosen swaying to a jazz arrangement of *Go Tell It on the Mountain* at the end of the service December 19; children/choir ensemble/soloists/trumpets and candlelight communion helped us celebrate Christmas Eve at GPC this year as in years past.

We leave 2021 and enter 2022 singing praises to our Newborn King. Praise be to GOD!!

A highlight of January 2022 will be Sunday, January 16 when we do selections from *Band of Angels* as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Monday, January 17 holiday. *Band of Angels* was written as a service of remembrance for the children who died in racial violence on September 15, 1963 in Birmingham, Alabama. (We did the entire work in worship some years back.) Soloists during the month of January will include Clara Norell, Kerriann Otano and Dane Suarez, Marcus King, Desiree Soto, and T J Turner.

As I always do, let me thank the congregation of GPC for its support of Music. A special thank you to those of you who choose to make special contributions to our Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund. It is my goal to always provide Quality Music in Worship at GPC. I look forward to seeing you in Worship.

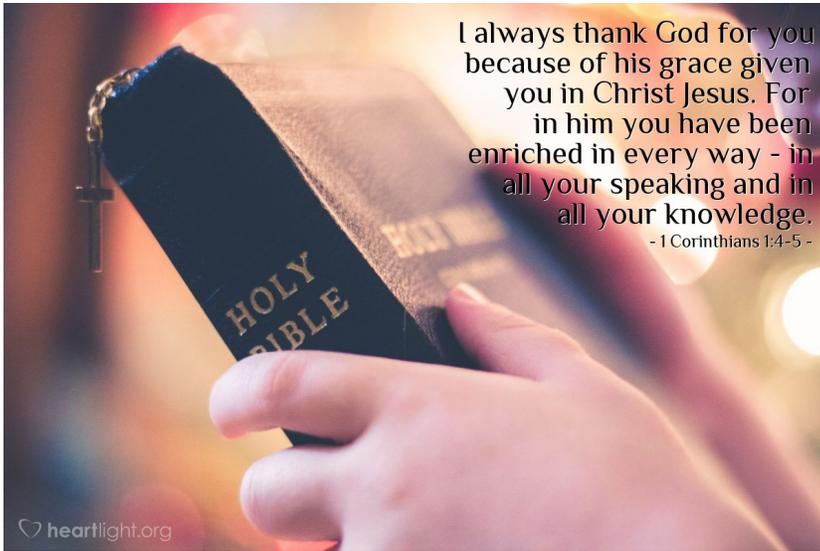
Jerold C. Teachey, D.M.
Director of Music



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

As of the time this newsletter went to press, the total for the Christmas Eve Offering had not been finalized yet. Look for the final amount next month. This year's special Christmas Eve offering will benefit 2 local mission partners: Rising Together Foundation and Binghampton Christian Academy.



I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way - in all your speaking and in all your knowledge.

- 1 Corinthians 1:4-5 -

heartlight.org



Home is where the ★ is.

2022 GPC Hosting Dates

Saturday, January 6
Saturday, February 12
Saturday, March 12

GPC is excited to announce that we are once again hosting RITI guests once per month (overnight on Saturday nights). We started back in November.

After several years as the head coordinator for RITI at GPC, Susan Shirley Hurt has passed on the baton to me for this season! She will still be around, helping, and my resource!

Will you sign up for a shift to volunteer? Look for Sign-up Genius links in your emails from GPC.

Just as before, there are shifts for every personality type! Will you please make a commitment to participate in service this year?

If you have any questions about different volunteer shifts or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sally Fienup
 Cell - call or text me! 901-860-5086
SFienup@HobsonRealtors.com

FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Contributed by Jennifer Gentry



THANK YOU TO NOVEMBER'S WORSHIP LEADER, JACOB SCHEPMAN



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in worship and church life, and to successfully transition to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. The November worship leader was Jacob Schepman.

Jacob is the son of Lacey and Jared Schepman and big brother to Noah. Jacob attends school at Riverdale Elementary School.



**Find information about GPC's
new PNO on page 13!**

FAMILY MINISTRY

GPC YOUTH UPDATE



It's BAAACK with all of the fun you remember – Dinner and Live Auction.

The Youth Auction is the best and biggest annual event hosted by Germantown Presbyterian Church.

While the Youth Auction raises money to defer the cost of youth summer trips and mission trips, it's all about the fellowship created in preparation for and at the auction itself.

It's not just about the youth!! It's about our entire church family!!

ENGAGE with GPC Youth

Co**N**necting – with each other at the Youth Auction

Growing - the faith of our youth on mission trips

CAring - about all of our church family

Sharing**G** - your resources and connections for donations

ENGAGE with GPC

Be a part of this church-wide event. Here is how you can participate:

ATTEND the Youth Auction on March 6:

Tickets will be available online or in person on Sundays beginning in February.

DONATE items for the auction:

A Sign-Up Genius link will be available starting January 9 for you to donate.

VOLUNTEER to help:

We have designed the committees to be manageable and sustainable. Check out our committees below and consider where you'd like to participate. Youth will be involved on all teams. Teams are listed on the right.

Auction Team, Communications & Marketing Team, Decorations Team, Food Team, Set-Up/Take-Down Team

Youth Auction Leadership

Director of Youth Ministry - Christopher Greco

Youth Ministry Support Team - Elizabeth Wilson

Auction Convener - Karen Fesmire

Sign-up Genius Link Is Below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AD2CAAF94-youth>



FAMILY MINISTRY

GPC YOUTH UPDATE

Contributed by Tamah Halfacre



Sundays, January 30, February 27, and March 27, 2022

The GPC Confirmation Class is hosting a Peanut Butter Drive to benefit Binghampton Christian Academy called Peanut Butter Sundays or PBS.

The Confirmation class at GPC consists of 8th graders who are eager to learn more about their Christian faith while making lifelong decisions about their personal salvation and role in God's world. A necessary component to the value of the confirmation year is the ability to find one's place in experiencing love, fellowship, and care, just as Jesus demonstrably responded to those in need during His years on earth.

GPC has partnered with Binghampton Christian Academy for many years, and the direct implementation of our church's participation is with the current 8th grade class at BCA, having followed this group of children since they were in the 1st grade.

We, the teachers of the Confirmation class, would like to develop a relationship between each group of 8th graders, GPC and BCA, as a goodwill effort of service and discipleship. This can easily be achieved by collecting peanut butter to be stored at the BCA pantry for the dorm facility. Bring your favorite! Creamy or crunchy or both!

Hunger is a reality for some students, and peanut butter can also serve as a take-home meal for students who might need additional food on a weekend or other time while living at the BCA dorm.

GPC 8th grade students will learn about their BCA friends through a proposed pen-pal relationship. It is hoped that students will meet during the year to celebrate this collaborative effort. By naming these dates PBS, we hope

to shine a light on hunger, poverty, and the need for basic pantry items to support and uplift our fellow 8th graders, their classmates, and their families in a time of need. Extra peanut butter will be shared with Project Outreach and/or MIFA take-home food kits at Caldwell Elementary.

Peanut Butter Sundays (PBS) will serve as an initiative for the whole GPC congregation to purchase and bring their peanut butter to church on the designated Sundays in January, February, and March. By encouraging engagement between the church and the school, we expand our collective awareness of one another and acknowledge the needs and humanity of all people.

Giving or receiving peanut butter is simple, but we believe this collaboration will have the power to build a healthier and more connected community for all involved.

There will be bins in the Welcome Center, AC Lobby, by The Well in the children's area, and by the Confirmation classroom door (Rm UL-212 - upper level).

THANKS in advance for your participation!

A NOTE FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

December was such a great month for the Youth Ministry at GPC. We met for Youth Group and Sunday School as we do normally, and we got to talk about Hope and the Advent season respectively. On the 12th, the Dukes and Hurleys were kind enough to host our Middle and High Schoolers to Christmas parties where they exchanged gifts, played some Yuletide games, and ate some food in each other's company.

The success we saw in 2021 would not be possible without a countless list of names. Thank you for everything you do for our students! Everything from food and Youth Auction donations to chaperoning excursions to just cheerleading and verbal support helps strengthen our ministry and make GPC a great place to escape to.

Breakfast Club (Sunday School) restarts January 7, and Youth Group resumes January 16.

You are ALL invited to the Youth Auction the evening of March 6.

Thank you for a spectacular 2021! It wouldn't be the same without you! ~Christopher Greco~

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation

>Barbara Armstrong	>Bill Coley	>Jean/Bob Hicks	>Carol/Bill Leppert	>Mary Strop
>Shirley Billups	>Kay/David Collins	>Judy Hobbs	**Matthew Lindow	>Anne/Wayne Tansil
>Sherril/Jim Blair	>Kay Donaho	>Jerry Huff	>Aggie/Jack Losa	>Amanda Walters
>Huddy/Bayard Boyle	>Judy/Fred Frick	>Dot Ledlow	>Jackie/Bill Ruleman	>Woodie/Johnathan Whited
			>Diane Short	

The congregation extends its love, sympathy, and prayers to:
the family of Tommie Faye Coffman in her death;
Tracey Smith & family in the death of her father.

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
Jared Smith - GPC church member

Coronavirus Prayers

Doctors, nurses, emergency workers dealing with COVID
Patients with COVID

GPC Friends & Family Prayer Ministry

**Shannon Allen - friend of Macie Houston	>Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss	**Libby & parents Janna & Justin - granddaughter, daughter, son-in-law of Linda & Lanny Oakes	>Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st responder) - son-in-law of Susan Ollinger
>Bonnie Blair - friend of Bonnie Algee	>Tiffany Hall - granddaughter of friend of Roscoe Phillips	>Lois Lockhart & family - friends of Will Jones	>family of Bill Sims - family of Missy Gwin
>Glen, Martha, extended Carr family - family of Catherine Johnson	>Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Ollinger	>Mary Ann Odom & family - mother of Tracey Smith	**Kris & Felix Soler & family - friends/neighbors of Lindow family
**Betty Casey - sister of Jean Carroll	>Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips	>Scott Owens - nephew of Margaret Owens	>Bud Waldren - cousin of Linda Sue & Bob Bobo
>Cynthia Chitwood (& husband Clark) - former member & friend of Billie Work	**Gerry Kanode - brother-in-law of Barb Poier	>Charles Powell - father of Laura Farmer	>Fran Wilson (Denise, Jerry, Sr. & Jerry) - husband & family of Elizabeth Wilson
**Bill Doole - neighbor of Margaret Owens	**Betsy/Mike Lambert, Hayley, Thomas; Susan Trammell - friends of Stephanie Wall	>Family of Drew Ranier (Andy, Keith, etc) - friends of September Eason	

****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 some-one you requested prayer for is no longer on the list, simply notify the office, and they will be placed back on the list.

January 2022 GPC Family Prayer Ministry

Jan 2

Christine/Tom Adams,
Kirsty
Cathy/Ruffin Borden
Jennie Fulmer
Susan Green Jones
Norma Miles
Leigh Powers
Mary/Rodney Strop
Katie Wiener, Katie,
Bailey

Jan 9

Bonnie Algee
Ruth Grosshuesch
Jerry Huff
Susan/Chuck Hurt,
Charlie
Jennifer/Bill Prest,
Walton
Elaine/Bill Skoog
Woodie Whited,
Johnathan

Jan 16

Anne Allen
Jan/Hank Davis
Mary K/David
Grantham, James,
Wells, Thomas
Jennifer Hitt, Mary
Carter
Patty/Steve Jackson
Mary Lange
Barbara Ragsdale
Rube Reid

Jan 23

Janet Anderson
Lea/Eric Buring, Dina
Ciabattini
Lindsey/Joseph Butler,
Adelaide, Chandler
Emily/Larry Hak
Brenda/David Jeter
Jan Petri/Jerold
Teachey, Jenna, Sarah,
Quin
Anne/Wayne Tansil
Ruth Woodworth

Jan 30

Barbara/Bill Armstrong
Joyce/Gordon Cochran
Jeff Day
Sally/John Humphrey,
Campbell, Thomas
Donna/Steve Morley
Courtney/Jay Page,
Sarah
Harriett Reed
Mandie/Chris Shepherd,
Cami

ENGAGE IN 2022

SESSION CORNER - DECEMBER

During the month of December, GPC's Session did not meet.
Look for more from the Session in 2022.

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

Memorial Fund

In memory of James Kinney
Julie & Ray Kinney

In memory of Douglas Petri
Jackie & Bill Ruleman

Music Fund

In memory of Andrew Arthur
Jane & Culver Craddock

In memory of Barbara Arthur
Jean & Ray Carroll

In memory of Sandy Franks
Violet Olsen

In memory of Lalla Mellor
Jean & Ray Carroll
Kay & David Collins

Jane & Culver Craddock
Laura & Raymond Dearman
Barbara Hvasta
Violet Olsen
Anne & Wayne Tansil

In memory of Douglas Petri
Linda Sue & Bob Bobo
Alta & Jim Simpson
Anne & Wayne Tansil

In memory of Margaret Williams
Anne Allen
Violet Olsen

Scam Reminder

Remember - no one at GPC will ever send you an email asking for
money or gift cards or anything else.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:	OFFICE HOURS:
8:30AM WORSHIP	8:30AM-4:00PM
11:00AM WORSHIP (ONSITE & ONLINE)	MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:40AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	
6:00PM WORSHIP (ONSITE & ONLINE)	



February Window Deadline: January 15

GPC Financial Summary, October 2021

	Oct 2021	2021 YTD		Oct 2020	2020 YTD
Revenue	\$127,505	\$1,516,867		\$95,428	\$1,397,234
Expenses	\$157,420	\$1,528,392		\$128,821	\$1,333,261
Net	(\$29,915)	(\$11,525)		(\$33,393)	\$63,973

**Before debt service and benefit of prior years' surpluses.*

Before debt service, we had an October deficit of \$29,915, and a year-to-date deficit of \$11,525. Both are superior to budgeted expectations, primarily due to reduction of church activity and corresponding expenses. We faithfully maintained our offerings during the past ten months through October. In the final two months of each year, we often contribute a surplus to overcome an interim deficit. In addition to these normal operating results, debt service has consumed approximately \$88,000 (\$9,800 per month) since monthly payments began in February 2021. Our debt service has been absorbed by retained surpluses from prior years.

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