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*D*ear Church Family and Friends,

A new favorite set of verses for me lately has been Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." I have come to appreciate more and more the power behind these verses and what they means for a church like ours.

Paul scripts these versus at the end of Ephesians 3 as a benediction at the end of a prayer. He has prayed for their unity and witness as a church, and then he reminds them of the God they serve who can accomplish anything. The first part of this verse talks about God's power at work in our lives to bring about good results. We frequently ask for God's providence to be at work on our behalf, especially when we are hurting. We pray prayers of supplication, knowing that God promises to hear us. Verse 20 reminds us that God can and will do abundantly more than we even ask. God's providence and love are working on our behalf even beyond our own desires. Behind the scenes of our lives God is orchestrating circumstances for our benefit and blessing.

The most remarkable thing about this truth is that God works not only beyond what we ask for – but also beyond what we can even imagine. And we can imagine a lot! God loves us so much and cares so much for our well-being that he is capable of working and directing our lives in ways that are better than we can think for ourselves. How comforting is this truth, especially in times of dire need or emotional distress? Our imaginations can run wild sometimes, and it often moves in a negative direction. God, however, is always seeking our good according to his purposes for our lives in positive and beneficial ways. Sometimes we don't know what to pray, and so we pray for God's will to be done. This verse reminds us that God's will for us is always better than our most positive thoughts and desires.

Sometimes we have to be reminded that God's power is at work within us, even when we get bogged down in the details of everyday work and life. We lose sight of the big picture of our lives and what God desires for us. God's power is at work within us when we are succeeding and doing well. We recognize God's hand when we're walking faithfully with Christ. God's power at work within us, however, does not depend on our faithfulness or goodness. God's power is at work within us even when we stumble and fall. God is faithful, even when we are not.

One of the most fascinating and important ideas of verse 21 is the ascription of glory to God in the church. God will be glorified in the church because of our collective faith and work on behalf of God's Kingdom. God is glorified when we

follow Christ's mission in the world to the broken, suffering, and lost. God is glorified when we worship with our whole hearts and minds.

As I think about our church in the fledgling stages of this year of 2022, I am eager and hopeful that God will be glorified within GPC as we seek to be faithful in our worship services, education, and service. You have heard much talk already about our four strategic goals for this year: Connecting, Growing, Caring, Sharing. Each deacon and elder committee is focusing its work with these concepts in mind.

How can we connect better with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ? How can we grow spiritually and numerically as a church, including more people in our fellowship of grace and love? How do we witness to Christ's compassion with our own comfort and caring visible in the world? How do we share via our communication the good news of God's love alive within us and available for the world? We are striving to glorify God in our church so that God's grace for all people can be known by everyone who comes within our influence.

The long term effect will be God's faithfulness known generation after generation after generation. We have many generations of witnesses at GPC that have come before us, glorifying God in their own day and time. We believe that God will be glorified in the community of Germantown through our congregation for many generations to come because we are faithfully following his will during our lives.

This happens day by day month by month, in the small details as well as the grand visions. I am so grateful that we are in this together and that we are connecting, growing, caring, and sharing together in 2022 through the events of this month of February and the rest of the year. May God bless you individually in ways beyond your best imaginations, and may God bless our congregation in ways that we don't deserve – but are forever grateful.

Grace, mercy, peace,

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GROWING 2022

DATES FOR YOUR 2022 PLANNER

NOTE: SOME CHANGES SINCE LAST MONTH

February

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

March

2 - Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
 6 - Sunday: Children's Sunday; Youth Auction
 11 - Friday: 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

2021 WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES

During the 4 Wednesdays of Advent, the Adult Education Committee, in partnership with our Children's, Youth, and Music Ministries, hosted a church-wide Wednesday Evening Advent Devotional Series called *Come, Lord Jesus, Come*. Each evening consisted of a big family-style dinner supporting different local restaurant favorites from 5:30-6pm. This was followed by an adult small group devotional from 6-7pm while the kids enjoyed *Lessons and Carols*. This event was a great success, with much higher attendance than expected and new friendships being formed each week.



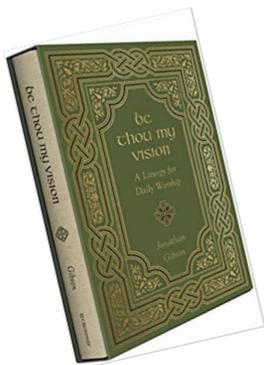
Statements of Giving for 2021 were mailed on January 12. This statement also contains the confirmation of your pledge for *Engaging Our Potential*. Please review the statement carefully to be sure your gifts in 2021 were allocated according to your wishes and the amount recorded for *Engaging Our Potential* in 2022 and 2023 is correct. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. If you haven't made a pledge for *Engaging Our Potential*, it's not too late. Every pledge is important. Just return the pledge card sent to you in November, pick up a new one at the church, or go online. Questions? Call the church office at 901-754-5195.

SHARING 2022

MORE STAFF BOOK SUGGESTIONS IN 2022

Start 2022 off with a new devotional book and a new devotional practice - below are some staff suggestions for new ways to set aside daily quiet time with God in 2022. (descriptions below all from Amazon)

Pray without ceasing with this compact edition of the Daily Office complete with prayers and psalms for one week. This beautiful little book, excerpted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, will enable anyone to say the hours every day: Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline. Perfect for prayer and worship at all times and in all places.

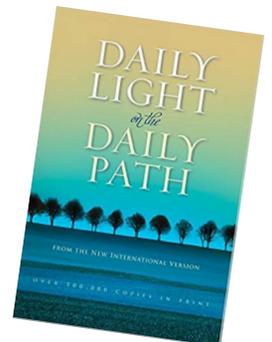


A 31-Day Devotional in a Liturgical Style, Featuring Daily Scripture Readings, Historical Prayers, Catechisms, and Creeds

Every Christian knows the importance of a daily quiet time with the Lord. But anyone who's been a believer long enough has likely experienced seasons that feel more mundane or routine, leading to aimlessly skimming a couple of Bible verses or praying the same prayer over and over.

In *Be Thou My Vision*, Jonathan Gibson has created a 31-day liturgical guide designed to provide structure to the daily worship of individuals and families. Each daily reading includes a call to worship, adoration, confession, assurance, creed and catechism, the Gloria Patri, a prayer of illumination, Bible reading, intercessory prayer, and the Lord's Prayer. Designed to be read in 15–20 minutes a day, this beautifully produced liturgy will give readers focus and purpose to their daily quiet time while teaching them historical prayers, creeds, and catechisms that point them to Christ.

This is probably the most widely read collection of daily readings from the Bible ever published, and it is presented in this edition in the words of The New International Version (North American Edition). For three generations, *Daily Light on the Daily Path* has been a classic religious work, and it has gone through a countless number of printings. It was compiled by the descendants of the London bookseller, Samuel Bagster. Bagster's grandson, Robert, who died in 1924, wrote of the origins of this book, "*Daily Light on the Daily Path* was prepared entirely within the family. Few are able to appreciate the heart-searching care with which every text was selected, the days, nay the weeks of changes, alterations and improvements, until at last each page was passed to the printer." There are two selections of Bible readings for every day in the year – for Morning and Evening.



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.

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 Hornberg
 16 - Leah Lumm
 17 - Keith Ellis Prest
 18 - Alice Kiser
 18 - Tyler Russell
 21 - Krista Tadlock
 22 - Carol Boals
 22 - Reed Brasfield
 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

March

2 - Jennifer Goodin
 2 - Stephanie Wall
 3 - Bill Armstrong
 4 - Will Carlin
 4 - Lance Warren
 6 - Katie Burrow
 6 - Judy Chandler
 6 - Kevin Patterson
 7 - Joe Graddy
 8 - Ray Carroll
 8 - Rebecca Floyd
 8 - Allie Willingham
 9 - Sarah Hardin
 9 - Allie Hughes
 10 - Carolyn Cates
 10 - Tom Drannon
 15 - Bryce Duke
 15 - Lauren Hurley
 16 - Teresa Hardin
 16 - Jerry Wilhite
 17 - Betsie Menedez
 18 - Phil Russell
 19 - Cole Gwin
 19 - Wendy Holmes
 19 - Sandy Jones
 19 - Jenny Overbey
 20 - Roscoe Phillips
 21 - Susan Shirley Hurt
 21 - Susan Robinson
 22 - Jeff Harding
 22 - Sherrie Horner
 23 - Malcom Lipscomb
 24 - Kevin Cullum
 25 - Margaret Owens
 26 - Kelly Hogan
 26 - Ken Plunk
 26 - Lauren Wade
 27 - Claire Lino
 27 - Mark Mestemacher
 28 - Andrew Drannon
 28 - Woodie Whited
 29 - Bob Bobo
 29 - Mark McClellan
 30 - Molly Miller

31 - Ann Harbor
 31 - Joyce Henry



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.

Each of our Sunday School classes meet from 9:40am-10:40am and are vibrant, healthy, and offer 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.

CLASS NAME	DESCRIPTION	STUDYING	LOCATION: 2ND FLOOR	POINT OF CONTACT
Coffee & Conversations	Parents of young children	<i>The Characters of Easter: The Villains, Heroes, Cowards and Crooks Who Witnessed History's Biggest Miracle</i>	Room UL-217	Candace Askew: candace.phillips@fedex.com
Paula's Hearts & Hands	Women's knitting group	<i>Prodigal God</i> by Tim Keller	Session Room	Mary Rogers mlrogers44@bell-south.net
Psalm 78	Parents of school age children	<i>The Characters of Easter: The Villains, Heroes, Cowards and Crooks Who Witnessed History's Biggest Miracle</i>	Room UL-215	Rebecca Floyd: rebeccaflloyd1973@gmail.com
The Seekers	Adults of all ages	<i>New Testament Characters</i> by Carolyn Nystrom	Room UL-216	Randy Harris: randyfarris2@yahoo.com
Hits of the Ages	Adults of all ages	<i>Matthew for Everyone</i> by Tom Wright	Room UL-218	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

CONNECTING 2022

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).

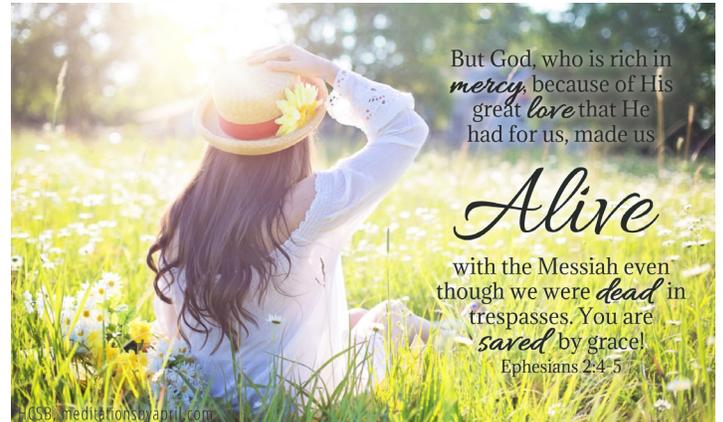
WOMEN AT GPC

Presbyterian Women

The next Presbyterian Women (PW) meeting will be Tuesday February 1 at 10:00 am and 6:45pm night circle. Our study will be Lesson 6 - Bathsheba. 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.



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 from 10:00am-11:30am.

Participants take turns leading the discussion, prayer, 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!

If interested, please contact Ann Harbor at annfluckerharbor@aol.com or 901-258-5010.

The schedule for the rest of the year is:

February - *Walking with Mary: A Biblical Journey from Nazareth to the Cross*, Edward Sri

March - *We Need to Hang Out - A Memoir of Making Friends*, Billy Baker

April/May - TBD

CONNECTING 2022

WHAT GPC MEANS TO ME



So welcome one another in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory.
Romans 15:7

It was the summer of 2001 when I first visited GPC. I was church shopping. Having moved out of the state for a while, when I returned to Tennessee I was living in Germantown. My personal life was in turmoil,

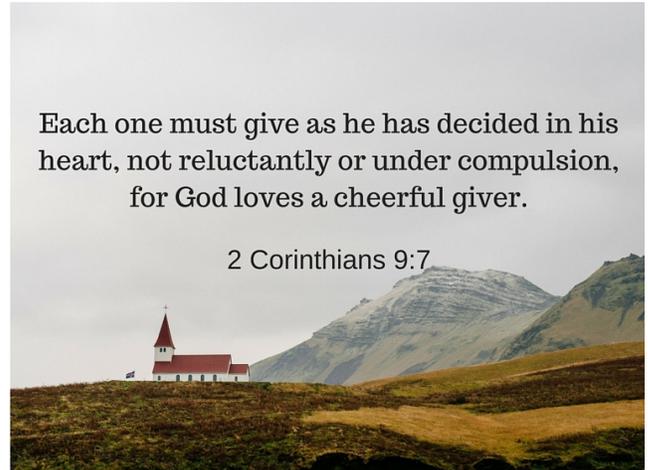
and I was looking for a way to fix myself. I sat behind Margaret Owens who introduced herself and took me under her wing. We went to the Activity Center after church for refreshments and I met Jean Carroll. I got involved with the Presbyterian Women's Night Circle and met the Circle Leader Rachel Gwin. Erwin Westmoreland came in to my life to minister to me and over the years we have continued to minister to each other. Now, twenty years later these women are very special friends.

I have healed from my personal turmoil and moved forward with my life, surrounded by a loving church family. I feel I have grown but always am seeking to improve my faith walk. The key for me was getting involved. There were then and still are so many opportunities to spend time learning and sharing time with GPC's mission outreach programs.

We all have 24 hours in each day. The key is how do we share our gift of those 24 hours to further God's kingdom. Our calling is to have the love of Christ flow thru us and out into the world. Every day is our very special gift to be shared.

Blessings, Bonnie Algee

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.



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

ENGAGING OUR POTENTIAL UPDATE

The Stewardship Team is grateful and encouraged by the results of our *Engaging Our Potential* stewardship campaign! As you know, our goal was to raise two year's worth of operating income (approximately \$2 million/year) plus the amount needed to retire the remaining debt on our 2019 Education Building (\$1.5 million). Our overall goal was \$5.6 million, and we are so pleased to announce that we have raised \$4,738,149 in pledges from 192 households. This is the most money we've ever raised in a single campaign, and it puts us well on our way to funding all of our ministries and retiring the debt. We are grateful to God and the congregation for such sacrificial giving.

What are some of the take-aways from these numbers? First, we will be able to budget appropriately for 2022 and 2023, investing in our great commission to reach out to the world with God's love in Jesus Christ. Second, there are many generous GPC members who choose not to pledge, but who support the church faithfully every year. Over a two year period, our unpledged offerings would conservatively amount to \$650,000, moving us much closer to our overall goal. Third, we anticipate new families and givers joining the church this year and next, and we know they will be generous to support the church. Fourth, the Session recently released \$92,000 from our reserves to pay down the debt. Finally, our members have always been overly-generous and have, historically, given more than they pledge. All of these factors give us great hope that we will achieve our goal of retiring the debt by the end of 2023.

Thank you for all you do to support what God is doing through Germantown Presbyterian Church.

CONNECTING 2022



We are so excited to share that GPC has launched a newly revamped experience that is fun and relaxing for the whole family - GPCConnect. This program has evolved over the years as Parents' 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-9pm at the church (and the occasional Sunday brunch), GPCConnect is a time for children 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 registration information on the church website and the GPCKids weekly e-blast. Sign up to receive the GPCKids weekly e-blast by sending your email to family@gpctn.org.

Remaining Spring 2022 GPCConnect Dates

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

Fall 2022 GPCConnect Dates

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



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUTS: FEBRUARY

9: Ms. Brandy Nolan, PA to Chris Mitchell of Friendship Circle

Happy, Happy Birthday!

Spring 2022 Schedules for AMPLify & Friendship Circle

February:
3, 10, 17, 24

February:
2, 9, 16, 23

March:
3, 10, *, 24, 31

*No meeting on March 17 for
Spring Break.

March:
2, 9, *, 23, 30

*No meeting on March 16 for
Spring Break.

April:
7, 14, 21, 28

April:
6, 13, 20, 27

May:
5, 12, 19

May 19 will be our final
rehearsal.

May:
4, 11, 18

May 18 will be the final
meeting for Spring 2022.

Spring Performance Date
and Time TBD.

February is: National Heart Month, National Cancer Prevention Month, & Int'l Prenatal Infection Prevention Month

Related dates include:

World Cancer Day, February 4

National "Wear Red Day" for women's heart health, Feb 5

Additionally, each week serves to focus awareness on:

African Heritage and Health, Feb. 1-7

Congenital Heart Defects, Feb. 7-14

Heart Failure, Feb. 14-20

Eating Disorders, Feb. 22-28

Why eating disorders?

Possible lethal health problems affiliated with eating disorders include altered sequence of the heart's impulses causing the heart to beat too fast, too slow, or erratically, which can cause sudden death. Decreased cardiac muscle, mass chamber size, and output can also lead to cardiac arrest.

2022 Joy Prom Information

Memphis Joy Prom will be held at Christ Church Memphis, 4488 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38117, on the evening of Friday, April 29. If you're interested in volunteering, please stay tuned to the Special Needs announcements in the weekly service bulletins and E-blast messages. Volunteer registration will open March 1.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Contributed by Jackie Classen Williams

When you meet Chase, he will be your friend – he has never met a stranger! In stores, restaurants, elevators, or parking lots, Chase will come right up to you and state, “Hi! I’m Chase Beech. Who are you?” Once he knows your name, he’ll say, “Well, nice to meet you, [your name here]!” He wears a big smile as he meets new friends everywhere.

If you happen to meet Chase on a summer day, you’ll receive an on-the-spot invitation to go swimming, which is his number ONE most favorite activity! Due to cerebral palsy, Chase is not an independent walker; he gets around with wheelchair assistance or with leg braces and a walker or with adult help, which he even needs for standing. Getting into a pool equalizes his abilities for walking, running, and jumping. So be ready to be challenged if you accept his swimming invitation – he will want you to engage with him in any and every possible racing scenario in the pool!

His family shared that Chase always has some funny or positive statement to brighten others’ days. So, despite his diagnoses of cerebral palsy and autism, and his ongoing medical issues, Chase maintains a positive outlook on life. His various medical issues have, in fact, caused him to spend a great deal of time in the hospital. In fact, Chase was so frequently hospitalized for extended periods of time, that he received his high school education via home schooling, via HomeLife Academy.

Speaking of family, Chase lives in Memphis with his two moms, Dana and Renee. His 32-year-old brother, a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, is stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has some furry family members, too – two 11-year-old rescue dogs named Maggie and Hurley. Maggie, the larger of the two, is a female Schnauzer. Hurley is a male Yorkie. They have lived with Chase for about half of their lives, and Chase loves them and his human family dearly.

Chase was born in Memphis, at the Methodist Hospital, a few weeks ahead of schedule. His first ten days of life were spent in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. He was released to go home the day before Thanksgiving, making Thanksgiving a special time for his family. Chase’s 2021 Thanksgiving was spent with his family and friends in Gulf Shores, Alabama doing some of his favorite activities, like riding the coast highway in a tripod dune buggy car, playing arcade games, and eating lots of seafood. Always adventurous with food, Chase now proudly acclaims that Gator Bites rank among his many favorite foods. His other favorite foods include cheeseburgers, crab cakes, and Red Lobster’s Lobster Fest ... he loves going to restaurants with his family and friends!

Chase is quite an active young man. He enjoys playing games or watching video games on YouTube. He loves to watch movies, especially when he goes to the theater with his friends. He’s a super fan of the *Back to the Future* trilogy and loves to share his knowledge of things that happened in different times. He’s a big fan of history and enjoys reading and “still learning every day.” He sings and dances to all types of music and loves to dress in his formal attire (with custom-made bow ties) for dances and proms. He has participated in the *Night To Shine* and *Joy Proms* for several years and enjoys the Germantown Parks and Recreation *Spring Fling* dances, too.

His first favorite superhero, The Incredible Hulk, inspired his favorite color choice: green. To this day he quotes the Hulk, saying “Don’t make me angry; you won’t like me when I’m angry!” His fandom has spread to all superheroes. He spent his special 18th birthday at Universal Studios in Orlando, meeting most of his superheroes! He’s even personal friends with our “Bluff City Batman” and occasionally appears with him and his Batmobile at events around town!



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.



Updates from Fellowship Group Conveners

Fellowship Group Conveners were scheduled to meet in January, but the meeting was postponed as the omicron variant of COVID surged. Watch GPC's media for further information on the rescheduled meeting.

Interested in joining a fellowship group? Contact Pastor Susie at care@GPCTN.org.



How To Dedicate a Sunday Worship Flower Arrangement

Ever wonder how to dedicate a Sunday flower arrangement for Sunday worship? It's easy.

Call or email the church office (901-754-5195 or office@germantownpres.org), ask if the date you're interested in is free and then provide your name and the wording you want to use in the worship bulletin, including the honoree and the occasion.

One arrangement is \$100 and two arrangements are \$150. When you give the church the money, make sure to put "flower arrangement" in the memo line.

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to ALL of our GPC musicians and to you, the congregation, for your love of music in worship and support for our music ministry. With the recent COVID surge and weather concerns we have had a slow start to 2022. Our choir ensemble had to take a couple of weeks off; and our children's music program, now meeting Sunday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm, returned in January.

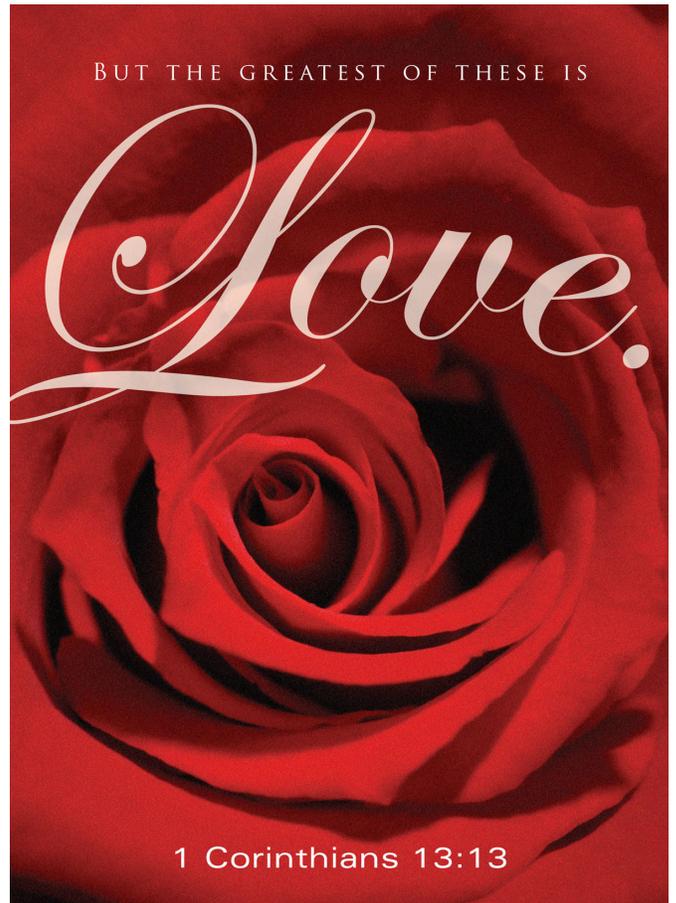
Our ensemble will sing on Sunday mornings (unless deemed unsafe) and, of course, our excellent array of soloists will sing each Sunday for both services. During the month of February you will hear Dane Suarez, tenor/ Mike Anderson, baritone/Althea and Russell Crouse/ and Kerriann Otano, soprano. All of these singers are excellent and will greatly enhance your worship experience.

Looking ahead we will be doing selections from the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* on Palm Sunday, April 3 at both the 8:30am and 11:00am worship services, and, as usual, a very special service of music and the spoken word on April 14, Maundy Thursday. All of these services will be accompanied by the Memphis String Quartet.

Again, I so appreciate your continued support of music at GPC even in these trying times. Your support of the church budget process and additional giving to the Music Fund and the Teachey Scholarship Fund allow me/us to provide quality music in worship throughout the entire year. Even in the most difficult of times my goal is to present nothing but our very best musical offerings in worship.

Continue to pray for COVID relief and for all who are affected. Keep an active prayer list. There are so many needs. I look forward to seeing you in Worship!

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



Karen Schowalter Cooper and Dr. Alex along with helpers Brianna Reilly and Corinne Mestemacher are eager to have your preschool – 5th graders join them for Music and Worship Arts newly branded *Worship-Works*.



Your kids will find a variety of opportunities including ukulele choir, drama, bells, and hand chimes, and, of course, singing. This is a great time to involve your child(ren) in music, especially if they haven't been participating yet!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

PROJECT OUTREACH & GPC

On December 20 Elaine Cates, Ann Harbor, and Barb Poier joined some women from other churches for the distribution of food and Christmas gifts to the residents of Rossville Manor. Project Outreach has welcomed these residents into their family. PW provided sweat suits and hand made small bags filled with all kinds of goodies, personally labeled. Many thanks to Threads of Love for the wonderful bags and to our PW group for the donations that made the sweat suit project so successful!



MEXICO MISSION TRIP - SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the 2022 Mexico Mission Trip,
June 14-21

We will partner again with the Church of the Good Shepherd in Castilla Brito, Mexico to build water cisterns for families in the southern Yucatan Peninsula.

Please contact Will Jones (willj@GPCTN.org) or Eddie Batey (eddie.batey@musowls.org) if you are interested and would like to know more information. We will finalize the list of participants by April 30.



Home is where the ★ is.

GPC is excited that we're back to hosting RITI guests once per month overnight.

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?

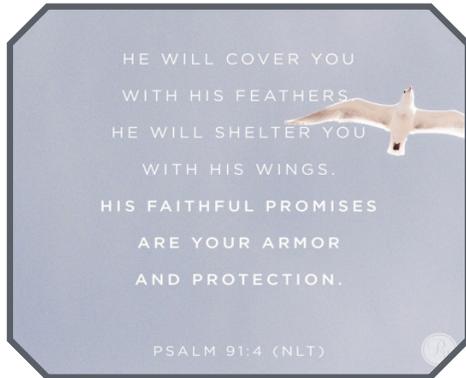
If you have any questions about different volunteer shifts or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me Sally Fienup, Cell - call or text me! 901-860-5086, SFienup@HobsonRealtors.com.

Remaining dates:
Friday, February 11
Friday, March 11



FAMILY MINISTRY

GPC YOUTH UPDATE



ENGAGE with GPC Youth

CoNnecting – 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

Here is how you can participate:

ATTEND the Youth Auction on March 6:

Beginning February 1, tickets will be available online at

<https://germantownpres.org/youth-auction-2022/> or

on Sundays before and after all services in the narthex.

\$20 per adult grades 6 and up

\$5 per child grades 5 to age 3

Tables of 8 are \$150

Cash or check for in person sales. Credit card for online purchase.

DONATE items for the auction:

- Check out the Sign-Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea9ad2caaf94-youth> to donate NEW OR LIKE NEW items, gift cards or contact one of the category leaders below for ideas.
- Item Drop Off – Week of February 27 to Bride's Room (behind Parlor)
- Event Flyer, letter from Youth Director, and tax form available in church office.

VOLUNTEER to help:

We have designed the committees to be manageable and sustainable. Check out our committees below and contact the leader in your area of interest. Youth will be involved in all teams.

Childcare will be provided for set up and during the auction.

DONATE HERE:

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

Thanks to our Youth Auction Leadership
Director of Youth Ministry - Christopher Greco
christopherg@gpctn.org, 901-754-5195

Youth Ministry Support Team - Elizabeth Wilson
elizabeth.owens.wilson@gmail.com, 901-216-7664

Auction Convener - Karen Fesmire
vuktf@aol.com, 901-483-8186

AUCTION TEAM

2022 Lead: Susan Jones

2023 Lead: Molly Miller

SUPPORT

Auctioneer: Allen Callicot

Children's Area 2022 Lead: Alexa Guynes

Finances/Check Out 2022 Lead: Leah Lumm

2023 Lead: Christy Campbell

Presentation: Ashley Veasey

Sign-Up Genius: Brooke Duke

Donations–Baked Goods: Brooke Duke/Kathy Borden

Baskets: Susan Jones and Molly Miller

Experiences–Events/Vacations: Teresa Owens

Gift Cards & Items: Susan Shirley Hurt

Service Gift Cards: Sally Humphrey

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING TEAM

2022 Lead: Karen Fesmire

2023 Lead: Suzanne Ray

DECORATIONS TEAM

2022 Lead: Marjorie Reynolds

2023 Lead: Michelle Brasfield

FOOD TEAM

2022 Lead: John Colmer–Men's Breakfast

2023 Lead: Bo Hornberg

SETUP/TAKE DOWN TEAM

2022 Lead: Cindy Cleveland

2023 Lead: TBA

Youth Shepherd: Susan Hurt

TICKETS

2022 Lead: Elizabeth Owens and Karen Fesmire

2023 Lead: Sherry Hurley

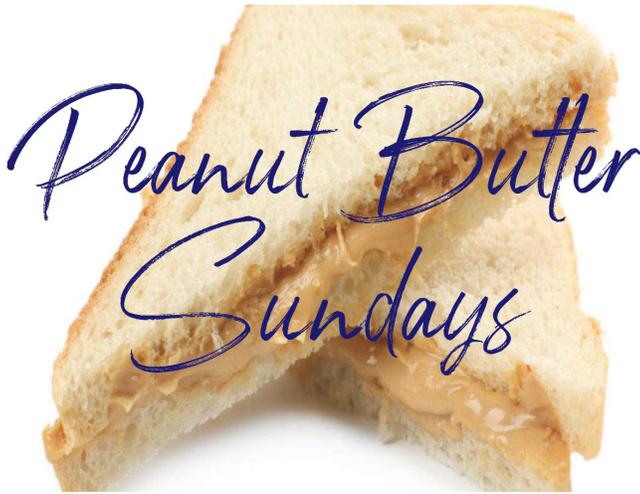
Contact information can be found in the directory.

NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 9:30am Parlor

FAMILY MINISTRY

GPC YOUTH UPDATE

Contributed by Tamah Halfacre



Sundays, February 27 and March 27

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 col-

laborative 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 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!



2022 Confirmation Retreat at Pinecrest

Pictured l. to r: Thomas Humphrey, Charlie Floyd, Gracie Ray, Elizabeth Cleveland, Ginger Stuart.

Not pictured: Noah Bowden, Thatcher Groce, Kelsie Hogan, Sam Peregoy, Miller Utterback, Jake Weiss.

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:
Judy Frick in the death of her husband, Fred.

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

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| >Shannon Allen - friend of Macie Houston | >Tiffany Hall - granddaughter of friend of Roscoe Phillips | friends of Stephanie Wall | responder) - son-in-law of Susan Olinger |
| >Bonnie Blair - friend of Bonnie Algee | >Allerie Hanlon (1st responder) - daughter-in-law of Susan Olinger | **Lisa Lowrey - daughter-in-law of Jean Brooks | **Brianna Reilly - student choir member |
| >Martha Carr, husband, Glen, Ben Carr, Glen's dad - sister & family of Catherine Johnson | >Susan Hawkins - daughter of Ann Phillips | **Kristi M. - friend of Karen Fesmire | >family of Bill Sims - family of Missy Gwin |
| >Betty Casey - sister of Jean Carroll | **Judy Hobbs' granddaughter & great-granddaughter (COVID) | >Libby & parents Janna & Justin - granddaughter, daughter, son-in-law of Linda & Lanny Oakes | >Kris & Felix Soler & family - friends/neighbors of Lindow family |
| **Barbara & Doug Cowan - friends of Phyl Simmons | **Christy & Barry Huff, baby Lincoln - family of Austin Simmons | >Mary Ann Odom & family - mother of Tracey Smith | **Jerry Tanksley & daughters Michaela & Casey - friends of Sherrie & Neal Horner |
| >Bill Doole - neighbor of Margaret Owens | >Gerry Kanode - brother-in-law of Barb Poier | >Scott Owens - nephew of Margaret Owens | **Davis Taylor & family - great-nephew of Judy Hobbs |
| >Virginia Goss - daughter of Gloria/Tim Goss | >Betsy/Mike Lambert, Hayley, Thomas; Susan Trammell - | >Charles Powell - father of Laura Farmer | **Rev. Deb Trevino - friend of Pastor Susie |
| | | >Dr. Carlos Reyes-Sacin (1st | |

****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.

February 2022 GPC Family Prayer Ministry

Feb 6

Barbara & John Beauford
Sondra Biggs
Katie/Ed Eleazer
Beverly Froelich
Meredith/Matt Mattila,
Risto
Darwyn Mitchell, Andrew,
Stephen
Dorothy Reger
Sherry/Jason Williams

Feb 13

Ollie Ciabattini
Karen/Mark Cooper
Dixie/Bob Johnson
Kathy Kalagias, Addi, Kiki
Debbie/George Moseley
Betty Reschenberg
Agnes Thomas
Dot Wieters
Sandy/Gerald Wilson

Feb 20

Anissa Brown
Lisa/Rob Clapper, Lily,
James
Sherry/Bud Hurley, Jake,
Julianne, Lauren
Susan/Will Jones, Grace,
Lelia, Mary
Shelby Montague, Adelyn &
Johnathan Winer
Betsy/Noell Moseley
Billie/Dan Work

Feb 27

Vicki/Drew Arthur
Teresa/Nathan Boswell,
Nick
John Goodyear
Alice/Jimmy Kiser
Dot Ledlow
Evelyn/Phil Mosley
April/Patrick Rice, Cat,
John
Amy/Trey Thomas, Robby,
Lincoln

SHARING IN 2022

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

Honorariums

General Fund

*In honor of Susan Jones
Walk & Nancy Jones*

*In honor of Stephanie Wall
Frank & Judy Oakes*

Music Fund

*In honor of Dr. Alex Benford
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In honor Jeff Day
Elaine Cates*

*In honor of Dr. & Ms. Will Jones
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In honor of Dianne & Tom King
William & Margaret Schaefer*

*In honor of Francesca & Mike Lyle
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In honor of Aggie & Jack Losa
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In honor of Kim & Tom Sauer
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In honor of Jerold Teachy
Elaine Cates*

*In honor of Drs. Jerold Teachey
& Jan Petri
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In honor of Chuck & Lauren
Utterback
Elaine Cates*

*Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
Linda & Donnie Harris*

Memorials

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Leslie W.
Bjorklund, Jr.
Margaret Rae Bjorklund*

*In memory of Tom Cates
Karen & Bill Lawhorn*

*In memory of Bill Leppert
Karen & Bill Lawhorn*

*In memory of Lalla Mellor
Karen & Bill Lawhorn*

*In memory of Diane Stearns
Judy Barron*

Music Fund

*In memory of Barbara Kelly
Linda & Donnie Harris*

*In memory of Bill Leppert
Bonnie Algee*

*In memory of Lalla Mellor
Brett & Kelly Hogan
Carolyn Lutz*

*In memory of Troy Lee Odom, Sr.
Bonnie Algee*

*In memory of Diane Stearns
Dr. & Ms. Eric Dawson Jr.*

*In memory of Stanley Wilson
Linda & Donnie Harris*

Scam Reminder

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

ALEX BENFORD, ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE

ANN DEVERE, CHURCH SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

FRED TURVEREY, BUSINESS & FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR

JOHN JOHNSON, WORSHIP LEADER, MUSICIAN

MIKE LYLE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & NURTURE

AMBER MILLER, ACCOUNTING SECRETARY

BLAIR HAYES, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JACKIE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

KAREN SCHOWALTER COOPER, COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

RANDY SMITH, MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

TARA MARBURY, NURSERY SUPERVISOR

ANGIE RICHARDSON, CURRICULUM COORDINATOR TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CARL WOODS, MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

JENNIFER GENTRY, DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL

LAURIE HENDERSON, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

STEPHANIE WALL, BEREAVEMENT SPECIALIST

TOM SAUER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR SENIOR ADULTS

CHRISTOPHER GRECO, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

8:30AM WORSHIP

11:00AM WORSHIP

(ONSITE & ONLINE)

9:40AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

6:00PM WORSHIP

(ONSITE & ONLINE)

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM-4:30PM

MONDAY-FRIDAY

March Window Deadline: February 15

SESSION CORNER - JANUARY

From the 1/20 Session Meeting:

We wish Pastor Will Jones happy birthday on January 21.

We called a Congregation Meeting 1/30 after 11am service to:

- Vote on Nominees for Elders and Deacons
- Hear the Financial Report and Budget for 2022
- Change the Ministers' Terms of Call up 2%

Ministry Team Reports:

Stewardship, Alex Ivy: We passed the roughly \$2 million budget for 2022 and retired one third of our remaining \$1.5 million debt. We hope to retire the rest within 3 years.

Worship, Dick Goughnour: We continue to need volunteers for greeters, liturgists, and offertory. We encourage all to try our 6pm Sunday worship in Warren Hall.

Membership, Debbie Ragain: 8 new members were received in December. The next new member luncheon is 2/27. We had 742 members at the end of 2021, and we voted to remove 12 inactive members.

Education: This Sunday 1/23 we will have a reception for Blair Hayes, our new Director of Children's Ministry.

Mary K. Grantham: PEACE programs are active and growing. We are participating in a Vanderbilt study of Disability Ministries. Joy Prom will be 4/29.

Helen Warren: New Bibles are coming to classrooms; check with her for access to Pastor Mike Lyle's great resource he has compiled about Spiritual Growth.

Missions, Susan Hormberg: We actively seek anyone interested in helping, especially with Binghampton Christian Academy and Team Read.

Communications & Technology, Drayton Mayers: We encourage members to write or video what GPC means to them for our outreach. The OWL is being used for dual in-person/zoom meetings, with possibilities for Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Callahan Edens
Clerk of the Session



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