

Music Ministry

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Announcing the beginning of a new handbell ensemble. We'd meet daytime during the week. What kind of GUMC person need express interest? Anyone! No experience, no problem. Heart for outreach in need of an outlet? This is for you. Don't know a handbell from a cowbell? We're in this together! Curious, reach Todd Wilson GUMC Music Director, twilson@germantownumc.org.

Missions Ministry

Please contact Laura Meanwell at meanwellmail@att.net for mission needs.

Room in the Inn: Host a Meal! RITI - Memphis is moving to a new home which will shelter families and the medically fragile. Host churches have been invited to host meals beginning in April for each of these groups. What a great opportunity for small groups or families to return to serving our homeless neighbors! For more information, contact Alise Davis at 901-496-6402 or alisedavis4@gmail.com

Virtual Trip to Rwanda, Kenya, and India: Meet the children of Zoe Empowers! The orphaned and vulnerable children of Zoe Empowers will share stories of how they've been empowered to lift themselves permanently out of poverty. Visit Rwanda, April 13th, Kenya April 14th, and India on April 15th (all at 8:30am CDT). For more information contact Bill Whitaker at wawhit3@gmail.com.

Health and Recreation Facility (OLEC)

Todd Hinton, Director of Health & Recreation, thinton@germantownumc.org

You can see your favorite instructors on line via the Germantown United Methodist Facebook page as well as, the Owings Life Enrichment page. Showing their expertise this month are Al Walton featuring Gentle Yoga poses and Judy Oros with Beginner Pilates. Keep following our pages to keep up your health and fitness.

The OLEC is welcoming everyone back into the Gym.

Reservations are made by calling the front desk at 753-3100. We will take your reservation for your 45 minute workout. Please be advised that masks are required for your entire visit, as well as temperature taken. We look forward to seeing you soon!

New hours of operation will start May 1! OLEC's new hours of operation will be Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm and Fridays 8am-12pm. We will still maintain and provide the same level of service that you are accustomed to.

Health and Prayer Concerns

To submit a prayer request, please contact Anne Bush at 901-754-7216 or abush@germantownumc.org. You can go to our website and fill out prayer request form online. In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available by calling 901-412-5776.

Deepest Sympathy

Louise Wheeler, March 27

In Hospital

Marcia Wagner

In Rehab

Hugh Colville
Vauneida Henton

Congregational Concerns

Evelyn Akle
Cameron Brackett
Dick Carruth
Bill Crawford
Mackenzie Fittes
Ann Jennings
Lois Jensen
Mary Elaine Jones

Steve Jones
Jim King
Bailey Lowery
Dee Ann Malcolm
Linda McAnally
Del Mercer
Russel Rainey
Logan Williams

CDC Offers Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated People

If you have received a full course of COVID-19 vaccine and waited 2 weeks after receiving your second shot or your first shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you may get together with other fully vaccinated individuals in small groups **inside their homes** without masks or physical distancing. You may also visit with unvaccinated people from one other household who are at low risk for severe disease. If you are exposed to coronavirus you do not have to get tested or quarantine if you have no symptoms, but you should still monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

In public settings fully vaccinated individuals should still wear a mask and social distance and should avoid medium to large gatherings. Of course, you still should continue to wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer. The CDC has yet to release guidelines on travel.

If you are fully vaccinated, remember **you can still be infected with or "carry" the virus that causes COVID-19** while not feeling sick or having symptoms. Please read the April *Tidings* for a more detailed article.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Brenda West, Administrative Assistant to Clergy Staff, bwest@germantownumc.org

We are now going to direct you to the City of Memphis website, <https://www.covid19.memphistn.gov> for your first vaccination. **Every Friday at noon, new slots are opened up for the following week.**

If you do not have access to the Internet, call 901.222-SHOT (901-222-7468) to book an appointment.

April 11, 2021

Easter Offering

It is a tradition at Germantown United Methodist Church at Easter to receive a special offering. This offering is in addition to one's regular offering and will be designated to the mission budget of our church. Please give as you are able and help us ensure that our church missions continue the proclamation of our hope in a Risen Savior.

You may give your offering in the following ways:

- Onsite using the envelope provided
- Online at www.germantownumc.org
- Text GIVE to (901) 910-1220
- Venmo @GermantownUMC

6th Grade Confirmation Service

Everyone is invited to celebrate our confirmands tonight as they join the church at 5:30 PM in the Trinity Worship Center. Please bring a lawn chair.

GUMC Policy for Announcing COVID at the Church

GUMC takes seriously the safety of all who would be on campus during the COVID-19 outbreak. We follow a plan for safety created by the church task force including members who are medical professionals and approved by the Board.

If you have any questions concerning any announcement, you may call the church at 901-754-7216.

Weekday Preschool (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director of GUMC Weekday Preschool, ssutton@germantownumc.org

Angela Ervin, Assistant Director of GUMC Weekday Preschool, aervin@germantownumc.org

Germantown United Methodist Preschool: This week we will celebrate our wonderful teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week (April 12-16). GUMP is so thankful for their commitment to fostering a nurturing learning environment in each of our classrooms. GUMP has amazing teachers and they have gone above and beyond this year. We look forward to showing our teachers how much we love and appreciate them!

Children's Ministry

Natalie Adkinson, Director of Children's Ministry– Nursery, nadkinson@germantownumc.org

Callie Beaver, Director of Children's Ministry-Elementary, cbeaver@germantownumc.org

Megan Bucher, Children's Ministry Assistant, mbucher@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten): The Hamilton Nursery will be open during our two worship services and Sunday School. We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. In April, we are learning Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Our memory verse is *"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."* Ephesians 3:18. **Please pre-register your Nursery kids online each week by Friday at noon.**

KidsQuest (Kindergarten-5th Grade): Elementary Sunday School will meet at 10am. During the month of April, our theme is Peace—proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. Our memory verse is *"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another."* Romans 14:19. **Please pre-register your Elementary kids online each week by Friday at noon.**

Sunday School at-home: If you are doing Sunday School at home, please see your email for lessons. If you are not receiving our emails, please let us know at cbeaver@germantownumc.org.

Children's Bulletins: Children's bulletins are available on the table in the hallway next to the Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School 2021: Treasured! Discovering you're priceless to God! Kids will embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles as they discover that God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold- it's them! Online registration for VBS closes May 15. The \$25 registration fee covers all expenses including materials, snacks, T-shirt, and a music CD. Children who are four years old by August 15, 2021 and older (through entering 6th grade) are eligible to participate in VBS. If your child is younger than that age, we have a special Volunteer VBS just for them which is available (free of charge) to the children of volunteers.

We will have two options for VBS this summer: Evening Family VBS outside at McVay Gardens: June 2-4, 2021; 6:30-8:00 PM (Parents attend with their kids); Weekday VBS inside church buildings: June 7-11, 2021; 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon (Parents drop off their kids)

VBS ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please register to volunteer on the church website under What's Going On-Open Registrations. Please contact Callie Beaver or Natalie Adkinson if you have any questions about volunteering.

Youth Ministry

Lisa Pierce, Dir. of Middle & Confirmation, lpierce@germantownumc.org

Brian Richards, Dir. of High & College Ministry, brichards@germantownumc.org

Element: Will not meet Sunday, April 11, but would encourage all to attend our confirmation service in the Trinity Centre at 5:30pm.

Sunday Morning Trek: Join us today at 10am on Zoom or in the downstairs rooms 131, 132, and 133.

6th Grade Confirmation Service: Everyone is invited to celebrate our confirmands tonight as they join the church at 5:30 PM in the Trinity Worship Center. Please bring a lawn chair.

DisCRAVEry Retreat: The youth are planning to head to Victory Ranch April 30-May 2. Check your email for details. Registration is open online.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast: Thankful it is warming up for Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast! We meet at 6:30 in the pavilion behind Houston High School. Bring a Bible and a mask – we will bring breakfast and coffee/drinks.

Synergy and Synago: We are meeting on Wednesdays at the Prescott House for some mid-week study and check-in. Synergy (middle school) meets at 6:00 and Synago (high school) meets at 7:15. HS has begun planning for our DisCRAVEry weekend.

Stay Informed: Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.

College and Young Professionals Ministry

Brian Richards, Dir. of High School & College Ministry, brichards@germantownumc.org

College Age Sunday School: Will not meet this week because of Easter! See you next week.

A weekly devotional is available for college age persons distributed by email. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email brichards@germantownumc.org.

Germantown United Methodist Women (GUMW)

Chesley Porteous, President of GUMW, chesleyporteous@gmail.com

Just a reminder that Germantown United Methodist Women (GUMW) has cancelled all events through the end of May 2021 in the interest of everyone's health and safety. This includes the Spring/Summer Children's Consignment Sale, Spring Bridge & Games Benefit and Unique Boutique, and the GUMW May luncheon. We hope to gather again in service and fellowship later this year!

Elder Care Health Ministry

Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley, ebeasley@germantownumc.org

Please direct all correspondences concerning elderly and homebound members to our Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley at ebeasley@germantownumc.org. Please remember to call the pastors' on-call phone number in case of an emergency, 901-412-5776.

Vases for Flower Ministry: The Flower Ministry needs small, clean vases for arrangements to the elderly and homebound, appropriate for a small arrangement in an apartment, assisted living facility, or nursing home. NO BUD VASES OR LARGE VASES PLEASE. Thank you for your help.

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, luci2@comcast.net. Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in Tidings.

Older Adult Programming Update! Older Adult activities have been suspended for almost a year, now, and we hope that we will be able to start the Brown Bag Lunch and XYZ activities again in the fall, providing the vaccination process becomes smoother and the Health Department allows us to meet without social distancing. We will keep you informed about start-up dates via the *Tidings* and the *Ministry News & Events*, and program schedules will be mailed once we have programming set. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Luci Cromer at 901.755.0803.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education and Membership, mgroh@germantownumc.org

Please check out the list of Sunday School lessons and teachers for April 11 and join us! Please go [here](#) every week to see the list of topics and teachers. You may also see the list on the GUMC App. Visitors are always welcome!

Why Do You Believe That? A Faith Conversation starts Tuesday, April 13, 6:00-7:00 pm via Zoom. Join Rev. Erin Beasley for this 7-session study and gain understanding and skill to share Jesus effectively with others. Answer your doubts, build your confidence, and start changing lives! Cost: \$13. Register at germantownumc.org.

What Love Is - The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John starts Wednesday, April 14, 9:45-11:45 am via Zoom. In this 8-week DVD women's Bible study, participants will explore what it means to love God more than loving the world and the meaning of true fellowship and community. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost \$24. Register at germantownumc.org.