

Music Ministry

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Initial response to developing a new handbell ensemble has been good. There is room for a few more participants. No experience, no problem, we'll learn together. Have a heart for outreach in need of an outlet? Then this is for you! We're in this together! If curious, reach out to Todd Wilson GUMC Music Director, twilson@germantownumc.org

Missions Ministry

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

A Virtual Auction for Hannah's Hope: Join us for "LEAP WITH HOPE 2021!" a virtual auction at hannahshope.wedoauctions.com, beginning Thursday, April 29th and ending Thursday, May 6th. There will be gift certificates, various kinds of home decor, personal accessories, paintings, a jacket and hats from the Augusta PGA Master's Tournament, an autographed Lakers basketball and a stay at Hedge Farm. Join us online. Don't miss it!

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

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 started May 1! OLEC's new hours of operation are 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.

In Hospital

Pat Gill
Dan Moore

In Rehab

Hugh Colville
Rev. James Holmes
Ann Jennings
Marcia Wagner

Congregational Concerns

Cameron Brackett
Dick Carruth
Bill Crawford
Maureen Drummond
Mackenzie Fittes
Mary Elaine Jones
Steve Jones
Mary Ellen Kemker
Bailey Lowery
Dee Ann Malcolm
Linda McAnally
Del Mercer
Russell Rainey
Edith Taylor
Cliff Wentworth

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 can be outside without a mask, except in crowded settings. In medium to large gatherings, they should still wear a mask and socially distance (6' apart). Of course, you still should continue to wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer. The CDC guidelines for travel will be covered in the May *Tidings*.

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 May *Tidings* for a more detailed article.

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New Worship Series: "The Shepherd's Care"

Join us for a new worship series based on Psalm 23, as we consider the fullness of what it means for Christ to be our Shepherd.



Volunteers Needed at Mid-South Food Bank

Volunteers are needed to pack boxes for Seniors in our Memphis community! The Mid-South Food Bank is in desperate need of volunteers to come to the Food Bank, located at 3865 S. Perkins Road, Memphis. Call 901-527-0841 for more information as to available times. All safety protocols followed. Get a group together and make a difference!!!

Live Stream Worship Team Needed

Germantown UMC is creating a team to produce and present our live stream worship. Eventually this team will be led by a full-time employee. Until then the following are volunteer positions needed to continue our live stream in a dynamic fashion. With sufficient volunteers no one will need to give more than the occasional Sunday to these responsibilities.

- Equipment operator: hands on operation of the projector.
- Card creation: produce all written information displayed on screens receiving the live stream. These include the Call to worship, scriptures, hymn and anthem lyrics, additional liturgies and responses as needed.
- Co-ordination with worship leaders.
- Co-ordination with audio tech.

Volunteers may contact Rev. Gabriel at bgabriel@germatownumc.org

Update Your Emailed Communications

Do you want to be up to date and help the church save money? Send an email to lbailey@germantownumc.org asking to receive all churchwide communications by email and we will stop sending you "Snail Mail".

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.

Weekday Preschool (GUMP)

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

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

Our teachers have wrapped up their final Parent/ Teacher Conferences for the year. We love sharing all the growth we have seen with each of our friends. Though there was much uncertainty as we began the year, we are so proud of the many things we have accomplished! We thank you for your support in making this a successful year.

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 May, we are learning that God made me and His way is perfect! Our memory verse is "God's way is perfect!" 2 Samuel 22:31. **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 May, our theme is commitment-making a plan and putting it into practice. Our memory verse is "Training the body has some value. But being Godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8. **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. Lessons are also linked on our Facebook & Instagram pages each week (@GUMCkidmin). Please also join us at 10am via LIVE ZOOM for a lesson with Mrs. Callie.

Children's Bulletins: Children's bulletins are available on the table in the hallway next to the Sanctuary. Reusable canvas worship/activity bags are available on top of the cabinet in the Narthex. Please return them to this basket after worship ends.

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.

Supplies needed: Children's Ministry is collecting empty toilet paper rolls, empty paper towel rolls, empty cardboard boxes, & egg cartons for use during VBS craft stations. Items can be brought to the Hamilton Nursery or placed in the collection box outside of the Huddle.

Youth Ministry

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

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

Element: : We will not be meeting tonight since we have been on retreat this weekend. We will not meet on May 9 due to Mothers' Day. We look forward to seeing everyone for our year-end celebration on May 16.

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

Senior Sunday: Senior Sunday is May 23rd. We want to include ALL high school seniors! We have mailed and emailed information out to all registered seniors. If your senior did not get a packet, please let us know and we will get one to him/her.

Lakeshore: GUMC is headed to Lakeshore July 25-31 for Jr. High #3 and Elementary #4. We would love to have your student join us! If you are a high schooler who would like to volunteer this week, contact Lisa or Brian.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast: Today's Trek will meet with Ms. Callie in the Huddle to help with children's Sunday school. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday at 10 when we have returned from our retreat.

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.

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 meet this week downstairs in the Trek room for the next few weeks.

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.

Birthday Cards: GUMW Faith Circle will be praying for each GUMC college age adult by name this Thursday morning, May 6th. They will also be sending birthday cards to all with birthdays in the month of May. For more information about Faith Circle, contact Laurie Pakis at ljpakis@bellsouth.net

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.

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 May 2 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!

Bible Study for Millennials starts Sunday, May 16: Join Yolanda Toney via Zoom on Sundays, May 16—June 20 from 1:00pm-2:15pm for *Rumors of God: Experience the Kind of Faith You've Only Heard About*. We will explore biblical insights, cultural observations, and compelling stories about the work and activity of God today that will renew your passion for God's kingdom— and your role in it! There is no cost to participate. Register at germantownumc.org.