



The logo for The Tidings, Germantown United Methodist Church. It features a stylized white cross with a red flame-like shape on the left side. The text "The Tidings" is written in a white serif font, with "The" in a smaller size above "Tidings". Below the main title, "GERMANTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" is written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a teal background.



**February 2015**



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# Welcome



*from  
Richard*

On February 18, Ash Wednesday, we begin the holy season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness as he battled Satan's temptations. In our Christian calendar it is a time of soul-searching and repentance; a time for reflection and taking stock. As Jesus came out of the wilderness, ready to do God's bidding, so we want Lent to be for us a time of spiritual awakening for more faithful service to God's will and Christ's life.

We will inaugurate Lent with our traditional Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. on February 18. A significant aspect of this service is the placing of ashes on our foreheads. Please note that we will not have our regular Wednesday night programming that night. We encourage families with children and youth to make this night a time of family worship.

So from February 18 to Easter Sunday, April 5, may we each seek diligently to grow in Christ and become more of the faithful servants he calls us to be.

Let me also mention that our youth, as part of Discovery Weekend, will lead our 9:40 a.m. service on February 15. This is always a high spiritual experience.

## Events in February

### **February 13–15**

Discovery Weekend

### **Sunday, February 15**

9:40 a.m.

Youth-led Discovery Weekend Worship Service

3:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Concert

### **Tuesday, February 17**

6:30–8:30 p.m.

UMW Lent by Candlelight

### **Wednesday, February 18**

Ash Wednesday

First Sunday of Lent

Please join us for a church board meeting on February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Welcome New Members



*Kelly and Jason Bailey (12/21/14)*

GUMC **LIVE**

**Our live streaming service is currently under construction; we will alert the congregation when the service is back. Thank you.**



# ***The evening of January 7th was a dark, cold winter's night...***

...but inside the GUMC Fellowship Hall, there was light, warmth, food, and fellowship as 140 people (families with small children, young adults, mature families, older couples, and singles) met for an evening of Breakfast at Dinner!

This was the kick-off for the regular Wednesday Night Dinner series, the Winter Adult Studies programs, Chancel Choir rehearsals, and the various children's activities. The United Methodist Men cooked and served waffles, eggs, bacon and fruit to this wonderfully mixed group, many wearing pajamas, and all wearing smiles, as they ate and were entertained by Sneaky Steve the Magician!

Sneaky Steve (aka Steve Pearl) is the Facility Director/Chief of Security at Christ UMC. Sneaky Steve's interest in magic developed while on his many mission trips to El Salvador. He found it to be a way to bridge the language barrier and establish a camaraderie with the people he went to serve.

The evening was a rousing success and was a great beginning to the rest of the year. Please make plans to join us for Wednesday Nights at GUMC. Bring the family, or come solo. Everyone is welcome!

You can register for Wednesday Night Dinners online or call the church at 754-7216.

## Missions Ministry

### Notice to Kroger Card Members

If you registered your Kroger card last year so that the community rewards dollars will go to GUMC supported missions, you will need to re-register your card this year. The rewards program requires that you register your card every year. Copies of instructions to register are at the Information Center located at the entrance to the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

### Chancel Choir Sings Their Favorites

*Sunday, February 15 | 3 p.m. | Sanctuary*

Over many years, the Chancel Choir has accumulated an a.m.azing library of over 750 service music anthems. The choir was recently asked to vote on their favorite anthems from this immense repertory and put together a concert for the community and congregation on Sunday, February 15 at 3 p.m.

You are invited to attend this concert in celebration of Transfiguration Sunday, a festival time in the church year, just before the beginning of Lent.

This is a good time to bring friends and neighbors. The concert will last about an hour. You will hear music that you have heard before sung by the full chancel choir. We hope you will come.

## United Methodist Men

### United Methodist Men Host Valentine's Day Breakfast

UMM will host a special Valentine's breakfast on Saturday, February 14, at 9 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. This will be a time to honor our spouses and significant others.

Linda Douty Mischke, a Christian motivational speaker and author of five books will be our guest speaker. Her most recent book is *Rhythms of Growth: 365 Meditations to Nourish the Soul*. She is a graduate of the University of Memphis and a member of St. John's United Methodist Church.

Cost of the breakfast is \$5 per person. Reservations are required for this breakfast. Please contact Christina Desio at [cdesio@germantownumc.org](mailto:cdesio@germantownumc.org) or call the church office at 754-7216 to make your reservations by Wednesday, February 11.



### Rutherford Intercessory Prayer Group

The Rutherford Intercessory Prayer Group (formerly the Wednesday Morning Intercessory Prayer Group) meets each Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. The prayer group was recently renamed to honor Gary Rutherford for his 25 years of faithful leadership of the group. Upon his retirement as regular teacher, Jimmy Wright and Randy Lewis have assumed the leadership of the group.

All the men of the church are invited to be a part of this initial prayer ministry.

## Adult Education Classes Focus on Season of Lent

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers a period of approximately six weeks before Easter Sunday. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 18 and GUMC is offering several Lenten studies, giving you an opportunity for study, reflection and growth:

### **Celebration of Discipline**

*Sundays, February 22 – March 29, 6:30-8 p.m.*  
*Rev. Julie McKenna*

Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* is hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality. In *Celebration of Discipline*, Foster explores the "Classic Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith to show how each of these areas contribute to a balanced spiritual life. The Inward Disciplines (meditation, prayer, fasting, and study) offer avenues of personal examination and change. The Outward Disciplines (simplicity, solitude, submission, and service) help prepare us to make the world a better place. The Corporate Disciplines (confession, worship, guidance, and celebration) bring us nearer to one another and to God. This study will help motivate you to embark on a journey of prayer and spiritual growth. Childcare is available by reservation. Cost of the book is \$18.

### **Living the Covenant**

*Sundays, March 1-April 26 (skipping April 5)*  
*5:30-7:30 p.m., Room 338*  
*Marian Carruth, mscarruth@aol.com, 754-5399*

This study focuses on how the community lives out its covenant in faithful love and how it's applied to actual relationships in daily life. We will explore leadership problems during spiritual and political crises and how the leaders look for practical wisdom and guidance in the teachings of Israel's prophets and the letters of Paul. Cost of the book is \$20. Childcare available by reservation.

### **Renegade Gospel**

*Tuesdays, Feb 24 – March 31, 1-2:30 p.m.*  
*Room 342 | Rev. Ryan Boatright*

Central to the Christian faith is a man who denied all of our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution – and we are invited to be a part of it! Joining His movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. This six-session DVD study features pastor and author Mike Slaughter, as he presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Cost is \$10. Childcare is available by reservation.

### **The Promised Land**

*Tuesdays, March 3 – April 7 6:30-8 p.m., Room 338*  
*Terry Aust, terry.aust@yahoo.com, 737-6031*

This five-session small group Bible study is volume one of the 12-part Faith Lessons series. In it, noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan explores how God guided his people to the Promised Land to impact the world both in ancient times and today. Just like the time and place of our birth shapes our journey, so the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. Cost of the participant book is \$10. Childcare is available by reservation.

# Older Adults

Our events are open for all adults age 55 and older, singles and couples, regardless of church membership. Mark your calendar and make your reservations for these events today!

## February Brown Bag Lunch

Jeremy Park, President of The Lipscomb Pitts Breakfast Club and *Commercial Appeal* columnist, will talk about "Giving Back with Purpose with The Lipscomb Pitts Breakfast Club." This presentation will be Friday, February 6 in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information.



No reservations are needed. **There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**

## Smart Driver Course

### AARP Smart Driver™ Course

Germantown United Methodist Church and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver Course," the nation's largest driving refresher course. This 8-hour course is scheduled for March 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. There is no driving test or written exam. Register early because the class will be limited to 28 participants. The results of taking these classes have been proven—class participants have few accidents and tickets.

**WHERE:** Room 339

**WHEN:** Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**COST:** \$15 fee for AARP members (\$20 for non-members) payable to AARP

**DEPARTURE:** 9 a.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 8:45 a.m.)

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Ray Malone at 309-5966

**DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS:** Reservations will be taken until class is full.

## March Brown Bag Lunch

### Learn About Cotton Culture in the South at the March Brown Bag Lunch!

When cotton was king, it created a society of characters and cad, the big time and the small time, the rich and the richer, the hangers-on, anointed, powerful, and busted. It also created empires in agriculture, transportation, banking, and warehousing. Its influence still remains at the core of the Southern economy and Southern society. Willy Bearden is going to give us a look at the history of cotton culture in the South and its importance in shaping world culture and economics at the March Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council. **There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**

**TOPIC:** "Cotton and Cotton Culture"

**SPEAKER:** Willy Bearden, Memphis Filmmaker and Writer

**WHERE:** Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

**WHEN:** Friday, March 6 at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon.

**COST:** FREE—the church will supply beverages.

**RESERVATIONS:** No reservations are needed. Just bring your sack lunch and enjoy the program and the fellowship.

**QUESTIONS?** Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107.



## March XYZs

**XYZs Attend Lenten Preaching Series and Tour First Presbyterian Church in March!**

As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to the Rev. Douglass M. Bailey at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church and eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop. Doug served as the Rector of Calvary Church for more than 20 years starting in 1978 and spearheaded the establishment of ten separate non-profit urban ministries. For nine years after that, he was an Assistant Professor at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. He currently is the President of the Center for Urban Ministry, Inc. in Winston Salem, North Carolina. On the way home, we will tour one of the oldest existing churches in Memphis, First Presbyterian Church. The congregation dates to 1828, and the present church was built in 1884. Join us for a private tour of this beautiful church and learn its impressive history.

**WHERE:** Calvary Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 19

**COST:** \$3 per person plus lunch on your own

**DEPARTURE:** 10 a.m. from OLEC parking lot.

(Be there by 9:45 a.m.)

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797.

You must make your reservation before paying.

**DEADLINE FOR MONEY & RESERVATIONS:** February 19

## April XYZs

**XYZs Tour Two Newly-Renovated 1850's Homes in April—waiting list available!**

Annesdale Mansion and the James Lee House have made the news recently, not just for being saved from the wrecking ball but for being restored to their original glory and being repurposed for use today. Annesdale, located on 7½ acres of lawns and gardens in the Annesdale Snowden Historic District, is one of the largest and oldest homes to grace the Memphis area. The James Lee House, located in Victorian Village, is composed of three different sections and is a good example of a late mid-19th century mansion built by a well-to-do family. We will take a break for lunch at the Trolley Stop Market between our private tours of these homes. Call now to be put on the waiting list!

**WHERE:** Annesdale Mansion, Trolley Stop Market, and James Lee House

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 21

**COST:** \$20 per person includes lunch and tours. This trip is being subsidized by a generous donation to the XYZs.

**DEPARTURE:** 9 a.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 8:45)

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797.

You must make your reservations before paying.

**DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS:** March 24

# Spotlight on Seniors

## Jamie and Betty Fiser

Jamie Fiser grew up in Morrilton, Arkansas on a farm with one brother and three sisters. He graduated from high school in 1939 and graduated from a two year program as a junior agricultural engineer and soil conservationist. He met Betty when she was a senior in high school. He met Betty when she was a senior in high school, and they have now been married 71 years.

Jamie enlisted in the Navy on December 9, 1941 and, because he had two years of college, he was able to qualify for pre-flight training to become a pilot. He eventually piloted a torpedo bomber. His assignment was to keep Japanese air bases inoperable in the South Pacific with missions in Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands. He flew 25 strikes against Japanese airfields, shore installations and supply areas in the southwest Pacific and for that he earned a distinguished flying cross, an air medal with four oak leaf clusters, and several other commendations. In total, Jamie flew 46 missions in the South Pacific during the war. He was in the Active Naval Reserve upon his return from the war, eventually retiring as a Captain in 1965.

Jamie furthered his education under the GI bill, earning a degree in general agriculture so he could teach vocational agriculture at the high school level. He eventually became a supervisor of manufacturing at Ace Comb and Ace Bowling Company. He then became the President of the Plastics Division for a.m.erace Corporation developing plated plastics, a business that took him and Betty to Michigan, and finally Memphis in 1973.

Throughout Jamie's military, teaching and sales careers, Betty started and ran a private Kindergarten. She became a homemaker when they adopted their son and eventually had their



daughter. She was an active member in PEO, a national philanthropic sorority for women.

They joined GUMC in 1973 when Rev. Earl Johnson was the minister. Betty taught Sunday school, was Chairperson of Missions, and active in the United Methodist Women. Jamie served as Chairperson of both Worship and Christian Education, was the Sunday School Superintendent, President of the United Methodist Men and taught Sunday school. In August of 1980, at the request of Rev. Johnson, Jamie began the Fiser-Covenant Class with six couples. He taught the class for the next 25 years. The class exists today, and has continued to grow and study the Bible each week.



Betty and Jamie have three grandchildren, one of them married, and two great grandchildren. They have passed a wonderful legacy on to many of faith, family and hard work. Betty and Jamie now reside at Kirby Pines in assisted living.

*Story by Beverly Rhoads*

## DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2015

# BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIPS

FEBRUARY 13-15

Join us as we experience God's love and celebrate the joy of Christ and the Church! We hope you'll join us this year! This will be one to remember! Cost for the weekend is \$100 through February 1, cost from February 2-February 8 is \$125. Registration fee includes meals, retreat materials, and a T-shirt.



Not receiving our weekly Youth Ministry Highlights Email? Sign up here:  
[germantownumc.org/email](http://germantownumc.org/email)

## Summer Missions

### 2015 Summer Trips

We're planning four awesome mission trips this summer: Big Stuf (Panama Beach), Service Over Self (Memphis), Mountain TOP (Cumberland Mountains, Tennessee), and a Costa Rica College Trip (Shiroles, Costa Rica). Check out the youth section of the GUMC website for more information, videos, and links to registration!

[www.germantownumc.org/youth](http://www.germantownumc.org/youth)



Judy Oros

## Trainer's Corner

### Don't Give Up on Your Fitness Goals!

By Judy Oros, 336-8639, Certified Personal Trainer

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** By the time you read this we are in our second month of the New Year! And, by this time, our New Year resolutions are starting to fade away. In order to keep the momentum going throughout the entire year, and finally see results we should try to follow some of the steps below so it doesn't seem like "mission impossible!"

1. Ration the amount of weight you want to lose. If you know you have to lose 25 pounds, don't even put that number anywhere in your formula. 25 pounds is a tall order to fill ... slim down that number. Doesn't 5 pounds sound more attainable? Start with 5 pounds as your goal, and each month or every other month; add another 5 to the mix. So, after 5-8 months you may have lost that 25!
2. Do some detective work. Take some time to identify the most likely culprits of the unwanted weight. Are fried or sugary foods too tough to resist? Is it hard to avoid noshing whenever free food is within arm's reach? Are you too tired and busy to shop and cook healthy meals? Or do emotions—like boredom, anxiety, nervousness, depression—or joy send you straight to the fridge? For most people, a wide variety of factors lead to unwanted pounds. The answers can lead you to your best first steps. If intense emotions are driving you to eat, identify alternate routes that will offer relief without derailing your weight-loss goals. You might reach out to a friend, get more sleep, and sink into the distraction of a good book or movie. Plan ahead, pack your lunch, have a snack ready when you come into the house, so you won't be cooking and eating and cooking and eating—we know all this, we just have to do it!

3. Get moving. It's difficult to lose weight by just cutting calories. Research shows that reducing calorie intake through diet and exercise is the most effective way to shed unwanted pounds and keep them off. It's ideal to develop a regular exercise routine of three to four times a week (Our Very Beginner Boot Camp class, Al Walton's new Yoga class, my Core and More, our Cycle classes, our wonderful personal trainers can help you get into the habit of regular exercise with four days of moving and stick with it.) Even standing rather than sitting at your desk will help. Standing at your desk during an 8-hour workday will burn 163 more calories than if you were sitting.

4. Do not make weight the only measure of success. Even as you get fitter, you may not see results on the scale. Keep in mind: muscle weighs more than fat, and hydration, hormones, time of day, and other factors can all have an impact on the numbers on the scale. Don't measure success with the scale alone. Are your pants getting looser? Are you getting more compliments? Do you have more energy? What about your blood pressure, cholesterol, and other markers of chronic disease. Are they getting better?

Most importantly, don't try to be perfect. Realize that it's OK to indulge on occasion; one extra treat will not doom your dieting efforts. Everyone goes overboard from time to time. When you do, try not to wallow in guilt. Regularly add enough foods so that you don't feel deprived and primed to binge on a regular basis. It takes time, effort, and practice to form new healthy eating habits. Good luck, and call on me if you need assistance. See you in the gym!

**Massage Therapy February Special:** One-hour Swedish massage \$45. Contact Carol Panasuk at 292-5913 to make an appointment. Gift certificates are available for purchase at the OLEC.

## Pilates at the OLEC

### Pilates at the OLEC

Erika Bradshaw of Flux Pilates is now at the OLEC! She is an 800+ hour certified Pilates Instructor with The Pilates Method Alliance. She is excited to offer her services of Pilates group Reformer & Springboard equipment classes, Private/Duet training & soon Mat/Barre classes.

Pilates is strength training with spring resistance when working on equipment. While on the mat resistance is found by working deep within your body alone, sometimes using small props. Your first session is FREE! Call Erika at 258-1875 or email fluxpilatesstudio@gmail.com to set up an appointment and find out what would be best for your body. Come see what Pilates is all about!

## Walking Fit

### New Walking Fit Program

This program works for all age groups as you choose your distance and intensity!

- 4 basic steps that keep you moving to music
- 3 levels in the same class that let you choose 1,2, or 3 miles.
- Get your balance back ... allows your left side to talk to your right side to keep you stable.
- Vertical Pilates moves to strengthen that core.

Questions? Contact Judy Pearson at 207-6978 (home) or (913) 871-9225 (cell). Classes begin on February 3.

## Children's Ministry

### Elementary Expedition

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a kid-friendly meal (yes, that means pizza, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, etc.) at 5:30 p.m. in the Huddle. The meal is \$3 and payable at the door. Parents may enjoy an adult-style meal in the Fellowship Hall during this time. Following our dinner (6:00), we will move to the chapel for a short, family-friendly, child-oriented worship time including prayer, music, and a short message. At approximately 6:15, we will split into small groups to learn about "The Bad Guys of the Bible." Please pick up children in the children's wing classrooms at 7:30. Register online.

*\*If your child is not able to join us for the meal, please feel free to join us at 6:00 in the chapel or at 6:30 in the small groups. \*\*We will meet every Wednesday through March 11. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday; families are encouraged to worship together at the Ash Wednesday service.*

## Save the Dates

### Upcoming Events

#### Easter Egg Hunt

April 4  
McVay Gardens

#### Vacation Bible School

June 8-12

## February Luncheon

Lisa Pierce, our Director of Children's Ministry, will be our speaker at the next United Methodist Women Luncheon on Tuesday, February 10 at the Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC) at 11:30 a.m. All women are invited to attend. Please reserve your spot by calling the church at 754-7216 on or before Monday, February 2. The cost is \$10, and you may pay at the door.

Lisa is a dynamic Director of our Children's Ministry program. Not only does she bring experience to this position, but she also brings a caring spirit and a warm heart. In her tenure, Lisa has created numerous activities for the children and their families. If you want to see the energy of our Children's program personified, watch Lisa on Sunday morning when she delivers the Children's Sermon or visit her in the newly created Huddle on second floor of the sanctuary where she leads Children's Church. It's a wonderful and unique experience.

A member of GUMC since 1990, Lisa has served the church in many capacities. She is married to Julian and they have three children: Jacob 17, Emma 13, and Zachary 7. She is the daughter of Betty and the late Leiland Duke.

Every woman who is a member of Germantown United Methodist Church is a member of the United Methodist Women even if you are not a member of a Circle (small group). However, any of the Circles would welcome you. If you wish to join a Circle and you would like information, please contact Tina Gregory, [tvgregory111@gmail.com](mailto:tvgregory111@gmail.com) or Yolanda Toney, [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).



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## Spring Fling Bridge Benefit

Germantown United Methodist Women will sponsor their 2015 "Spring Fling" Bridge Benefit on **Tuesday, April 14**, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., in the OLEC Building, 2323 West St. in Germantown. The proceeds from this event will go toward funding the many missions sponsored by the Germantown Methodist Women.

The event will include Lunch, Door Prizes, a Style Show, and a Unique Boutique where you can shop during your non-play time. Players should bring their own game equipment.

Registration forms may be obtained, after March 1, at the Information Desk at the Church's Welcome Center or at the desk at the entrance to the OLEC Building. All registrations are due by April 7. For more information call Jan Dacus at 834-0455.

## Unique Boutique at the Bridge Benefit

Stephanie Adams is in charge of the "Unique Boutique" for the April 14 "Spring Fling" Bridge Benefit. Profits go to the missions supported by the GUMW. Bring jewelry, small furniture (anything that will fit in a car) and purses, belts and scarves (lightly worn or new), books, movies, etc. Stephanie is collecting and storing your donations at her house at 2931 Mallard Lane, Germantown, TN 38138.

We will continue to have all the booths we have had in the past, including the Christmas booth. We are hoping to hear from you. Remember, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." To make arrangements for your donations, please contact Stephanie Adams at [monacodog@aol.com](mailto:monacodog@aol.com), 756-9748 (home) or 488-4748 (cell).

## Spring/Summer Children's Clothing Boutique

It's that time again! Clean out the closets, rummage through the attic, sort through the garage – clothing, furniture, toys, baby equipment, and more. GUMW Children's Clothing Boutique preparation is underway! Go to [gumwclothingsale.com](http://gumwclothingsale.com) to review guidelines and find details about consigning, volunteering, and shopping.

Registration deadline/inventory entry is Tuesday, March 24 at midnight. Refer to the website for complete information about accepted merchandise and consignment instructions.

All proceeds from this sale benefit GUMW missions.

## Shop March 27-28!

**Drop off:** Wednesday, March 25, 5–7 p.m.  
Thursday, March 26, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Presale:** Thursday, March 26, 5:30–8 p.m.  
8+ hour volunteer = 5:30 p.m.  
4+ hour volunteer = 6 p.m.  
Consignors = 6:30 p.m.

**Public Sale:** Friday, March 27, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Half-Price Sale:** Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.–noon

**Pick-up:** Sunday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.



# Special Events

## Jim Thrash Retiring

Jim Thrash, Director of Music, will retire from GUMC on August 31, 2015. If you would like to share a memory of or prayer for Jim, please visit [germantownumc.org/request](http://germantownumc.org/request) and submit your text and photos as a Tidings article. We will collect these thoughts and compile them in a Tidings feature later in the year.



## Lent by Candlelight

**Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Chesley Porteous

All women are invited to enjoy fellowship over desserts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall, followed by at time of worship in the Chapel. If you plan to attend, please register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). Childcare is available.

Lent by Candlelight is a time for women to prepare their hearts and minds for the season of Lent. Take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual refreshment and reflection.

***"Be still and know that I a.m. God."*** - Psalm 46:10

*Sponsored by United Methodist Women*



## February 1 - 7

### Sunday, Feb 1

6:00 a.m. - Youth First Sunday  
Community Breakfast  
8:30, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services  
*No Youth Element*

### Monday, Feb 2

6:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, Feb 4

5:00 p.m. - Sanctus Bell Choir-Youth  
5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 p.m. - Synergy  
6:30 p.m. - Revelation to John  
6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, Feb 6

11:00 a.m. - Brown Bag Lunch  
4:00 p.m. - Room At the Inn

### Saturday, Feb 7

WOW! Women of Worth Retreat Begins

## February 8-14

### Sunday, Feb 8

8:30, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services  
3:00 p.m. - Youth Element  
5:00 p.m. - Testimony Youth Choir  
6:15 p.m. - Matins Bell Choir

### Monday, Feb 9

8:00 a.m. - UMW Luncheon  
5:00 p.m. - Older Adult Council  
6:15 p.m. - XYZ Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, Feb 10

9:15 a.m. - Hope Circle Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - UMW Luncheon  
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry Meeting

### Wednesday, Feb 11

5:00 p.m. - Sanctus Bell Choir-Youth  
5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner  
5:30 p.m. - Elementary Expedition  
6:30 p.m. - Sticky Faith

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, Feb 13

8:00 a.m. - Discovery Weekend 2015 Begins

### Saturday, Feb 14

8:00 a.m. - United Methodist Men's Breakfast

## February 15-21

### Sunday, Feb 15

8:30, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services  
3:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Concert  
5:00 p.m. - Vespers Bell Choir  
5:00 p.m. - Coffee With The Pastors  
6:15 p.m. - Matins Bell Choir

### Tuesday, Feb 17

8:00 a.m. - XYZ Trip

### Wednesday, Feb 18

5:00 p.m. - Sanctus Bell Choir-Youth  
5:30 p.m. - Elementary Expedition  
6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service

## February 22-28

### Sunday, Feb 22

8:30, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services  
9:00 a.m. - Confirmation Mass Trip  
3:00 p.m. - Youth Element  
5:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs  
5:00 p.m. - Testimony Youth Choir  
5:00 p.m. - Vespers Bell Choir  
6:15 p.m. - Matins Bell Choir

### Monday, Feb 23

6:30 p.m. - Church Board Meeting

### Tuesday, Feb 24

5:30 p.m. - HHS Concert Choirs Winter Concert

### Wednesday, Feb 25

1:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
5:00 p.m. - Sanctus Bell Choir-Youth  
5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner  
5:30 p.m. - Elementary Expedition  
6:00 p.m. - Synergy  
6:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal