

## College and Young Professionals Ministry

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**College Age Sunday School** will meet today March 31 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear from our guest Morgan Stafford.

**Morgan Stafford from the Wesley Foundation at U of M** will be with us today March 31st as a guest speaker. Please make plans to join one of his sessions in the Fellowship Hall.

**There is a weekly devotional 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, April 4. They will also be sending birthday cards to all with birthdays in the month of April. For more information, contact Lauren Boswell at laurenboswell@icloud.com or Laurie Pakis at ljpakis@bellsouth.net

## Missions Ministry

Please contact John Pearson at jlp1@comcast.net for mission needs.

**Jacob's Ladder:** Co-founded by Rev. William D. Marler and Lana W. Marler in 2004, Jacob's Ladder™ Corporation has created a multi-rung program which not only assists homeowners with renovations and re-builds, but promotes heart-change in their lives and their communities. Jacob's Ladder™ fosters free after-school youth enrichment centers with the assistance of local churches, schools and universities. For more information visit jacobladdercdc.org or call 901-327-3771.

**Beginning May 10, GUMC will once again participate in RITI Summer Women's Shelter.** Dates for this summer are May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug 9, and Sept 13. We will provide a nutritious supper, a safe place to rest, showers, hospitality, and transportation to/from downtown. Contact Alise Davis at alisedavis4@gmail.com or 901-496-6402 to receive a link to volunteer.

## Germantown United Methodist Preschool

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

**Spring is here!** We are excited to enjoy warmer weather and sunshine when playing outdoors. Our friends are learning about our new unit, "Animals All around Us" with special activities, books and songs. GUMP is currently accepting applications for the 2019/2020 school year. To set up a tour to see the wonderful things happening here, please contact us at 753-3109.

## United Methodist Men

Jack Henton, jhenton@germantownumc.org

**The next UMM Breakfast will be on April 13** at 8:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be D. Scott Bjork, President and CEO of Memphis Union Mission. All men are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about this extraordinary ministry. \$5 payable at the door. Members need only call with regret.

**Men's Sunrise Prayer Group.** Join us Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 338. No registration is required.

**Rutherford Prayer Group.** Join a growing diverse group of men on Wednesday mornings, 6:30-7:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a lesson, including prayer concerns.

## Adult Education

Mary Groh, mgroh@germantownumc.org, 901-754-5093.

**Join the Monthly Book Group** on Monday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 338 for a discussion of *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library and join us for a spirited discussion.

## Health and Prayer Concerns

To submit a prayer request, please contact Brenda West at 901-754-7216 or bwest@germantownumc.org. In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available by calling 901-412-5776.

## In Deepest Sympathy

Chuck Blake, Husband of Nancy Blake, March 2  
Lula Burchett, Wife of Dorris Burchett, March 7  
Edgar Vaughan, Grandfather of Natalie (Jesse) Adkinson, March 9  
Clarice Perry, March 9  
Barbara Schielke, Mother of Mark (Libby) Schielke, March 19  
Sarah Cummings, Sister of Kathy (Don) Moore & Aunt of Natalie (Jim) Duncan, March 24

## In Hospital or Care Facility

Dan Bell  
Sharon Hinton  
Allen Underwood

## Hospice Care

Richard Fields

## Congregational Concerns

Raymond Clapsadle, Hugh Colville, Jim Corkern, Will Consolo, Chuck Drummond, Mistie Hawkins, Sharon Hicks, Laura Hinshelwood, Linda Hopper, Howard Johnson, Bill Joshlin, Rick Kirchoff, Don McAnally, Everett Metts, David Oppenheim, Rachel Sanders, Marcia Wagner



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**Help beautify our Sanctuary for Easter** by providing Easter Lilies in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The cost is \$18 for each memorial/honoree. A list of dedications will be published & located in the Narthex on Easter. You will find order forms at our Welcome Center. Please use a separate form for each memorial/honoree, & return completed forms with payment to the grey lockbox. The deadline for returning forms is **Monday, April 15 by noon.**

**The Emmaus Class BBQ for missions will be April 13.** Monies raised will support Alturas in Costa Rica (Amy Speake) and an expansion of Zoe in Kenya, called Hope. Pre-purchase your ribs, loins or butts in Fellowship Hall March 31 and April 7 for \$30.00 per unit. Pick-up your order at the OLEC April 13, 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

**Prayer Ministry Opportunity.** The prayer ministry team welcomes new members to join, at any time, this very meaningful ministry. The only requirements are as follows: a prayerful heart and a commitment to spend 40 minutes once a month before the 8:30 worship service praying in assigned areas of the church, then joining the ministers for prayer. Contact Ruth King, ruthmking@bellsouth.net for more information.

**Do you find you are asking people to speak up or repeat?** Do you have trouble hearing in a crowd or where there is background noise? Come and take advantage of a no cost hearing screening in Room 339 at GUMC on Wednesday April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Call Laura Hairston to register at 901-754-5100.

**Our Membership Class: "Welcome to GUMC!"** is Sunday, April 14, 9:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (with a break for 11:00 worship). Join our ministers to get an overview of Methodist history, traditions, and beliefs and GUMC's missions and ministries. This study is open to newcomers and longtime members and is a great opportunity to meet our staff and learn about Germantown UMC! Lunch will be provided and childcare is available. Register online or call Mary Groh.

## Spring Bridge and Games Benefit |Tuesday, April 9|

Play games 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Unique Boutique starts at 9 a.m. Enjoy lunch by Celebration Circle, Dillard's Fashion Show and door prizes. Register online at germantownumc.org before April 2. For questions, contact Pat Gill (756-8151/jamesbo429@bellsouth.net).

## Children's Ministry

Lisa Pierce, Director, 901-758-6512, [lpierce@germantownumc.org](mailto:lpierce@germantownumc.org)

Callie Beaver, Assoc. Dir., Elementary, [cbeaver@germantownumc.org](mailto:cbeaver@germantownumc.org)

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Natalie Adkinson, Assoc. Dir., Special Needs, [nadkinson@germantownumc.org](mailto:nadkinson@germantownumc.org)

**Special Needs Ministry:** If you are interested in participating in this ministry in any way, Contact Natalie Adkinson.

**Elementary Expedition:** EE will not meet this week. We will join the congregation in the bucket stuffing and food trucks at the OLEC.

**Preschool Stepping Stones:** We learn by moving, singing, and storytelling. This month, we are learning that *"God made me."* (Psalm 139:14). Please join us in the Hamilton Nursery, directly across from the main sanctuary entrance.

**KidsQuest:** Elementary children grades K-5 gather each week in the Huddle (room 240). This month we will take a look at *"Individuality—discovering who you are meant to be."* (Psalm 139:14) Please join us at either 9:40 or 11:00.

**OLEC Drop-In Care:** Drop-in childcare is available at the OLEC from 9:00 AM to noon, M-F. Children 6 months – prekindergarten are eligible. See our website for full details.

**Parents' Night Out:** Our next PNO is April 12. See website for details and to register.

**VBS:** Roar! We will journey through the jungle as we learn about God's amazing love! Weeknight VBS June 5-7; weekday VBS June 10-14. Registration opens April 1.

## United Methodist Women (GUMW)

Chesley Porteous, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org). All women are invited to attend any of our GUMW events! Website [www.germantownumc.org/umw](http://www.germantownumc.org/umw)

**GUMW welcomes** Jackie Flaum to our brunch on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Join us to hear her story and about her work with Team Read Memphis. Cost is \$10. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). Deadline to register: Tuesday, April 2, noon. Free childcare available.

**Unique Boutique collecting items.** GUMW is collecting household goods, small furniture, lamps, kitchen, bed, and bath items, table linens, books, puzzles, pictures, holiday décor, jewelry, purses and accessories, garden, etc. No clothes or toys! Drop off items at the OLEC on **Monday, April 8 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** For questions contact Stephanie Adams at [monocodog@aol.com](mailto:monocodog@aol.com) or 756-9748.

## Youth Ministry

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**Easter Sunrise Service** will take place on Easter Sunday in the Trinity Worship Center in McVay Park at 6:30 a.m. This youth led service will bless your Easter. Please bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket because we typically run out of seating. Coffee and Donuts will be served immediately following the service. All are welcome! Please join us.

**Daddy Crow's Jubilee** our annual youth mission's fundraiser is set for Saturday, April 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the OLEC. We'll have live music, all you can eat crawfish and burgers, a silent auction, and a dunkin' booth! Come join us to make this fundraiser even more successful than last years. Get your tickets NOW!

**Trek** will meet today at 9:40 or 11 in the OLEC. All 6th through 12th graders are welcome to join us as we spilt into small groups and continue our series on "Who Does Jesus Love?" We'll have snacks too!

**Element** will meet tonight from 6:15-8:15 p.m. in host homes for our second ever HOUSE PARTIES! Join us for food, games, and hangout time in a casual environment. Check out our weekly email for addresses.

**Prayer Breakfast** will meet again on April 2 at 6:00 a.m. All high school students are invited to join the guys at Chick-fil-A in Collierville or the Girls at Starbucks on Houston Levee. Bring a Bible and a journal!

**Synergy** will meet again on Wednesday, April 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. Synergy is open to 6th-8th graders. We meet in the Huddle and the Chapel. For more details check out our weekly email.

**Synago** will meet on Wednesday, April 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. We will be starting a new series in our guys and girls group. Come join us! Synago is open to all high school students. Checkout our weekly email for details on where we will meet.

**Summer Mission Trip sign-ups are now open!** Check out our church website for more details on where we are going and why you should join us. Trips, dates, and costs are listed below:

- **Big Stuf Camp**, Panama City Beach, FL, June 16-21, \$450
- **Mountain T.O.P.**, Coalmont, TN, July 7-13, \$450
- **S.O.S.**, July 21-26, Memphis, TN, \$400

## Older Adult Ministry

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

**Senior News—April Brown Bag Lunch Series!** Emily Ballew Neff, Executive Director of the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, will talk about "Art Matters: Update from the Brooks Museum of Art." This presentation will be on Friday, April 5, 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.**

**XYZ's May Event!** Come with us to see the musical *Cabaret* at Playhouse on the Square on Friday May 3. We depart at 6:45 p.m. from the OLEC parking lot, and the \$20 cost includes your reserved seat ticket and opening night reception. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, April 3.

## Health and Recreation Facility (OLEC)

Todd Hinton, Director of Health & Recreation, [hinton@germantownumc.org](mailto:hinton@germantownumc.org)

Judy Oros, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,

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**T-Ball is coming to GUMC!** Registration opens Monday, April 1! Taking all boys and girls ages 4 to 5. Contact Judy Oros at 901-753-3100 or go online to [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org) for more information.

## The Middle

Rev. Erin Beasley, 758-6508, [ebeasley@germantownumc.org](mailto:ebeasley@germantownumc.org). Our Young Adult ministry serves adults in their 20s, 30s, & 40s, providing opportunities to grow spiritually, connect with others, & serve our church & community.

**The Middle Family Night with the Redbirds** is scheduled for May 11, 2019. The cost is \$17 per person, which includes admission, hat, hotdog, and soda voucher. Please note this is a family-friendly event rain or shine. Please register and pay online through Service U. Registration ends on April 25, 2019.