



A Message from Tim

A Hallelujah Dream

I believe that the “Hallelujah Chorus” is the most perfect and beautiful song ever written. On Easter Sunday, the sounds of the anthem will have again sent us forth in our resurrection faith, strengthened by its musical power. It is hard to imagine a time when the “Chorus” was not loved and appreciated.

The first audience heard the Messiah from a concert hall stage in Dublin, Ireland in 1742. It almost did not happen. Handel had asked for the choirs of St. Patrick’s and Christ Church Cathedral to sing, but the dean of the Christ Church Cathedral was opposed to the Cathedral Choir singing in a concert hall. He sent out a note entreating the chapter to punish any who should perform in “a club of Fiddlers in Fishamble Street”. He finished by writing, “My Resolution”, “is to preserve the Dignity of my Station, and the Honour of my Chapter”. However, with great hesitance, the Christ Church Dean finally gave approval to the persistent Handel. In so doing, he became a part of history for a second time in his life. The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral was already widely known for his writing. His name was Jonathan Swift.

Not all of the musicians were particularly cooperative. Because it was performed in the theater, actors and actresses joined in the singing with trained vocalists, to the consternation of the vocalists. One violinist in the symphony who was well-known for his talent also had propensity to “go off on his own”, taking liberties with the music. In one performance, Handel was heard to cry out loud to the violinist, “We would welcome you home anytime!”

Over time, however, the oratorio gained approval from the public and the church. Handel directed the Messiah numerous times to raise money for numerous charities, and a hospital in London was founded with proceeds from the concerts. It was enough for people to shout “Hallelujah!”

I have a wonderful dream. When the time has come for all of the saved to stand before the throne of God, and we have nothing but eternity for which to look forward, I imagine Handel directing the heavenly choir, accompanied by Bach on the harpsichord. Perhaps Mozart will arrange violins and flutes, and Beethoven will sit at the piano. Led by the musical masters, the choir of the whole company of earth and heaven will stand attentively, awaiting the moment. In the light of the Lamb on the Throne, and with tears of joy, our eyes will meet the first swing of Handel’s baton, and our voices will raise,

“Hallelujah!

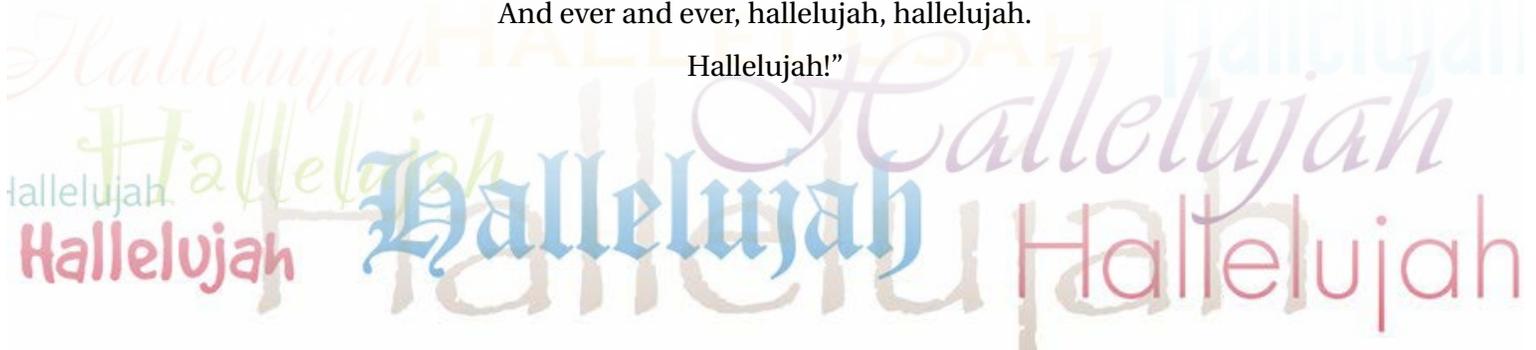
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of his Christ

And he shall reign forever and ever!

And ever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Hallelujah!”



Membership

WELCOME TO GUMC!

Sunday, April 15th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

What's distinctive about the United Methodist Church? Even if you're in church every Sunday, it can be difficult to feel like you really know the UMC's history, beliefs, mission, and culture. Join Rev. Tim Carpenter to learn about the roots of the United Methodist Church going back to John Wesley, his devotion to inviting people to experience God's grace, to grow in their love of God through disciplined Christian living and by putting faith and love into action. Hear about the United Methodist Church structure, sacraments, and get an overview of the mission and ministries of Germantown UMC. This workshop is open to members, prospective members, or anyone wanting to know more about The United Methodist Church and GUMC. Childcare is available by reservation. Register at germantownumc.org or call Mary Groh, 901-754-5093.



GUMC welcomed Gena and Mark Moore into membership on Sunday, March 4th at the 9:40 worship service. They joined by transfer of their membership from a sister United Methodist Church in the Memphis area.



GUMC welcomed Brenda Adams into membership on Sunday, March 11th at the 11:00 worship service. She joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is the mother of church member, Dr. John Adams.



GUMC welcomed Elaine and Tommy Graber into membership on Sunday, March 11th at the 11:00 worship service. They joined by transfer of their membership from a sister denomination in the Memphis area. Elaine is a member of the Chancel Choir.



GUMC welcomed Lauren and Chris King into membership on Sunday, March 11th at the 11:00 worship service. They joined by transfer of their membership from a sister United Methodist Church in the Memphis area. They are members of the Wesley 2.0 Sunday School Class.

Membership, cont.



GUMC welcomed Dot Wieters into membership on March 11th at the 11:00 worship service. She joined by transfer of her membership from Santa Rosa Beach Community Church in Florida. She is the mother of church member Libby Schielke and has joined the Lamplighters Sunday School Class.

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A Message for Missions

And Jesus said, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Our stated purpose at GUMC is to love God and love others, to serve Christ and share Him, and to transform lives and make disciples. We strive to become devoted followers of Christ, to reach out to people with the good news of Jesus, and to serve others in His name.

We at GUMC are blessed to have wonderful facilities, strong staff and lay leadership, and a congregation with many dedicated persons striving to follow Jesus and be more like Him each day. By coming together as a Christian family, we can do so much more than we can as individuals. With the 50+ Missions that we are actively supporting, there are many opportunities for hands-on, financial, and/or prayerful support. When our contributions to Missions from all sources – Church operations, Sunday School Classes, UMW, UMM, youth groups, prayer groups, and many individuals is totaled for 2017, we supported our Missions with more than a half million dollars. In addition, almost 500 individual volunteers gave of their time, and I am sure many of you spent hours in prayer. Praise God, this is to be celebrated!

But as we all know, the needs across our community, region, country and world are great, presenting many opportunities to help. Please continue your loving support with your prayers, your hands, and your financial giving. If you haven't yet found a Mission to support, keep looking for one that speaks to your heart, as it will be a true blessing.

And Jesus said, *“...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

April Communion Offering

Monthly offerings left on the communion rail are what used to be commonly called “second mile giving.” After we have tithed or given what we can, Christians often have a response of gratitude to the grace of God expressed in the sacrament. At those moments, we remember all that God is doing through GUMC for the redemption of the world. We may think of the wonderful worship space we have to gather in weekly. Some think of our ability to support long term mission work in Central America, the African Continent, and here in the US.

God is doing great things by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. In this time, much of this work is possible only because of your financial generosity. So, on the first Sunday of April, as you come forward to receive the bread and the cup, as you reflect on God's grace, don't restrain your generous impulse. Your second mile gift on the communion rail continues the ministry of GUMC.



Don't Forget the April Brown Bag Lunch Program!

Linn Sitler, Film Commissioner, Memphis and Shelby County Film and Television Commission, will tell us about "Making Films in Memphis." This presentation will be Friday, April 6, 2018, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply 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.**

Local Columnist Dan Conway Will Share Memphis Stories at the May Brown Bag Lunch!

A lifelong Memphian, Dan Conway is a communication strategist and freelance writer. He has owned everything from ad agencies to creative boutiques and promoted everything from ducks in The Peabody to Grizzlies in the NBA and pandas at the zoo. Along the way, he has never lost his fascination or his frustration for his storied hometown, and he shares his passion for both equally in his columns and posts. His column, *Memphasis*, is published weekly in *The Memphis Daily News* and in *The Memphis News*. Come hear some of his stories at the May Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council.



TOPIC: "I'm a Memphian: Character References for a City"

SPEAKER: Dan Conway, Author, Columnist, Consultant

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: May 4, 2018. Program starts at 11:00 a.m.; lunch is 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.

**** There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking. ****

Special Invitation to Older Adults to Attend Daddy Craw's Jubilee!



Don't forget to take advantage of the new Older Adult ticket to the Youth-sponsored Daddy Craw's Jubilee on Saturday, April 21, from 5-7 p.m. in the OLEC parking lot (inside in case of rain). Plenty of seating will be available at reserved Older Adult tables, and for only \$10 you may take advantage of crawfish, burgers, hot dogs, sides, and dessert – all you can eat! Music will be provided by Ted Horrell and the Monday Night Card and guitarist/singer, Ben Tempel. Proceeds benefit Youth mission trips and local mission projects. Tickets will be on sale in Sunday school classes and in the Fellowship Hall on March 25, and April 8 & 15. Bring your friends and family and enjoy an evening of good food and entertainment.

XYZ's Take a Riverboat Cruise in May!

Come with us to take a Paddlewheeler a few miles up and down the greatest river in the United States. We are going to eat lunch first at Bosco's Squared, then we will board our boat from the new Beale Street Landing. This 90-minute sightseeing cruise will give us a step back into Tennessee history as we hear live commentary by a Riverlorian that will cover river history in Memphis, the Mississippi River itself, the Sultana, present river life, and other fascinating facts. Waiting list availability only.

WHERE: Bosco's Squared and the Memphis Riverboats

WHEN: Thursday, May 3, 2018

COST: \$18 per person cost plus lunch on your own

DEPARTURE: 10:00 a.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 10:30 a.m.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711.

You must make your reservation before paying.

DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS: Tuesday, April 3



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

That's a Wrap!

A very heartfelt thank you to our hundreds of consignors, shoppers, volunteers who helped to make the spring/summer GUMW Children's Consignment Sale another success. Your prayers, support, and hard work are much appreciated and truly help make a difference to our community. Be sure to save the date for our Fall 2018 sale, which is set for August 24-25! Thank you again.



GUMW May Dinner



May 8th | 6:30 p.m. | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a catered dinner, fellowship, and inspirational message from two Best Buddies Tennessee representatives and advocates at our May Dinner on May 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Rick Carr and Lauren Choate serve as supporters and activists for Best Buddies Tennessee, which offers a three-pronged approach that positively impacts nearly 42,750 individuals with and without disabilities in Tennessee.

Best Buddies builds one-to-one friendships between people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and those without IDD, through school and community friendship programs that provide socialization opportunities to help erase the invisible line that often separates students or adults with IDD and those without IDD. Friendship programs include Best Buddies Middle School, High School, College, Citizens, and e-Buddies. Events for those with and without IDD include everything ranging from local proms to charity walks to galas to conferences.

Best Buddies also includes job programs that secure employment for people with IDD, allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves.

The Best Buddies Ambassadors program educates and empowers people with IDD through training and workshops to become leaders and public speakers. Best Buddies Ambassadors is a step forward for the disability rights movements by teaching people with IDD the skills they need to successfully self-advocate. Advocates for people with IDD organize and participate in events throughout the school year that promote advocacy and bring awareness to those living and thriving with IDD.

Please join GUMW for an inspiring message about inclusion and being blessed to be a blessing. Our Memphis youth and our community at large are living this missive daily. Those buddies living with IDD are blessed to have comrades and friends through this amazing group, but their non-IDD buddies wholeheartedly feel that they are the ones blessed and filled through the interactions and friendships forged through Best Buddies Tennessee.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk | April 22

<https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/memphis/>

Cost \$10



Rick Carr



Lauren Choate

Register by May 4th by noon.

Two Methods to Register:

*Check to GUMW, "GUMW May Dinner" in memo line, placed in UMW drop box outside Fellowship Hall.

*Credit Card online at germantownumc.org

Childcare is free. Indicate a need for childcare when registering online or by writing "Need Childcare" on your check.

GUMW's 2018 Spring Bridge and Games Benefit

Tuesday, April 10th | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | OLEC

Includes Lunch by Celebration Circle, Spring Fashion Show by Dillard's, Door Prizes, and shopping at our Unique Boutique! Event benefits GUMW Missions. Register by Tuesday, April 3rd. Registration forms available at Welcome Center, OLEC and online at germantownumc.org/umw.

Items are now being collected for GUMW's annual Unique Boutique at the Spring Bridge and Games Benefit. To arrange drop off, please contact Stephanie Adams at 756-9748 or 488-4748 or at monacodog@aol.com. Items can be dropped off at 2931 Mallard Lane any time before April 7.



"I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing." – Genesis 12:2 ESV

All women are welcome to attend Germantown United Methodist Women events. If you are looking for the camaraderie of Christian women, fellowship while serving others, and the opportunity to make lifelong friends, consider joining one of GUMW's many Circles (small groups). For information, contact GUMW Membership Chair Yolanda Toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org.

GUMP Weekday Preschool

Sarah Sutton - ssutton@germantownumc.org - 901-753-3109

March was a very exciting month at GUMP! Our friends at GUMP are thrilled that Spring is here. We are enjoying the warmer weather and having fun exploring science and nature.

We celebrated Dr. Suess's birthday, had Easter Egg Hunts and more. We have completed our 2018 State Preschool Assessment and we are so proud of our students and teachers. They did a wonderful job!

This semester GUMP welcomed Annette Morris to teach our music program. Our friends are learning so much and having a great time with songs, instruments and movement!

Enrollment continues to increase for the 2018-2019 school year and we have a limited number of openings still available. We are super excited that GUMP is growing! We have added an additional classroom in order to meet the need of placement requests for next school year. We serve children from 9 months to 5 years old. Our G.R.A.C.E. class, (GUMP Recognizes All Can Excel) serves children identified as having a disability, including developmental delay, starting at age 2. Enrollment applications and further information can be found at www.mygump.org.

2018 Faith Seeking Understanding Dr. James Fleming, April 27 - 29

Faith Seeking Understanding 2018: GROWING PAINS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

GUMC hosts its third annual *Faith Seeking Understanding* series April 27-29 with keynote speaker Dr. James Fleming, one of the best-known teachers of Biblical Archaeology. Dr. Fleming brings his scholarship to GUMC in the form of a weekend experience entitled “*Barriers to Growth and Unity in the Early Church.*”

Dr. Jim Fleming is one of the most respected teachers and lecturers on archaeology and Biblical studies in the world,” said Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor at GUMC. “He brings an incredible passion for archeology, geography, culture, and scriptures and weaves them together in ways which illuminate the gospel and help apply it for today. “Barriers to Growth and Unity in the Early Church’ is a fascinating study of challenges faced by the New Testament church that seems remarkably contemporary. I have been blessed many times by Jim Fleming’s teaching, and look forward with anticipation to his return visit with us. I highly recommend experiencing Dr. Jim Fleming’s teaching as he has had a tremendous impact on my life and ministry.”



Dr. Fleming uniquely ties his lectures on historical geography with Biblical text including an emphasis on the theological implications. Listeners embark on a journey to the ancient lands of the Bible, learning of new discoveries of ancient manuscripts that will significantly add to their understanding. He makes extensive use of slides showing geography, culture, and archaeological discoveries in Biblical lands.

Dr. Fleming currently serves as the Director of Biblical Resources Study Center, an ecumenical organization that produces audio-visual aids for teaching Bible history, geography, archaeology and theology. For 37 years he lived in Israel, where he founded and directed the World of the Bible Archaeological Museum and Pilgrim Center in Jerusalem. In 2006, he established the Biblical History Center in LaGrange, Georgia. The Center features interactive exhibits of daily life in the Biblical world and serves authentic Palestinian-style Last Supper/Passover meals.

Faith Seeking Understanding kicks off on Friday night with dinner (Reservations are required for dinner; the cost is \$11.) and a lecture. Two lectures take place on Saturday followed by a discussion. Dr. Fleming closes the weekend with a Sunday lecture at 9:40 or 11:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. **All of the lectures are free and open to the public.** Free childcare for preschoolers is available for all lectures and a “Pizza and Movie Night” is available on Friday night for elementary children. Advanced reservations are required for childcare and there is a \$3.00/child charge for pizza. To make a reservation for the Friday night dinner or to register for childcare, please go to germantownumc.org.

A complete schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, April 27

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall – cost \$11
7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Lecture in Sanctuary: “The Class/Language Barrier”

Saturday, April 28

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall
9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Lecture in Fellowship Hall: “The Prejudice Barrier”
10:30 – 12:00 noon Lecture in Fellowship Hall: “The Reinterpreting Barrier”
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Talk/Discussion in Fellowship Hall “Middle Eastern Issues and the Biblical History Center Experience”

Sunday, April 28

9:40 – 10:40 a.m. Lecture in Fellowship Hall: “Breaking Through Secular Barriers”
11:00 – 12:00 a.m. Lecture in Fellowship Hall: “Breaking Through Secular Barriers”

Two New Adult Studies Starting in April

The Post-Black & White Church:

Becoming the Beloved Community in a Multi-Ethnic World

Sundays, April 15 – May 6, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.*

**the first class will meet on Monday, April 9th, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.*

Using a book by Efrem Smith, Rev. Erin Beasley will look at a workable plan for connecting reconciliation theology, practical ministry models, missional church thinking, and real stories of people in multi-ethnic Christian communities. Cost for the study is \$20 and childcare is available with advance registration.

How Christians Agree to Disagree

Thursdays, April 12 – 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Stephen Ministries, Betty Duke and Dinah Allison

Even though Christians share common beliefs and values, it is not easy to live in harmony because there is so much both within and without that seeks to disrupt our fellowship. There are times when our opinions will place us on opposite sides on an issue. In this 3-session workshop, learn how to listen without taking offense; help others without criticizing; distinguish between true and false criticizing; and deal with gossip and slander. Through this workshop, we hope to build bridges instead of walls. There is no cost for this study, but we do need for you to register. Childcare is available with registration.

Understanding GUMC's Stephen Ministry Program

Stephen Ministry is a powerful but often not-well-understood ministry of GUMC. In an effort to make sure everyone in the congregation is aware of the program and how to be a part of it, we thought we'd answer some of the questions we frequently get asked about our Stephen Ministry program.

What exactly is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons (Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. We did not create this caring ministry; our program is part of a big network of care. There are thousands of Stephen Ministry congregations representing more than 150 Christian denominations across the U.S., Canada, and the world.

Who is Involved?

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, train, organize and supervise our Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are the actual caregivers. They have engaged in 50 hours of initial training in Christian caregiving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. In addition, their training covered specialized topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved, and aging. Beyond the initial training, they continually increase their caregiving abilities through ongoing continuing education.

Care Receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness or any of a number of other life difficulties. A Stephen Minister usually meets with his/her Care Receiver once a week for about an hour for as long the Care Receiver will benefit by the relationship.

What does a Stephen Minister Do?

A Stephen Minister is a caring Christian friend who listens, understands, accepts, and prays for and with his/her Care Receiver who is working through a crisis or a tough time.

Can I Trust a Stephen Minister?

Yes. Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a Care Receiver tells his or Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence.

Understanding GUMC's Stephen Ministry Program, cont.

Why the Name "Stephen"?

The name "Stephen" comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6.

How Much Does it Cost?

Stephen Ministry is a caregiving ministry available to our members and community free of charge.

How Can Someone Receive Care From a Stephen Minister?

Betty Duke and Dinah Allison are our Stephen Leaders who coordinate referrals. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to one of them or to one of our pastors. Any of our Stephen Ministers would also be happy to help you through the process. (If you want to recommend Stephen Ministry for someone else, make sure you get his or her permission first.)

Have more questions about Stephen Ministry?

Betty Duke (at 754-0020), Dinah Allison (at 486-2265), or one of our pastors would love to provide you with additional information at any time.

Children's Ministry Lisa Pierce - lpierce@germantownumc.org - 901-758-6512

Vacation Bible School

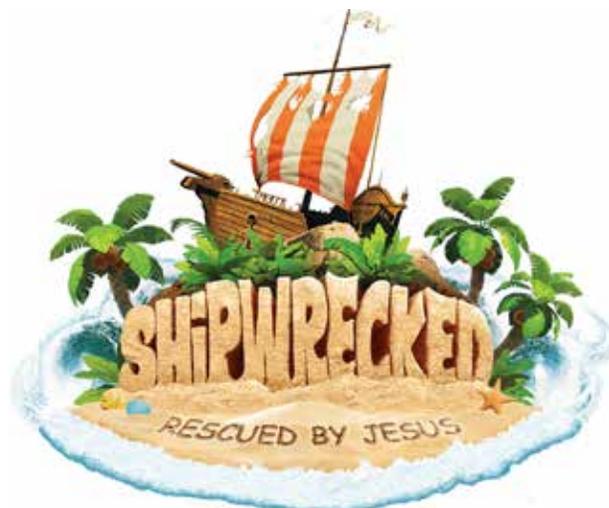
Weeknight: May 30 - June 1; 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (includes dinner)

Weekday: June 4-8; 9:00 a.m. - noon (12:15 for oldest group)

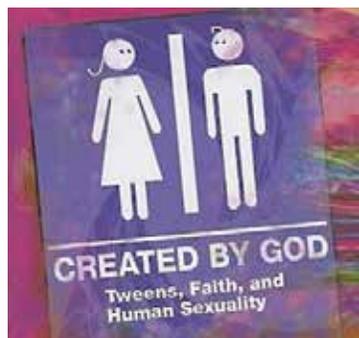
Our theme this year is... *Shipwrecked!* We will sail from island to island as we explore the love of Jesus through music, story, craft, games, science, and snacks. Children age 4 by August 15th through rising sixth graders are invited to join us and bring a friend! (We have a special VBS for the littlest ones of volunteers who are not 4 by August 15, free of charge.)

VBS typically is the culmination of the work of about 100 adults plus about 45 youth. If you would like to be a part of this fun team, either working directly with children or behind the scenes, please contact Lisa, Callie, or Kristin. We have a place for any and all talents. Just give us a heart willing to work and we can plug you in!

Registration opens online April 1. If you struggle with online registration, please call Rachel Moore in our church office, and she will assist you. We ask participants to pay \$25 to cover some of the expense of this program. If this is a burden for you or a guest of yours, please let us know; scholarships are available – contact Lisa Pierce directly.



Created by God



The human body is a perfectly designed and extraordinary creation. On February 23-24, twenty-two 5th and 6th graders gathered with the guidance of six adults to gain a more in-depth understanding of how amazing our bodies are. We had six sessions of lessons about the growth of our bodies and the gift of human sexuality – what it is and how God intends us to use it. Children asked questions and were given honest yet compassionate answers. At the end of the workshop, parents returned to share discussion with their child, hopefully opening doors for future honest conversations. We are thankful for this congregation and its willingness to support this curriculum for our tweens. In a world filled with misinformation, this church has provided an invaluable foundation of knowledge for our tweens.

Ignite Recap

You may recall that it rained in February. A lot. A WHOLE lot! But that did not keep 48 children, 4 youth, and 10 adults from making lemonade from lemons! The Ignite retreat was held February 10-11 at The Grove at Red Oaks Lake. While it was a complete mudfest, we had an absolutely incredible time. We spent time in fellowship, building new friendships and strengthening old ones.



We spent time in study, learning ways to hear God's voice in a very noisy world. On Saturday night, the Holy Spirit



was palpable as we were led in worship by the music of our youth leaders, Sue and Brian. We pushed ourselves past a little fear as we walked out on the high ropes and zip-lined to the finish. Endless hours of gopher ball and gaga ball filled our spare time (as well as preparation for some seriously silly skits). Our kids brought such wonderful energy and positive attitudes – no rain would squelch our weekend! We are feeling gratefully full as we reflect on this weekend and the young people who made it beautiful.

Summer Offerings for Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School (See article for details)

Weeknight VBS – May 30 – June 1; 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Weekday VBS – June 4–8; 9:00–noon (12:15 for oldest group)

Online registration opens April 1.

Mission and Movie Mondays (rising 1st through 6th grades)

June 18, July 2, July 23 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

We will learn about a mission each week, create crafts to sell in support of these missions, eat lunch, and close with a relaxing movie. Great time to learn about local and international missions, enjoy some fellowship, and relax in the summer heat. Online registration opens May 1.

Mission Camp (rising 5th and 6th grades)

July 9 – 13 (9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. daily)

Children are born with a desire to serve and help. During this week, we will explore different local venues to serve and be the hands and feet of Christ. We will spend time in urban, rural, and inner-church mission work. Space will be limited; online registration opens May 1.

Lakeshore United Methodist Summer Camp

July 16 – 21 (Elementary Camp #3)

We will take a group of 8-11 year olds to Lakeshore for a week of fun, friends, and strengthening of faith. Kids will have time in water sports, crafts, games, nature, and daily worship. They will be led by awesome counselors through a week of discovery. Check out the camp's website at Lakeshorecamp.org and register through their website. Let us know if your child is attending so we can help coordinate travel.

Gaga Ball and Dodgeball

Elementary-aged kids will gather throughout the summer for time playing gaga ball and dodgeball at the OLEC. Watch Tidings and Children's Ministry Electronic newsletters for details.

Parent Night Out

We will not have our monthly parent night out in June and July. We will resume this program on August 10th.



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Editor's Note: The deadline for submitting articles for Tidings is the 10th of the month prior. Submissions received after this deadline are not guaranteed to run.

United Methodist Day at the Civil Rights Museum



On April 8, coinciding closely with the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, the Memphis Conference of The United Methodist Church is sponsoring "United Methodist Day" at the Civil Rights Museum.

\$2 discounts on tickets are available to individuals and groups who visit the Memphis museum between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, and use the discount code UMC.

The museum is located at The Lorraine Motel where King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. The address is 450 Mulberry Street.