

*We are a Church Community committed to:
Loving God and loving others,
Serving Christ and sharing him,
Transforming lives and making disciples.*



A Message from Tim

In the month of April we continue in the journey of Lent, culminating in the Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection on the 16th. Our "Conversations" sermon series continues through Easter.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: April 2, 2017
Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching
Lenten Conversations Series: The Raising of Lazarus

Sixth Sunday of Lent/Palm Sunday: April 9, 2017
Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching
Lenten Conversations Series: The Last Supper
Matthew 26:14-30

Resurrection of the Lord: April 16, 2017
Rev. Tim Carpenter, preaching
Easter Conversations
Matthew 28:1-10: The Angel, the Women, and Jesus

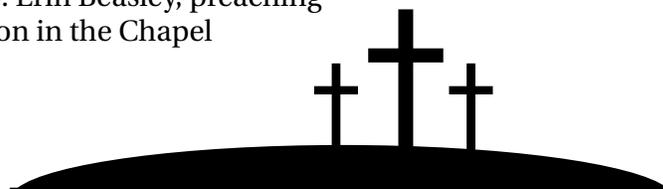
Second Sunday of Easter: April 23, 2017
Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, Preaching
John 20:19-31: Jesus, Thomas, and the Twelve

Third Sunday of Easter: April 30, 2017
Rev. Erin Beasley, Preaching
Luke 24:13-35: Jesus and Two Believers at Emmaus

Please also note our Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 2017, 6:30 pm
"The Shadow of the Cross: A Tenebrae Service"
Led by our "Testimony", our Youth Choir

Good Friday Service: April 14, 2017
Rev. Erin Beasley, preaching
Noon in the Chapel



Missions

Ed Clark, Missions Chair 901-826-3514

Rev. Carpenter, Missions Committee Honor Amy Moritz

Rev. Tim Carpenter and the GUMC Missions Committee recently honored GUMC member Amy Moritz. Amy is the Executive Director of the Center for Transforming Communities (CTC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the holistic transformation of neighborhoods in Memphis. In November, Amy was awarded the first-ever Henry Varnell Prize in Servant Leadership by the Hyde Family Foundations, an award established to honor "an exceptional non-profit or faith-based leader..." The Missions Committee and Rev. Carpenter presented Amy with a check for CTC and congratulated her on her outstanding service to our community.



United Methodist Men

April Breakfast

The April UMM Breakfast is Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland will share his vision for the City of Memphis. Breakfast cost is \$5 (payable at the door). Call in reservation to GUMC at 754-7216 by Wednesday, April 5. Annual members need only call regrets.



Health and Welfare

COMING SOON

NEW CLASSES AT THE OLEC

Exciting times at the OLEC as we Swing Into Spring and Summer with new classes added to the schedule soon. Starting on Tuesday, April 4.

TUES/THURS AT 6:30 AM

MUSCLE MADNESS PLUS CARDIO

A mix of strength, cardio and core moves to keep you fit, increase lean muscle mass, endurance, flexibility and a strong core all in one class. A great early class to start your day off feeling fresh and in the right mood for your entire day! We will use the entire OLEC from the gym, to the upstairs track, and outdoors when possible. Weights, mats, balls and bands are all available! Contact Judy Oros at 901-336-8639 or call us at the OLEC at 901-753-3100 for more information. All Levels Welcome!!!



The Two Judy's Take the OLEC Senior Classes to a New Level. Pictured are Judy Oros and Judy Pearson.

Adult Education

Meet Author, Arita M. L. Bohannon

Join the Monday Monthly Book Group on April 24 at 10:30 in Room 338 for a discussion of *Docket No. 76* with the author Arita M. L. Bohannon.

Arita Bohannon is an attorney in New Orleans, a city full of mystery and romance. She is a member of several boards, including those serving victims of domestic and sexual violence, and often donates hours of pro bono work to those in need. She has owned a small, but successful, law firm since 2002.

Docket No. 76 is a story set in and around New Orleans, of sexual abuse, second chances, and the failure of the justice system. *Docket No. 76* is a fascinating read that will change the way you look at a courtroom. Truly a masterful piece of writing that is suspenseful and entertaining.

There is no need to register, just purchase the book or check-out from the library.



Look for BB&B - Bosu, Balls, and Bands Class starting on Saturdays. Date to be determined. Check schedule and Tidings.

Food Fact for the Month

Every 35 days, your body makes new cells from the food you eat. What you eat literally becomes you. You have a choice in what you're made of... you are what you eat! More nutritional tips... come over to the OLEC. We talk food all day long!

Adult Education

Barbara Prescott, Renowned Education Leader to Speak April 30th at 9:40 in the Fellowship Hall



For more than 30 years, Barbara Prescott has been at the heart of education in Shelby County. Why has she donated so much of her time, talent, and money to education? Because she knows Memphis cannot be a truly great city unless it can provide a quality education for all its students.

Why should you attend? Because she will talk about the role the church and community play in educating our children. Barbara will draw on her experience in education as a volunteer, elected official, policy maker, and non-profit leader to share her thoughts about the importance of public education; the progress that has been made in the state of Tennessee and then "closer to home" -- public education in Shelby County.

Prescott most recently served as Executive Director and then President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of PeopleFirst Partnership, and education policy and advocacy non-profit organization. Under her direction, PeopleFirst was part of a coalition instrumental in securing \$35 million in federal pre-school improvement funds for Shelby County. This funding, over five years, added 50 new public pre-k classrooms and

improved another 26 classrooms, affecting more than 1600 children.

Dr. Prescott is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Vice President of Allie Prescott & Partners, LLC. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Memphis and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. A former three-term member of the Memphis City School Board, she served twice as its President and Vice President; sat on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA); and was named to the All Tennessee School Board in 1999 and served as President of the Tennessee School Boards Association.

In 2014, Dr. Prescott was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Board of Regents, the governing body for the public community colleges and technical colleges in Tennessee. She also serves on the Steering Committee of SCORE (State Collaborative on Reforming Education) and the advisory council for Expect More, Achieve More, a state-wide advocacy organization. Involved in the local community, Dr. Prescott was appointed and served as Chair of the Transition Planning Commission charged by Tennessee statute with creating the plan for the merger of the Shelby County and Memphis City Schools. In 2012, she was named to the first University of Memphis College of Education Hall of Fame, selected as one of the University of Memphis' 100 Women of Influence and in 2013 honored by the Women's Foundation for Greater Memphis with their Legends Award. In 2016, she received the Champion of Education Award by the Shelby County Education Foundation and was named Distinguished Alumna of the University of Memphis.

Dr. Prescott, along with her husband, Allie, is a member of Christ United Methodist Church. Now semi-retired, she continues to work as a consultant to local non-profit organization.

Older Adult Ministry

Senior News - April Brown Bag Lunch Series!

Anne Pitts, Executive Director of the Levitt Shell, will present "History of the Levitt Shell." This presentation will be Friday, April 7, 2017, in the fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 AM 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.**



Older Adult Ministry

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

A lifelong Memphian, Dan Conaway 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 Conaway, Author, Columnist, Consultant

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: May 5, 2017. Program starts at 11 AM; lunch is a 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. ****

XYZs See Million Dollar Quartet in May!

Million Dollar Quartet is coming home! Bringing to life one of the most iconic moments in Memphis music history, this musical takes place on a Tuesday night shortly before Christmas in 1956. Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, and Carl Perkins have gathered together at Sun Studio for the first and only time. *Million Dollar Quartet* gives you a front row seat to their only performance, a cultural flash point that caught rock-n-roll at the moment of creation. Join us for a fun-filled evening and the opening night reception after the performance. Waiting list availability only.



WHERE: Playhouse on the Square

WHEN: Friday, May 5, 2017

COST: \$25 per person. Cost includes reserved seat and opening night reception

DEPARTURE: 6:45 p.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 6:30 p.m.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Nancy Arnold, 754-6323, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Luci Cromer, 755-0803. You must make your reservation before paying.

DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, April 5

June Redbirds Game is XYZs Only Summer Event!

Join us as we partake in the great American pastime with a fun-filled evening at AutoZone Park. If you have never been there, you are in for a treat. Our seats are reserved in the upper dugout box, behind home plate and close to all the concessions and restrooms. Game time is 7:05 PM, so we will have plenty of time to find our seats and pick up dinner at the ballpark. **Sign up soon - there won't be another XYZ event until September.**



WHERE: AutoZone Park, Memphis Redbirds play the Omaha Storm Chasers

WHEN: Thursday night, June 1, 2017

COST: \$15.00 per person includes ticket & transportation. Dinner is on your own.

DEPARTURE: 6 PM from the OLEC parking lot, 2323 West Street. (Be there by 5:45 PM.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Nancy Arnold, 754-6323, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Luci Cromer, 755-0803. You must make your reservation before paying.

DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS: Friday, May 5.

Our events are for everyone - singles and couples. Our activities are open to anyone age 55+; they do not have to be a member of Germantown United Methodist Church to share in our fun and fellowship. Check your calendars and make your reservations NOW!

United Methodist Women

Germantown United Methodist Women May Dinner May 9, 2017 | 6:30 pm | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

Come join us for our first GUMW Dinner! Enjoy a catered meal and be enriched by food and fellowship as we welcome our featured speaker, Christina Burns.

Christina Burns, LPC/MHSP is an EMDR trained licensed mental health therapist with 20 years of experience in a variety of settings, including 12 years practicing at the McVay Counseling Center of GUMC.

In May 2016, Christina took on the role of Clinical Director of Fairhaven Treatment Center, a residential treatment center for women with eating disorders.

Cost is \$10.00

Deadline to register: Thursday, May 4 at 12 noon

Two Methods to Register:

- Credit Card online at germantownumc.org
- Check to GUMW, "May Dinner" in memo line, placed in GUMW drop box outside Fellowship Hall.

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



Eliora Women's Circle

Eliora is a Hebrew word meaning "my God is my light."

We seek to embody the love of Christ and allow His light to shine through us as we balance work, family, and social obligations in our lives. Women of all ages who are looking to connect with other Christian women are invited to this evening circle.

WHEN: 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm (expect holidays)

WHERE: Parlor

MISSION: Dress for Success

When asked what the circle means to them, here is what some members had to say...



Robin White: "I was excited to learn that an evening circle had started... at last, I could belong to a group of godly women. I have felt welcomed from the first meeting."

Elaine Wright: "The circle has been such a blessing in my life. I treasure the time spent with these amazing women."

Katie McNeal: "It is rare to find a group of women who come together, across all ages, to share faith, community, laughter, prayer, mission, fun, and friendship. This is what being a part of this circle means to me - a place that embodies the meaning of discipleship."

If you have any questions about this growing circle of friends, please contact Eliora Circle Chair, Katie McNeal | katie.mcneal@yahoo.com | 901.610.6163.

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.



Youth Ministry

12th Annual Daddy Craw's Jubilee!

Join the youth department of GUMC for our 12th Annual Daddy Craw's Jubilee on April 22nd from 5-7:30 in the OLEC. This is a great event for the entire family and we sure hope you will join us. This year we will have Crawfish and the fixin's, burgers, dessert, live music, and a silent auction. All the money raised will benefit our youth summer mission trips and youth local missions.

5 Things you might not know about our mission trips and our local missions:

1. **Over 100 youth and adults attended mission trips last year!** What a blessing to all of those that they met and served alongside.
2. **Our largest mission trip last year took place in Memphis, TN at Service Over Self.** All of the money raised that went to that mission trip went directly into the city that we love!
3. **We serve two local missions during the summer every week!** Each week we serve at Memphis Athletic Ministries and Manna House. These two opportunities allow us to continue to serve some of those we serve during the Room in the Inn season as well as serve students and children the same age as some of our youth.
4. **Adults go on our mission trips for free!** Each trip we take requires no less than 6 adults to go with us. We believe that if an adult will take time away from work and their families to spend a week with teenagers during hard, manual labor, surely we can pay for them to be with us!
5. **Relationships with Christ are started and nourished!** Last summer, each person attending a local mission opportunity or a mission trip was given the gift of renewing their relationship with Christ. These experiences allow each person to break away from the every day and focus on our Savior! What a HUGE blessing for us all!



We sure hope you'll join us for one of our favorite events. Have kids? Bring them! Need handicapped parking? We've got it! Don't like crawfish? We have lots of other foods! This event is perfect for our entire church family!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.germantownumc.org or in the Fellowship Hall beginning April 2nd. Can't grab one on Sunday mornings? Call the church office and Sherrell, our administrative assistant, can have them for you at the Welcome Center.

Prices - Adult \$15; Child \$7; Family \$35 (no more than 5 per family)

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Summer Opportunities: Save the Dates

May 31-June 2: Evening VBS

June 5-9: Weekday VBS

*Movie Mondays: June 26, July 17, July 31

*Mission Wednesdays: June 21 and 28; July 19 and 26

* Rising first through sixth graders only.

Mission Camp: July 10-14 (rising fifth and sixth graders only)

GUMC group to Lakeshore: July 17-22 (ages 8-11)

Poolpalooza: Assorted dates pending host's schedule (rising sixth graders only)

Please contact Sherrill Wiseman (swiseman@germantownumc.org) if you are not receiving our monthly e-newsletter and would like to be added to the list. Details for all events may be found in our monthly newsletter and on the website.

Children's Ministry

Elementary Expedition Recap

Witnessing little people growing into disciples for Christ is truly the greatest honor in being involved in children's ministry. Elementary Expedition has become a wonderful opportunity for our kids in their faith walks. There are layers and layers of ministry going on, and it is exciting to be a part of it!

We began our Wednesday nights together with dinner. While this sounds simple, it offers children a time for fellowship with friends. This meal includes preschoolers, elementary, and middle school-aged children. The older kids mentor the younger ones while the younger kids witness discipleship. Many of our evening meals were prepared by adult Sunday school classes, giving them a glimpse into our kids and this ministry. Many thanks to the Horizon and Lamplighters classes for your help this semester with food purchase and preparation!

After our meals, we moved to worship in the chapel. This worship was led by Sue and Brian, our illustrious youth leaders. The middle schoolers mingled with the younger children, teaching them by example how to worship. Children from ages three through 13 prayed together, sang together, and completely participated in worship together. Our time was catered to the wiggly and distractible nature of kids, but the presence of the Spirit was undeniable.

Our evening ended with time in small group, where we played games, created crafts, and extended discussions from our worship message. We had small group leaders who dedicated themselves to the entire semester, allowing for relationship to begin and trust to develop. This small group time was particularly meaningful for the older elementary kids who were able to dig a little deeper into their study.

We are thankful for the chance to minister in this way. Thanks to the support of this church, volunteers, staff, and work of the Holy Spirit, we have made a step towards discipleship for approximately 40 children this year.



Ignite Recap



Set the scene: A sunny January afternoon, a sixty-foot swing, 52 fourth and fifth graders, four youth volunteers and 10 adults. There was so much energy that sparks almost flew!

Our third annual Ignite! retreat was a time of fun, energy, reflection, and worship. We left GUMC early Saturday morning with a goal of making new friends, having fun, and digging a little deeper into what it means to worship. We spent time reflecting on private and communal worship, and finished the day in an incredible time of worship led by Sue and Brian. We asked questions, listened to each other, ate some fantastic food, and played gopher ball until we couldn't play another minute. Thanks to all the volunteers who shared their time with us, and thank you kids for giving it all!



Children's Ministry



Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 15, 9:30 am, McVay Gardens

Grab your basket and join us for this longstanding GUMC tradition. The egg hunt, petting zoo, train rides, and more will be in the beautiful McVay Gardens, but we gather in the OLEC north parking lot and walk over together. This is a wonderful time to make family memories and fellowship with others.

(Please park in the OLEC parking lot or in the west parking lot of the main campus. Crossing guards will be present.)

Vacation Bible School

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose

We are going to open our summer with some incredible fun and exploration! This May and June, we will become inventors and investigators as we put the pieces together about God's creation and our purpose in it. Kids, youth, and adults will gather to hear stories, play games, dance and sing, make crazy crafts, and a whole lot more! All kids are invited!

When:

Weeknights: May 31-June 2, 5:30-8:00 PM (dinner included)

OR

Weekdays: June 5-9, 9:00 AM-noon (12:15 for third grade and up)

Who:

We have something for all ages. Children who are four years old by August 15, 2017 will participate in our preschool program (Group A). Children who have finished Sr. Kindergarten through second grade will participate in our early elementary program (group B). Children who have completed third through fifth grades will participate in our upper elementary program (Group C). Children who are too young for Group A may participate in our program for "wee ones" if a parent or caregiver volunteers (Group V). This group has full curriculum and is free if the child does not want a T-shirt or CD.

Where:

Group A begins in assigned rooms in the Hamilton Nursery area. Group B begins in the fellowship hall. Group C begins in the adult education building. Group V is in the GUMP preschool area.

Weeknight VBS begins in the fellowship hall with all ages together. We separate by age/grade when we move to our smaller groups in the children's wing hallway.

How to Register:

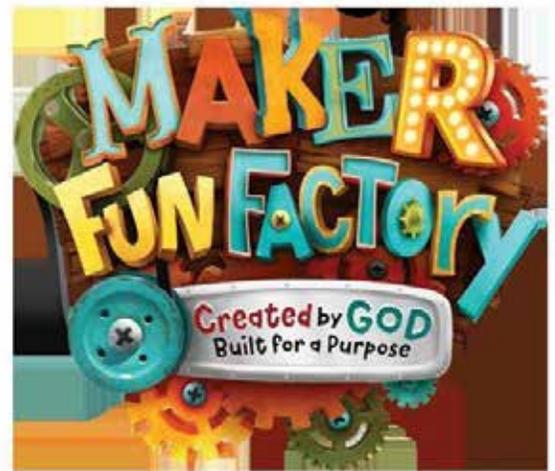
Registration opens online April 1 and closes May 24 at midnight. Registration fee is \$25 per child (excluding group V). This includes all materials, food, T-shirt, and music CD. Scholarships are available if needed; please contact Lisa Pierce, Director of Children's Ministry, to inquire. If you are unable to register online, please contact Sherrell Wiseman in the church office and she will assist you in registering.

How to Help:

If you would like to volunteer the week of VBS as a station or group leader, please complete our online registration. If you would like to help with set design, craft preparation, decorating, or anything else before VBS, please contact Lisa Pierce, Callie Beaver, or Kristin Dickerson. We surely have a fun job for you!

Youth are an integral part of our volunteer team – we can't do this without their help! Youth who are interested in helping should also register online.

We will have a training session for youth and adults. Please look for the email with that information after registering.



UMC Apportionments at Work

THE WORLD SERVICE FUND

Serves as the financial lifeline to a long list of Christ's Mission and Ministry throughout the denomination.

If The United Methodist Church were to reflect the ministry of Jesus in our life together, we'd be doing the things he did:

- Jesus disciplined those who would lead his church
- Jesus welcomed those who didn't know his Father, and those who did
- Jesus met the physical and spiritual needs of the poor
- Jesus healed the sick

Have you ever wondered if our church is doing those things?

The people of The United Methodist Church are engaging the world by imitating the ministry of Jesus—and the World Service Fund makes our Christian outreach possible.

The UMC is building leaders, like Jesus did. We're sharing his love with those who hunger for it and shepherding those who've already tasted it. Like Jesus, we're ministering among the poor. And we reflect his healing touch as we battle disease and fight to improve global health, all through the World Service Fund.



Accomplishing Christ's Ministry In The World Today

Because of your giving, the UMC is being the church: Leaders in Africa are being educated and prepared to minister in Jesus' name. 89 year-old Rev. Fred Jackson, in the Upper New York Conference, has started a house church in the extended care facility where he lives. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, in Kensington, Maryland, has committed to making their zip code the first "Hunger Free" zone in America.

Across the country and around the world, the World Service Fund empowers The United Methodist Church to be Christ's body in the world.

Your Giving Changes Lives

Your faithful giving makes the heart-changing and world-transforming ministry of Jesus possible today. Because of your generosity, The United Methodist Church continues to share good news with the world God loves.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson explained why the World Service Fund is so very vital to the ministry of the UMC, "It is a way in which neighbor helps neighbor, and it helps Christians reach out all around the world." She continues, "World Service Fund is everything that defines our church. It is the way that we connect together, the way that we become powerful in our response to injustice and to poverty, and to tragedy, and to need."

UMC Apportionments at Work

Make a Difference Today

The needs around us often feel overwhelming. None of us can meet every one. But together, with the help of the World Service Fund, we're sharing God's love with the world.

FOR EXAMPLE: THROUGH MINISTRIES WITH THE POOR, RECEIVERS BECOME GIVERS

Your Apportionment Dollars Go Far to Help Those Living on the Margins of Society.

"I used to hear 'the poor' and picture some rundown streets in some inner-city areas, far from the small town ... where I live," the Rev. Lee Schott wrote in a blog. "'The poor' were nameless, faceless and distant. People for whom we'd leave food at the local food pantry. I was pretty OK with that."

Schott's appointment to Women at the Well United Methodist Church at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville changed her perspective of ministry from "to" to "with."

Today "With" is a campaign to raise awareness, educate and inspire people around ministry with the poor, one of the denomination's four areas of focus. The General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries lead the way.

Because of learning opportunities introduced in 2013, nearly 300 United Methodists have participated in five regional "Ministry With*" training events for people interested in transformational, relationship-based ministries with people living in poverty.



A child at Mom's Place during the after-school art program at Cass Community United Methodist Church.



Courtesy Faith Fowler

The Rev. Faith Fowler and William McDuffie visit the lunchroom at Cass Community Methodist Church.

"We like to think of ourselves as a mission with a church community rather than a church community with a mission" says the Rev. Brian Combs, founding pastor of the Haywood Street church in Asheville, North Carolina. "People in poverty run, manage and are stewards of all of our ministries."

Located in the homeless corridor of Asheville's West Side, Haywood Street defines itself as a transformative open community of Christ, creating opportunities to serve and be served. All who participate are empowered to claim their identity as children of God.

Cass UMC (founded in 1881) is in a changing community, explains the Rev. Faith Fowler, who has served the congregation more than 20 years. First, it was home to Detroit's well-to-do families.

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Next, it accommodated migrants from the South who moved north for assembly work in the automobile factories. In the 1960s and 1970s, it was associated with widespread use of illegal drugs, crime, prostitution and poverty.

Ministry with the poor, then, has a long history at Cass Community.

“Cass Church established a soup kitchen during the Great Depression by gleaning from what were rural areas and are now Detroit suburbs,” Fowler says. “The food program has never been interrupted. Today Cass makes and serves 1 million meals annually.”

Over time, other programs were added as unmet needs were identified, including day programs “with and for individuals who had mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, as well as poor seniors and youth.” In 2002, a separate but linked nonprofit – Cass Community Social Services –expanded to include residential and employment programs. More than 300 men, women and children experiencing homelessness stay in a Cass facility each night, and 85 formerly unemployed adults have permanent jobs in Cass Community’s Green Industries.

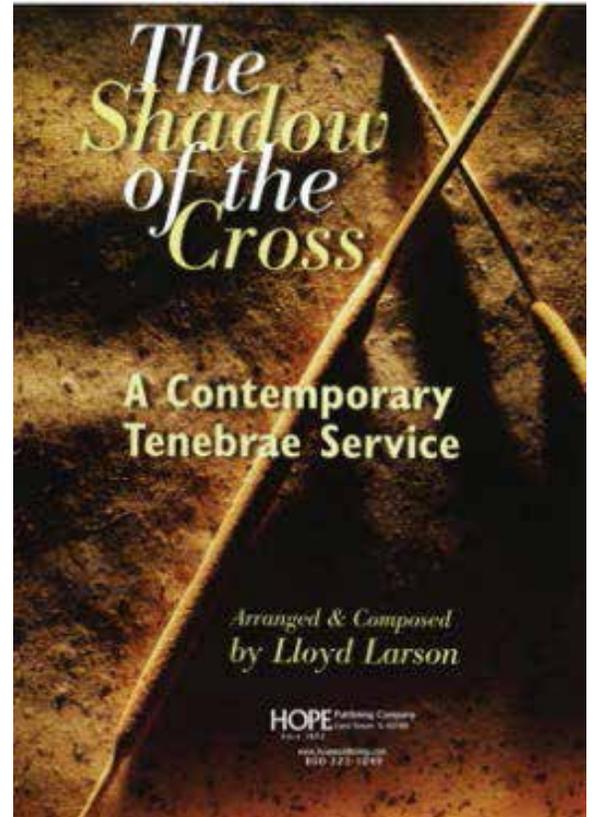
At Cass Community, Christ-centered ministries offer balm for the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the unemployed and others in crisis.

Barbara Dunlap-Berg is general church content editor for United Methodist Communications, Nashville, Tennessee.

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The United Methodist Church, the World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. Please encourage your leaders and congregations to support the World Service Fund apportionment at 100 percent.

Maundy Thursday
April 13, 2017
6:30 p.m. in the
Sanctuary

GUMC Testimony Youth Choir Presents



Highlighting Prayer

Pickup in the Rain

One night at 11:30 pm, an African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car coming by. A young white man stopped to help her, even though this was generally unheard of during the southern racial conflicts of the 1960's.

The man drove her to safety, helped her get assistance and a taxicab ride to her destination. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days later a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home.

A special note was attached. It read: "Thank-you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside, just before he passed away. God Bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nat King Cole



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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.

Lauren Wright Hobbs Nursing Scholarship - 2017



A scholarship has been established through Germantown United Methodist Church to benefit a student from our church who is pursuing a degree in nursing. This scholarship is named for Lauren Wright Hobbs who loved serving others in the nursing profession. Lauren was a long-time member of our church who lost her battle with cervical cancer at the age of 29 in October of 2013.

Recipients must be members of GUMC and attending nursing school now or in the coming fall semester. The \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best fits the model that Lauren exemplified in her love of nursing. Applications may be obtained by contacting the church office or Karen Oppenheim at karen.oppenheim@gmail.com. All completed applications must be received by May 21. The Scholarship committee will review and select the recipient prior to June 18.

Donations can be made to this scholarship fund by writing your check to GUMC with Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship noted in the memo line. 2017 is the fourth year for this scholarship that is dedicated to the memory of Lauren and her love of nursing. The Emmaus Sunday School Class is honored to establish this scholarship in her name.