

Announcements

New Hire: GUMC has hired Deborah Thompson to fulfill our position of Director of Elder Care Ministries. Please join us in welcoming her in this new role within our church.

TODAY: Steady Ground will meet at 11:30 am, in Room 339, immediately following worship.

TODAY: Join us for Fall Family Fun Day at Putt-Putt Golf & Games, located at 5484 Summer Ave., from Noon-6 pm. Pick up your wristbands at the GUMC table on the front porch by the Putt-Putt golf counter.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us on Saturday, October 3, at 10 am, in McVay Gardens as we celebrate the joy, companionship, and unconditional love animals bring into our lives. Bring your beloved pets. All creatures—great, small, on a leash or in a crate—are welcome as we offer a special blessing in gratitude for God's wonderful creation.

Ministry, News and Events

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education
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Monthly Book Group meets Monday, September 28 at 10 am in room 338 to discuss *The Great Divide* by Christina Henriquez. No need to register, purchase the book or checkout from the library.

Attention All Adult Sunday School Presidents and Program Chairs! In Service Training is on Monday, October 5, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Topics to be discussed include attendance, programming, meeting space, and hospitality. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative on your behalf.

PROVERBS - Pathways to Wisdom starts Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-7:30 pm. Join us for this 5-session study as we explore the context, language, and historical details that supply profound insight and instructions for the journey to find the wisdom that comes from God alone. Facilitator: Terry Aust.
Cost: \$16.00.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries
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Annual Fall Prayer Vigil Thursday, October 22, from 8 am-4 pm, we will be in The Chapel and would love for you to join us. Sign up for a prayer time slot on our website under sign up & events.

Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director of Children's Ministry bkeel@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, Assoc. Director of Nursery jcrist@germantownumc.org
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. of Elementary hheard@germantownumc.org

WOW has started back: every Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm, with dinner beginning at 6. Registration required by noon each Tuesday.

Preschool Stepping Stones (Newborn-Prekindergarten): The Hamilton Nursery is open from 8:45-11:30 am on Sundays.

Preschool Sunday school meets from 9-10 am.

Elementary Sunday School (K-5 grade): Drop children off in classrooms at 9 am. Room numbers are posted outside the Huddle. Pick up is at 10 am in the Huddle.

Acolytes Needed: Scan QR code to sign up to acolyte!



Must be in the 2nd grade or older. There is no age limit! If your child is interested and has not been trained, contact Becca Keel to schedule a brief training session.

GUMP Preschool

Sarah Sutton, Director of GUMP
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FALL is finally here at GUMP! We are loving learning about all the changes that God brings us this special time of year. We are enjoying all the fall cozy vibes-pumpkin spice and all the things!

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, GUWF President
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Delicious GUWF Cinnamon Rolls coming soon!

Pre-order in the Welcome Center and OLEC on Sunday, September 27. The cost is only \$12 per dozen, cash, check, or credit card accepted.

Quantities are limited! Baking and pickup days are October 6, 7, or 8 at the OLEC. For questions or to volunteer, contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or monacodog@aol.com or scan QR code.



Volunteers Needed! Love the smell of melted butter and cinnamon? Volunteers are needed for our annual Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale! Anyone can join us as we lovingly prepare the rolls and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship in the OLEC kitchen on October 6-8. Please contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or monacodog@aol.com or scan QR code.

Music Ministry

Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
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Now Hiring: Testimony Youth Choir Director

GUMC is seeking a part-time Assistant Music Director - Testimony Youth Choir director to lead our middle and high school youth in music, worship, fellowship, and Christian growth. Candidates should email a cover letter, resume, and references to Rev. Todd Wilson at todd.wilson@twkumc.org.

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803

luci2@comcast.net.

Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions are also found in the monthly Tidings.

XYZ's October Event! Celebrate 50 years of the Dixon with us when we take a guided tour of *An Investment in Pleasure: Fifty Years of the Dixon Gallery and Gardens Collection* and eat lunch at BABALU—East Memphis on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. We depart at 9:30 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$5 per person plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Friday, September 25 (**please note change in deadline date.**)

October Brown Bag Lunch! Otis Sanford, Professor Emeritus, The University of Memphis, will talk about his latest book, "Newsman: The Road from Route 2 Box 9." This presentation will be on Friday, October 2, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 am, 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.

AARP Smart Driver™ Course GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on October 15 & 16, 2026, from 9 am-1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Ray Smith at 901.410.0184 or 813.245.0302 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

November XYZ Event! Come with us for an unforgettable evening of entertainment and swing when we hear the Glenn Miller Orchestra perform at The Buckman Performing & Fine Arts Center on Sunday, November 8, 2026. We depart at 5:45 pm from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$30 for your reserved seat and transportation. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Thursday, October 8.

Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,

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Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,
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Basketball registration is open until Oct. 23 for Kindergarten through 6th grade boys and girls. Cost is \$130 and includes league fees, uniform, and Junior Grizzlies basketball, plus 2 game tickets to a Grizzlies game. Practice starts November 1, and games, begin in December for elementary and January for Kindergarten. Sign up is under Events and Registrations on the church website.

Daytime Pickleball: Mon, Noon-3 pm.

Tues-Fri, 9 am-Noon.

Nighttime: Wed, 5-7:30 pm.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon & Wed, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Wed, 2-3 pm.

Senior Fitness Walk Fit: Tues, 10-11 am.

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Thurs, 10-11 am.

Stroller Strides: Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:30-10:45 am.

Hatha Yoga: Mon, 6:30-7:30 pm

Open Gym times: Please call the OLEC office to check for available times.

*Open Gym times are for church members only. Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries

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Courtney Brookshire, Associate Youth Director

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Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9:00 for snacks, games,

Element: NO Element tonight due to our Churchwide Putt-putt Family Fun Day!

High School Prayer Breakfast: This Tuesday!

We'll be meeting in the Pavilion behind Houston High School at 6:30 am. Chloe will bring Chick-fil-a!

Synergy/Synago: This Wednesday! Synergy, our middle school group, will meet from 6-7:15 pm, and Synago, our high school group, will meet from 7:15-8:30 pm. Both will meet in the Oasis!

Crave: Our annual Fall Retreat to Victory Ranch will be November 13-15 this year! All 6th-12th graders are welcome. Registration opens soon!

Stay Informed: Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.



For more information about events, visit GUMC's website: germantownumc.org or download our app! Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Sign Up & Events" at the top of the page.

Viewing online? Tap the QR codes!