

Announcements

WOW starts September 2nd. The children's ministry is excited to greet your infant through 5th graders for fun and fellowship! 6pm - 7:15

Does your child love to make music? The Wesley Chimes, our children and youth hand chime choir, led by André Duvall. This group meets on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm, in the handbell suite, starting Sept 2. Wesley Chimes is open to 3rd graders and up. Contact André at aduvall@germantownumc.org for more information and to answer any questions.

Don't forget to register this week for the Adult Education classes. Classes begin next week!

New Older Adult Ministry brochures are now available. Take one home with you! Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. (Full event descriptions are also found in monthly The Tidings.)

Ministry, News and Events



Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,
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Social Principles of The United Methodist Church starts Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:00-7:30 pm. Join Rev. Todd Wilson for an introduction to the Social Principles. By engaging in this 6-week study, you will grow in discipleship and understanding of the United Methodist Church. Cost: \$10.00.

JOSHUA – Every Good Promise Fulfilled starts Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. Join us for this 10-session, verse-by-verse, women's study, by author Jen Wilkin, as we see how God's commands, though sometimes difficult, are always rooted in God's steadfast love. Facilitator: Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$27.00.

PARENTING – Getting IT Right starts Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:15-7:15 pm. In this 6-session video study, authors Andy and Sandra Stanley provide honest reflection on the challenges and stages of parenting. Join our discussion and take home some practical advice. Facilitators: Courtney and Matt Lubozynski. Cost: \$20.00/family.

GENESIS – A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning starts Tues, Sept. 15, 9:30-11:00 am. Whether you are encountering Genesis for the first time or returning with fresh questions, join us for this 6-session study by AJ Levine, as we explore the Bible's first stories of creation, conflict, judgment, and mercy. Facilitator: Mary Groh. Cost: \$26.00.

Missions

John Kitson kitson@comcast.net

Labor of Love: On Monday, September 7, 2026 (Labor Day), GUMC will again join with our neighboring community of faith for an event called Labor of Love. We will assemble pre-packaged meals for distribution throughout the world. Watch the Tidings or the video board for more details.

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, luci2@comcast.net.

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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 Brennehan, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Friday, September 18.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8 am, in the Fellowship Hall. A great breakfast will be served and our featured speaker will be Scott Fortin, President and CEO of the Mid-South Food Bank. Please make your reservation by calling the Welcome Desk (901) 754-7216, no later than Wednesday, Sept. 9. Cost is \$7.50, payable at the door.



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!

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Thank you for your support!

GUWF would like to thank everyone who supported the Fall/Winter Children's Consignment Sale. It was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have done it without the support of all our wonderful volunteers, consignors, shoppers, and GUMC staff. All proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUWF. We'll see you for our next sale, March 5-6, 2027.

September Speaker Luncheon

Tues., Sept. 8, 11:30 am, Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall, a catered lunch and inspirational message from Dr. Janis Allen Knox, Community Educator with the Alzheimer's Association. **All women are invited!** Register with your payment of **\$15 by noon, Sept. 3**, online with credit card, germantownumc.org, Sign Up & Events, or use QR code, Checks, memo—"Sept. lunch" or cash deposited in GUWF box located in Information Center.

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 27-29. Please contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or monacodog@aol.com or scan QR code.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, ytoney@germantownumc.org

Annual Fall Prayer Vigil

On Thursday, October 22, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, we will be in The Chapel and would love for you to join us.

Steady Ground is a supportive atmosphere which meets on the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 am, in room 339, immediately following worship. Please register online. You are welcome to bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney.



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Children's Ministry

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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.

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 am for snacks, games, and discussion!

Confirmation: If you would like more information about Confirmation for your 6th grader, contact Chloe!

Element: There will be Element tonight in the OLEC from 6-8pm! 6th-12th graders are invited, bring \$5 for dinner! **PARENTS**—there will be an info meeting for you tonight in the gym at 7:15! **Next Week—NO Element.**

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 6:00-7:15 pm, and Synago, our high school group, will meet from 7:15-8:30 pm. Both will meet in the Oasis!

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.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

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Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon-12-3 pm, Tues. - Fri 9:00-12:00

Nighttime: Wed. 5:00 - 7:30pm

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon and 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.