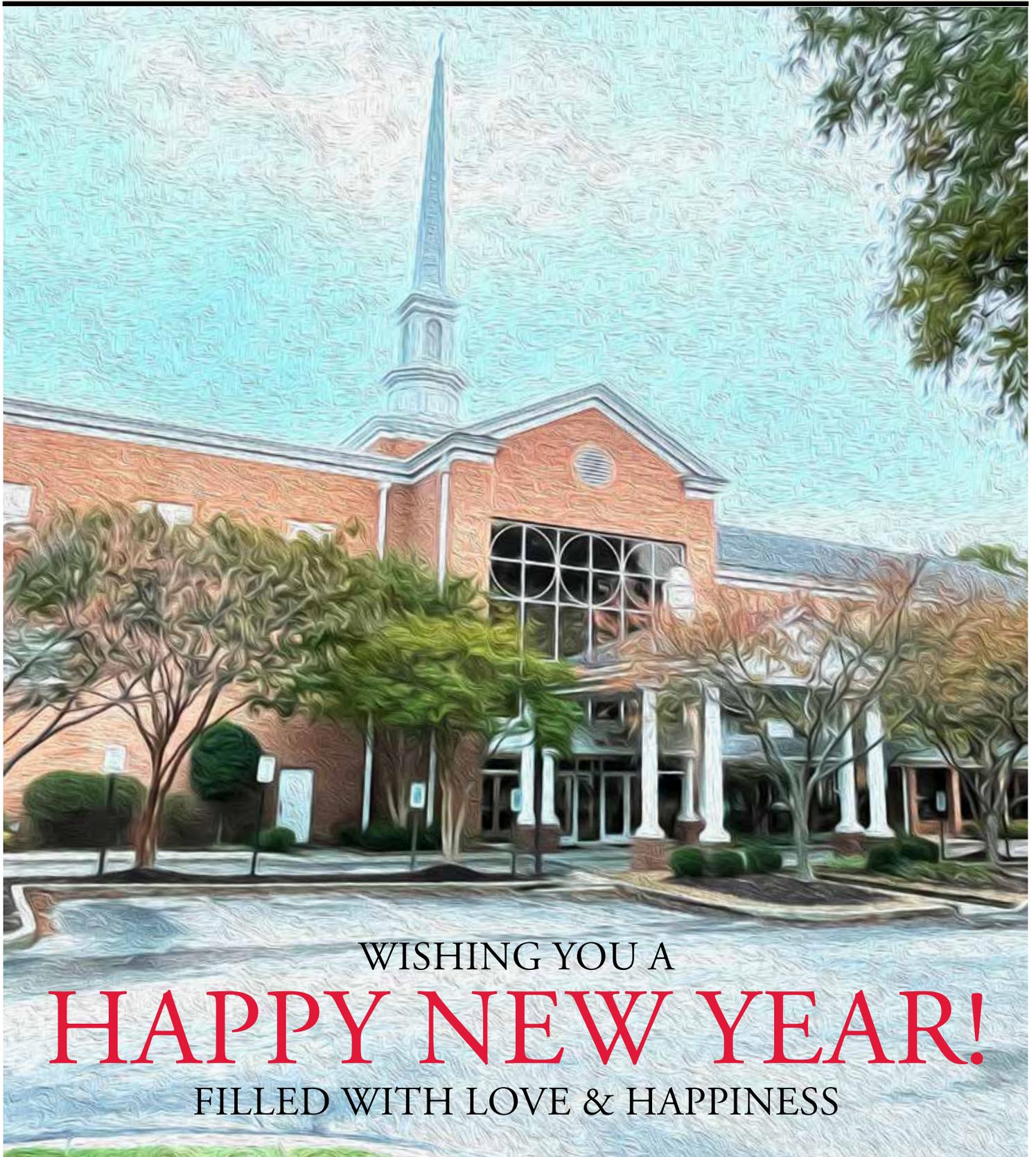


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January 2022

Germantown United Methodist Church



WISHING YOU A

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FILLED WITH LOVE & HAPPINESS



A New Thing

A New Year is a time to consider renewal. As we enter a new year, it is natural to think of new beginnings and revitalization.

In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord said to Israel, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” In Ephesians 4:22-24, Paul wrote: “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” And in 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul reminds the people, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

As we enter a new year, let these thoughts guide your devotion. Remember that God’s work in the Spirit is always making new, including you and me! Now is the time to put away the old self, now is the time to seek greater righteousness and holiness. Now is the time to be transformed by Christ in a new creation.

The chief founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, handed down a Covenant Prayer, found on 607 in our hymnal:

*“I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”*

May this be our prayer in the coming year, as individuals, as a community, as a church, to a God who is making all things new.



Room in the Inn Provides Holy Hospitality for Those in Need

By Stephanie Painter

With winter’s arrival, GUMC’s participation in the Room in the Inn program brings shelter and meals to people who are experiencing homelessness. Every Friday evening through the end of March, GUMC will host small groups in a mission to provide holy hospitality.

Throughout the season, members can help by donating new men’s and women’s underwear, deodorant, cough drops, laundry detergent, Lysol, and air freshener.

RITI’s finance director Alise Davis will share the organization’s story and updates about its new Family Inn and Recuperative Care Center at the GUMW luncheon on February 8. Last spring, RITI finally found a place to call home at 409 Ayers Street. Opening in the historic Collins Chapel Hospital, RITI can now meet needs of homeless families and individuals who no longer require medical care but need a safe place to recuperate after illness. With the anchor of a physical address, RITI is better set to meet needs. “The pandemic forced city leadership to concentrate on where gaps and services existed,” says Davis. In a collaborative partnership with MIFA, families approved to work in the organization’s rapid rehousing program can stay at RITI while moving through the rehousing process. A 21-bed unit is designed for those who are released from hospitals across the Mid-South, and staff support all guests on the pathway to sustainable housing through connections with volunteers and other local resources. Recently, one guest celebrated moving into his own freshly painted tiny house.

Tour the inn and you’ll find colorful paintings by artist Lindsey Byard that are layered with inspiring messages of “Let’s See How Inventive We Can Be in Encouraging Love” and “Practice Real Love.” Staff members are adding books to a children’s library, and a study area for youth has Mac computers that were purchased with a \$10,000 donation. Guests have support with job searches and access to classes on Creative Expression, Recovery, Health Education, and Financial Literacy.

Latasha’s story represents a journey from despair to hope. The mother of six children, Latasha was overwhelmed by grief and financially drained by funeral costs after losing many family members. “I felt like I had no one left in this world. I felt like I couldn’t be there for my children.” Her savings spent and support system depleted, Latasha then heard about Room in the Inn. “They made me feel like I was family, and that’s what I was missing,” she says. With support, she secured housing and a new job, starting a new chapter in her life. “I’ve been loving my house and the smile on my children’s faces -- they love it,” she says.

For more information about Room in the Inn, visit ritimemphis.org.

NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDIES - Starting In January And February!



We know Germantown UMC is a large church and it can be difficult to find a place where you feel you can ask questions, listen to ideas, or explore more of what you hear in worship. That's why we have small groups! Small groups of Christians caring for one another, praying, studying, and servicing together are a foundation of Methodism and allow a person to grow in his or her faith with the help of other people who can provide encouragement and support

We have some exciting Adult Small Group Studies planned for Winter/Spring 2022. Look for detailed course descriptions in our Adult Study brochure.

Register at germantownumc.org.

Romans – A Letter for Today

Discover why Romans is called “the most inspirational letter ever written.” Appreciate why Paul’s words to the Church in ancient Rome still echo with energy and power.

Tuesdays, January 18 – March 8; 9:30 – 11:00 am

Facilitated by Mary Groh and Cathy Whitaker

God of Freedom

A study of Exodus 19-40

Wednesdays, January 19 – March 30; 9:45-11:45, via Zoom

Facilitated by Chesley Porteous

Snack Time for the Soul

A small group focusing on “recipes” for nourishment and care. Each week we will prepare a light lunch together while we focus on how to care for ourselves and others.

Wednesdays, January 19 – February 23, 12:00-1:30 pm

Facilitated by Rev. Tom Davis

A Clash of Kingdoms

With this DVD Study by Ray Vander Laan we will discover how Paul communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshipped false gods.

Wednesdays, January 19 – February 16; 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Rev. Tim Carpenter

Mom Set Free

Discover how the Gospel message can empower you to breathe deeper, walk lighter, enjoy your children – and the parenting journey – more than ever before.

Wednesday evenings, January 12 – March 9; 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Facilitated by Natalie Adkinson

Signposts

A covenant discipleship opportunity to support and mentor one another while exploring God’s dream for an antiracist, anti-oppressive world . . .a “beloved community”

Thursdays, January 20 – March 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; via Zoom

Facilitated by Yolanda Toney and Rev. Rick Kirchoff

Spirit Quest

SQ is a seven-week safe space for the exploration of faith for the spiritually curious and those who feel out of sync with some of what they have been taught to believe.

Tuesdays, March 1 – April 12, 7:00-8:30 pm

Facilitated by Rev. Brad Gabriel, Rev. Rick Kirchoff, Rev. Steve Stone

Cultures in Conflict

A DVD Study by Ray Vander Laan, where we will learn from Paul how to live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity.

Wednesdays, March 9 – April 6; 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Rev. Tim Carpenter



Faith Seeking Understanding
Church Music: Then and Now

Thursday, January 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

Presented by Todd Wilson, GUMC’s Director of Music Ministry

GUMC has a long history of inviting scholars and noted theologians to speak and lead discussion with our congregation on various topics in their expertise. In 2016, the Adult Christian Education Committee formally titled this series, “Faith Seeking Understanding”.

In January, we will present our third installment in our series on “Worship” with our own Todd Wilson, Director of Music Ministry discussing Church Music and Hymns, why we sing what we sing, and the evolution of church music over time. We will examine how both popular culture and official religious dogma and liturgy have influenced the music of the church. We will examine several of the memorable characters of church music history from Pope Gregory to Elvis. We will also consider church architecture and how it effects the music.

“You may be asking, ‘What does this have to do with the United Methodist Church in 2022?’ You’ll have to come to the program to find out! This should be a fun night,” said Todd Wilson. “I look forward to sharing with you!”

There is no charge for this event, but we are asking you to register. Go to germantownumc.org and register for a very special presentation on the history of church music and how scripture and doctrine are revealed in what we sing. Preschool childcare is provided.



XYZs Attend Lenten Preaching Series and Tour First Methodist in March!

As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to the Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church and eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop. In addition to being a highly respected scholar and public intellectual, Serene is the first woman to head this historic seminary. Her background is religion and democracy, theology, and gender, woman, and sexuality studies. After the service, we will be given a tour of First United Methodist Church, which has risen from the ashes of a devastating fire in 2006. With a congregation dating to 1826, First Church is the oldest congregation in the city and has sat on its land since 1832.

WHERE: Calvary Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2022

COST: \$3 per person plus lunch on your own

DEPARTURE: 10 a.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 9:45 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: Thursday, February 10

COVID 19 POLICY—Masks are required in all vehicles and buildings. Proof of vaccination may be required by individual venues.



Kevin Kane Talks about Tourism at the February Brown Bag Lunch!

Kevin Kane, the city’s biggest cheerleader, is on a perpetual mission to sell Memphis, both in the U.S. and around the world. And, until spring 2020, it was working! In the past, between March and October, peak tourist season, over 1 million visitors arrived in Memphis and Shelby County each month. With COVID, things changed drastically, and venues in the city are still struggling to get back to where they were, often with fewer employees and visitors. Kevin is going to talk about what he and Memphis Tourism are doing to help attract visitors back to Memphis this year and in years to come at the February Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council.

COVID guideline: Masking is required in the church building. Don’t forget yours!

TOPIC: “Memphis Tourism: Building for the Future”

SPEAKER: Kevin Kane, President & CEO of Memphis Tourism

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: February 4, 2022. Program starts at 11 AM; 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 Tom Davis, 758-6513.

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



XYZs Take a Cross-Country Adventure in February!

From the earliest explorers to wandering trailblazers, the call of the wild inspires us. A non-stop ride via kayak, bike, train, hot air balloon, zipline, kiteboard, hiking boots and more, *Into America’s Wild* visits some of the most beautiful but untamed landscapes of America, from the lush coastline of Oregon and the wilds of Alaska to the ancient canyons of the Southwest and the rolling hills of the Appalachian Trail. Discover ancient homelands and hidden trails in the wild or in your own backyard. After the movie, we will have lunch at Patrick’s restaurant on Park Avenue.

For a preview of this film, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGEEufGVtTM>

WHERE: Giant 3D Theater and Patrick’s Restaurant

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, 2022

COST: \$8 per person plus lunch on your own

DEPARTURE: 9:45 a.m. from OLEC parking lot. (Be there by 9:30 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: Friday, January 21

COVID 19 POLICY—Masks are required in all vehicles and buildings. Proof of vaccination may be required by individual venues.



Don’t Forget the January Brown Bag Lunch Program!

Willy Bearden, Memphis Film Maker and Author, will talk about “My Favorite Characters and Memphis Stories.” This presentation will be Friday, January 7, 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.**

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!



Mental Health Tip 6: Accept who you are

We’re all different. Maybe you make people laugh or you’re good with numbers or you can grow a beautiful garden or cook fantastic meals. It’s healthier to accept who we are than to wish you were more like someone else. Feeling good about yourself boosts your confidence to learn or try new things. Good self-esteem helps you cope when life takes a difficult turn.

Check out our new Elder Care brochure in the kiosks!

Elder Care Health. Germantown United Methodist Church

Rev. Tom Davis, Director of Elder Care Health
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Happy New Year! May this year bring us much joy, lots of family time together and a healthy focus that we may carry throughout the year and beyond.

People gain the most benefit from exercises they enjoy that fit their lifestyle. If you try to incorporate exercises that are not suited for you, the novelty wears off before the end of the month.

Here are some examples that are the easiest to fit into your daily routine:

- Go for a brisk 30-minute walk five times every week. According to the American Heart Association 2,000 steps = a mile.
- Walk your dog more often or go for walks with friends.
- Try to add swimming to your weekly routine, even if it is not every day. Many indoor pools are available for the winter months. Message me for suggested clubs.
- Join some exercise classes that are fun, collaborative, and educational. Judy Pearson has Walk Fit and Super Seniors each Tues/Thurs at 10:00 am. Al Walton teaches different types of Yoga numerous times per week and Judy Oros is Zooming Mon/Wed Core and More.

Exercise is sometimes a gradual learning curve. A person should spread sessions across the week and scale up the intensity slowly.

It is important for people to ensure they drink plenty of water during and after exercise. Checking with a doctor is a good precaution to take if someone has a health condition or injury that could impact exercise levels, or that exercise could make worse.

The benefits of regular physical activity are wide-reaching and should form a part of every person's day to help them remain healthy. We are here to help at the OLEC and hope to see you in this coming year!

The new Saturday OLEC hours will be 8:00 am — Noon.

The Rolling Stone

A WORD FROM STEVE

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Prism is not a usual worship service. At least it's not designed to be. Of course, the celebration was long hoped for by many in the flock and though they (like me) have a deep and abiding love for traditional worship and understand it's key place in the life of a 21st century church, the kind of atmosphere that is set in Prism more suits what feeds their hearts and minds and souls on a regular basis (as is true for me). That's why they make Chunky Monkey and Cherry Garcia, right? It's a joy to have a group of Jesus followers with whom to experience the freedom of expression and creativity and sheer fun that worship can be.

Nonetheless what is unusual about Prism is not so much its atmosphere or its environment. What makes it unusual is Prism's targeted outreach. The hope is that the flock that gathers there from Germantown United Methodist Church will come to embrace the idea that Prism is for those who do not have a relationship of love and trust with Jesus. That doesn't mean it's not for those who are already attending, just that if that is all it remains, it will be fun and hopefully those there will grow in their faith, but it will not be what was designed to be. It was designed to draw in people who do not have a relationship of love and trust with Jesus and to help them find their own. Research into the lives of those who do not consider themselves to be "church people" show that the kind of environment cast at Prism is more attractive to many who would not even try to attend a more traditional experience.

Everything at Prism is aimed at unreached people. The music, the language, the acceptance, the inclusion. What happens is if committed Jesus followers buy into that focus and reach out to their friends, relatives, associates, neighbors and strangers whose paths they cross and invite them, even bring them, the unexpected outcome for those Jesus followers is a growth in their faith they never expected; with the added bonus of an unexpected and soul saturating joy at having even a small part of helping someone else make a now and forever connection with Jesus.

We are beginning a new message series on January 9 – an eight week exploration of the Way of A Jesus Follower. It is aimed at the unreached, but I guarantee you that those who are reached, especially those who buy into the mission of Prism, will be stretched, and challenged, and grown in ways they will not expect. Sound like fun? By God it will be!

Recap of 2021 Holiday Season:

Advent Workshop – Our annual event was back, and our families enjoyed this special night of wreath making, ornament decorating, and refreshments. Kids decorated a flower pot with the nativity scene, and each family went home with a poinsettia. We hope that this event helped you and your children begin the Advent season in a special way this holiday.



Children's Alternative Christmas – We held our annual Children's Alternative Christmas Market on December 4 and 5 in the Huddle. We sold more gifts than ever before! Your kid's purchases not only brought joy to their loved ones, but helped free-trade artisans from around the world.



United Methodist Neighborhood Center Angel Tree – Our church families collected over 200 gifts for 22 children from the UMNC Miriam Preschool. Thank you for your generous giving to others in need this holiday season!

Journey to Bethlehem – Over 150 adults and children attended our special Journey to Bethlehem on December 4 in the Hamilton Nursery. The children made crafts and enjoyed milk and muffins. They embarked on a special "journey" visiting the angels that appeared to Mary, the Nativity scene with Mary, Joseph and Jesus, went to the hills to see the shepherds, and ended with the wisemen. Afterwards, the children shared their "wish lists" with Santa himself. A special thank you to the youth that participated in the skits, as well as Brad Gabriel and Todd Wilson for their special participation!

WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) with Kids – Wednesdays, January 12- April 6 (we will not meet March 16)
WOW will resume on January 12 from 6:00-7:15 PM. Elementary students will meet in the Huddle (Room 240). Preschoolers will meet in the Hamilton Nursery for their special programming. We hope that your children will join us as we recharge our hearts and spirits during this special mid-week time together.

Ignite!- January 29-30

Our retreat for 4th and 5th graders is back! We will travel to the Grove at Red Oak Lake for a special overnight retreat where we will spend time in worship and fun activities such as gopher ball, the giant swing, and high ropes course. All 4th and 5th graders and their friends are invited. Please register online early as space is limited. The cost for the retreat is \$85.

Created by God- Friday night, February 25 and Saturday morning, February 26

Created by God is a program designed to communicate to fifth and sixth graders that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The topics of human sexuality, values, and relationships are approached in a frank, honest, and Bible-based manner. We will have a parent meeting in January (date TBD) to discuss the curriculum and your role in it as a parent. After this meeting, parents will be asked to register online if they are interested in their child taking the course. Attending the parent meeting in no way commits you to the course—it is informational only. There is a \$25 cost for the course which covers all materials, supplies, and food. Guests are welcome, but they must be in the fifth or sixth grades.

Happy New Year!

The Children's Ministry wishes all of our families a very Happy New Year! We are planning an exciting year for your children, and we are blessed and honored to lead your children ages birth through 5th grades on their spiritual journeys.

Each month, we will send you an email to let you know what your preschooler or elementary schooler is learning for the month during Sunday School. Please be sure to utilize the wonderful resources included with our curriculum. There is also a great website, <https://theparentcue.org/faith-and-character/>, and a wonderful app, The Parent Cue, that coordinate with our weekly curriculum. We actively post on social media. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook. And check out our Children's Ministry website at <https://www.germantownumc.org/childrens-ministry-2>. If you have any questions about these resources, please let us know.

Children ages birth through Pre-K may join us in the Hamilton Nursery during the 8:30 AM Traditional Service, 9:30 AM Sunday School, and 11:00 AM Traditional or Prism Service. Kindergarten through 5th grade students may join us for Sunday School in the Huddle and Children's Wing classrooms from 9:30-10:30 AM. We encourage you to take your children with you to worship in the sanctuary or OLEC each Sunday. If your children need a little something extra to do during worship, there are "worship bags" and children's bulletins located in the Narthex cabinet outside of the sanctuary.

Upcoming dates to remember:

January 6 – Epiphany Service in the Sanctuary (Family-friendly)

January 12 – WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) with Kids begins for spring semester*

January 29-30 – IGNITE! 4th/5th Grade Retreat at the Grove*

February 25-26 – Created By God class for 5th/6th Graders*

April 16 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 17 – Easter Sunday

June 1-3 – Evening VBS*

June 6-10 – Vacation Bible School*

**Please see details and register online.*

We are looking forward to a great 2022!

Element Gift Swap

GUMC Youth held their annual gift swap as the traditional last Element of the year. This event has gone through some great gift years, and some pretty rough gift years. Notable gifts of the past included some floppy disk NHL 97 computer games, fossilized mammal excrement, a box with over 30 pounds of candles, an open package of deli ham, and of course, who can forget the many bricks that made an appearance over the years. This year however would be considered a good gift year. Our instructions were to make sure whoever opened a gift experienced joy, and whoever gave the gift, gave with joy as well. We had many surprised faces, and lots of candy and treats this year. This was our first year to try a new type of gift swap and we saw some ferocious trading when the night ended. We truly look forward to our gift swap each year, and can't wait to see what gifts show up this year!



Chillax Recap

All. Night. Long. Literally all night long! That is how much we chillaxed this year! 40 middle schoolers and a couple adults began the evening with dinner, then a movie. We popped over to Putt Putt Golf and Games for a couple rounds of laser tag and video games. We returned to the OLEC for dodge ball, basketball, video games, and in-the-dark hide-and-seek. We ate breakfast and then went home to spend a rainy day napping until the sun set. Great memories were made - luckily we only do this once a year!

January Calendar:

January 9: Element Resumes; 6-8 PM in the OLEC

January 11, 18, 25: Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast; 6:30 AM in the pavilion behind Houston HS

January 12, 19, 26: Synergy (Middle School); 6:00-7:15 PM, Prescott House

January 12, 19, 26: Synago (High School); 7:15-8:30 PM, Prescott House (Discovery Planning begins)

January 16: Element small group gatherings

January 23 and 30: Element, 6-8 PM in the OLEC



GUMC
Congregational Care Ministries

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"So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

When our friends are faced with life's challenges, as people of faith sometimes we reach out and show up. Other times we send a note, make a meal, make a call, offer words of comfort, listen, but most importantly we always offer prayers.

Our Pastoral Team takes Congregational Care very seriously. Our goal is to connect with our members in a meaningful way during difficult times. However, we need your help. Congregational Care involves all of us.

Below are some ways to serve. GUMC is not limited to this list. There are many ways to serve. If you don't see a ministry here that is calling you, please contact Yolanda Toney, ytoney@germantownumc.org, 901-754-7216.

- **Flower Ministry** – After worship, altar flowers are separated into small vases and delivered to homebound. Your time commitment is up to you.
- **Visits to Homebound** – Occasionally you may be asked to visit those who are homebound or persons who may be ill.
- **Home Communion Ministry**- On communion Sunday, you will take communion to assigned homebound.

Contact Rev. Tom Davis, 901-754-7216, or tdavis@germantownumc.org.

- **Prayer Ministry** – Join a team of volunteers who arrive 30-45 minutes before worship to pray throughout the church for all who enter the sanctuary before worship begins. The team also prays with the pastors. New members are welcome.

Contact Ruth King, 901-233-7495 or ruthmking@bellsouth.net.

- **Monday Night Visits to First Time Visitors** – Armed with fresh cookies, you will visit first time visitors. You may bake cookies, go on visits or both.

Contact Sue Myers, 901-756-7919, joelmyers1@comcast.net

- **Grief Ministry** – Commit to stay in touch with a person who has suffered a close familial loss for a year. Regularity of contact would be determined by the person affected by the loss and you. Contact might include calls, notes, or visits.
- **Note/Card Writing Ministry** – Once a month or less you will write notes to assigned persons. Adults, youth, and children may contribute to this ministry.
- **Calling Ministry** – Monthly or bi-monthly (determined by you) you will call assigned persons to check in with them. These people may be ill, shut ins, or may be absent from church for several Sundays.
- **Meal Ministry** – Occasionally persons or families may appreciate a meal during a difficult time. You would make the meal or purchase a meal and deliver it.
- **Career Transition Team** – An established group who aids those seeking employment or those who are underemployed. <https://sites.google.com/a/thectgroups.org/the-ct-groups/home/Groups/Memphis-CT>

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GUMW FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



All women are welcome to participate in 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.

"I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing."

- Genesis 12:2 ESV

Please join us for a catered meal, warm fellowship, and an inspirational message from Alise Davis at our GUMW February Luncheon on February 8, 2022 at 11:30 am in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Alise serves as Finance Director of Room in the Inn - Memphis, an ecumenical ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness. She has been a member of Germantown United Methodist Church (GUMC) since 2007.

Alise first began volunteering with Room in the Inn - Memphis in 2013. She served on the RITI Board of Directors from its inception and left the Board Chair position to accept a staff job as Finance Director. Alise also served as the Room in the Inn site coordinator for GUMC, and for the first six years of GUMC hosting she was the liaison with seven other churches with whom we share our building.

In spring 2021, Room in the Inn - Memphis moved to the historic Collins Chapel Connectional Hospital building to continue programming piloted during the pandemic. The new location operates 24/7 as a temporary shelter for families and the medically fragile, and it offers case management to help guests achieve housing goals. Emergency Winter Shelter continues with multiple faith communities including GUMC.

Alise has been married to Scott Davis for 24 years, and together they have three children ages 18, 16, and 14. Prior to becoming a mom she worked at Morgan Keegan & Company, a wealth management and capital market firm.

Please join us as we learn about Alise's faith journey as well as God's transforming power at work in the Memphis community. Alise is truly "Blessed to Be a Blessing," and you will be blessed, too, as you hear about her inspiring work.

Cost: \$10.

Deadline to register: February 3, 2022, by noon.

Two Methods to Register:

*Check to GUMW, "GUMW Feb. Luncheon" in memo line, placed in drop box outside Fellowship Hall.

*Credit Card online at germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women

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

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Lent by Candlelight

Tuesday, February 22, 6:30pm | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall and the Chapel

All women are invited! Come and prepare your heart and mind for the season of Lent at this cherished annual event. You will experience a meaningful time of fellowship while enjoying desserts, coffee and tea in the Fellowship Hall. We will then proceed through the candlelit hallways, convening in the Chapel for special music and time for reflection and devotion.

This event is free, but space is limited to 120 women. Please be sure to register online at germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women. Free preschool childcare is also available.

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2021 GUMW Christmas Cookie Shoppe

The 2021 GUMW Christmas Cookie Shoppe was a wonderful success! Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to so many who supported this fundraiser with their time, contributions of cookies and candies, purchases, donations, and prayers. This event is one that GUMC members and friends anticipate each Christmas season. And, it is a sweet way to raise funds for local missions! Thank you!

Questions?

Contact event co-chairs: Sue Land (lands2590@gmail.com) or Barbara Schanson (barcons@comcast.net)

GUMP Weekday Preschool

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Happy New Year from your friends at Germantown United Methodist Preschool! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus. We ended our first semester with a beautiful Christmas Chapel and "Happy Birthday, Jesus" celebration. Our friends listened to Bible stories and did many activities to reinforce the true meaning of Christmas. We also had a holly, jolly visitor at our school! It was magical having Santa read us a story and answer our questions about the North Pole. It is so wonderful to see the Christmas joy through their eyes!

GUMP is excited to begin 2022 by welcoming back our wonderful teachers and precious friends. As the New Year begins, we are in the midst of the preschool enrollment process for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. This time of year brings an increase in interest in our program and Parent/Child Interviews. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool, we would love for you to see if GUMP is the right fit. Please call our front office at 901-753-3109 to learn about

the wonderful things happening here.

GUMP is grateful to be a ministry of GUMC as we appreciate the support given to us throughout the year. GUMP, including our G.R.A.C.E. program (for children with developmental delays) and our Extended Care program, is successful because of the love we have for Christ and community, and the partnership we have with one another.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at GUMP, may 2022 be a year of blessings for you and your family!



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GUMC Financial Summary

GUMC BUDGETED FINANCIAL SUMMARY as of November 30, 2021 Period 11 - 91.67% of budget complete	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/UNDER BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	% ACTUAL YTD to ANNUAL BUDGET
TOTAL INCOME	2,593,300.78	2,245,011.31	348,289.47	2,985,298.82	86.87%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,534,142.60	2,518,940.53	15,202.07	2,985,298.82	84.89%
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSE	59,148.18	(273,929.22)	333,087.40	0.00	
2022 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN AS OF 12/23/2021 - 376 PLEDGES - TOTAL \$2,373,438.00					