

Week of May 31, 2026

Announcements

Lauren Wright Hobbs Nursing Scholarship - 2026 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.

Applicants should be members of GUMC and attending nursing school now or in the coming fall semester. The \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best fits the model that Lauren exemplified in her love of nursing. Students may obtain an application by sending an email to karen.oppenheim@gmail.com and submit it with all accompanying paperwork by Tuesday, June 30, 2026. The scholarship committee will review and select the recipient prior to July 6. The scholarship will be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year.

You may make donations to this scholarship fund by writing your check to GUMC, with Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship noted in the memo line. 2026 is the 13th year for this scholarship, that is dedicated to the memory of Lauren and her love of nursing, and the Emmaus Sunday school class is honored to offer this scholarship in her name.

Ministry, News and Events

Viewing online? Tap on the QR codes to access the link.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,
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Sabbath: A Seven-week Study. On Monday evenings this summer, June 1-July 13, 7-8 pm, join Chloe Granberry, as she facilitates a study by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Candler School of Theology. In this study, we will explore the biblical concept of Sabbath and what it means to embrace God's rest in the midst of our busy lives and restless world. Cost is FREE, but please register.

The Way of Wisdom - A Study of the Book of Proverbs- Join us for this 8-week Women's Bible study as we consider wisdom principles on everyday topics. | Wednesdays, June 17-August 5 | 9:45-11:45 via Zoom | Facilitated by Chesley Porteous | Register for \$28

Monthly Book Group Join us on Monday, June 22, at 10:00 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhirst. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Fourteen Adult Sunday school classes meet from 9-10 on Sunday mornings. Please check out the list of classes, locations, teachers, and topics at the Welcome Center or online and join us. Visitors are always welcome!



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 may be found in *The Tidings*.

AARP Smart Driver™ Course! GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on July 9 & 10, 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 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call...

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.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President,
women@germantownumc.org

Small Household Items Needed:

Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary (MHA) needs gently used small household items and women's accessories to be sold in MHA's gift shop in Methodist University Hospital. Collection bins will be set up in the hallway behind the Fellowship Hall, next to the kitchen, through June 30. Questions? Contact Elaine Fetzer at elaine.fetzer@gmail.com.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries;
cgranberry@germantownumc.org
Courney 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 am for snacks, games, and discussion!

This Wednesday: We will be having Summer Synergy from 3-6 pm in the Oasis—all rising 7th-9th graders are welcome to join!

This Thursday: We're having our first fun day of the summer—a zoo trip! Cost is \$35, registration is required! Go to our Sign-up & Events page for more info!

901 Mission Camp: Registration is LIVE! June 17-19 for graduated 6-12 graders! Register TODAY to get the early bird price of \$75! More information on the News and Events webpage!

Summer: Our calendar is on the website. Be sure to check out our Synergy & Synago events!

Element & High School Prayer Breakfast: Will resume this fall!

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.



Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Centenary UMC Children's Summer Reading Program
Centenary UMC has initiated the CUMC Freedom School program for the children's summer reading. Visit Centenary's website and click on Support Centenary UMC Freedom School Program to find out more about how to volunteer, donate, and serve the children or contact Pamala @ Centenary, 901.774.7604 or Deborah Thompson at yah.becky@gmail.com.

BBQ Sale Supporting GUMC's Kenya Mission Trip.

The Emmaus class is collecting orders online at germantownumc.org now until June 4 at 5 pm. Choose from a slab of ribs, pulled pork, or a pork loin for only \$35. Pick up on June 6, from 1 to 2 pm in the OLEC parking lot.



Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: bkeel@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

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): We meet from 9-10 am, each week. Child drop off and pick up is in the Huddle (room 240).

Mission Camp: July 13-17, 9 am-3 pm. For rising 5th and 6th graders. Space is limited. Register online today.

Music and Arts Camp: July 27-31, 9 am-3 pm. Registration is FULL.

Acolytes Needed: Scan QR code to sign up to acolyte! Must be in the second grade or older. There is no age limit! If your child is interested in acolyting and has not been trained, contact Becca Keel to schedule a training session.



Owings Life Enrichment Center

(OLEC) 901-753-3100

Gordon Kelly, Dir of Health & Recreation,
gkelly@germantownumc.org
Kim Marsh, Assist. Dir of Health & Recreation,
kmarsh@germantownumc.org

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon 9:30-12:30 am, Tues - Fri, 9-12 pm.

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

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/Stroller Barre: Wed, Fri, 9:30-10:45 am.

Strides 360/Body Ignite: Wed 6:15-7:15 pm.

Body Boost: Mon, 6:15-7:15 pm.

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.

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.

