



Join us as we return from summer vacation, celebrating the coming church year and growing together in faith!

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Worship. Special events throughout the day!

MORNING

Adults: Big Group Brunch 9:45-10:45

Come hungry for food, faith, and finding a group that's right for you. During our grand brunch celebration in the Activity Center, all of GPC's adult small and large groups will come together to inaugurate the beginning of a great church year. Join us for this incredible opportunity to deepen your devotion to Christ at GPC!

GPC Kids: Pancake Breakfast 9:45-10:45

An annual tradition at GPC. Visit the Kids area downstairs for a meet-n-greet with teachers and enjoy hot pancakes.

Student Ministry: Kick-Off Breakfast 9:45-10:45

Rising middle school and high school students & parents, join us in Warren Hall for what will be an exciting intro to the GPC Student Ministry!

EVENING

Chat & Charcuterie

4:40-5:00 p.m.

Join us in the 2nd floor Chapel Lobby before Evening Worship & enjoy a chance to connect through faith & fellowship.

Block Party: Arthur Road House 6:00-7:00 p.m.

After Evening worship we will come together to celebrate the newest addition to our campus. We will enjoy a fully catered dinner as we sit in the shade of the backyard. The house will be open for touring and the Discernment Committee will present their findings on possible uses for the property.





Chancel Choir resumes
Sunday morning, August 13.
Come and make a
joyful noise to the Lord!

SUMMER SESSION

GPC will host RITI guests,

Thursday, Aug 10

overnight at the church.





Scan for volunteer registration or visit gpctn.org



Cover pic: GPC High Schoolers gather on the porch for the end of the day devotional, during the Montreat Youth Conference in June.

ROSLYN LAKE VOICE RECITAL

AUGUST 4, 12:00-4:00 P.M., GPC SANCTUARY

YOUTH POOL PARTY

SAT, AUGUST 7, 5:30-8:00 P.M., FESMIRE'S HOUSE

ROOM IN THE INN SUMMER SESSION

THU (OVERNIGHT), AUGUST 10-11

KICKOFF SUNDAY

SUN, AUGUST 13



ADULT GROUPS BRUNCH

SUN, AUGUST 13, 9:45 A.M., ACTIVITY CENTER

STUDENT MINISTRY BREAKFAST

SUN, AUG 13, 9:45 A.M., STUDENT MINISTRY ROOM

GPC KIDS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUN, AUG 13, 9:45 A.M., KIDS AREA (DOWNSTAIRS)

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

BLOCK PARTY: ARTHUR ROAD HOUSE

SUN, AUGUST 13, 6:00 P.M.

GPC KIDS FAMILY FIELD DAY

SAT, AUGUST 19, 9:30 A.M., SOUTH FIELD

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

SUN, AUGUST 20

INQUIRER'S LUNCH

SUN, AUGUST 20, 12:00 P.M., WARREN HALL

JOINING CEREMONY

SUN, AUGUST 27, 9:30 A.M., GPC PARLOR

LABOR DAY

MON, SEPT. 2, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



FLORAL MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The GPC Flower Committee offers an opportunity to honor or remember a loved one or special date by creating one or two lovely arrangements to be on the chancel Sunday mornings. The cost for one is \$100 and \$150 for two. Special requests of the color and type of flowers are welcome but not guaranteed. Call the church office (901) 754-5195 to reserve a date for your honorarium.



Interested in learning more about Germantown Presbyterian Church?

Inquirer's Lunch following 11:00 a.m. service, August 20, in Warren Hall.

No reservation necessary.

Want to make GPC your church home?

We will have a joining ceremony,

Sunday, August 27

9:30 a.m. • <u>Session Room</u>

For more information, contact Debbie Ragain at 847-406-8846 or ragaindeb@msn.com



VISITOR GIFT PACKETS

You might notice baskets scattered through the church. The Membership Committee has designed a new package intended for GPC visitors. Each includes a handwritten message along with a packet of flower seeds and a sweet treat. We want all of our guests to feel welcome, so feel free to offer one to someone new.



PETALS & PRAYERS MINISTRY

GPC's Flower Ministry, Petals & Prayers has now reached 800 recipients! Begun in 2020 during the pandemic, the ministry has continued to bloom with individual visits and prayers to let them know we care and are thinking of them.



LIFE WITHOUT LACK

Evening Worship Sermon Series
Beginning Sunday,
August 13, 5:00 p.m.
Evans Chapel

Join us for this 8-week series, as we explore the satisfaction and joy one finds through a Christ driven life.



GPC... puts the "P" in Pickleball



Keep up with Pickleball news and updates at germantownpres.org/pickleball & join us on the groupme app.



SPECIAL NEEDS VBS, JULY 10-14, 2023

Each evening, participants enjoyed eating, socializing, learning about Jesus Christ, making a craft or playing a game.





































AUGUST KICKOFF EVENTS:

August 13 Meet & Greet for Kick-off Sunday

9:45-10:45 a.m. (Kids, Youth, & Adults)

Sunday School August dates: 20, 27

September dates: 10, 17, 24

(No Sunday School over Labor Day weekend, 9/3).



August 17 AMPlify Music begins with two rehearsal times:

10:30 - 11:30 AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

August dates 17, 24, 31

Sept. dates: 7, 14, 21, 28



August 23 Friendship Circle resumes!

11:00 AM - 1:00p.m.

Bring your lunch and enjoy fun and friendship

August dates: 23, 30

Sept. dates: 6, 13, 20, 27



August 25 Brunch Bunch is back!

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Free breakfast! Come fellowship with our friends

with special needs!



Childcare is available in the Nursery for the following times:

For ages: Infants-Kindergarten ONLY 8:30am service Sunday School 9:40am-10:40am

11:00am service

GPC Kids Sunday School:

9:40am-10:40am.: Ages 3 years old (potty trained) - 5th grade

9:30am: Drop off begins at your child's classroom.

10:40am: Pick up (no later than 10:45am from child's classroom)

Dates to know

August 2023

Sun, Aug 13 Kick Off Sunday/GPC Kids Breakfast Fest in

the GPC Kids Årea/ Meet their Sunday School

Teachers and see new classroom.

Sat, Aug 19 GPC Kids Ministry Family Field Day from 10am-

12pm, more details to come soon.

Sun, Aug 20, 28 GPC Kids Sunday School Fri, Aug 25 GPConnect from 6:00-9:00pm

(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

September 2023

Sun, Sept 3 NO Sunday School due to Labor Day
Fri Sept 8 Fast Forward 4th-6th graders, 6:00-8:00pm

(more details coming soon)

Sun, Sept 10 1st Grade Bible Presentation at the

11:00am service

Sun, Sept 10, 17, & 24 GPC Kids Sunday School

Fri, Sept 22 GPC Kids Family Movie Night 6:00-8:30pm

(more details coming soon)

October 2023

Sun, Oct 1 GPC Kids Sunday School

Fri, Oct 6 Fast Forward 4th-6th graders, 6:00-8:00pm

Sun, Oct 8 NO GPC Kids Sunday School

(due to Fall Break)

Sun. Oct 15, 22 & 29 GPC Kids Sunday School

Fri, Oct 20 GPConnect from 6-9pm

(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

November 2023

Fri, Nov 3 Fast Forward 4th-6th graders, 6:00-8:00pm

Sun, Nov 5, 12, & 19 GPC Kids Sunday School Sun, Nov 26 NO GPC Kids Sunday School (due to Thanksgiving break)

December 2023

Fri, Dec 1 Fast Forward 4th-6th graders, 6:00-8:00pm Sat, Dec 2 GPC Kids Christmas Extravaganza from

10:00am-1:00pm (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
An opportunity for Parent(s) to get Christmas

shopping done.

Sun, Dec 3, 10 and 17 GPC Kids Sunday School

Sun, Dec 24, 3:30pm GPC Kids Christmas Eve Service and

Performance

GPC Kids Sunday School will break for the holiday and resume on Sunday January 7, 2024. Please contact Blair Hayes GPC Kids Director if you have any questions. Email: blairh@gpctn.org.



Candidate for Ordination, Bethany Grenfell, gave the sermon on July 30, preaching the second part of **Family Reunions: Sibling Rivalries**. She is currently the Chaplain at the VA.





Friday, Aug 25, 6-9 p.m. Infants - 5th grade



Bring your kids for a night of fun & enjoy a night out on your own!

Registration now open (closes TUE, AUG 22)



Presbyterian Women will meet for the installation of new officers for 2023-24.

Luncheon will follow.

Questions? Please contact Ellie Goughnour, elliegoughnour@att.net or Ann Harbor, annflukerharbor@aol.com



PW members shared a lunch with the SLAM campers on July 11.





Enjoying the craft at Indoor Picnic at the PW Gathering in June.

SLAM SUMMER ACADEMY, JULY 10-28

Campers were challenged each day with mental and physical stimulus. They competed against other while learning about self control and listening. Thanks to PW and the Men's Breakfast team for preparing multiple lunches for the kids and staff.

Also thanks to yoga instructor, Wendy Holmes, for teaching the kids proper form.

















































FAST CORWARD KICKOFF

4TH >> STH GRADERS

FRI SEPT 8 > S10800 > GPC



FASTFORWARD KICKS OFF THIS SEPTEMBER

GPC Kids and GPC Student Ministry are working on a joint program to help our late elementary cross into Middle School with FastFoward.

FastForward is a once per month, high-energy, action-packed, always fun event dedicated to help 4th through 6th graders build lifelong friendships & encourage them to dive deeper in their faith.

Students will play games, eat dinner, and hear a curated message, all for them & other preteens.

Scan the QR code or to register your child or visit **www.germantownpres.org/fastforward**.



STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our Middle School & High School students enjoyed retreats this summer. Middle School spent a few days in Missouri at CIY and the High Schoolers enjoyed a week in Montreat, NC.

We have also put together a string of local events late in the summer to give our students a chance to gather, including a trip to Memphis Escape Rooms in July (picture above).

HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE • JUNE 10-18





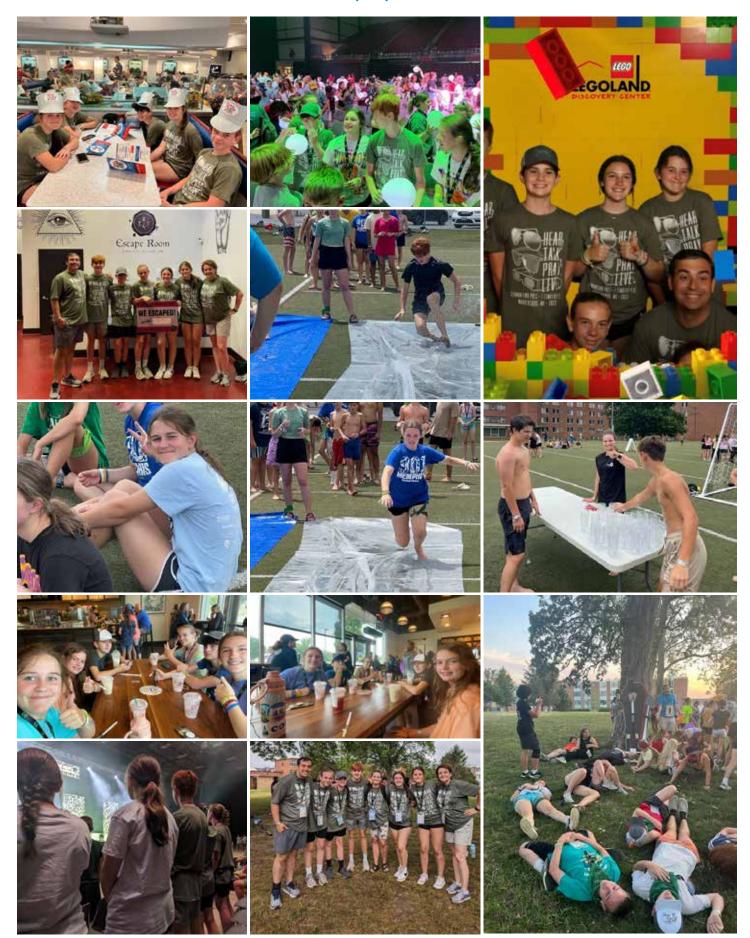








MIDDLE SCHOOL • CHRIST-IN-YOUTH (CIY) MIX CONFERENCE • JUNE 29 - JULY 2



WISHING A BIG GPC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS BORN IN

AUGUST

1	Molly Aslin					
	Beth Bowman					
2	David Waldrop					
3	Don Young					
4	Ali Slott					
	Arlene Southern					
5	Shirley Billups					
	Lelia Jones					
7	Paula Stack-Hurt					
	John Wheeler					
8	Don McCrory					
	Sara Perkins					
9	Jake Hurley					
	Barbara Logan					
10	Vache Cammack					
	Tommy Lamar					
11	Nancy Webb					
	Oscar Atkinson					
12	Jeff Day					
12	Dot Ledlow					
	Lauren Utterback					
13	Mattie Hoff					
	Melissa Ivy					
14	John Humphrey					
	Victoria Lindow					
	Ann Phillips					
15	Carol Leppert					
16	Carolee Carlin					
	Patsy Carson					
	Elizabeth Jones					
	Stephen Potter					
	Mary Lee Toler					

17	Harper Halfacre						
	Shelby Montague						
	Mary Kay Nelson						
	Steve Nelson						
18	Kim Perkins						
19	Priscilla East						
	Andrea Goughnour						
	Vernon Sneed						
20	Martha Drannon						
21	Drew Hormberg						
	Patty Jackson						
	Robert McLean						
	Karen Russell						
22	Morgan Arthur						
	Garrett Guynes						
	Sue Kelley						
23	Ken Pasley						
24	Don Evans						
24	Dick Linder						
25	Barbara Branch						
26	Debbie Moseley						
	Gary Riedel						
27	Jim Boyd						
	Jay Galyean						
	Josh Perkins						
28	Chris Fienup						
29	Drayton Mayers						
30	Jimmy Kiser						
30	Beth Willingham						

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK













Thanks to all who brought a dish and/or joined us for the Congregational Potluck on July 30. No better way to close out the summer than gathering for a meal together after worship.

FURNISHING COMMITTEE

Who and What is the Furnishings Committee?

The Furnishings Committee was created by the session in 2010 for the purpose of maintaining the interior and exterior aesthetic and style with consistency throughout the church campus. They have oversight of all new and existing furniture, fixtures, painting and flooring. They oversee the acceptance, use and placement or disposal of all donations. They oversee and make recommendations on space allocation and usage including storage. The Furnishings Committee works closely with the Building and Grounds Committee and the Business and Facilities Manager as well as other planning and strategic committees. Our campus has been shown as a model to other churches by both the architect and contractor and has won awards.

The Furnishings Committee meets throughout the year and is especially active during any church construction, renovation or disaster. The members include: Co-Chairs Mickie Nabers and Karen Fesmire, along with Helen Norman, Elizabeth Powell, Marjorie Reynolds and Kay Donahoe. They are available as needed to consult with church members and committees and to answer any questions. GPC appreciates this valuable work of the Furnishings Committee.

SAFETY UPDATE

Bollard lights have been installed on the Arthur Rd side of the campus. Both beautiful and functional, they will add considerable visibility as the days grow shorter in the Fall.





MUSIC NOTES

We call it Fall Kickoff Month .. However, we who live in the Mid-South know that August is probably the 'hottest' month of the year .. It Sure feels like SUMMER to Me!! Whatever we call it, August is the month that we kickoff a new Church Year of Programming .. things crank up .. ALL Programs Resume Full STEAM AHEAD!! Even though the Chancel Choir is on Summer Break until Sunday August 13th, Music at GPC has been going FULL STEAM All Summer. We have enjoyed a wide variety of musical offerings in worship and our Congregation has truly enjoyed the Variety.

Music in worship for the month of August:

Aug 6 We are in for a special treat as we feature
Percussionist Stan Head, and Stewart Plumlee
playing Marimba, timpani and a few other percussion
instruments as they lead us in Worship through
Music. This will be a communion Sunday; the
Marimba creates a beautiful sound and worshipful
spirit during communion. It is indeed a special
service.

Aug 13 Kickoff Sunday, the Chancel Choir will return to the 11:00 AM service, tenor, Phil Russell will be Offertory soloist at both 8:30 & 11:00.

Aug 20 Benjamin Sims, one of our youth will play piano for our Introit / tenor, Ethan Baskin will be Offertory soloist / Chancel Choir will sing an arrangement of HOW GREAT THOU ART at 11:00

Aug 27 The anthem will be SEND OUT THY LIGHT, Offertory soloist at 8:30 & 11:00 will be Marcus King

Sept 03 Soloist will be Jeff Day, tenor / The anthem will be BLESSED ARE THOSE from The Beatitudes

All of our Music Groups are open and welcome new Members. We would Love to have you join as we lead Worship!

For Children's Music talk to Karen Schowalter Cooper (901-292-1710) or Dr. Alex Benford (865-406-9664), for Handbells speak to Dr. Benford, for Chancel Choir talk to Jerold, Dr. T. (901-485-8556) or Alex, Dr. B.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up.

Pray for your fellow members in the month of August.

AUG 6

Barbara Branch
John Edmonds
Leah & George Lumm (Emma Grace, George)
Carolyn Pearce
Beth Schriner
Jackie Williams

AUG 13

Beth Bowman
Paul Boyle
Kriste & Kevin Cullum
Lindsay & Zac Overbey (Everett & Isla)
Linda & Bill Shirley
Frida Moky (Dilon, Isabella)

AUG 20

Beth & Ben Brock
Christy Campbell (Claire & Max Lino)
Tricia & Bill Frese (Brooksye, Quinn)
Teresa & Ty Hardin (Sarah)
John Rada III, MD
Jeanie & Walter Hill
Morgan & David Paris (Jean, Roy, Darcy, Rebecca)
Sandy Roberts

AUG 27

Tucker Brock
Rebekah & Tommy Bruce
Kay Donaho
Joyce Henry
Molly & Chip Miller (Andrew, Miller Grace)
Pamela Palmer
Martha Shuler
Jennifer & Brian Sims (Alia, Benjamin)



LIBRARY NEWS

Sunday morning, August 13 Event

Come visit us in the Library during the morning activities to

- Explore
- Volunteer
- See what special surprise awaits!

Let the Library Help You!

We have so many resources to share with individuals and groups: your Book Club, Sunday School Class and Bible Study may want to offer supplemental resources. We can help. We will be reaching out to groups and classes to see what you are studying to see how we can support the spiritual development of our congregation. Please email KarenJ9@comcast.net for more information.

Suggest Books for our GPC Library

Stop by the library to fill out a form to make book purchase recommendations. We want to have what you want and need in our library. In the meantime, email Karenj9@comcast.net.

Next Book Drive

Thanks again for the many books donated for the children at Binghampton Christian Academy. Going forward until our next book drive, please hold on to any books for this worthy cause. We just do not have the room store books at this time. Promise to let you know when our next book drive begins.



The Library wants you!

The library functions because of you. The more we have you, the more opportunities we can offer in your library. These can be one time events or may be ongoing as you would like to be involved. Here are some ways YOU can get involved.

- Volunteer to gather reviews of books to publish in church newsletter
- Volunteer to change our window display
- Volunteer to tell small groups about books relevant to their Bible study
- Coordinate a Youth Auction Item
- Coordinate Book Drive for Binghampton School
- Host your meeting or event in the Library

In case you were away... A FEW SUMMER MORNING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



The Class of 2026 Elders and Deacons were installed on June 11



The mission trip teams to Ghana and Mexico were commissioned before their respective trips.





A GPC tradition, the men of the church sang as a choir on Father's Day, June 18.





The organ was moved up to the front of the chancel and Alex demonstrated the beauty and complexity of the instrument on July 9 & 16. During the Time with Younger Disciples on the 16th, he shared a Star Wars themed message.







The Lake Vocal Studio Trio, led by Roselyn Lake performs *Shine on Me* during July 23 morning worship Roselyn was accompanied by students, Caia Smith and Courtnie Wilson. Caia and Courtnie also sang solos during the service.







Jeff Day provided the Children's Moment lesson and he, Joe Lyle, and Tom Tweel provided the music for the service on July 30.



EVENING WORSHIP IS GROWING!

The energy has been building in the Evening Worship this summer, and we are looking forward to kicking off the new church year at GPC on August 13. Join us at 4:40 every Sunday in Evans Chapel for Chat & Charcuterie and 5:00 worship, for what we believe is a meaningful and connectional experience through music, scripture and communion. (Photos by Sam Chesnick)



















THE SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Seekers Sunday School class meets in UL216 each Sunday morning. We are an adult class of both singles and couples. All ages are welcome.

Join us as we continue thru September 10th our study of Life Lessons from Acts by Max Lucado. We are discussing the foundation of the early church, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifices Jesus made for all people.

September 17th thru October 22nd we will be studying six lessons in the book Daniel: Faithful in All Circumstances written by Bryan Chapell and Michael Mack. We will walk through Daniel's life and learn to trust and obey God.

Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado begins October 29th and there are 12 lessons with a companion DVD. The author unwraps the promises of Christmas and discusses a lifetime of hope, all because of one baby born in Bethlehem.



GERMANTOWN CAREER SUPPORT AND NETWORKING

August Meetings: Monday, Aug. 14 & 28

(2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Community Room, Evans Chapel.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and re-lock at 6:50 p.m.

Questions? Email CarlinStuart@gmail.com, markmckeeipad@gmail.com or RobertDMann@gmail.com



GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Next meeting: Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:00 p.m., Parlor Monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday. All are welcome to attend this supportive ministry.

Contact Stephanie Wall at 901-494-7786 or stephaniewall@hotmail.com for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

UL-217 Parents of Young Children

?'s: Candace Askew candace.phillips@fedex.com

PSALM 78

UL-215 Parents of school age children rebeccafloyd1973@gmail.com

PAULA'S HEARTS & HANDS

UL 214 Women's Knitting Group **?'s:** Mary Rogers mlrogers44@bellsouth.net

THE SEEKERS

UL-216 Adults of All Ages **?'s:** Bonnie Algee bbalgee@bellsouth.net

HITS OF THE AGES

UL-218 Adults of All Ages
?'s: Alan Callicott alan@callicottinsurance.com



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MORNING

8:30-9:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School Drop off

9:40-10:40 a.m. Sunday School Hour

10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School Pickup

10:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Late Morning Worship

EVENING

5:00-6:00 p.m. Nursery Available (Community Room)

5:00-6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

6:00-8:00 p.m. Student Ministry (kicks off in August)

JUNE FINANCIALS

GPC's General Fund

		<u>June 2023, r</u>	June 2023, year-to-date				
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>
Receipts							
Offerings Received	\$	160,763	\$ 151,500	\$	1,230,404	\$	1,060,714
Other Receipts		12,466	3,833		72,424		25,344
Total Receipts		173,229	155,333		1,302,828		1,086,058
Expenses		(232,902)	(243,689)		(1,099,292)		(1,179,474)
Net	\$	(59,673)	\$ (88,356)	\$	203,537	\$	(93,416)
Debt Balance - Education Bldg. Debt Balance - Poplar Pike	\$ \$	288,072 1,300,000					

Expenses exceeded revenue in June by \$59,673, while our year-to-date results for the first six months of 2023 showed a revenue surplus of \$203,537. We expect to run deficits during the summer months but we continue to be better than expectations despite the addition of the Poplar Pike property. Please keep in mind that the church's expenses never take a vacation. We appreciate everyone's efforts to maintain their stewardship commitment throughout the year.



JUNE MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of David B. (Gibby) Gibson III

Elaine Creason Ben Hill Charles & Susan Schadt

> In memory of Jack Kelley Karen Stalker

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Sam Howard Laine Bonnie Algee



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Sunday School 9:40 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship (onsite & online)

Sunday Evening Worship

5:00 p.m. (onsite)

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.





The GPC Ministry team enjoyed being hosted by members at the Kirby Pines Pastors Lunch on June 15. **Standing:** Jean Mauney, Rev. Will Jones, Jan Thomson, Tom Sauer (Lay Pastor), Peggy Hogan, Pat Bevier, Jennie Fullmer, Rev. Mike Lyle. **Seated:** Mal Mauney, Alma Crone, Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins, Dick Bevier, Dot Hartzog, Lamar Hartzog.

Want to join GPC?

Contact Debbie Ragain at ragaindeb@msn.com or contact the GPC at 901-754-5195 or office@gpctn.org & let them know you want to join. We are excited to welcome you in!

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter electronically?

Email us at comm@gpctn.org to be removed from the US mail list and added to the email list.



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