



September 13. While we all work in the same building, we do not have much of a chance to interact with each other. It is providing a great way to get to know each other a little better.

COVER PHOTO: Evans Chapel cupola taken by Pastor Susan Carter Wiggins



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

PW BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

TUE, OCTOBER 3, 10:00 A.M., GPC

FAST FORWARD (4TH-6TH GRADERS) FRI, OCTOBER 6, 6:00-8:00 P.M.., GPC

FALL BREAK

SUN, OCTOBER 8
WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11:00 A.M., & 5:00 P.M.
NO KIDS OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
NO WORSHIP WORKS OR YOUTH GROUP

READ & PRAY BOOK CLUB

MON, OCTOBER 9,10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. ERNEST MELLOR LIBRARY

GRIEF MINISTRY

THU, OCTOBER 12, 6:30 P.M., PARLOR

MOVIN' & GROOVIN' MONDAY

SPECIAL NEEDS DANCE CLASS MON, OCT 16, 1:00-2:00 P.M., ACTIVITY CENTER

EMMAUS WALK (MEN)

THU-SUN, OCTOBER 12-15, 6:30 P.M.

PW GATHERING

TUE, OCTOBER 17, 10:00 A.M., WARREN HALL

IMAGINE THAT!

SPECIAL NEEDS MULTI-MEDIA BIBLE STORIES THU, OCT 19, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M., AC

EAT • PRAY • PLAY WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAT, OCTOBER 21, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M., NEW HOUSE

GPCONNECT

FRI, OCTOBER 20, 6:00-9:00 P.M., GPC

EVENING FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SUN, OCT. 22, 6:00 P.M., WARREN HALL

EMMAUS WALK (WOMEN)

THU-SUN, OCTOBER 26-29, 6:30 P.M.

BRUNCH BUNCH (SPECIAL NEEDS BREAKFAST)
THU, OCTOBER 27, 9:00-11:00 A.M., WARREN HALL

FALL FEST

SAT, OCTOBER 28, 3:00-5:00 P.M., OUTSIDE

ENQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW!

Questions of faith, the existence of angels, demons, and ghosts and a discussion of faith and science highlighted this well attended three-week Compass series. Thank you to our speakers, Pastor Will Jones, Pastor Susan Carter Wiggins, Pastor Mike Lyle, John Colmer, Deranda Lester, along with emcee Alan Callicott and all who

submitted questions. And a special thanks to the Compass team (lower right) who put this thought provoking series together. If you missed it, the audio is online for Angels, Demons & Ghosts and Faith & Science on gpctn.org.

Scan the QR code below or visit germantownpres.org/worship-on-sermon-net/





Kirby Pines recently held a friendship day. GPC members Jan Thomson and Mary Blanche Scott were recognized for being friends for 60 years!



Congratulations to GPC's Ed Batey on being one of 25 stories of impact recognized by MAM this year. He is being recognized for his profound impact on young lives through his dedication as a volunteer and his passion for education and mentoring. Read the whole story at mamsports.org/2023/09/mam-25-eddie-batey/



A crane lift an replacement AC compressor high above the church earlier this month. It made relatively light work of the weighty piece needed to bring cool air back to the sanctuary.



Thanks to all the GPC members who woke up early on Labor Day and helped stuff food and supply bags for MIFA, Mid-South Food Bank and Rise Against Hunger. It was a great turnout and we, along with volunteers from GPC, St. George's Episcopal, Germantown United Methodist, New Bethel Baptist, and various organizations put together 10,000 food and supply kits to help those in need!







This fall we will be spotlighting an Evening Worship musician each month. It is a group that was driven to music by their faith and enjoy the chance to honor God through their talents.

This month, we are featuring our longest tenured Evening Worship musician, De'Merteiro Lee, who has played keyboard at GPC for 3 years. Pastor Mike Lyle sat down with him to learn more about his life outside of worship, his faith story, and how music inspires him.

De'Merteiro's passion for music is only superseded by his faith in Christ. He is 26 and grew up in Memphis. A lifelong believer, he was raised in the church where his mother preached. Music has been part of his life since age 11, beginning with piano lessons. At Whitehaven High School, he played in the marching band. He earned his bachelor's degree from Visible Music College in 2020 and just received his Master's Degree from Grand Canyon University. He is currently in his third year as band director at Havenview Middle School. Teaching gives him the opportunity and reward of building up the next generation of musicians.

He sees music as one of the first the first things people want to experience when they visit a church and is the catalyst to opening hearts and minds to the spirit.

Those who attend the Evening Worship regularly, know him well from Warren Hall to Evans Chapel, and appreciate the worshipful atmosphere he brings on Sunday evenings.

To hear it in his own words, scan the QR code or visit germantownpres.org/worship-on-sermon-net/ to see De'Merteiro's entire interview with Pastor Mike.



5:00 P.M. SUNDAYS EVANS CHAPEL

GPC'S 6TH ANNUAL **EAT • PRAY • PLAY**WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Flourishing in Faith THE ART OF BECOMING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 AT GPC'S NEW HOUSE! 9AM – 2PM

COFFEE, PASTRIES, LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED!

WHY SHOULD GPC'S WOMEN R-E-T-R-E-A-T?

- **R: RELAXING RESPITE** we all need to take a break from life together with other women;
- E: EXCEPTIONAL EATING everything will be delicious!
- T: TERRIFIC TEACHING Together we will learn new ways of being followers of Jesus;
- R: RENEW, REJUVENATE, RESTORE just being in one another's company will rejuvenate your souls;
- **E: ENJOY EACH OTHER** Everyone will have a "Soul Sister" (Prayer Partner) and you'll have one another on this day and henceforth!
- **A: ASSORTED ACTIVITIES** We'll enjoy music, singing, and other activities to keep you engaged and enjoying our time together!
- **T: TREMENDOUS TOGETHER** Where 2 or 3 are gathered God is present and amazing things happen, including communion at our closing worship!

COME EAT, PRAY, AND PLAY WITH US!

Register at the GPC website: www.gpctn.org (or scan the QR code).

There are also forms available in the Narthex and the GPC office.

Scholarships available – contact Pastor Susie Wiggins: care@gpctn.org

Eat. Pray. Play T-shirts are the same as all other years. If you're got one, please wear it, and if you'd like one, we will order a limited number.









For more information: Pastor Susie Wiggins: care@gpctn.org

WRPT (Women's Retreat Planning Team): Liz Callicott, Katie Eleazer, Ann Harbor, Wendy Holmes, Suzanne Ray, Beth Willingham, and Pastor Susie Wiggins



PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

We now have one registration for participants to sign up for programs and events of their choice.

Visit germantownpres.org/specialneeds-registration/ or scan the QR code to the right to sign up your participant for our weekly programs and stand alone events.





Friendship Circle

WEDNESDAYS, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Bring a lunch)

Oct 4	Fire !	Safety	Demo	presented	by
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Germantown Fire Department

Oct 11 No meeting; Fall Break.

Oct 18 Joseph in Canaan

Oct 25 Meet at the Memphis Zoo

Nov 1 The Call of Moses



On September 13th, Friendship Circle participants gathered in costume for Superheroes Movie Day and watched Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3. Needless to say we had many "wonder" -ful women (and men) in attendance!



Come enjoy food & friends Oct. 27 • 9-11 a.m. • Warren Hall



FALL BALL NOVEMBER 11, 6:00-8:00 P.M. GPC ACTIVITY CENTER

This fall we will host our first Fall Ball – a homecoming-style, casual dance. To host 60 friends, we'll need 120 volunteers, so there IS a place for you to serve!



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce we have two new Special Needs programs that will be meeting weekly at GPC!



Movin⁹ & Groovin⁹

MONDAYS, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Kicks off on October 16

Movin' & Groovin' is an inclusive dance program brought together to us by Pam Vangilder of Ballet Memphis. She will lead a fun-filled dance class to get us moving! Wear comfortable, easy-to-move-in clothes and tennis shoes.

Fall Classes:

October 16, 23, 30 • November 6, 13



Imagine That!

THURSDAYS, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Kicks off on October 19

Imagine That! is a new GPC program offered in collaboration with the Library Committee. Parent Volunteer, Ginger Walton is working with our Library Committee to bring the Bible stories to life in all new ways! Come join us for a story, craft, and movement – to rhythms, to act or not to act, and all kinds of fun wiggle and giggle time!

Fall Classes:

Oct. 19, 26 • Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 • Dec. 7

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.





Our book is Horizons Bible Study

<u>Sacred Encounters</u>
The Power and Presence

of Jesus Christ in Luke (Books are \$10.00)

We will discuss Lesson 2, The Exorcism in Gerasa

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

PW GATHERING

Tuesday, October 17 10:00 a.m., Warren Hall

Lunch will follow

This year our speakers will be staff members. Each month, one or two will inform us of their responsibilities at GPC and also tell us some information about themselves so we will get to know each staff member better.

Our speaker for the October Gathering will be:

Jackie Williams

Director of Special Needs Ministry

If you are interested in joining PW or have questions contact:

Ellie Goughnour

elliegoughnour@att.net

Ann Harborannflukerharbor@aol.com

MUSIC NOTES

September has come and gone. We are all excited to be fully immersed into yet another program year at GPC. All Music Programs are up and running well. Chancel Choir, Worship Works for our Children, Hand Bell Choir, numerous new soloist, and new singers from the congregation have joined the Chancel Choir. We have so much to be thankful for. Thank YOU, the Congregation, for your continued support of Music at GPC!

October begins with World Communion Sunday Oct. 1st, the choir anthem during communion will be an arrangement of LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER. While the choir is being served, we will have new choir member Haena Jeong (who is from Korea) sing a vs. of BREAK BREAD in Koren, Paulina Villarreal (choir member and faculty member at UM who is from Mexico) will then sing a vs. in Spanish. This will add an international flavor to our celebration of Worldwide Communion. We are fortunate to have these excellent singers sing with us in the Chancel Choir.

ANTHEM/Soloist Schedule for October:

Oct. 1 Anthem, O LORD HAVE MERCY
Offertory, Mike Anderson, baritone

Oct. 8 Anthem, spiritual OVER MY HEAD Offertory, Isabella Wallace, soprano

Oct. 15 Anthem, MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE Offertory, Dennis Ryan, bass-baritone

Oct. 22 Anthem, HE HIDETH MY SOUL Offertory, Athena Hobbs, soprano

Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday
Brass Quintet 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Opening Hymn, A MIGHTY FORTRESS
Closing Hymn, THE CHURCH'S ONE
FOUNDATION, congregation with choir
anthem before sermon, THE BEAUTY OF THIS
SACRED PLACE

Offertory anthem, THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Nov. 5 ALL Saints Sunday (Oboe 8:30 & 11:00)
Anthem, THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, Rutter,
choir with oboe Offertory soloist, Karen Schowalter
Cooper, mezzo-soprano

Let me thank you again for the support GPC has shown for Music through the years. The annual budget as well as your contributions to our Music Fund and the TEACHEY Scholarship Fund give me the flexibility to provide special enhancements through Music in Worship throughout the church year. THANK You. It is a Team Effort, and you are an Important member of our team. I look forward to seeing YOU in Worship! - Jerold C. Teachey, D.M., Director of Ministry





Downstairs in the Noah's Ark Room. Contact Alex Benford, alexb@gpctn.org for more info.

(No Worship Works practice on October 8 due to Fall Break)



MEMPHIS EMMAUS WALKS FALL 2023

Men

Thu-Sun, October 12-15

<u>Women</u>

Thu-Sun, October 26-29

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities.

Several GPC members have attended the Emmaus Walk, and for more information contact Will Jones, Drayton Mayers, or Beth Brock, or visit the Emmaus website: www.memphisemmaus.org.



FAST FORWARD

Our 4th-6th graders enjoyed an evening of food and games with Christopher and Blair on Sept. 8 during the first FastForward of the year.



















FastForward

is a once per month, high-energy, action-packed, always fun event, dedicated to help 4th-6th graders build lifelong friendships and encourage them to dive

deeper in their faith. Students play games, eat dinner, and hear a curated message, all for them and other preteens. Scan the QR to register for the next FastForward on October 6.





INTRODUCING A NEW SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



Imagine That! is a new GPC program offered in collaboration with the Library volunteers. The Library is part of the Faith Formation Committee and wanted to reach out to all GPC ministries and encourage them to use the library in support of their work. The Special Needs Ministry, at the same time, was looking for a partner for this multi sensory program. Parent Volunteer, Ginger Walton, mother of Shaylee who is an active participant in our Special Needs Ministry, and Tamah Halfacre, from the Library Committee, simultaneously came together with this idea! Bible stories will come to life in new ways! It's the power of the Holy Spirit that brought these groups together!

Volunteers are always welcome and we encourage you to be a part of this exciting new program.

Contact Jackie Williams, Director of Special Needs Ministry, at jackiew@gpctn.org or Karen Jetton, Director of the Mellor Library, at karenj9@comcast.net to become a part of this ministry.

THURSDAYS,

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Activity Center

Fall Classes: Oct. 19, 26 • Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 • Dec. 7



Visit germantownpres.org/special-needsregistration/ or scan the QR code to the right to sign up your participant(s) for this and other Special Needs Programs



PERIODICALS, AKA MAGAZINES, ARE PART OF THE LIBRARY TOO!

Are there any Christian magazines that you would like to have in the Library?

Please let us know by emailing Karen Jetton at karenj9@comcast.net or leave us a note on the library suggestion tablet on the table. These periodicals can keep us all up to date with current information and new findings. Please consider how these resources can be of help to you in your spiritual formation.

Some ideas are:

Biblical Archaeology Review Christian History Christianity Today Horizons Presbyterian Outlook Theology Today



A wealth of knowledge is at your fingertips.

Scan here to search our archives to find books on Christianity for all ages.



WISHING A BIG GPC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS BORN IN

OCTOBER

1	Sandy Roberts		
2	Gray Carter		
4	Tricia Frese		
	Susan G. Jones		
	Jean Priester		
	Eileen Scroggin		
8	Kay Donaho		
	Jerry Huff		
9	George McGaha		
	Sarah Thompson Riley		
10	Amelia Cates		
	Michael O'Dell		
	Josh Oldham		
	Amy Phillips		
	Gerald Wilson		
	Kevin Floyd		
4.4	Aggie Losa		
11	Marci Mosley		
	Bob Schriner		
12	Addi Day		
13	Cathy Borden		
	Tucker Brock		
	Alta Simpson		
14	Amanda Walters		

15	John Colmer				
15	Larry Hak				
16	Grace Jones				
	Erin Potter				
17	Anne Allen				
	Andrew Arthur				
	Kriste Cullum				
	Ty Hardin				
	Tay Hyde				
	Mary Frances Moore				
	Josie Walker				
	Sherril Blair				
19	Daniel Feinstone				
.,	Jack Losa				
	Dot Wieters				
	Cathy Aslin				
20	Abby Chandler				
	Jim Howell				
	Norma Miles				
	Cat Rice				
	Janet Roll				
21	Tim Goss				
4 I	Katherine Willingham				

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22	Kay Collins			
	Bob Eason			
	Karen Fesmire			
23	Matthew Lindow			
24	Stacy Weiss			
26	Alyce Price			
	Nancy Wells			
	Bill Wilson			
27	Vern Barton			
	Kim Sauer			
	Neil Southern			
28	Richard Fast			
	Joe Lyle			
29	Ellie Goughnour			
	Melinda Russell			
31	Mike Zachry			



ADULT MINISTRY GROUPS

For a complete list of adult ministry groups, large and small, please visit: **germantownpres.org/ministries/adult-groups** or scan the QR code for times, meeting locations, and descriptions of each.

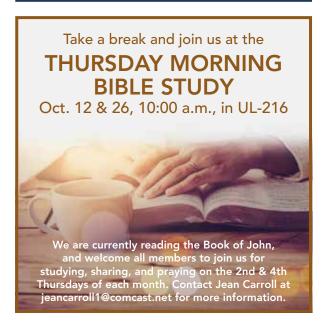


Read & Pray BOOK CLUB

Monday, Oct. 9 Ernest Mellor Library 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

In Becoming Free Indeed, Jinger shares how in her early twenties, a new family member—a brother-in-law who didn't grow up in the same tight-knit conservative circle as Jinger—caused her to examine her beliefs. His influence, along with the help of a pastor named Jeremy Vuolo, caused Jinger to see that her life was built on rules, not God's Word.

Terry Harvey will lead the discussion.





CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER PROGRAM

Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up.

OCTOBER 1

Martha & Tom Drannon Paula & David Hopkins Dale & Mike Rowland Ron & Josie Walker Cynthia Shaw Anne & Mike Zachry

OCTOBER 8

Judy & Don Chandler
Brennan & Jim Galyean
Susan & Bo Hormberg
Deranda & Caleb Lester (Darcy)
Luke McClellan
Gaye & Bob Pitts
Alta & Jim Simpson

OCTOBER 15

Brenda Bishop
Martha & Dennis Drexler
Cheri & Mike Howle
John Howle
June & Mark McClellan
Barb Poier
Suzanne Ray & Gracie
JoEllyn & David Slott
Nancy & Dave Wells

OCTOBER 22

Allegra Brown
Martha Day
Lorri & Robbie Hughes
Kathy McCoy
Marjorie Reynolds (Chancellor, Kate, Rees)
Christy & Walter Smalley
Tracy & Emmett Whitaker (Archie, Emmett)

OCTOBER 29

Shannon & Vache Cammack
Rebecca & Kevin Floyd (Charlie & Jay)
Nancy Hawkinson
Judy Jones
Kelly Phillips
Carolyn & Joel Porter
Susie & Jim Robinson

AUGUST FINANCIALS

GPC's General Fund

	August 2023, month			August 2023, year-to-date				
	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts								
Offerings Received	\$	177,266	\$ 184,600	\$	1,548,944	\$	1,395,874	
Other Receipts		10,622	4,283		96,368		33,692	
Total Receipts		187,889	188,883		1,645,312		1,429,566	
Expenses		(197,486)	(202,566)		(1,465,661)		(1,531,041)	
Net	\$	(9,597)	\$ (13,683)	\$	179,651	\$	(101,475)	
Debt Balance - Education Bldg.	\$	269,538						
Debt Balance - Poplar Pike	\$	1,200,000						

Expenses exceeded revenue in August by \$9,597, while our year-to-date results reflect a revenue surplus of \$179,651. We expect to run deficits during the summer months, but we continue to be better than expected despite the addition of the Poplar Pike property. We appreciate everyone's efforts to maintain their stewardship commitment throughout the year.

AUGUST HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS



HONORARIUMS

In honor of Fred & Helen Norman's Anniversary Patty Wiley

FLOWER FUND

In memory of GrantDick & Ellie Goughnour

In memory of Greg Morgan Susan Morgan

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of John Boyd Maize *Michael & Rebecca Cain*

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Sherry GoadDonnie & Linda Harris

In memory of Judy Hobbs

Donnie & Linda Harris

In memory of Sam Howard Lane

Donnie & Linda Harris

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bobby Lanier *Michael Cain*

In memory of Greg Morgan

Julio Aviles
Esther Gigante-Harvey
Kelly Mackenzie Hull
Fred & Helen Norman
Dr. Rodney and Susan Olinger
Violet Olsen
Barb Poier
Richard & Susan Skelton
David Slott
Jim Stevenson
Peggy, Emmett & Tracy Whitaker
Debbie Williams



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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.







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

Want to join GPC?

Contact Debbie Ragain at ragaindeb@msn.com or contact the GPC office at 901-754-5195 or office@

gpctn.org & let them know you want to join. You can also scan the QR code to the left to send us your contact information.

