

Health and Recreation

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Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

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Nursery Available: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Hours: Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Fridays 6:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;

Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Nursery Available: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon

**We will be open from 8 a.m.- noon on Memorial Day.
No childcare is provided.**

Stretch and Elongate Your Muscles with Mat Pilates! Join Agnes Walkowc on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45-5:45 p.m., or join Carissa Algea on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Mat Pilates will help improve balance, flexibility, and posture as you reduce joint pain.

Dance to Fitness with one of these excellent workout classes:

Dance Remix: Wednesday and Friday—9:30-10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold: Monday—9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday—11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,

Saturday—10:45-11:45 a.m.

Zumba: Monday and Wednesday—6:00-7:00 p.m.,

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday—9:30-10:30 a.m.

Summer Sports Camps for Kids. Our Sports Camps will be held June 21-25 and July 19-23. Camp hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This camp is for children who have completed kindergarten-6th grade. The cost per camp is \$95 each, which includes lunch and all available sports activities. Register online at www.germantownumc.org or pick up a form at the OLEC.

Summer Women's Bible Study

Beth Moore Study. "Stepping Up—a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent." (Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., June 16-July 28, Room 339) In this study, Beth Moore invites us to join her in aspiring to reach a new level of relationship and intimacy with God. Discover how if we'll let Him, God will turn each of us into true worshipers, fully released to celebrate Him, reverence Him, laugh with Him, cry with Him, and even make our complaints to Him. God is our hiding place. Our shelter through the storm. Let's find Him in a way we've not yet known. Our study will cover six weeks, each with five days of homework. No matter who you are or where you've been, this study is for you. You don't need any religious training or previous Bible study to participate in this journey. At the same time, the Psalms will challenge the serious student of God's Word to take the next step with God. The cost for the class is \$15. Childcare is available. Register online at ww.germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or jwebster@germantownumc.org.

Connection Point

Organizer Needed! The first-aid kits that will accompany the youth as they go on mission trips this summer need to be inventoried, expired items discarded, and restocked. A volunteer can take the kits home with them or organize them at the church. Contact Alison Bocking at 758-6508 or abocking@germantownumc.org for more information.

Gifts: Administration, Helps

Greeters for VBS. Want to help with VBS in an easy, but important way? Like to meet folks and make them feel welcome? We need 5-10 folks to act as VBS greeters on Monday and Tuesday of VBS week (June 7 and 8) from 8:45-9:15 a.m. Greeters welcome children and parents and help them navigate the carpool line and find their way to the appropriate area. This is an important opportunity to reach out to new families in the community and welcome them into our church home. Contact Rev. Julie McKenna at 486-0721 or jmckenna@germantownumc.org if you are available to assist.

Vacation Bible School Group Leaders Still Needed! Galactic Blast VBS will be launching soon (June 7-11). We are still looking for courageous leaders to help us reach the Son! VBS only happens with the help of volunteers, and we need you! Lead a group of children from activity to activity. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your child or grandchild and experience VBS together! Moon walking experience not required. If you are interested in this cosmic combination of faith and fun, please fill out a volunteer registration form located in the Fellowship Hall or Grace Place locations. Any questions, contact a VBS director:

Angie Hopper, 356-9600 (hopshome@earthlink.net)

Group A: Preschool-Rising Kindergarten

Janelle Crist, 758-6525 (jcrist@germantownumc.org)

Group B: Rising 1st-2nd grade

Lauren Boswell, 758-6512 (lboswell@germantownumc.org)

Group C: Rising 3rd-6th grade

Student Ministries

Alison Bocking, 758-6508, abocking@germantownumc.org

Jason Baker, 758-6515, jbaker@germantownumc.org

Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m. The evening kicks off with a snack supper (\$3) at 6 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC). Element is off tonight for Memorial Day Weekend. Join us next week, June 6, as we kick off Element Summer Nights with Tie Dye T-Shirt Night! Bring a t-shirt or two to dye and \$3 for pizza. Meet at McVay—we hope to see you there! Visit our website at www.germantownstudents.org to download a complete summer calendar.

Donate Supplies for Nicaragua. We're collecting the following new supplies to take with us on our Student Ministry international mission trip: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, pony tail holders, barrettes, Band-Aids, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, markers, rulers, adult baseball caps and visors, flip-flops for children and adults, children's vitamins, Tylenol, Advil, and sports equipment (deflated footballs, soccer balls and kickballs). Most of the items on the list may be purchased at The Dollar Store. Look for the red collection bins around church to drop-off your donations.

College Sunday School Class is Underway. We invite all rising college freshman, current students, and recent grads to join us on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. for fellowship and teaching. Rekindle old friendships and make new ones this summer as you grow in community and faith. (Room 145, old library below chapel) For more information, contact Alison Bocking, Director of Student Ministries at abocking@germantownumc.org or 758-6508.

Children's Ministries

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Two More Days to Register for VBS! Registration deadline for Vacation Bible School is June 1. Don't miss out on the fun! Bring a friend! Join us June 7-11 for an "out-of-this-world" adventure at *Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* In this cosmic combo of fun and faith, children will have a close encounter with our awesome God and be inspired to see God's amazing universe in a whole new way. Register online at www.germantownumc.org or pick up a registration form in the children's area. VBS is for children ages 4 (by 9/30/10) through rising 6th graders.

Elementary Grace Place. Grace Place is the Sunday School program for children in senior kindergarten through 5th grade, offered from 9:40-10:40 or 11:00-12:00. During summer months, Grace Place children are divided into two groups—younger and older elementary. After opening assembly in the Chapel, each group will proceed to a classroom for a Bible lesson and fun, enriching activities.

Jump Ahead With Manners! Good manners are easy and fun with role playing, games, and crafts. Classes offered: ages 5, 6, and 7—June 21-June 25. Ages 8, 9, and 10—July 12-July 16. Hours: 10-11 a.m. Cost: \$75 per child. Classes will be held at The Cottage, 2338 S. Germantown Rd. Space is limited! Your check will reserve your child's space. Applications are available at the church or contact Patty Wood at 486-2639 or pwood002@comcast.net; or Dare Bauer at 482-8740 or darebauer@att.net.

Men's Ministries

Sonrise Prayer Group. The Men's Sonrise Prayer group would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all men as we study the book of Job. The book of Job is a powerful story of deep faith in tragic times. In this study, David Hester focuses on the difficult questions raised in Job: Where is God in the worst moments of our emptiness? What are we to do when experience casts doubt on what we have always believed? Where in the world is justice? The study is held each Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in room 339. Feel free to join us at any time during this study. For more information, contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

The United Methodist Men is the organization within the United Methodist Church which is solely devoted to the men of the church. It is a ministry that seeks to deepen our relationship with God through fellowship, service, and study. Men of all ages are members of the United Methodist Men. All men in our congregation are strongly encouraged to participate by attending monthly meetings (second Saturday morning, September-May) and by supporting our mission priorities with an annual pledge of \$25 or more. Contributions, payable to the United Methodist Men, may be sent to the GUMC office. Be a part of something great! Join other men as we dream and plan, working together on projects that support ministries such as Habitat for Humanity, First Works, SASHA, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Starfish Ministry, and others. For more information contact Conrad Schanson at 755-7608 or barcons@comcast.net.



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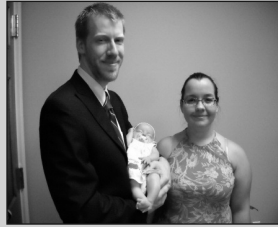
News and Events

May 30, 2010

Welcome New Members



Elizabeth MacMurray
Joined May 23, 2010



**Will and Elizabeth Griffith
and daughter, Sophia**
Joined May 23, 2010



Anastasia Fourney
Joined May 23, 2010

If you would like to know about membership at Germantown UMC, call Rev. Julie McKenna at 754-7216 or email jmckenna@germantownumc.org.

The Student Ministry of GUMC is in need of two caring, mission-oriented adults to join us as we partner with SOS (Service Over Self) the week of June 20-26. SOS is committed to serving in the beautiful but broken down community of Binghampton, an area of Memphis with lots of visible signs of poverty and neglect. The primary way that SOS serves this community is through providing free home repair. You can read more about the mission of SOS at www.sosmemphis.org. If you or someone you know is gifted in the area of missions and/or serving students, please

consider joining our team or feel free to pass this info along to someone who comes to mind. This is a wonderful way to help develop compassion in young people, and we genuinely believe this can be a vital part of an adult's spiritual journey. If you feel led to serve with us in this way, or if you simply have questions, please contact Alison Bocking, Director of Student Ministries, at abocking@germantownumc.org or at 758-6508.

Help Spread His Word! Germantown UMC has participated for years in a 4th Saturday morning (10:30 a.m.-noon) Sabbath School program at Holy Community Methodist Church on Looney Avenue. GUMC's efforts have fallen off and we need to again grab the standard and move it forward! If you heard this calling, please grab a friend and give Ann Graham a call at 756-5199. Every child should have an opportunity to hear the Word!

The Congregational Health Network of Methodist Hospital will be offering a free course on "Caring for the Dying" at Methodist University Hospital (downtown). This course examines questions concerning hospice care, medical ethics, life support, grief, and taking care of the care giver. This course is taught by experts in the field who are compassionate and caring professionals. There are a total of seven sessions that are offered on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at Methodist University Hospital beginning June 3. Register by calling Sandra Moore at 516-7481.

GUMC Has Adopted SOS (Service Over Self) the week of June 20-25, so if you're not at the beach join us in the Bing! This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for individuals, classes and families! Each summer SOS recruits local churches to "Adopt SOS" for a week of the summer, doing such things as: serving and cleaning up after meals, praying for the campers, delivering popsicles, and doing laundry. It's a powerful way to serve the servants in our city, plus it's the same week our youth team will be on site! Thanks to Emmaus, Asbury and Friends In Faith for already signing up to help with meals! We're still in need of a class to help with clean-up on Sunday, June 20, and dinner on Monday, June 21. Plus individuals to help with laundry, prayer and delivering popsicles (a great job if you have young children!) Check the website for availability at www.germantownumc.org and email Alison to sign-up

The 40-Day Love Dare. We are offering this to any couple who is willing to take a 40-day "Love Dare." This is a chance to rekindle that flame or make it burn brighter! It is a simple study that has a daily devotional and a place to write your thoughts. At the end of each day's devotion, you will be given a dare which gives you a chance to simply show an act of love toward your spouse. We will begin on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. First, we will watch the movie "Fireproof" which is all about the study that we will be doing. At that time you will receive your material and you and your spouse will begin your 40 exciting days of the "Love Dare" —just you and your spouse. No weekly meetings. We will meet back on July 15 at 6:30 p.m. to end the study. This will be an opportunity to hear from couples who would like to share about their 40-day journey, however sharing will not be required. There will be childcare offered during the times that we meet. If you are interested, contact Mary Doty at marydoty2@yahoo.com or 828-0619.

Mountain T.O.P. Adult Volunteers Needed. We're looking for one caring female, mission-oriented adult (age 22+) to join our current team of adults to attend Mountain T.O.P. with our students the week of June 12-19. Mountain T.O.P. is an Interdenominational Christian Mission, affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. You will join church youth and adults from all over the United States and form YRGs (Youth Renewal Groups), made up of six to seven youth and two adults from different churches. Whether the project includes building a porch, painting a room, or repairing a fence, the service is founded in Christian compassion. For more information, contact Jason Baker, Associate Director of Student Ministries, at jbaker@germantownumc.org or 758-6515.

Seeking Mission Prayer Partners. Be a part of our youth mission trips by praying daily for our mission trip participants while they are away serving Christ in different parts of the country and world. This is a wonderful way to be involved in our mission trips—especially if you are unable to travel to the mission trip destination. As a prayer partner you will simply pray specifically for a youth or adult during their mission week. You will receive a photo of the youth or adult that you're praying for, specific prayer requests, and a prayer bracelet. We need close to 100 adults to pray! Sign-up today by visiting our table in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall or visit www.germantownumc.org and sign-up online.

Older Adults

These events are for everyone—singles and couples. Our activities are open to anyone age 55 and older regardless of church membership

Senior News—XYZs July Event! Come with us to AutoZone Park to see the 2009 Pacific Coast League Champion Memphis Redbirds play the Nashville Brewers on Thursday, July 8, 2010. We depart at 6 p.m., and the

cost is \$14 per person *plus dinner on your own*. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Thursday, June 10.

Senior News—AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Class! GUMC and AARP will present the "55 Alive Driver Safety Program," an instructional defensive driving course for people age 55+ on Monday and Tuesday, June 28 & 29, 2010 from 9 AM-1 PM. The class will meet in Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom) in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$12 for AARP members (\$14 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Geoff Pratt at 755-4091 to register. This class will be closed at 30 participants, so sign up soon.

Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 758-6516, dsmith@germantownumc.org

Adults in Missions at Mountain T.O.P. It is time to sign up for the summer week of AIM (Adults in Ministry). This is the adults part of Mountain T.O.P. We do a little more difficult construction projects than our youth teams (minimum age is 19), and stay on the same site all week. We really get close to the family we are working with and that leads to some strong bonds amongst the team members as well. It is just one of those experiences that is impossible to describe, but one you will never forget and will cherish the rest of your life. If God is calling you to a short term mission project to really get out of your comfort zone for a week then this is for you. The two dates are June 13-19 or June 27-July 3. If you have questions or would like to sign up please call Doug Warner, 755-9729, Linda Colebank, 624-2429, or Sharon Ritz, 754-9070.

Kenya Mission Trip. Our mission team will be traveling to Kenya June 24-July 9 on its fourth year to help African AIDS orphans. In addition to building a home for an AIDS orphaned family, the team plans to take needed medical supplies to Maua Methodist Hospital, help with construction projects at the hospital, help the hospital staff with patient care and technical equipment repairs, conduct a bush clinic and a Vacation Bible School, lead a hospital chapel service, and sponsor a group of AIDS orphans (Giving Hope Empowerment Program) for a two-day course of study at the Methodist Bio-Intensive Agricultural Training Center. *Current roster:* Carrie Allison, Terry Aust, Catherine Childs, Valerie Foster, Amy Fink, Joseph Oros, Allison Raines, Peggy Raines, Megan Richards, Brandon Whiteley, Rev. Deborah Smith, Donna Thurmond, Barry Smith, and Susan Hillebert Smith. Contact Susan Hillebert at bssh@bellsouth.net or 359-6954 if you have questions.

Medical Equipment for Maua Methodist Hospital. An anonymous donor has committed to match funds up to \$10,000 for the purchase of much needed technical medical equipment and supplies for Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya. Our team will be taking these supplies to Kenya in June. Designate Kenya matching funds on your check or give online at www.germantownumc.org.

Chernovsti, Ukraine Mission Trip—October 7-18. Are you interested in being a part of a servant ministry team traveling to southern Ukraine, near the Romanian border? Supporting the ministry of the United Methodist Church, we will work alongside Pastor Sasha in these ministries: disabled children, older adults, young marrieds, men's ministry, evangelism, family relationships, and worship. People are eager to meet Americans and through these relationships we can share the love of Christ and invite them to church! We will have the opportunity to learn and grow from Victor, the worship leader who was the trumpet player for the Gorbachev Presidential Band, and Vasalyana, who grew up as a Muslim, now an active church

member; and Sasha, who is active in a Christian theatre church group. Chernovsti, Ukraine, has a rich history from its Austrian and Hungarian past. For details, contact team leaders Conrad and Barbara Schanson at 755-7608 or Rev. Deborah Smith at 754-7216 or dsmith@germantownumc.org.

Improved GUMC Security at Night. Recently we have noted increased encounters between those seeking assistance (or present for other reasons) and GUMC members attending committee meetings and other evening activities at the church. While our policy is to always provide assistance whenever possible, these encounters, late in the day, can sometimes be awkward, threatening and potentially dangerous. Several weeks ago, an adhoc group was convened to consider this issue and make recommendations to improve evening security when church activities are in progress. Several of the recommendations are now being pursued. As a first step, our main entrance and the northeastern entrance now offer key code-equipped reader boxes. The boxes resemble the standard model except for the addition of digits. These boxes will unlock doors when the standard fob or proxcard is used and/or by keying in a 5 digit PIN code. Specific groups or ministries within the church may request individual PIN codes for their use. PIN codes can be changed or deprogrammed whenever necessary. The use of PIN codes allows the church to be routinely locked at the close of business each day (except for special, church-sponsored occasions) with other groups being able to enter the church after hours at will. The PIN code also re-locks the door immediately after the user has entered the building; thereby eliminating the need to leave doors unlocked throughout a meeting or activity. We will begin routinely locking the church at the close of business each day in the near future. If your group desires a PIN code by which to access the church after hours, please contact Don Rhoads at drhoads@germantownumc.org.



Columbarium Update. Groundbreaking services celebrated beginning construction of a new columbarium at Germantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 11, 2010. The ceremony, officiated by Rev. Rick Kirchoff, took place in McVay Gardens, which is situated near the site of the original Germantown Methodist Episcopal Church established in 1840. The columbarium will enhance the historical Germantown Cemetery which served the Germantown community for 125 years. The columbarium, a place for the interments of remains, is the result of almost three years of planning. The McVay Gardens Columbarium provides for an important spiritual component in the lives of Germantown United Methodist Church families while perpetuating the historical legacy of the church in the Germantown community.