

## Health and Recreation

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### **Owings Life Enrichment Center** (OLEC)

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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 a.m.-12:00 noon

**July Sports Camp.** June Summer Sports Camp registration is now closed. However, there is plenty of space available in the July Summer Sports Camp. Registration for the July camp starts June 13 and ends July 11. July Sports Camp runs from July 19-23 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to register and participate. The cost is \$95 for the whole week.

**June Group Exercise Special.** Get one free "Abs" class with the purchase of a 10-class punch card. Choose to redeem your free "Abs" class coupon on either Abs45 (Tues./Thurs., 10:30-11:15 a.m.) or Core Fitness (Thurs., from 7:00-8:00 p.m.) This is the perfect opportunity to try out a new class, add some variety to your routine, and tone up your core for the summer. See an OLEC staff member, get a punch card and get your free "Abs" class coupon!

**Summer Massage Special.** All hour-long massage services are only \$50 for the entire summer. Just contact Carol Panasuk, LMT, at 292-5913 to book your appointment. Gift certificates are also available!

**Childcare While You Exercise.** This summer, in addition to the regular OLEC nursery hours (9 a.m.-12 noon M-F) for children 6 months-5 years old, the OLEC is also offering the following:

*FitFunKIDS*—Childcare for children ages 6-12 while Mom or Dad exercises at the OLEC or stays on the GUMC campus. *FitFunKIDS* will meet in the OLEC gym from 9:00-12:00 Tues/Thurs during the summer, from June 15-August 5 (excluding 6/22, 6/24, 7/20, 7/22 due to Sports Camps). Children will play games in the gym, eat a snack, do mini devotionals, and do crafts. Activities will vary by day and time and children can be dropped off and picked up anytime throughout *FitFunKIDS*, as it is a childcare option and not a camp.

**Monday Night Childcare.** During summer Monday nights (beginning Monday, June 21 and running through Monday, August 2), the OLEC nursery will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Attend Group Cycling (6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Cycle Room), Zumba (6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Dance Room), Strength and Conditioning Bootcamp (7:00-8:00 p.m. all around OLEC), or simply jump on a treadmill while our trained staff watch your children in the nursery. Contact Erica Puryear, Nursery Coordinator, with any questions at 753-3100, ext. 404, or epuryear@germantownumc.org.

## 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 [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or [jwebster@germantownumc.org](mailto:jwebster@germantownumc.org).

## Student Ministries

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**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). Join us tonight for All Game Night. Join us for outdoor games such as badminton, bocce ball, cornhole and more! Bring \$3 for pizza and ice cream sandwiches. Meet at McVay—in case of rain, we'll meet at the OLEC. Visit our website at [germantownstudents.org](http://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](mailto:abocking@germantownumc.org) or 758-6508.

## 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.

## **GUMC STUDENT MINISTRY NO LONGER WANTS VOLUNTEERS.**

There are two words that youth workers in the church should consider banning from their ministry vocabulary. The first is "volunteer," and the second is "chaperone." We simply do not think that those labels capture the joy and adventure that is wrapped up in ministry to and with students. Perhaps we should consider these titles (though some may disagree because they would be a mouthful to say) for those who sign on to practice the gift of passionate presence with middle school and high school students:

- "One who finds new life on their own spiritual journey from time spent with teens."
- "One who holds a young person's deepest identity until he or she is able to see it too."
- "One who meets Christ, as He has promised that we will, in the lives of those who have been abandoned and marginalized in our society."
- "One who models our Lord by leaving their place of comfort and entering into the torn and bruised world of adolescence."
- "A guide, a leader, a model, and a trusted person of influence."

We hope the above titles give you a snapshot of what it really means to serve with students. If you feel God leading you to invest in the lives of our students or would like more information on joining our team, contact Alison Bocking, Director of Student Ministries at 758-6508 or email at [abocking@germantownumc.org](mailto:abocking@germantownumc.org).

# News and Events

June 13, 2010



### **Germantown United Methodist Church**

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Rick Kirchoff, Senior Pastor



**Linda Lucas Joins GUMC Staff.** We are pleased to have Ms. Linda Lucas join the staff of Germantown United Methodist Church. Linda will serve as Office Supervisor, providing administrative support for the Chief Administrative Officer and others, and supervision and guidance for other administrative support personnel on staff. Linda brings a wealth of experience to her new position, having provided similar services to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis Business Group on Health and Rhodes College. Linda is an active member of Hope Presbyterian Church. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri. Linda is located in the 3rd floor administrative office area at extension 127, and her email is llucas@germantownumc.org. Her addition to our staff is in response to the recent SPRC-sponsored initiative that will more optimally organize our staff for our transition to a new Senior Pastor. Other administrative support changes will also be forthcoming as part of this initiative. For further information on the initiative, please contact Linda Lucas or Don Rhoads at drhoads@germantownumc.org, or any member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Please welcome Linda to her new responsibilities . . . and to our church!

## Announcements

**FirstWorks Fundraiser.** The Emmaus Class will be barbecuing Baby Back Ribs and Boston Butts just in time for your July 4th gathering! The ribs are \$25 per rack and the Boston Butts are \$30 each. Boston Butts are great for making pulled pork sandwiches. They weigh approximately five pounds (enough to feed 10-12 people). We will be taking orders on Sunday June 6, 13, and 20 in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. The "cook/pick up date" is Saturday, June 26. All profits go to FirstWorks.

**Popsicle Delivery Crews NEEDED and More at SOS Adoption Week!** 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! We need 2-3 popsicle crews on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-3:30 p.m. (great job if you have young children), two individuals to help with laundry on Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and a few folks to help grill at the picnic on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Check the website for availability at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) and/or email Jessica Webster to sign-up at [jwebster@germantownumc.org](mailto:jwebster@germantownumc.org).

**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!

**Bring Your Aluminum Cans to Church.** Rinse out aluminum cans and bring them in plastic bags to the church for recycling. Revenue from recycled cans is given to the Church Health Center. The recycling center is located between the fountain and the children's playground on the west side of the church.

**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.

## Missions

*Rev. Deborah Smith, 758-6516, [dsmith@germantownumc.org](mailto:dsmith@germantownumc.org)*

**Send-A-Child-To-Camp.** Each year, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers sponsor 35 children for a week at Lakeshore Methodist Camp. Anyone who would like to make a donation to help an inner-city child experience a wonderful week at a Christian camp, please make your checks out to GUMC and note "Lakeshore Camp" on your check. We appreciate any amount you can give!

**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](http://www.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](mailto:bssh@bellsouth.net) or 359-6954 if you have questions.

**Chernovosti, 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 Vasalya, who grew up as a Muslim, now an active church member; and Sasha, who is active in a Christian theatre church group. Chernovosti, 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](mailto:dsmith@germantownumc.org).

## Children's Ministries

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**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. This summer, children who just finished kindergarten-2nd grade will learn about the stories from Genesis. From Adam and Eve to Joseph and his coat of many colors, Genesis is filled with stories of God's awesome power and amazing compassion. Children who just completed 3rd-5th grades will learn about the many heroes of the Old Testament. There is much to discover about these courageous followers of God. Kids will enjoy a video, discussion, and activities focusing on a different "hero" each week.

## 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: AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Class Update.** The "55 Alive Driver Safety Program" class, scheduled for June 28 and 29, is full. If you wish to take the class elsewhere, call Geoff Pratt at 755-4091, and he will tell you where other classes are being taught and which ones have openings. If you wish to take the class at GUMC, the next class we sponsor will October 18 and 19. Call Geoff and he will put you on the list for that class.

**Senior News—XYZs August Event!** Come with us to AutoZone Park to see the 2009 Pacific Coast League Champion Memphis Redbirds play the Omaha Royals on Tuesday, August 3, 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, July 8.



## Dedication Service Planned for McVay Gardens Columbarium

Phase I of The McVay Gardens Columbarium is now virtually complete. Landscaping was completed last week and the niches were completed on June 3. Memorial plaques will be completed the week of June 7. 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 McVay Gardens Columbarium is a place for the inurnment of the cremated remains of family and loved ones. As such, it 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.

We are now planning a Dedication Service to occur later this month. (Date to be announced.) Please plan to view the McVay Gardens Columbarium at your convenience. You will find that it is a beautiful addition to the McVay Gardens area! We invite additional enrollments in our columbarium. If you are interested in becoming a McVay Gardens Columbarium enrollee or desire additional information, please contact Valerie Foster at [vfoster@germantownumc.org](mailto:vfoster@germantownumc.org) or Linda Lucas at [llucas@germatnownumc.org](mailto:llucas@germatnownumc.org).

## Are you Looking for a Great Preschool for Your Child?

Germantown United Methodist Preschool is the place to be!

- We serve children 6 months to five years of age
- Our hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Our calendar runs from mid-August to mid-May
- We are a three-star rated program with TN-DHS

Come by and visit us any weekday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. No appointment necessary! Applications for enrollment are available on the website at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or at the preschool office. For more information call Germantown United Methodist Preschool at 753-3109 or email [preschool@germantownumc.org](mailto:preschool@germantownumc.org).