

## 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).

## Inquirer's Class

**Inquirer's Class: Sunday, June 27, 9:40 a.m.** (Room 329)

- Want to learn more about Germantown United Methodist Church?
- Wonder where you might fit in?
- Interested in programs for yourself or your children?
- Never been to a United Methodist Church before?
- Thinking about joining?

No reservations are needed! For more information, contact Rev. Julie McKenna at [jmckenna@germantownumc.org](mailto:jmckenna@germantownumc.org) or 754-7216.

## Student Ministries

Alison Bocking, 758-6508, [abocking@germantownumc.org](mailto:abocking@germantownumc.org)

Jason Baker, 758-6515, [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto: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 will not meet tonight due to Father's Day. Join us next week for Movie & Popcorn Night! For more information on our summer schedule, visit our website at [www.germantownstudents.org](http://www.germantownstudents.org)

**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.

## Health and Recreation

Carissa Algea, Director, 753-3100, [calgea@germantownumc.org](mailto:calgea@germantownumc.org)

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### Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

2323 West Street, Germantown, TN · 901-753-3100

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.** Our 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 per child, which includes lunch and all available sports. Register online or pick up at form at the Information Center.

**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, through 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](mailto:epuryear@germantownumc.org).



**A special thanks to all the volunteers** who helped make Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School a tremendous success! Over 350 children participated this year—a record number! We could not have provided this exciting five-day outreach program without the countless volunteers who: greeted children and families as they arrived, brought in snacks for front-line volunteers, photographed the children, prepared decorations at home, donated items for decorations, and helped decorate the rooms and hallways to create an awesome Galactic experience! And of course, we're thankful for all the mission specialists, mission pilots, youth helpers, and other volunteers who shared their time and talents during VBS week. Through the combined efforts of all our wonderful volunteers, our children were able to experience our awesome God in a whole new way!

## 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.



## Germantown United Methodist Church

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Rick Kirchoff, Senior Pastor

# News and Events

June 20, 2010



**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. 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.

## 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 today in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. The "cook/pick up date" is Saturday, June 26. All profits go to FirstWorks.

**"Dreams and Wholeness and the Meditation Process."** Dr. William Walker of the McVay Counseling Center will be presenting this seminar on July 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10 a.m.-noon at the McVay Counseling Center, 2305 McVay Rd. The purpose of this seminar is to help reconnect people with their dreams and the healing nature of the Spirit. To register, call Dr. Walker at 756-7666.

**Crews Still Needed at SOS This Week.** GUMC Has Adopted SOS (Service Over Self) the week of June 20-25. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for individuals, classes and families! We have had great response thus far, but still have a few jobs to fill:

- *Popsicle Delivery* on Friday, June 25 from 2-3:30 p.m.
- *Laundry:* Friday, June 24 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- *Picnic:* Friday, June 25 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Two volunteers are needed to grill, and a few more folks are needed to pack up picnic supplies, fill up coolers, etc., to take to Binghampton Park.

To register, contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or 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

**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!

**Adults in Missions at Mountain TOP: July 23-August 3.** 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. 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..

**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 Vasalya, 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.

## Children's Ministries

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

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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. 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.

## Adult Sunday School

**"Faith and Family" Sunday School Class Summer Study.** Faith and Family is a class of single and married parents or other guardians of older elementary through college age children. If you are facing the challenges of parenting a pre-teen or adolescent, join us this summer as we discuss "Parenting with Values." Faith and Family meets Sundays at 11 a.m. in room 240, located between the sanctuary and the chapel.

**Family Matters:** If you have a prayer request, birth announcement, or death notification, please contact Jackie Lewis at jlewis@germantownumc.org or call 758-6519.

**Sanctuary Flowers / Rosebuds:** For reservations or more information, contact Carolyn Browder at 568-2323 or cb2323@comcast.net.



## **Dedication Service Planned for McVay Gardens Columbarium**

As you are aware, Phase I of The McVay Gardens Columbarium is now virtually complete. 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 fall on September 19. We invite additional enrollments in the columbarium. Please note also that, as a McVay Gardens Columbarium enrollee, you may memorialize a spouse or loved one interred or inurned at another location with a Memorial Plaque. This plaque can be permanently installed adjacent to our columbarium niche locations to remember and memorialize those members and loved ones not at our location.

If you are interested in becoming a McVay Gardens Columbarium enrollee or desire additional information, please contact Valerie Foster at vfoster@germantownumc.org or Linda Lucas at llucas@germantownumc.org.

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!