

Acolytes: 11:00 a.m.—Clay Stewart and Elizabeth Evans

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

GUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. We offer caring, one-on-one ministry during difficult times in life. The care receiver will be prayed for, listened to, and will receive Christian caring in a confidential manner. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 or satkins@germantownumc.org for more information.

Offices Closed. Church offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 5.

In the Hospital

- Will Consolo, Methodist Germantown, rm 327S
- Melissa Hayes, Methodist Germantown, rm Pavillion 318
- George Minmier, Methodist Germantown, rm CICU 10
- Fred Smith, Baptist Memorial, rm 2381
- Gene Goodale, Sr., Primacy Healthcare and Rehab, rm 110A
- Len Greenwalt, Primacy Healthcare and Rehab, rm 210A
- Bob Howerton III, Health South Rehab, rmRoom 109A
- Vicki Haramoto, Baptist Rehab Germantown, rm 205

We Extend our Deepest Sympathies to:

- David and John Cook in the death of their mother and grandmother, Edna Cook, on June 21.
- Shirley Gee in the death of her sister, Marcelyn Guinn, on June 26.
- Danny Verneuille in the death of his father, Billy Verneuille, on June 28.

Prayer Concerns:

Kitty Bradley, Jane Eveland, Hazel Goodale, Wilma Hendrix, Bob Lynn, Olivia Posey - daughter of Michael & Molly Posey, Miner Reynolds, Myra Thomas, Jason Watkins, Chris West, Bill Wright, John Becker - friend of Carolyn Gates, Walter Beggerly - friend of Jackie Lewis, Bill Blandford - friend of Don Hinshelwood, Bob Brown - cousin of Sue Myers, David Conine - brother of Phil Conine, Jane Fielder - mother of Kathy Kabel, Suzanne Forbus - mother of Lauren Boswell, Janet Green - friend of Charles & Maureen Drummond, Dianne Hill - friend of Mary Ellen Kemker, Bill Hollandsworth - uncle of Sue Myers, Betty Ingram - mother of David Jones, Walter Joshlin - son of Bill & Charlotte Joshlin, Theda Manning - mother of Tim Dalfume, Brian McKinley - son of Jim & Linda McKinley, Tina McNeil - friend of Kristi Holland and Hope Jones, Brenda Smith - daughter-in-law of Terri-Lyn & Alan Smith, Emily Smith - daughter-in-law of Terri-Lyn & Alan Smith, Todge Smith - son of Terri-Lyn & Alan Smith, Gabriel Taylor - son of Jeremy & Rhonda Taylor, Bob Lilly - brother-in-law of Don Hinshelwood

Family and Friends Serving Overseas:

Afghanistan: Tyler Blackiston - nephew of Bart & Charla Sparks; Barclay Montgomery - grandson of Bob & Ellie Pelts & nephew of Steve & Barbara Stapleton; David Mowbray - friend of Dotty Carter; Keith Poyner - friend of Dotty Carter; Ryan Reagan - friend of Bart & Charla Sparks

Iraq: Terry Baker - brother of Jason Baker; Ben Moore - nephew of Del & Jo Mercer & Linda Fann; Richard Ott - friend of Mindy Fischer; Jason Richards - friend of Carrie Allison; Adam Wright - nephew of Joel & Sue Myers

Korea: Ryan Robison - nephew of Harris Lewis

Okinawa: Bradley Sparks - son of Bart and Charla Sparks

Persian Gulf: John Perkins - husband of Erica Lewis Perkins; son-in-law of Randy and Jo Lewis

Special Concerns:

Rev. Pat Whaley, SASHA Ministry in Russia, Kenya Mission Trip: June 24-July 9, Nicaragua Youth Mission Trip: July 3-10

Children’s Ministries. Grace Place (a rotation model Sunday School) is offered for children in Sr. K through 5th grades at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and is located in the education building (south of sanctuary). We offer a safe, positive, nurturing learning environment for children that seeks to establish a firm foundation for their spiritual growth. In addition, we offer seasonal events for families and friends, and short-term small group courses on Wednesday evenings. Contact Lauren Boswell at 758-6512 (lboswell@germantownumc.org), or Janelle Crist at 758-6525 (jcrist@germantownumc.org).

Nursery and Preschool. We provide well-supervised, fun-filled classes for infants through Jr. K during all worship services. The preschool suite is located on the Sanctuary level off the north side of the narthex. We utilize a paging system to maintain contact with parents, if needed. Contact Angie Hopper at 356-9600 (hopsHOME@earthlink.net).

Student Ministries. Germantown Student Ministries provides a complete program for our Jr. and Sr. High students. This includes weekly meetings, Bible studies, missions opportunities and trips throughout the year. Sunday School classes for Jr. and Sr. High students meet at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Contact Alison Bocking at 758-6508 or abocking@germantownumc.org.

Older Adult Ministries. There are many opportunities for adults age 55 and older to be active and involved at GUMC. The Older Adult Council sponsors a monthly Brown Bag Lunch series about relevant topics of interest to seniors. The XYZs take monthly nominally priced day trips to places of interest in the greater Memphis area. For more information call Luci Cromer at 755-0803. There are also many opportunities for service to the older adults of our church family. For more information contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Adult Ministries. Through Christian education we are inspired and challenged to know and experience God, claim and live the promises of God, and grow and serve as Christian disciples. We offer over 20 adult Sunday School classes. Adult Sunday School classes meet at 8:30 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A complete list of classes is available at the Welcome Center, and you are encouraged to visit classes. If you would like help in finding a Sunday School that best suits your needs, contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216 (rluter@germantownumc.org). In addition, we encourage you to participate in short-term study groups, Wesley Covenant groups, Beth Moore Bible Studies, and in-depth Bible studies such as *Disciple*, *Jesus In the Gospels*, and *Christian Believer*.

Health and Recreation Ministries. GUMC offers an array of activities through the year for children and adults, both members and non-members. These include on-going exercise classes, personal training, and team sports. Contact Carissa Algea at 753-3100 or email calgea@germantownumc.org.

Women’s Ministries. The women of GUMC invite you to join them in their journey of spiritual growth and encouraging, loving friendships. Through Circle meetings, Bible studies, and luncheons, we encourage women to find their place of service. For more information call Laura Meanwell at 754-7216 or lmeanwell@germantownumc.org.

Men’s Ministries. The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at the Picadilly Restaurant on Exeter Rd. There are also several men’s prayer groups that meet on a regular basis. Contact Conrad Schanson at 755-7608 or barcons@comcast.net.

Missions. We believe missions include spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and serving others in His name. If you would like some help finding your special place of service, contact Rev. Deborah Smith at 754-7216, ext. 118.

Congregational Care. The mission of Congregational Care is to provide timely and effective pastoral care to our sick, bereaved, and all in need through professional staff and lay volunteers. Contact Rev. Steve L. Atkins, Minister of Congregational Care, at 758-6510 or email brhoads@germantownumc.org. Elder Care Ministry Coordinator, Beverly Rhoads, may be reached at 754-7216, ext. 107.

Weekday Preschool. Our preschool provides a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children (ages 6 months-5 years) to grow to their fullest potential emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically, and cognitively. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Susan Bryant at (901) 753-3109 or email preschool@germantownumc.org.

Music Ministries. From Children’s Choirs beginning at age 3, the youth choir and handbells, to our Adult Chancel Choir and handbells, we are committed to excellence in music and worship. Contact Jim Thrash at 758-6526 or email jthrash@germantownumc.org.

The McVay Counseling Center at Germantown UMC provides high quality, affordable counseling from a Christian perspective for our church family and the community. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Dr. Dewaine Rice at 758-6523, drice@germantownumc.org; Christina Burns at 758-6524, ctburns@bellsouth.net; or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

July 4, 2010

8:30, 9:40, 11:00

Entrance

PRELUDE

Marche Triumphal

ALEXANDER GUILMANT

WELCOME AND GREETING

***CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

Hymn Medley

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! My God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.**

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lighting of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.**

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on!**

**My Country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

**Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom’s song;
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

***COLLECT**

(Minister)

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ARR. SCHWOEBEL
The Navy Hymn

Communion offerings are designated gifts used in the mission giving of our church and are left at the communion rail when receiving the sacrament. As we offer our gifts to God, we bring forward the bread and cup of communion, remembering God's gift of salvation.

SERMON **"Words Matter"** Rev. Rick Kirchoff
(Colossians 2:2-6)

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have failed to be an obedient church,
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
a time of silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All singing together:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People (singing together): Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *American Hymn Tunes* ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

Communion at 8:30 is served at the chancel rail and those who are able kneel for communion. After receiving the wafer and cup, remain kneeling and receive the pastor's blessing and dismissal. Communion at 9:40 and 11:00 is given by intinction. There are three stations: one on the center aisle for those who prefer to have a prayer time at the chancel rail after receiving communion; and one on each of the outer aisles for those who prefer to return to their seat for prayer after receiving the communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Going Forth

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Those wishing to present themselves for church membership may come to the chancel.

HYMN 698

God of the Ages

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE 143

On Eagle's Wings

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

POSTLUDE

Stars and Stripes Forever

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA

Today in Worship

Welcome! We celebrate you worshipping with us today. Join us between services in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall for a time of light refreshments. If you would like to know more about church membership, contact Rev. Julie McKenna at jmckenna@germantownumc.org or 754-7216.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers gracing our sanctuary this morning are given by several families.

- Honoring George Kizziah and his 90th birthday on June 7.
- In joyful celebration of Betty & Leland Duke's 48th wedding anniversary on July 7.
- In honor and memory of our wonderful son, Tommy Oviatt, whom we lost (on July 4, 2006) at the age of 32. These flowers are given by his loving family; his Mom & Dad, Sharon & Tom Oviatt; his daughter, Payton Elizabeth Oviatt, now 6 yrs old, of St. Louis, Mo.; and his sister, Tammy Jacobi and her immediate family, who also live in St. Louis. Given with love forever and always.

Celebrating today, July 4th, with our country's red, white and blue.. our 234th birthday! God Bless America!

Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones or commemorating a special occasion. Approximately half the year is open, including dates in June, July, and August. Forms are located in the Information Center on the lower level. For more information, contact Carolyn Browder at cb2323@comcast.net, 568-2323 (cell) or 748-2323 (home).