

Sunday School Celebration

Are you in a Sunday School class? If not, you are missing out on one of the most meaningful opportunities at Germantown UMC. There are lots of classes with different curricula, different formats, different times, different life stages. Our Adult Sunday School classes learn together, play together, serve together, and care for one another. Want to have a group of friends that are there for you? Want to be a more devoted disciple? Become a part of an Adult Sunday School Class, and you will. If you would like to know more, come to the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 15** between 9 a.m. and noon for our "Sunday School Celebration." Many Adult Sunday School classes will have displays set up and members will be there to talk with you about their class. If it's time for you to get more plugged into the life of the church, this is a great opportunity. Come and see what groups are available and find out a little about the missions with which they are involved, the studies in which they are engaged, and the relationships they have to offer! All classes are open and eager to have visitors, and all classes hope that you will find the small group that is home for you. So, please try an Adult Sunday School class . . . and if it's not what you need right now in your life, try another! Also at the Sunday School Celebration we will have a Cokesbury Book Store representative with resources that might be of interest to you, individually, or for your small group or Sunday School Class. We encourage you to come and browse!

Confirmation Classes

Do you have a middle schooler who has not been through confirmation in the United Methodist Church? Confirmation is for kids in grades 6 and up. It is a time where children "coming of age" can learn the core of the Christian faith and claim it for themselves. Registration is available at germantownumc.org. Orientation for parents and students is scheduled for August 22 at 6 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Classes are held each Sunday night from August-April. The confirmation program includes field trips to a synagogue and a Catholic church, a fall and winter retreat, and evenings of fun-filled skits, games, and interactive learning. Contact Rev. Julie McKenna at jmckenna@germantownumc.org or 758-6514 for more information.

Christian Believer

Beginning on Sunday, August 22, Dr. John Adams will be leading the study *Christian Believer*. This is a 30-week study of the beliefs of the Christian faith. The participants will study Scripture and the writings of early and modern church leaders to understand the Scriptural basis and historical framework of Christian doctrine. Participants should have completed *Disciple 1* or another in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments. The class will be held on Sunday nights in Room 233 from 5:30-8:00. The study manual and book of readings are \$40. Register at germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or jwebster@germantownumc.org. If you are interested, but have questions about the study, please contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at rluter@germantownumc.org.

Edwin's Way 5K

The first annual Edwin's Way 5K will take place on October 3, 2010. The run is being held in memory of GUMC member Edwin Smith and proceeds will benefit youth programming for the worship arts. There are many sponsorship opportunities available for businesses, GUMC small groups, and individuals. Please contact Tracy Lindow at 626-5456 or tblindow@comcast.net for more details. Sponsorship and course information may be found at germantownumc.org/EdwinsWay5K.

Music Ministries

Jim Thrash, 758-6526, jthrash@germantownumc.org

Choir Program Begins. Our Music Ministry begins its handbell choirs and youth and children's choir programs in August and September. All graded vocal choirs begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Testimony (grades 7-12) meets in the Music Suite and the children's choirs rehearse in rooms located in the Grace Place Children's Education area. Following are the starting dates for this year. Note that the dates are different for different age levels.

August 22, 5 p.m.: First rehearsal for Testimony (grades 7-12) and Choristers (grades 4-6 in Room 261)

August 29, 5 p.m.: Second rehearsal for Testimony and Choristers

September 5: No rehearsals—Labor Day weekend

September 12, 5 p.m.: First rehearsal for Gloria (grades 2 and 3), Alleluia (K and 1st), and Cherub (ages 3 and 4). Testimony and Choristers continue their rehearsals as well.

September 12: First rehearsal for Vespers Bell Choir (5 p.m.) and Matins Bell Choir (6:15 p.m.)

Check the music ministry page at germantownumc.org for calendar of rehearsals and services and special music events throughout the year.

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 our "End of Summer Sundaes!" We'll have a sweet slideshow of summer, hear stories from the road, and scoop up some scrumptious sundaes! Don't forget \$3 for pizza. See you there!

Element will not meet next week due to the Element leader retreat. We hope to see you and your family on Sunday, August 15 for a gut-busting night of laughter as we kick off the school year with Taylor Mason!

***** Trek is coming! Stay tuned! *****

Health and Recreation

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Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

2323 West Street • 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

Pre-Ballet Fall Classes. This semester's pre-ballet theme is Angelina Ballerina! Does your 3 or 4 year old have twinkle toes? Would you like for her to learn the basics of ballet and hear stories of her favorite dancing mouse? If so, stop by the OLEC and fill out a registration form. This class will meet on Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in the OLEC dance room beginning Tuesday, September 7, and ending Tuesday, December 7. Classes will be taught by Carissa and assisted by Gracie. There will be a short, informal Christmas recital at the end of the semester. The cost is only \$90, which includes a class picture. Registration begins on Monday, August 2, and runs until the class is full. Space is limited!

August OLEC Special. Purchase a 10-class punch card during the month of August and receive one free Mat Pilates class! This class will help you tone up, elongate your muscles, and gain flexibility.

The School Year is Near. FitFunKIDS gym play for 6-12 year olds has been a success this summer! The last day we will meet is Thursday, August 5. Also, the last summer Monday night childcare at the OLEC will be August 2 from 6-8 p.m.

Fall Soccer Registration will be held August 1-29. Sign up online at germantownumc.org or get a form at the OLEC. The season will begin on Friday, September 17, and will run through November.

Bridge Classes. Three courses in Bridge instruction are being offered: "Common Conventions" will be offered on Mondays, beginning August 16. "Better Bidding" will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning August 18. A new course, "Logic & Strategy in Bridge," will be offered on Thursdays beginning August 19. Contact Jan Dacus at 754-3876 or 834-0455 for more information and/or to sign up for the classes.

Book Group Schedule

Our book group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 328. All are invited to join in at any time! For more information, contact Jan Johnson at 753-0431 or jshjohnson@gmail.com.

Aug. 23	<i>Taps</i>	Willie Morris
Sept. 27	<i>Mennonite in Little Black Dress</i>	Rhoda Janzen
Oct. 25	<i>South of Broad</i>	Pat Conroy
Nov. 22	<i>Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coelho
December	No Meeting	

News and Events

August 1, 2010



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Rick Kirchoff, Senior Pastor

Welcome New Members

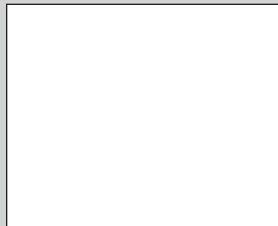


Jean Anne Goodson
Joined July 11, 2010

Bryant and Mickey McCarley joined the church on July 18, 2010.
(Photo not available.)



Susan and Tom Banning
Joined July 25, 2010



Meredith and Jason Brown & Isabella and Baker
Joined July 25, 2010

For more information about joining Germantown UMC, call Rev. Julie McKenna at 754-7216 or email jmckenna@germantownumc.org.

Announcements

School Supplies Needed! In support of the GUMC Urban Haven Project Ministry, the children of Grace Place are collecting school supplies for the students of Caldwell-Guthrie Elementary. Donations will be collected from July 4-August 8. Look for collection bins in Elementary Grace Place, the nursery, or the Information Center. School supplies needed are: notebook paper, folders w/ pockets, primary tablets, rubber bar erasers, crayons (8-pk.), glue, glue sticks, tissues, spiral notebooks (3 and 5 subject), pencils, and small bottles of hand sanitizer.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on Friday, October 8, at Germantown United Methodist Church. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package that costs \$139.00. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes total to complete. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Your health is in your hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

Open House for FirstWorks. The board of directors, staff, and children of FirstWorks invite you to an Open House on Thursday, August 5, from 6-8 p.m. at their new location within Highland Heights United Methodist Church (Summer Ave. and Highland). Tour the facility and learn about the opportunity to adopt a classroom including the large dining area and kitchen, dedicated classrooms, computer room, and playground. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment provided by the FirstWorks band. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by email to firstworksmemphis@gmail.com. Donations will be used for program costs for the 2010-11 school year.

McVay Counseling Center

(Located at the McVay House, 2305 McVay Rd.)

The McVay Counseling Center 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. William Walker at 756-7666.

In-depth Seminars in Spirituality and Depth Psychology. Dr. William Walker will be teaching these in-depth seminars on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month (September-May) Saturday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday: 7:30 a.m.-noon. There is room for 6 more participants and total cost for all seminars is \$2,500 (9 months and/or 108 hrs. of seminars) about \$250/weekend. The purpose of these seminars is to explore the dynamics of meaning for our lives in the light of modern spiritual developments and to better understand the relationship between faith and belief. Contact Dr. William Walker at 756-7666.

Dreams, Meditation, and Group Reflection. Dr. William Walker will be leading a weekly workshop on Wednesday nights from August 18-September 15 at the McVay Counseling Center. There is a limited enrollment of 12 people. cost+++++++

Missions

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

Missions Trip to Ukraine. Plans are being finalized for the October 7-18, 2010 trip to Chernovsti, Ukraine. If you are considering joining the team that is going to do Christ's work in this fascinating and historical country, please let us know by July 31. Pat Whaley, our missionary to Russia and the Ukraine, will lead us as we spread the love of God to those who are hungry to hear a word of hope and grace. Questions may be answered by calling Barbara or Conrad Schanson at 755-7608.

Stephen Ministry

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. If you are interested in leadership training, a new class begins in September. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 or satkins@germantownumc.org for more information.

Older Adults

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

XYZs Kick Off 2010-2011 Season With Annie Get Your Gun!

Join us as we kick off our ninth program series with classic Broadway musical theatre at its best. *Annie Get Your Gun*, Tony award winner for best revival of a musical, is the exciting, vibrant, tuneful story of the great sharp-shooter, Annie Oakley, who rises to fame while dealing with her love/professional rival, Frank Butler. Irving Berlin's biggest stage success had the most hit songs coming out of it, and you certainly will leave the theater humming many familiar tunes as we remember "There's No Business Like Show Business." Seating is limited so make your plans now.

WHERE: Theatre Memphis

WHEN: Friday, September 10. Doors open at 7:30 for 8 p.m. show.

COST: \$23 per person includes reserved seat ticket and transportation.

DEPARTURE: 6:45 p.m. from OLEC. (Be there by 6:30 p.m.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797. You must make your reservation before paying.

DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS: Friday, August 13

September Brown Bag Lunch. On September 3, Pat Halloran, President and CEO of The Orpheum, will be speaking about "The History of the Orpheum Theatre" at the Brown Bag Lunch Program held in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

McVay Gardens Columbarium

Everyone is invited to the Columbarium dedication service to be held on Sunday, September 19, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. The McVay Gardens Columbarium is a place for the interment of the cremated remains of family and loved ones. As such, it provides an important spiritual component in the lives of Germantown United Methodist Church members and the greater Germantown community. Several Sunday school classes have expressed interest in purchasing one or more niches as "class property" to use as needed or desired in the future. Arrangements may be made with the church office to purchase niches for this purpose. If you are interested in a Memorial Plaque and/or becoming a McVay Gardens Columbarium enrollee please contact Linda Lucas at llucas@germantownumc.org or 754-5100.

HEALTH AND MINISTRY TEAM EVENT

BACK TO SCHOOL: BACK TO THE GYM!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 • 9:40 A.M. • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Now is the time to get in the groove of getting back to the OLEC and plan a firm exercise pattern for the year. On Sunday, August 29 at 9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Carissa Algea will be explaining the benefits of a good exercise routine and what you can find at the OLEC to fill your needs. There is something for everybody—all ages and body types. The OLEC has it all! *This is the first in a series being planned by your Health & Wellness Ministry team.*

Children's Ministries

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

Angie Hopper, 356-9600, hopsome@earthlink.net

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. 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.

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.