

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Training. Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others—listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received, and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A new training class will begin Tuesday, September 7, from 6-8:30 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216, ext. 125, or satkins@germantownumc.org.



It's Time to Register! Register today in the Fellowship Hall or online at www.germantownumc.org for the first annual Edwin's Way 5K

Race which will take place on Sunday, October 3 at 4 p.m. The race begins and ends at Nashoba Park and participants will enjoy the route along the beautiful Greenway. A post race celebration with food and entertainment will follow at the OLEC. This race honors the memory of GUMC member Edwin Smith and proceeds will support our youth worship arts. Runners and walkers are welcome. Registration is \$25 per participant and includes a t shirt! Want to support the cause but not able to be there on race day? Be a spirit runner for \$15. Don't think you are ready for a 5K? Visit Edwin's Way 5K for training tips that will have you up and running (or walking) in a few weeks. Put together a group. Prizes will be given for largest and most creative groups. Group leaders may contact Jeanne Miller at 751-7032 to sign up for the group competition. There are still sponsorship opportunities available for businesses, individuals and GUMC Sunday School classes and small groups. Please contact Tracy Lindow at 626-5456 for information on sponsorship levels.

Health and Recreation

Carissa Algea, Director, 753-3100, calgea@germantownumc.org
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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

Save the Date! Mark your calendar for Family Day at the Sanfilippo Farm on Sunday, September 19, from 1:30-5 p.m. Everything is free and members and friends are invited. More information to come.

Pre-Ballet Fall Classes. This semester's pre-ballet theme is Angelina Ballerina! Would you like your 3-year-old to learn the basics of ballet and hear stories of her favorite dancing mouse? This class will meet on Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30 p.m. 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 \$90, which includes a class picture.

Fall Soccer Registration is now underway for children ages three through the sixth grade. Register online or get a form at the OLEC. The season will begin on Friday, September 17, and will run through November. Registration ends August 29.

Back to School, Back in Shape! It's time to get back to the gym and begin a workout routine, join a class, or meet with a trainer. We hope to see you soon!—*The OLEC staff, trainers, and instructors*

Attention OLEC Members. We have updated the card system at the OLEC to make check-in easier, safer, and more convenient. Please stop by the front desk at the lobby between August 17-31 to pick up your new membership card from Erica Puryear, membership coordinator. The church strongly encourages each OLEC member to pay a one-time donation of \$10 in exchange for your new membership card. This upgrade, based on member feedback, was made in an effort to improve your member benefits and overall experience at the OLEC.

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.

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

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). Join us tonight for "Equipped to Climb." Come explore the journey, enjoy some crazy games and meet all your AWESOME Element leaders!

Coming Up! Sign-Up Now!

- Canoe Trip: Saturday, August 28
- Germantown Festival: September 11-12
- SOS Fall Servants Weekend: September 24-26

TREK: As many of you have heard, we'll be launching TREK, our new Student Ministry Sunday School program, in September. TREK will provide your child with a cohesive and comprehensive 6-year discipleship plan that will serve as our trail guide as we climb the 'Mountain of Faith.' TREK will be offered at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and will be located in the lower level below the chapel. Our new suite will create a warm and thriving environment to develop meaningful relationships and guide students towards a Jesus-centered life. Our Open House will be held September 12 from 9 a.m.-12

noon. We hope you'll join us to see our new space, greet staff and enjoy a time of food and fellowship!

Children's Ministries

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

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. All children gather in the Chapel for assembly, then proceed to classrooms by grade level groups for experiential learning. This Sunday we continue our 6-week rotation theme, "Acceptance: Peter and Cornelius." As children rotate weekly through fun stations (Crafts, Games, Science, Snack, Story, and Video), they will learn that God's love is for all people. Just as Peter accepted Cornelius and other Gentiles into the community of faith, we can accept others despite their differences. When we learn to love and accept our own unique gifts, we can learn to accept others. We can also be sensitive to our own behaviors that may show prejudice.

"KABOOM! Discovering Who God Is." (Wednesday, September 8-Wednesday, October 13 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) Join us for a fun, 6-week Wednesday night program for children in Senior Kindergarten-2nd grade. This program provides an energetic learning environment that encourages children to love God deeper and know Him better. Through hands-on science experiments, games, crafts, and stories, children will explore the character traits of God in a way that will leave lasting impressions on their hearts. Come feel the power of God! KABOOM! Space is limited. To register your child, contact Janelle Crist at jcrist@germantownumc.org.

"Learning to Use My Bible." A Wednesday night class for 3rd-5th graders will be offered from September 29-November 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 261. (No class on October 20 because of Fall Break.) This program is designed for those children who have received their first Bible and are interested in digging in and learning more about how to use it. This 6-week course will provide children the opportunity to acquire and practice Bible skills through a variety of creative, self-paced activities. Now is the time to lay the foundation for the special importance the Bible will have in your child's lifelong faith journey. For more information or to sign up your child, please contact Janelle Crist at jcrist@germantownumc.org.

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 22, 2010



Germantown United Methodist Church

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Rick Kirchoff, Senior Pastor

Welcome New Members



Ruth Morrison
Joined August 8, 2010



Barbara and Jim Dodge
Joined August 8, 2010

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

Announcements

Children's Boutique: The 2010 Fall Children's Clothing Boutique is in full swing once again. If you registered to consign, please remember that your inventory file is due tonight at midnight. Join us as we celebrate over 20 years of successful consigning and raising money for the various missions of GUMW. Public shopping: Friday, August 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (full price) and Saturday, August 28, 8 a.m.-12 noon (half price). It's not too late to shop early, volunteer slots are available. Volunteer to help by emailing us at info@gumwclothingsale.com or by calling 754-7216, ext. 302. Please go to www.gumwclothingsale.com for more information.

FirstWorks Fundraiser. The Emmaus Class will be barbecuing Baby Back Ribs and Boston Butts just in time for your college football gathering"! The ribs will be \$25 per rack and the Boston Butts will be \$30 each. Boston Butts are great for making pulled pork sandwiches and they will weigh 5 pounds (enough to feed 10-12 people). We will be taking orders on Sunday, August 29, and September 5 and 12 in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall and the "cook/pick up date" is Saturday, September 18. All profits will be given to FirstWorks. Thank you to all who have purchased "our" BBQ in the past and we hope you will help us have a successful fundraiser.

Confirmation Classes. Confirmation Classes are available for children in grades 6 and up. 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. Registration is available at germantownumc.org. For more information, contact Rev. Julie McKenna at jmckenna@germantownumc.org or 758-6514.

Life Life Health Screening. Are you, or have you ever been a smoker? Are you a male over 55? Germantown United Methodist Church is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 85-90% fatal. The screening will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

Acolyte Sign-Up and Training. If you are in the fourth, fifth or sixth grade, you may train to become an acolyte! Acolytes are a very important part of the worship service. A training session will be held in the church sanctuary on Wednesday, September 1, from 5-6 p.m. You will need to bring a parent with you to the session. If you would like to serve your church as an acolyte and have not signed up, please pick up a form at the Information Center (at the entrance to the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall) in the space designated "Acolyte Information" or at the Grace Place sign-in table. Leave the completed form in the Acolyte Information box. If you are already serving as an acolyte, but would like a "refresher" course, you are also welcome to attend the training session with a parent. Please contact Jan Corkern at 757-0326 or jancorkern@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

No Parking on West Side of S. Germantown Road. Please note that a "No Parking This Block" sign has been posted on the west side of S. Germantown Rd., referring to the entire block between the former Second Street entrance (at Elfo's) and Poplar Pike. The city of Germantown also advises that the Germantown Police have been advised of this and will enforce the no parking policy effective immediately. While this is an inconvenience, it does improve the safety for our many members who cross South Germantown Road on Sunday mornings.

New Art Classes and Workshops for Kids this Fall! *Broaden your child's artistic horizons through a variety of class offerings. Classes meet at GUMC, and range from one-time Painting Workshops to month-long preschool classes!* For more information on these offerings and others, class calendars, or to register, contact Melissa Cychowski at ecychowski@comcast.net or Michelle Walters at waltersmichelle@comcast.net.

Upcoming Classes:

"Fabulous Flowers" Painting Workshops: Create a sunny flower painting in acrylic on canvas to keep those summer memories alive!

Workshop #1: Ages 7-10; Friday, August 27; 6-8 p.m.;
GUMC Cottage; **Registration extended to August 24!**

Bubble and Squeak Painting: Experimentation in painting for preschoolers.

Session #1: Wednesdays, September 8-29; 10:30-12 noon;
GUMC Cottage; Ages 4-5; Register by August 26.
Session #2: Thursdays, September 9-30; 9:30-11 a.m.;
GUMC Cottage; Ages 4-5; Register by August 26.

"Rolling on the River Cityscape" Painting Workshop: Create a cityscape painting in acrylic on canvas (river optional).

Ages 7-10; Friday, September 24; 6-8 p.m.; GUMC Cottage; Register by September 10.

"My Colorful Universe" Abstract Painting Workshop: Create an abstract painting in acrylic on canvas. Focus will be on composition, color, texture and pattern in creating this colorful masterpiece.

Ages 4-6; Saturday, September 25; 3-5 p.m.; GUMC Cottage; Register by September 10.

Missions

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

The Urban Haven Project Ministry sends a "big thank you" to the children of Grace Place for sponsoring the school supplies drive to fill backpacks for Caldwell-Guthrie students. With their donations plus the support of the congregation, 75 filled backpacks were delivered to the school designated for

those who registered early. The school administration was very appreciative of GUMC's support of this incentive program.

Adults in Ministry Fall Weekend. Mountain T.O.P.'s AIM Fall Weekends are coming. These weekends are wonderful opportunities to get a jolt on your Christian walk through life. The work teams get an unbelievable amount done in just two days. Christ is active with these teams in building a bathroom or replacing rotted out windows or a number of other projects. But even more important are the relationships you will build with family with which you are working along with your team members. All five weekends in October are available for you to select from. There is a group already gathering for the October 21st weekend, but you may put together your own group or go as an individual for any weekend. We arrive at camp on Thursday evening and depart Sunday morning, working Friday and Saturday. This is a wonderful spiritual experience for anyone over age 19. No experience necessary! The Mountain T.O.P. staff needs our registrations by the end of August in order to schedule the right number of projects, so please make your application now. They are available at www.mountain-top.org or by contacting Doug Warner at 755-9729.

United Methodist Womens

September Celebration Luncheon. All women of the church and their guests, mark your calendar for our next Celebration Luncheon! We'll gather Tuesday, September 14, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the OLEC to kickoff our new year of study and missions. Please join us and our guest, church member William Kenley, Senior Vice President and CEO/Administrator of Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital. Mr. Kenley will tell us all about the new Women and Children's Pavilion at the Germantown location. Reservation details coming soon!

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—Aging & Baby Boomer Ministry in the 21st

Century is theme for Workshop! If you are someone who has a vision and passion for ministry with mid-life and older adults or who wants to learn more about older adult ministries, you won't want to miss "Aging & Baby Boomer Ministry in the 21st Century." This workshop will be Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, 200 S. Church Street in Jackson, Tennessee, from 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and the registration deadline is Monday, September 13. No walk-ins, please. Call 731-664-8480 to register. The Rev. Dr. Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., Director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, will lead this three-session workshop. This workshop is sponsored by the Memphis Annual Conference Older Adult Council of The United Methodist Church. Call Luci Cromer at 755-0803, for more information. This event is open to the public, not just church members, and promises to be a most enlightening program. Mark your calendar and plan on coming!

Senior News—XYZs October Event! Experience the river on the river with us when we tour the River Walk and the Mississippi River Museum at Mud Island River Park and eat lunch at The Spaghetti Warehouse on Wednesday, October 13. We depart at 10 a.m., and the cost is \$22 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Wednesday, September 15.

Financial Summary Update

Total Gifts and Support Income

Y-T-D Through 7/31/10

Budget: \$1,892,109

Actual: \$1,633,986

Variance: \$-258,123

Pat Halloran to discuss Orpheum Theatre's History at September

Brown Bag Lunch! The Orpheum Theatre is truly one of Memphis' most remarkable success stories—a theatre able to overcome a variety of adversities that ranged from several untimely bankruptcies, a devastating fire, the decay of downtown Memphis, and the threat of demolition for the construction of an office complex. Yet, the "South's Finest Theatre" rose above all this and now is the Mid-South's premiere performing arts center. Pat Halloran, President of The Orpheum, is going to share the history (and maybe a ghost story) of one of the few remaining "movie palaces" in the United States at the September Brown Bag Lunch Series, an adventure in learning sponsored by the Older Adult Council.

TOPIC: "The History of the Orpheum Theatre"

SPEAKER: Pat Halloran, President & CEO, The Orpheum

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: September 3, 2010. Program starts at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon.

COST: FREE—the church will supply beverages.

RESERVATIONS: No reservations are needed. Just bring your sack lunch and enjoy the program and the fellowship.

QUESTIONS? Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216

There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.

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.*