

## 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](mailto:satkins@germantownumc.org).

## 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

**September OLEC Special.** Purchase a 10-class punch card during the month of September and receive one FREE Zumba class! This class will help you “ditch the workout and join the party” as you dance your way to a full-body workout.

**New Kickboxing Class.** Please join us in welcoming Jack Douglas to the OLEC to teach our brand new Kickboxing classes! Jack Douglas is a talented and locally well-known fitness sensation and we are so blessed to have him at our church. You can join him for class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in the OLEC dance room.

**Fall Soccer Registration is Full.** All age groups have now reached capacity. Stay tuned for future children's recreation activities to come in the fall.

**Massage Therapy.** The kids are back in school and you need to relax and unwind. So book a massage with GUMC's own LMT, Carol Panasuk. Just call Carol directly at 292-5913 to book an appointment today!

## Music Ministries

Jim Thrash, 758-6526, [jthrash@germantownumc.org](mailto: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 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](http://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 “Sharing the Climb.” Come explore the importance of surrounding ourselves with Christian friends to encourage us on the journey, plus enjoy some sweet games and fellowship. See you tonight!

### **Coming Up! Sign-Up Now!**

• 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](mailto:lboswell@germantownumc.org)

Janelle Crist, 758-6525, [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org)

Angie Hopper, 356-9600, [hopshome@earthlink.net](mailto:hopshome@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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jshjohnson@gmail.com).

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	

## Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 5.** Give the gift of life by donating blood at our blood drive next Sunday, September 5. The van from Lifeblood will be in the parking lot from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All donors will receive a special gift!

## 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](mailto:llucas@germantownumc.org) or 754-5100.

### ***For the Entire Church Family!*** **Sunday, September 19 • 1 p.m.** **An End-of-Summer Block Party!**

*Let's get together, have a good time,  
and celebrate the end of summer!*

Beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, in the new South Germantown Road parking lot, everyone is invited to come and bring something that goes with vanilla ice cream. In The Cottage (formerly “Kannette's”) we will have vanilla ice cream at stations for “sundaes,” “floats,” and “a la mode.” When you get here, just bring your item to the appropriate station. While you're here, be sure to see the expansion of our campus this year, feel free to go on a self-guided tour of our new buildings! Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to picnic under our huge oak tree in the lawn and visit with your friends and enjoy the music. There will be a “water feature” slide for the kids, so wear something that can get wet and some towels!

# News and Events

**August 29, 2010**



### **Germantown United Methodist Church**

2331 South Germantown Road - Germantown, TN 38138

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Rick Kirchoff, Senior Pastor

## Welcome New Members



**Tom and Susan Bannon**  
Joined July 25, 2010



**Meredith and Jason Brown**  
Joined July 25, 2010



**Cathy and Chip Loftin  
(Jack and Nick)**  
Joined August 8, 2010



**Dee Ann Malcolm**  
Joined August 22, 2010



**Joni Roberts and  
Marshall Smith**  
Joined August 15, 2010

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

## Announcements

**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. 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.

**First Place 4 Health.** Begin your journey to healthy living today! Join us today at our orientation meeting at 6 p.m. in Room 329. (Recommended for new members.) Two 12-week sessions will be offered. Group meetings begin Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 9 at 1 p.m. For more information and to RSVP contact Nancy Dayton at 757-4574 or n\_dayton@hotmail.com, or call Terry Aust at 737-6031.

**Cub Scout Pack 64**, sponsored by Germantown United Methodist Church, invites boys in grades 1-5 and their parents to join our Tigers, Wolves, Bears and WEBELOS dens. Pack 64 is a Pack dedicated to creating a lively -Cub Scout experience. We have an exciting year planned as we continue to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. Activities include a Pinewood Derby race, a parade, field trips, family camping, hiking and lots of other fun. For more information on Cub Scout Pack 64, join us in the Fellowship Hall today between services. You may register at any time by contacting Cubmaster Terry Fischer at 457-1627 or bsa@terryfischer.com, or Committee Chairman Tom Johnson at 737-5121 or pack64@att.net.

**Life Life Health Screening.** Do your legs ache after walking a short distance? If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral artery disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. PAD is closely linked to coronary artery disease, and identifying PAD can also help prevent heart attack and stroke. Life Line Screening will offer a preventive health event that can assess one's risk of PAD through an ankle brachial index. The screening will be on Friday, October 8, 2010 at Germantown United Methodist Church. 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.

**Art Classes and Workshops for Kids!** 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:**

*Bubble and Squeak Painting: Experimentation in painting for preschoolers.*

Session #1: Wednesdays, September 8-29; 10:30-12 noon;  
GUMC Cottage; Ages 4-5; **Registration extended to September 3!**  
Session #2: Thursdays, September 9; 9:30-11 a.m.;  
GUMC Cottage; Ages 4-5; **Registration extended to September 3!**

*"Rolling on the River Cityscape" Painting Workshop:* Create a cityscape painting in acrylic on canvas (river optional).  
Ages 7-11; 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

**Friends of GUMC Habitat:** Thank you for your support in the 2009-2010 year. We had a very successful build with several Sunday Schools and groups participating. Our fundraising efforts at the concession booth at the Fall Festival, the Christmas tree sale, and the Alternative Christmas helped us help others. We encourage you to continue your support this year at these events. We are asking you to continue using your Kroger cards. This is a great way to support the Habitat program year round. If you do not have a Kroger Card or want more information, contact Jim Allbright at allbrigj@bellsouth.net. We will be posting information for the fall build as soon as it is available. If you are interested in helping on the fall builds contact Charla Sparks at sparksflydaily@aol.com.

**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.

**Reelfoot Rural Ministries.** We are collecting school supplies for Reelfoot Rural Ministries. Please bring these to the Information Center and place in the drawers marked "Reelfoot Ministries."

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11 at the Piccadilly Restaurant on Exeter Rd. in Germantown. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Schriber, author and former Rhodes College professor, who will share with us her latest book "Beyond All Price." This is a novel that tells the true story of a volunteer nurse serving in the Union Army during the Civil War. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. A breakfast buffet is available for \$7.

## 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. Make your reservation online at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

## **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

## 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.

**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.*