

Today in Worship

Welcome! We are thrilled that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our Sunday School classes or other ministries, please visit the Welcome Center located on the first floor. If you would like more information about becoming a member of our church, please contact Rev. Julie McKenna at 754-7216 or jmckenna@germantownumc.org.

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Rebecca Luter; 9:40 and 11 a.m.—Rev. Deborah Smith

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 11:00 a.m.—Will Crislip and Abby Walker

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. Please contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 or satkins@germantownumc.org for more information.

Family Matters: If you have a prayer request, birth announcement, or death notification, please contact Laura Meanwell at lmeanwell@germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace the sanctuary today are given by Leiland and Betty Duke in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and all of those who have been affected by breast cancer. The American Cancer Society guidelines call for yearly mammogram screenings for women beginning at age 40. Please encourage your loved ones to have this annual screening.

Rosebud: The rosebud on the altar this morning is placed in celebration of the birth of Miss Renee Eileen Smith on August 3. Parents are Emily C. and Todge A. Smith of Valdosta, Georgia. Proud grandparents are Alan and Terri-Lyn P. Smith and Michael and the late Marla Eileen L. Smith. This is Alan and Terri-Lyn's third grandchild.

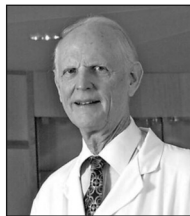
Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones, or commemorating a special occasion. Forms are located in the Information Center on the lower level. If you are interested in participating contact Carolyn Browder, Flower Chairman at 568-2323 (cell), 748-2323 (home); or cb2323@comcast.net.

Today we commission lay persons serving in worship: Each Sunday, our acolytes light the altar candles as a visual reminder of the light of Christ. At the end of each service, they remind us that we must be that light to the world. As a congregation, we recognize and appreciate these young people and their service to the church.

Acolytes for the 2009-2010 school year have been: 8:30 a.m. service: Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m. service: Joanna Andrews, Eve Arick, Montana Boone, Mitchell Cummings, Natalee Cummings, Sarah Foster, Sally Gairhan, Madeline Griffin, Maris Griffin, Henry Hall, Olivia Hooten, Jessica Jaggar, Brooke Langridge, Lauren Lazure, Rachel Lazure, Jake Lindow, James Lowery, Will Lowery, Cam Meanwell, Anna Maxwell, Allison Miller, Jacob Pierce, Lauren Tettleton, Sarah Walker. 11:00 a.m. service: Mason Bowden, Kendall Christian, Will Crislip, Elizabeth Evans, Brooke Langridge, Courtney Miller, Clay Stewart.

Dr. Ralph S. Hamilton "Living In Your Sweet Spot"

Wednesday, October 6 • 5:30 p.m. • Owings Life Enrichment Center



Join us at our Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner for a special evening of entertainment and celebration. Faux Celtic Women will be performing traditional Scottish and Welsh tunes on dulcimer, violin, and harp. Ilace Mears, Sharon Hailey, and Eva McPeters make up the threesome, whose performances are always popular. Rev. Rick Kirchoff will interview Dr. Ralph Hamilton about his life and what influences have shaped his values and guided him to be the person he is today.

Menu for October 6: Sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes, English peas, baked apples, rolls, drinks, and dessert. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$8, children \$4 (ages 3-12); children under 3 eat free. Sign up at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

Our Church Family Wishes to Congratulate:

- Elizabeth and Ben Kemker, Jr., on the birth of a son, William Duffey Boone Kemker, on September 26. Grandparents are Ben and Mary Ellen Kemker.
- Staci and Brent Tyler on the birth of a son, Thomas "Henson" Tyler, on July 21. Grandparents are Ann and Gene Henson.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathies to:

- May Brown in the death of her grandfather, Rodrigo Torres, on September 25.

In the Hospital

- Betty Allbright, Methodist University, 1121 Thomas Bldg.
- Betty Anglin, Methodist Germantown, 440W
- Elizabeth Kemker, Methodist Germantown, Pavilion 403
- Laura McKay, Methodist Germantown, Pavilion 426
- Becky Anglin, Dove Rehab Collierville, 102

Prayer Concerns: Chris Atkinson, Virginia Black, Will Consolo, Jane Eveland, Ginger Goforth, Robert Howerton III, Bob Joyner, Bob Kemker, Jr., Bob Lynn, Derrick McNeal, Myra Thomas, Teila Wright, Bill Wright, Ann Bell, Bob Brown (uncle of Rick Kirchoff), Bill Colville, Tricia Coward, Maggie Cordon (friend of Pam Wohrman), Patrick Evens (friend of Jack and Eleanor Purdy), Marsha Everett (friend of Joanne Tomblin), Jane Fielder (mother of Kathy Kabel), Suzanne Forbus (mother of Lauren Boswell), Janet Green (friend of Charles and Maureen MacKay Drummond), Dianne Hill (friend of Mary Ellen Kemker), Walter Joshlin (son of Bill and Charlotte Joshlin), Ed Lupo (friend of Kay Lindamood), Brian McKinley (son of Jim and Linda McKinley), Karen Moix (friend of Ruth S. King), Debbie Price (daughter of Mary Helen and Ed Price), Jane Roberts (aunt of Mary Anne Gibson), Gabriel Taylor (son of Jeremy and Rhonda Taylor, former members), Derek Thompson (grandson of Conrad and Barbara Schanson), Karen Trussell (niece of Bill and Kathy Kabel), Clifford Whitten (brother-in-law of Jessie Howell and Sarah Williams)

Family and Friends Serving Overseas:

Afghanistan: Tyler Blackiston - nephew of Bart and Charla Sparks; Scott Lantz - brother-in-law of Lauren Boswell; Barclay Montgomery - grandson of Bob and Ellie Pelts and nephew of Steve and Barbara Stapleton; David Mowbray - friend of Dotty Carter

Africa: Joe Morgan - cousin of Conrad Schanson

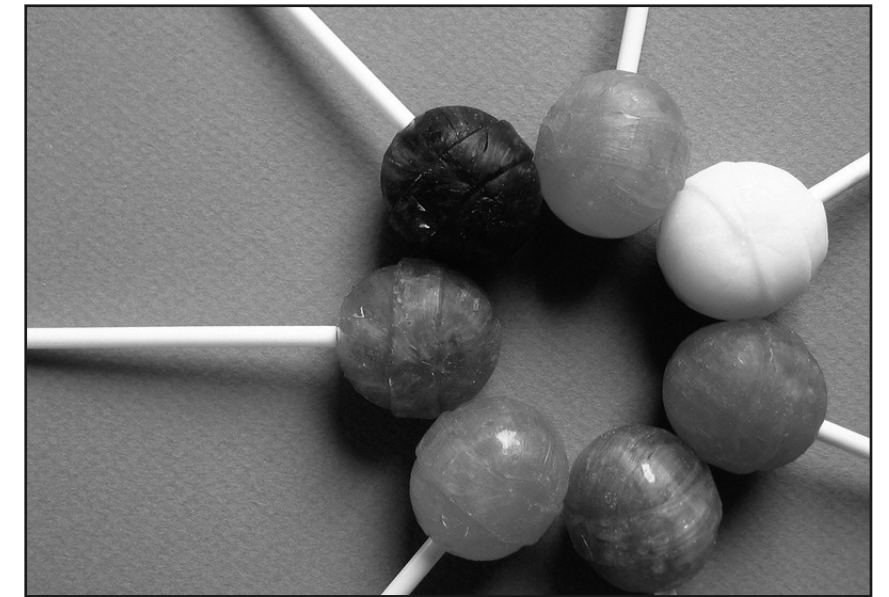
Iraq: Terry Baker - brother of Jason Baker; Ben Moore - nephew of Del and Jo Mercer and Linda Fann; Jason Richards - friend of Carrie Allison; Todge Smith - son of Terri-Lyn and Alan Smith (October 2010)

Korea: Ryan Robison - nephew of Harris Lewis

Okinawa: Bradley Sparks - son of Bart and Charla Sparks

Upcoming Classes

- Love and Marriage—Wednesday evenings, October 27-November 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Room 342) Register at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.
- Worship: From Early Jewish Practice Until Now—Wednesday evenings, October 13-November 10, 6-7 p.m. (Room 339) Taught by Rev. Steve Atkins. No registration required.



From Inside Out "Life in the Sweet Spot"

October 3, 2010

8:30, 9:40, 11:00 a.m.

Entrance

PRELUDE *Prelude on "When in Our Music"* DAVID CHERWIEN

WELCOME AND GREETING

***HYMN 68** *When In our Music*

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!

How often, making music,
we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moves us to a more profound Alleluia!

COMMISSIONING OF LAY PERSONS SERVING IN WORSHIP

O Lord, our God; bless these ministries of worship and those who offer them in your service. Give to these persons love for you and your people, fullness of heart as they praise you, and diligence that their service may be a worthy offering to your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:40 and 11 a.m.) *Sing to the Lord New Song* ALLEN POTE
Combined Choirs

***RESPONSE** *(let the congregation stand and join in singing)*

So has the church in liturgy and song,
in faith and love through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when
utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:40 a.m.)

John Thomas Stembridge, son of Brian and Angela Stembridge

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that John Thomas, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30 a.m.) *O Lord, Most Holy* FRANCK
Teresa Weldon, soprano

(9:40 and 11:00 a.m.) *Again, I Say Rejoice* ALLEN POTE
Chancel Choir: Peggy Warner, soloist

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 *"Life In The Sweet Spot"* Rev. Rick Kirchoff
Ephesians 2:10

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

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 9:30 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 at this time.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 592** *When the Church of Jesus*
Those participating in the Ukraine Mission may come forward at this time.

COMMISSIONING OF THE UKRAINE MISSION (11:00 a.m.)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us affirm what we have discovered about God's will in the company of each other:

ALL: We worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, and by whose presence we are renewed.

Leader: It is central to the mission of Christ to participate, by word and action, in the struggles of the poor for justice; to share earth's land and resources; to rejoice in the diversity of human culture; to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty; to accompany each other in spreading the Gospel and to be the stranger in other places in the world, and to witness—every day—to the love of God for people of the earth.

Mission Participants: To this we are committed.

Leader: We open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which comes through relationships with each other, to take the risk of walking with, speaking for and ministering with those who are different from ourselves.

Mission Participants: To this we are committed.

Leader: God has called the church to be the servant of the kingdom, to walk together in community with all people, to celebrate in the streets and fields of every land the liturgy of heaven.

Mission Participants: To this we are committed. Amen.

Leader: Lift your eyes to the Lord for strength, knowing that the One who calls you will neither slumber nor sleep. The one who calls you will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever more.

Mission Participants: We go in hope and peace to love and serve God in all that we do. God of blessing and hope, we offer the fruit of our lives. We ask your blessing. Transform us to be faithful to your will.

PRAYER (all praying together): O God of all, we pray to you; we cry out against all that kills life: hunger, poverty, unemployment, sickness, repression, injustice. We want to announce fullness of life: work, education, health, housing, bread for all. God, our Companion on the journey, let us not be so caught up in worldly cares that we forget that you are with us everywhere. Open our eyes that we may meet you in the people whom we serve. O God, our Companion, let us never forget that you are with us everywhere. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 143**

**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 *Voluntary* DAVID N. JOHNSON