

Student Ministries

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Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights in the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. A snack supper is available for \$3. Join us tonight for the Discovery Weekend Kick-Off Party! We'll give you a little glimpse of the weekend through games, hilarious skits, and great worship!

Summer Missions Registration Deadlines Extended. We have a wonderful summer lined up for students of Germantown United Methodist Church! We will have the opportunity to experience and participate in the work of the Kingdom of God in Denver, Colorado (YouthWorks), in the Cumberland Mountain region of Tennessee (Mountain T.O.P.), in Lineville, Alabama (SIFAT Learn & Serve), and right here in our own backyard in the Binghampton community (Service Over Self). Go to germantownumc.org and see "Open Event Registrations" to sign up.

Discovery Weekend February 18-20. Discovery Weekend, our biggest youth event of the year, is just around the corner! The weekend is for all students in grades 6-12 (Confirmands included). Whether you have been active or not, we invite you to be a part of this weekend of spiritual formation. This year's theme is *Discover God's Gifts: Prayer, Baptism, and Communion*. The weekend will include wacky games, hilarious skits, D-Groups, creative worship, powerful prayer, rockin' music, free time, and yummy food. Cost for the weekend is \$70, which includes your shirt, materials, meals, and accommodations. Save your spot either by signing up at germantownumc.org or returning your brochure to the church office.

Discovery Weekend Volunteers Needed. Please check the back of your bulletin to find out where you can plug in and serve during Discovery Weekend. To be able to pull the weekend off, we need more than 100 adult volunteers. Various roles and times are available, and this is a wonderful way to support students as they experience the love of God and the love of the church over the course of the weekend. We look forward to serving with you!

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—March Brown Bag Lunch Series. Memphis Brooks Museum of Art Docent, S.D. Brandon, will give a visual tour of "The Permanent Collection: Ancient to Modern." This presentation will be Friday, March 4, in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed.

XYZs to Hear Harvard Glee Club in March. Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience when we go to Bartlett Performing Arts Center to hear the Harvard Glee Club—*60 Men, One Voice*, on Thursday March 17. Cost is \$15. We'll leave from the OLEC at 6:45 p.m. Make reservations before February 17 by calling Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797.

Senior News—AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Class. GUMC and AARP will present the "55 Alive Driver Safety Program," an instructional defensive driving course for people age 55+ on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15 and 16, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Room 339. The cost is \$12 for AARP members (\$14 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Ray Malone at 309-5966 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

PLANNED GIVING TO GERMANTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Did you know that your church has an Endowment Committee that has met consistently for over one year to further develop and administer the GUMC Endowment Fund?

For more information contact John Ueleke (chair) at johnu@legacywealth.com or Don Rhoads (secretary) at drhoads@germantowntumc.org.



Announcements

February 13, 2011

Church Board Meeting. There will be a Church Board meeting and Charge Conference on February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 339. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. The agenda includes approval of the budget for 2011 and replacing a member of the Board of Trustees.

Opportunity to Serve. Volunteers are needed once a month to be on the "Sunday Morning Prayer for Worship" team. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Renee Pearl at rpearl@germantownumc.org.

Are you Looking for a Great Preschool for Your Child? Germantown United Methodist Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year (mid August-mid May). We serve children 9 months to five years of age. Our preschool hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We are a three-star rated program with TN-DHS. For a tour, call 753-3109 or email Louise Goodale at preschool@germantownumc.org.

Bake Cookies for the KAIROS Prison Ministry. The KAIROS Ministry is an amazing program that helps those in prison come to know God's love and forgiveness. By baking 4-5 dozen chocolate chip cookies you can be a part of this wonderful ministry. The next KAIROS Weekend will be held March 3 at the West Tennessee State Penitentiary near Henning, Tennessee. Our church has been asked to provide 100 dozen chocolate chip cookies. Homemade is preferred, but using tubs of cookie dough from Costco or other grocers is fine. *These simple rules apply:* 1.) **Do not add nuts.** 2.) Make cookies no bigger than 3 inches in diameter 3.) Bake firm cookies, not soft. 4.) Bag cookies when they are completely cool so they don't stick together. 5.) Stack cookies in gallon Ziploc bags and transport in a sturdy bag or box. Bring cookies on or before Sunday, February 27 to the Information Center and place in the drawer marked "Kairos." For more information contact Nancy Cofield at 755-7221 or cofieldm@bellsouth.net.

Book Group. Our next book group will meet on Monday, February 28, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 338. We will be discussing *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. All are invited to attend.

Come Paint with Us! "Pirate Identity Crisis," "Chinese Lanterns," and "Pucker Up Candy Painting," are the names of just some of the painting classes that we are offering at the Germantown UMC Cottage in February. For more information or to register, please check out www.melandmichelle.blogspot.com.

Highlights of Paul's Journeys Cruise. Rev. Steve Atkins and Rev. Rick Kirchoff will be leading a tour of Paul's Journeys via Royal Caribbean on a 14-day trip leaving May 10, 2011. Countries visited include Greece, Italy, and Turkey with pre and post-tours available. Visit www.eo.travelwithus.com for trip details. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 or satkins@germantownumc.org. Brochures are available at the Information Center.

United Methodist Women

A "Spectacular Bridge Benefit" will be held Tuesday, April 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the OLEC. Bridge will be the main focus, and all supplies for the Bridge players will be furnished. Other card and board games are welcome. There will be door prizes, a Trash 'n' Treasure booth, and a gourmet lunch. For more information call Mina Elliot at 624-4915 or Alice McMurray at 754-0605. Email jandacus@comcast.net to receive a registration form. This benefit is sponsored by the Germantown United Methodist Women. All profits go toward missions in the Memphis area.

United Methodist Women's Children's Boutique. Sell your children's gently worn Spring and Summer clothing and more at the semi-annual Children's Boutique in March. Consignors will receive 70% of the sales price and Germantown United Methodist Women receives 30% for mission projects. To participate, go to gumwclothingsale.com to register and view complete instructions and important dates. We are here if you need help at info@gumwclothingsale.com or 754-7216, ext. 302. Registration deadline/inventory sheets is February 28. Drop off: March 2, 5-7 p.m. and March 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Presale: March 3, 3-8 p.m.; Public Sale: March 4, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Public Half-Price Sale: March 5, 8 a.m.-noon. Pick-up: March 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Cooking With Joy" Dinner. Tickets are available for the Germantown United Methodist Women's Joy Circle fundraiser dinner and silent auction on Saturday, February 26, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner includes a menu of homemade Italian cuisine prepared by member Steve Gibson. Tickets are limited and all proceeds go to support the JOY Circle's mission, the Memphis Business Academy. Tickets are \$45 per person. Contact Lauren Boswell at lrboswell@bellsouth.net or 848-0373. Tickets must be purchased in advanced.

Children's Ministries

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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 conclude our 6-week rotation, "The Fruit of the Spirit."

VBS: June 13-17, 2011. Mark your calendars for GUMC's "Shake it up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe" Vacation Bible School. Children age 4 through rising 6th grade will be chefs-in-training as they explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word. Registration begins April 1.

Men's Ministries

Sonrise Prayer Group. The Men's Sonrise Prayer group would like to extend an invitation to all men to join them on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m. in Room 339 for Bible study, support and fellowship. Join us any Tuesday morning. Questions? Call Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or visit www.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com.

Women's Ministries

"Lent by Candlelight" • Thursday, March 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Prepare your heart and mind for the season of Lent at this second annual women's event. We'll enjoy coffee and dessert in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall then convene in the Chapel for special music and a time for reflection and devotion presented by Blair Merkle. Make your reservation at germantownumc.org or call Laura Meanwell at 754-7216. Deadline is Monday, February 28. *Hostesses & Desserts Needed:* We need volunteers to host a table. A hostess provides eight dessert place settings. We invite you to use your best china and your creativity. We also need donated desserts. If you can host or provide a dessert please contact Laura Meanwell at lmeanwell@germantownumc.org or 758-6528 before February 21.

Adult Education

Prophets and Kings • Begins Tuesday, February 8, 6:30-8 p.m.

Facilitated by Terry Aust, this study began February 8 and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8. This six-session course costs \$12 and you may register online at germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org or call 758-6511.

Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 754-7216, dsmith@germantownumc.org

Adults In Ministry to Mountain T.O.P: March 2-6. The next opportunity for a short term mission trip to the Mountain is just a few weeks away. If you are looking for a getaway to work with a wonderful group of committed Christians, come join us for the weekend. This is a "fix up the camp" weekend to get Cumberland Pines ready for the spring, summer, and fall programs at Mountain T.O.P. There are lots of jobs to be done and once again, skill and tools are not a necessity. Call Doug Warner at 755-9729 if you would like to join the team for Friend's Weekend at Mountain T.O.P.

Owings Life Enrichment Center

Spring Soccer registration is now underway. Register online at germantownumc.org or pick up at form at the Owings Life Enrichment Center or Information Center. For more information contact Patrick Peavy at 753-3100 or ppeavy@germantownumc.org.

Ballet/Tumbling Classes are now forming for girls ages 3-5. For more information, contact Gracie Leetham at 753-3100.

3rd Annual Germantown UMC Family Night. Come out and support Head Coach Lionel Hollins and the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday, March 19, as they take on the Indiana Pacers. Gametime is at 7 p.m. but we get to watch the pre-game shootaround (closed to the general public) starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are Club Level seats and are \$35 each (normal \$99). Tickets are on sale today in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall and online at germatownumc.org.