

**Annual Block Party, May 1, 6 p.m.** Welcome to the Island! It's our fifth annual Confirmation welcome event and it's a good ol' block party, Hawaiian style. You won't want to miss the fun as we gather at the Owings Life Enrichment Center for laughter, music, food and inflatable games for the best luau Germantown can offer. Hula on over for a tropical adventure and celebrate our new Confirmands joining the youth group! The event is free . . . so invite a friend or two!

## 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 May Event.** Join us for an all-day trip to Tupelo, Mississippi to tour the Elvis Presley Birthplace, eat lunch at Vanelli's Greek and Italian Restaurant, and enjoy the Tupelo Automobile Museum on Tuesday, May 17. We depart at 8 a.m., and the all-inclusive cost is \$35 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Tuesday, April 19.

**May Brown Bag Lunch.** The "GUMC Attic Treasures Roadshow" will be Friday, May 6, in the Fellowship Hall. Appraisers, antique dealers, and local shop owners will be available to give you an estimated value of jewelry, china, art, books, fabric, silver, toys, games, dolls, and anything else you can carry in your hands. You may bring only four items—no pictures of items, vinyl records, coins, Orientalia, large pieces, or furniture, please. The program starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. No reservations are needed.

## Prayer Concerns

### In Deepest Sympathy

Marjorie "Margie" Carl – wife of Bob Carl, April 1

Evelyn Hailey – paternal grandmother of Brian Hailey and Sharon Hailey, March 29

Billie Blocker - father of Lynndy Travis, March 26

### In Hospital or Care Facility

Jim Dacus

### Concerns - Members and Friends

Chris Atkinson, Harold Butler, Mary Carpenter, Jim Harrell, DeWayne Hawkins, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Saja Mason, Lillian and Lloyd Moore, Barbara Moorehead, Bill Ott, Myra Thomas, Bill Walker, Cliff Wentworth, Ethel White

### Concerns - Family and Friends

Kathy Ayers – *friend of Valerie McKinney*, Kerry O'Neil Bailey – *friend of Ann Graham*, Ann Bell – *friend of Cecilia Conine*, Selene Benitone – *mother of*

*Coleman Callaway*, Windy Blair – *daughter-in-law of Phil and Gretchen Blair*, Jeffrey Browndyke – *friend of Jack and Wilma Ridner and Charlie and Ann Jennings*, John Bumpers – *friend of Randal Tomblin*, Berniece Burlson – *mother of Carolyn Crawford*, Jimmie Lois Burson – *mother of Deborah Smith*, Becky Joy Butler – *granddaughter of Hazel and Gene Goodale; niece of Gene and Louise Goodale*, Shawn Butrum – *nephew of Donna Callaway*, Milteen Cartwright – *mother of Tim Cartwright*, John Colebank - *brother of Linda Colebank*, Cindy Connolly – *sister of Mike Callaway*, Maggie Cordon – *friend of Pam Wohrman*, Tricia Coward – *niece of Ruth S. King*, Pauline Cychowski – *mother of Louise Goodale*, Mary Ellison – *friend of Chris Atkinson*, Patrick Evens - *friend of Jack and Eleanor Purdy*, Robin Ferguson – *daughter-in-law of Gary and Martha Rutherford*, Martha Ferguson – *sister of Louise McGhee*, Reggie and Kim (Pappin) Fields – *former member (Kim) and friends of Barbara and Conrad Schanson*, Suzanne Forbus - *mother of Lauren Boswell*, Debra Gant – *friend of Pat Davis*, Lynn Harper – *in-law of Julie Nagem (former member)*, Gertrude Haun – *friend of Ruth S. King*, Dianne Hill - *friend of Mary Ellen Kemker*, Janice Houze - *mother of Reggie Houze*, Cara Jones – *mother of Nancy Blake*, Simone Jones – *friend of Judy Rossetti*, Walter Joshlin – *son of Charlotte and Bill Joshlin*, Lewis Kizer – *father of Hope O'Briant*, Lucy Krull – *friend of Hope O'Briant and Alise Davis*, Debbie Lambert – *friend of Ann and Charlie Jennings*, Thomas Lawrence – *son of Cindy and Tom Lawrence*, Michael Lemmons – *brother of Karen Lochemes*, Ed Lupo - *friend of Kay Lindamood*, Mickey Lynn – *brother of Bob Lynn*, Jim and Loretta McCown – *parents of Sue Clark*, Brian McKinley - *son of Jim and Linda McKinley*, Karen Moix - *friend of Ruth S. King*, Debbie Price – *daughter of Mary Helen and Ed Price*, Diego Ramirez – *friend of Dick and Marian Carruth*, Francis "Fran" Riley – *friend of Doug Carpenter*, Vonda Roach – *friend of Faye Windham*, Jake Romo – *neighbor and friend of John and Tari Ellery*, Dave Rossetti – *father of John Rossetti*, Emily Smith – *daughter-in-law of Terri-Lyn and Alan Smith*, Renee Smith – *granddaughter of Terri-Lyn and Alan Smith*, Tina Sproull – *daughter of Kay Lindamood*, Jim Szalay – *father of David Szalay*, Nadene Tally – *sister-in-law of Len Greenwalt*, Gabriel Taylor - *son of Jeremy and Rhonda Taylor (former members)*, Francis Threadgill – *sister of Helen Pulliam*, Dr. Carter Towne – *friend of Nancy and Ed Barnett*, Florence Webster – *grandmother of Jessica Webster (staff member)*, Shirley Wilson – *aunt of Gary Paulson*, Stephanie and Ken Wright – *daughter and son-in-law of Ruth S. King*

### Family and Friends Serving Overseas

Afghanistan - Tyler Blackiston - nephew of Bart and Charla Sparks; Jeremy Burch – nephew of Anita Ford; Benjamin Johns – grandson of Joan Johns; Scott Lantz - brother-in-law of Lauren Boswell; Terry Markle – brother of Albert Markle; Justin Olson – nephew of Maureen and Charles Drummond; Iraq – Trevor Ducey – nephew of Erin Bailey; James Hayslip – friend of Ruth S. King; Todge Smith - son of Terri-Lyn and Alan Smith; Korea - Ryan Robison - nephew of Harris Lewis; Kuwait – Jay Pazin – godson of Maureen and Charles Drummond; Okinawa - Bradley Sparks - son of Bart and Charla Sparks; Persian Gulf – Travis Penn – son of Pam and Joe Penn



# MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

**April 17, 2011**

## Celebrate Holy Week

**Palm Sunday.** Our Habitat for Humanity volunteers will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast TODAY from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Please support our work with Habitat!

**Children's Choir Program Today at 5 p.m.** Our Children's Choir program will conclude their year with a concert featuring all the children's choirs. The final portion of the concert is a musical about God's covenant—*"Technicolor Promise"* presented by the Chorister Choir. Everyone is invited to come and share this evening with our children's choirs.

**Maundy Thursday Seder Meal**, April 21 · 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall today! Free childcare (with pizza) is available for children ages 4 and under.

**Good Friday**, April 22. We will observe Good Friday with a Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. You are invited to come and pray at any time during those hours. At noon on Good Friday, Rev. Steve Atkins will lead us in worship in the sanctuary.

**Easter Egg Hunt**, April 23 · 9 a.m. · McVay Gardens. There will be lots of fun activities, games, and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny! Please park at the Owings Life Enrichment Center.

**Youth Easter Sunrise Service**, April 24 · 6:30 a.m. · McVay Pavillion. Beat the regular Easter crowd and join us under the McVay Pavillion for our annual Easter Sunrise Service. The service will be led by our very own youth, and it is one you will not want to miss!

**Easter Sunday**, April 24 · 8:30, 9:40, and 11 a.m. On Easter Sunday Christians rejoice, not only because Christ overcame death, but because through Him we have an everlasting hope! Children's Sunday School classes will enjoy special activities at 9:40 and 11 a.m. in the chapel.

## Holy Week Volunteer Opportunities

**Easter Egg Hunt:** (Sat., Apr. 23, 9-11 a.m.) Take an hour long shift and help us welcome families to the egg hunt with a drawing. Families will guess how many jelly beans or chocolate eggs are in a jar. We'll ask them to sign in for the drawing and declare a winner before the end of the egg hunt. You just need to be a friendly welcoming presence! Contact Julie McKenna at 758-6514 or [jmckenna@germantownumc.org](mailto:jmckenna@germantownumc.org).

**Easter Sunday: Ushers Needed.** Please help us make our church a place of true warmth and hospitality this Easter by being an usher! Two shifts are available: 9-9:45 and 10:15-11:00. Contact Julie McKenna at 758-6514 or [jmckenna@germantownumc.org](mailto:jmckenna@germantownumc.org).

## Announcements

**Offices Closed.** Church offices and the Owings Life Enrichment Center will be closed on Good Friday. Please join us for a special service at noon in the sanctuary led by Rev. Steve Atkins.

**Ponderings:** If you would like to receive Ponderings, an e-devotional from Rev. Richard Smith sent weekly, Monday-Thursday, please make a note in the Friendship Pad today or email [dthurmond@germantownumc.org](mailto:dthurmond@germantownumc.org). The devotionals include a Scripture passage, thoughts from Richard, and questions for further reflection.

**Germantown United Methodist Preschool** is accepting applications for qualified teachers for the 2011-2012 school year. Qualifications include a Child Development Associates (CDA) degree or Bachelor's degree in Education (or related field), 3 years experience in a similar setting, and love of God and children. Interested applicants should send resume to Preschool Director, Susan Bryant at [sbryant@germantownumc.org](mailto:sbryant@germantownumc.org)

**Yoga at the OLEC.** Increase strength and gain flexibility at our yoga class taught by Sara Carr on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. The class works the entire body, from head to toe. Come see what it's all about!

The **Friends in Faith Sunday School class** will sell unique, uplifting calendars in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 1, between services. The calendars never go out of date and may be used year after year. All of the proceeds go to Germantown UMC missions endeavors.

**The Men's Sunrise Prayer Group** would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all men as we begin an Interpretation Bible Study of the book of Luke. The study book is written by Thomas Walker of Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Beach, Florida. This 10-week study will begin Tuesday morning, April 19, from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 339. Feel free to join us at any time during this study. For more information, contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

## United Methodist Men

Rev. Jack Henton, 754-7216, [jhenton@germantownumc.org](mailto:jhenton@germantownumc.org)

**The United Methodist Men's May Breakfast** meeting will be Saturday, May 21, at 8 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Doug Huey will be the featured speaker. He is a veteran of the Afghanistan conflict and will detail his recent tour of duty. The cost of the breakfast is \$5 and reservations are requested. They may be made online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or by calling the church office at 754-7216 by Wednesday, May 18.

## United Methodist Women

Spring Luncheon • Tuesday, May 10 • 11 a.m.

David Waters, the award-winning editor and columnist for *The Commercial Appeal* will be our guest speaker. Cost is \$10 each and childcare is provided at no charge. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216.

## Children's Ministries

*Janelle Crist, 758-6525, [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org)  
Shelley Haines 758-6512, [shaines@germantownumc.org](mailto:shaines@germantownumc.org)*

**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. Today the children will enjoy a special Palm Sunday lesson. All children will gather in the Chapel as usual for assembly. After a brief visit to the sanctuary for an opening Palm Sunday procession, the children will proceed to classrooms with combined age groups (K-2nd grade) and (3rd-5th grade) for a special lesson about Holy Week.

**VBS: June 13-17, 2011.** Registration is now open! We are bringing on the zany kitchen fun at GUMC's "Shake it up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe" Vacation Bible School. Children age 4 (by 9/30/11) through rising 6th grade will be chefs-in-training as they explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word. Registration forms are available at Grace Place, in the Fellowship Hall, or register online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

## Missions

*Rev. Deborah Smith, 754-7216, [dsmith@germantownumc.org](mailto:dsmith@germantownumc.org)*

**Habitat for Humanity Spring Build: April 30.** Our work house is located at 3474 Trinity Park Dr., near the airport. The work day is 7:30-4:30, but you can work any part of the day. Release forms are available at the worksite. For more information call Doug Warner at 755-9729. You can also support Habitat for Humanity by attending our Pancake Breakfast today at the Owings Life Enrichment Center until 12:30 p.m.

**Violets for Africa.** Honor or remember that special woman in your life on Mother's Day by purchasing an African Violet to benefit our missions work to AIDS orphans in Kenya. This summer will mark the 5th year that Germantown UMC has sent a team to Maua, Kenya! African Violets may be picked up at the Owings Life Enrichment Center on Saturday morning, May 7, or in the Fellowship Hall on Mother's Day, May 8. Forms are available at the Information Center. The names will be listed in a special bulletin insert on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8.

**Caldwell-Guthrie Elementary School.** Many opportunities are available to serve in April: April 26—Redbirds Education Day; April 28—ThinkShow Juror. Contact Shirlee Clark at [shirleemclark@att.net](mailto:shirleemclark@att.net) or 867-4029 for more information.

**Watoto de Afrika** (Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m.) Watoto de Afrika, a children's African Folk and Percussion Dance Ensemble, will present an African dance performance in our sanctuary to benefit our work with AIDS orphans in Kenya. This will be a fun and high-energy evening designed for the entire family. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Purchase your tickets at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or at the door the night of the concert.

**Donate Your Used Magazines.** As a part of our church's missions endeavors, we need your gently used magazines for all interests—ladies, hobbies, mechanics, outdoors, sports, children's, etc. This magazine drive will be an ongoing mission and outreach program for Methodist LeBonheur Hospital-Germantown. If you'd like to participate, drop off your magazines at the Drop Off Closet near the Welcome Center. Please clip off your name and address label from the magazine.

## Student Ministries

*Jason Baker, 758-6515, [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto:jbaker@germantownumc.org)*

**Element**, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights at the Owings Life Enrichment Center from 6-8 p.m. A snack supper is available for \$3. Join us tonight as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter Sunday.

**Youth Easter Sunrise Service.** Join us on Sunday morning, April 24, at 6:30 a.m. under the McVay Pavillion for our annual Easter Sunrise Service. The service will be led by our youth, and it is one you won't want to miss!

**Senior Packets Due April 24.** Seniors, please make note of the due date of April 24 for your Senior Packet. Details were mailed to you at home this week. If you have a senior who would like to be recognized/included in the banquet and did not receive a packet, email Jessica Webster at [jwebster@germantownumc.org](mailto:jwebster@germantownumc.org). Senior Recognition Sunday is May 15, and the Senior Banquet will take place that evening at the Owings Life Enrichment Center.