

**Annual Block Party May 1.** It's our 5th annual Confirmation welcome event and it's a good ole 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.

**Missions Commissioning May 15.** If you or your student will be participating in one of our summer mission trips, please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 15. We will take the opportunity to recognize those students in this special commissioning service.

## Older Adults

*These events are for everyone—singles and couples. Our activities are open to anyone age 55 and older regardless of church membership*

**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

**XYZs Only Summer Event.** Join us as we partake in the great American pastime at AutoZone Park as the Memphis Redbirds play the New Orleans Zephyrs on Wednesday, June 15. Cost is \$14 per person includes ticket and transportation. For reservations, call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797 by Wednesday, May 18.

## Single Adult Ministry

The Memphis Conference Single Adult Ministry is sponsoring a day retreat for singles and their families on Saturday, May 21 at Lake United Methodist Assembly in Eva, Tennessee. Contact Wendy Hopper, Conference Coordinator at 731-695-8330 or whopper@eplus.net.

## Prayer Concerns

We believe that prayer is a vital and relevant ministry in our faith community. Publication in Ministry Events is limited to birth and death notices, members' immediate concerns, and hospital or facility residents. Full listings are available each week in the Information Center and at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Prayer requests forms are available at the Information Center, or you may submit your request to Laura Meanwell at lmeanwell@germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

## In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sue Clark in the death of her father, James E. McCown, Jr., who passed away April 19.

## Hospital/Care Facility

Jim Dacus

## Concerns - Members and Friends

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

## Nursing Homes/Rehabilitation

*Belmont Village:* Les and Doris Morgan

*Carriage Court:* Annie Laurie Hall

*Cordova Estates:* Becky Anglin

*Kirby Pines Manor:* Fred Sain, Mac Sain

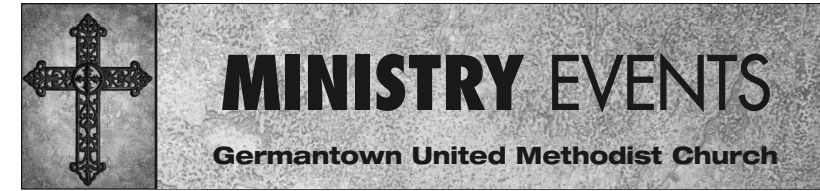
*Quince Nursing/Rehabilitation Center:* Della Fout,  
mother of Monte Fout

*Schilling Gardens:* Gene and Hazel Goodale

*St. Francis Nursing Home:* John Whittaker

*Village of Germantown:* Gene Nyhuis - father of Mary Rocha

*Waverly Gardens:* Martha and Dan Newlander



**April 24, 2011**

## Announcements

**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. The devotionals include a Scripture passage, thoughts from Richard, and questions for further reflection.

**Lifeblood Drive.** Join us at our next blood drive on Sunday, May 29, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. All donors will receive a free T-Shirt. No appointments are necessary. For more information call Dick Benson at 828-4681.

**Jim Roberts and Mike Wilson Scholarships.** The Jim Roberts and Mike Wilson Scholarships are now available. Applications have been mailed to all our graduating seniors. Completed application forms, including a personal letter and official high school transcript, must be returned to Jessica Webster by May 9 at jwebster@germantownumc.org. The Board of Trustees will select the recipients prior to the Recognition Dinner.

**May Book Group.** Our next book group will meet on Monday, May 23, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 338. We will be discussing *The Baby Thief* by Barbara Raymond.

**Testimony Youth Choir.** Our youth choir is debuting its new robes today that were purchased from the proceeds of the Edwin's Way 5K Run/Walk held last year. Save the date for this year's 5K—it is officially set for October 2 at 3 p.m.

**VBS Volunteers Needed!** (June 13-17, 9 a.m.-noon). VBS Group Guides are needed for all age groups! Group guides are adults who guide a group of children through daily activity stations. If you are signing your child up for VBS or just love being around children, please consider serving in this fun and vital role. Volunteer registration forms are available at the Information Center or at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

**VBS Prep Work Needed.** Can't help during VBS week, but still want to contribute? Come by Grace Place Education wing (room 261) on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 a.m. to help paint, cut, create props, etc. Take-home projects are also available. If interested, contact Janelle Crist or Shelley Haines at 754-7216.

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 study is held each Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 339. Join us at any time during this study. For more information, contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

## **Owings Life Enrichment Center**

*Tiffany Griffin, 753-3100, [tgriffin@germantownumc.org](mailto:tgriffin@germantownumc.org)  
Patrick Peavy (sports), 753-3100, [ppeavy@germantownumc.org](mailto:ppeavy@germantownumc.org)*

**Summer Sports Camps for Kids.** Our Summer Sports Camps will be held June 20-24 and July 25-29. Camp hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This camp is for children who have completed senior kindergarten-6th grade. The cost per camp is \$95 each, which includes lunch and all available sports activities. Online registration for the June camp is May 2-June 5.

**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.

## **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 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. • Fellowship Hall  
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 gather in the Chapel as usual for opening assembly. They will then proceed to classrooms with combined age groups (K-2nd grade) and (3rd-5th grade) for a special Easter lesson.

**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 you may register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

## **Missions**

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

**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.

**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.

## **Student Ministries**

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

**Element** is our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship. There is no Element tonight. Enjoy your time with your family!

**Senior Packets Due Now!** If you are a high school senior and would like to be recognized on Senior Recognition Sunday, return your packet to Jessica Webster at the church office. For more information contact Jessica at [jwebster@germantownumc.org](mailto:jwebster@germantownumc.org) or 758-6511. Our Senior Recognition Sunday is May 15.