

## 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. This week we continue our rotation, "Paul: On the Road to Damascus." As the children rotate weekly through four stations—Story, Games, Discovery, and Crafts—they will learn about how God turned Paul's life around and set him off in a new direction. Children will discover how God calls each of us to be followers of Jesus and promises to be with us.

**VBS: June 13-17, 2011.** Register today! 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 online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

## 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 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 which includes ticket and transportation. For reservations, call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797 by Wednesday, May 18.

**Wisdom and Grace Older Adult Conference, August 8-11.** Come to Lake Junaluska to enjoy the late summer beauty of the Western North Carolina Mountains and join in fellowship and study with adults from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction at the oldest and best attended Older Adult conference in the United States. For more information or to register, go to [lakejunaluska.com](http://lakejunaluska.com) or call 828-454-6656. To inquire about a scholarship or receive a brochure, call Luci Cromer at 755-0803.

## Missions

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

**Flood Bucket Day.** Bill Carr, our Annual Conference disaster relief coordinator has requested that we alert you that **May 21 is Flood Bucket Day** and we have a great need for Flood Buckets in this area. He has requested that the Flood Buckets be taken to First UMC Memphis, 204 N. Second. Check the Memphis Conference website at [memphis-umc.net](http://memphis-umc.net) for detailed instructions. If you need additional information, please communicate directly with Bill Carr at [b\\_carr@bellsouth.net](mailto:b_carr@bellsouth.net).

**United Methodist Neighborhood Center.** The food pantries are giving out food as fast as they get it so any help you can give will be greatly appreciated—especially canned meats and vegetables, peanut butter, staples such as flour, sugar, eggs, milk, and bread. The UMNC is located at 3000 Walnut Grove Rd. Contact Sharon Cornelius at [ssc0113@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssc0113@bellsouth.net) or 754-6261 and she will be glad to deliver the donations to the center.

## 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](mailto:lmeanwell@germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216.

### Births

Emily Claire Frazier, daughter of Emily and Lloyd Frazier;  
granddaughter of Jan and the late Lonnie Cain, May 3

### In Deepest Sympathy

Rebecca Joy Butler, granddaughter of Gene and Hazel Goodale, niece of Gene and Louise Goodale, May 11  
Theda Manning, mother of Tim Dalfiume, May 9  
Janice Houze, mother of Reggie Houze, May 6

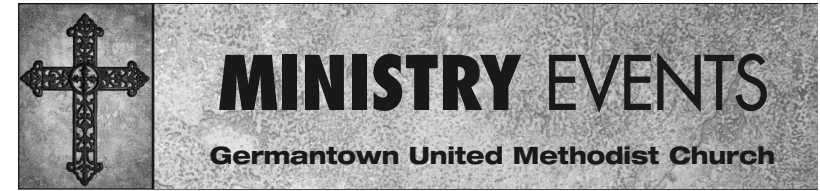
**In Hospital or Care Facility:** Les Morgan

### Congregational Concerns

Chris Atkinson, Harold Butler, Mary Carpenter, Jim Dacus, DeWayne Hawkins, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Saja Mason, Lillian & Lloyd Moore, Tom Oviatt, Damien Stock, Myra Thomas, and Elaine West

### Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Facilities

*Belmont Village:* Doris Morgan  
*Carriage Court:* Annie Laurie Hall  
*Cordova Estates:* Becky Anglin  
Kirby Pines Manor - 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



**May 15, 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](mailto: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 828-4679.

**GUMC Census.** As we begin a new chapter in the life of Germantown United Methodist Church with new ministerial leadership, it is important to have accurate and up-to-date membership information. This will be helpful to our new ministers in getting to know our church members, as well as helping our church leadership in planning the ministry and mission programs of our congregation. A short census form has been designed for all our members to complete. If you did not get the chance to complete a Census Form last Sunday, these forms will be available in Sunday School classes and in worship services today. You may also complete online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) – and selecting "GUMC Census Update." Forms not completed by the 15th will be mailed to the remaining members.

**Teachers Needed.** Teachers are needed for Summer Sunday School in Elementary Grace Place. Lessons are simple, materials are provided, and the schedule is flexible. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer in Grace Place during the school year, please consider this opportunity to serve. Please contact Shelley Haines at [shaines@germantownumc.org](mailto:shaines@germantownumc.org) or Janelle Crist at [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org) for more information.

**College Student Sundays.** Join us this summer as GUMC Sunday School classes host college students as a part of a new young adult ministry. The **Believers Class** will host our college students in May. Join them at 11 a.m. in Room 338. Starting in June, the group will sit together during the 9:40 a.m. worship service. For details contact [dturner@germantownumc.org](mailto:dturner@germantownumc.org).

**Beth Moore Bible Study:** “*Discerning the Voice of God*” by Priscilla Shirer Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This study is designed to help participants know the voice of God—God’s language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through Scripture, participants will be able to discern God’s voice from the voice of strangers. This 7-week Bible Study by Phyllis Shirer will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:45-11:45 a.m. beginning June 22 and ending August 3. Cost is \$15 and child care will be available. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call Jessica Webster at 758-6511.

**Art Camps at GUMC!** Join us for a summer full of terrific Art Camps at GUMC. For information on the camps listed below, and more, visit our blog at [www.melandmichelle.blogspot.com](http://www.melandmichelle.blogspot.com) or send Melissa an e-mail at [ecychowski@hotmail.com](mailto:ecychowski@hotmail.com).

- **Very Broad Strokes Art Camp:** June 13 -June 17; 12:30-4:00 p.m. (*Ages 7 and up.*) This camp is at GUMC, after VBS, and out of the heat! Artists will gain exposure to a variety of materials and techniques and learn about some very interesting artists, their work, and their impact on history. We are happy to escort them from VBS to Art Camp!

- **“Picture This” Art Camp:** July 11 – July 15; 1:00-4:00 p.m. (*Ages 7 and up.*) Explore the many ways artists have painted themselves, their neighbors, their families and their pets throughout history! From long-faced Mondrians, to wacky Picassos - your child will have the most interesting portrait gallery around!

**Ministry Opportunity.** The Older Adult Ministry is in need of a driver on Sunday mornings to pick up and deliver worshippers from The Village of Germantown. If you could help once every two months, contact Beverly Rhoads at [brhoads@germantownumc.org](mailto:brhoads@germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216, ext 107.

**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.

**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.

**Kemmons Wilson Speaker Series.** Author and speaker Tim Keller will speak at Christ UMC on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in Seabrook Hall. He is the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian in New York City, which is named one of the Top 25 Most Influential Churches in America. The public is invited to attend this free community event. If anyone is interested in carpooling from Germantown UMC, please contact Donna Thurmond at [dthurmond@germantownumc.org](mailto:dthurmond@germantownumc.org).

**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.

## United Methodist Men

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

**Germantown UMM Breakfast.** Mark your calendars now to attend our next breakfast meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 21, starting at 8 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Doug Huey who is a veteran of the Afghanistan conflict and will detail his recent tour of duty. Call the church at 754-7216 or go to [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) to make reservations before Wednesday, May 18. The cost is \$5 and this may be paid at the door. Our goal is to have 100 men in attendance at our monthly breakfast meetings. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions regarding the UMM, please contact Rev. Jack Henton at [jhenton@germantownumc.org](mailto:jhenton@germantownumc.org) or at 754-7216, Ext. 101.

## Student Ministries

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**Element.** Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights at the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. A snack supper is available for \$3. Element will be off until May 22 when we have our annual Photo Scavenger Hunt! You won’t want to miss it!

**Mission Trip Balance.** Your final balance for summer missions is due no later than Wednesday, June 1. We will be in touch between now and then to let you know what your remaining balance is. Please make note of other important mission prep dates, which are listed on your details sheet(s).

## 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 and registration for July camp is June 6-July 10. Register online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at [ppeavy@germantownumc.org](mailto:ppeavy@germantownumc.org).

**Pedal & Pump on Thursdays @ 9 a.m.** taught by Jen Boyle. Come and join us for a great, brand new type of cycling class for the whole body! Think cycling meets the ever popular bootcamp! This hour-long workout mixes traditional cycling with intervals of bootcamp style exercises using plyometrics, weights, bands, abs and body weight. It’s an excellent total body, cardio and strength workout in just one hour!

**The Tighten and Tone class** is led by Ronda McCain on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Work every major muscle group in your body using a variety of resistance equipment.

**May Specials.** Call our licensed massage therapist, Carol Panasuk, at 292-5913 to make an appointment. Gift certificates are also available.

**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.

**Dr. Bob’s Yoga and Relaxation classes** are a more gentle system of yoga which focuses on the relaxation aspects and benefits. Dr. Robert Hughes has been teaching yoga since 1975 and has worked for UT Dept. of Community Medicine and the Mid-South Medical Center Council in the 1980’s and has been teaching Yoga for decades at the University of Memphis. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building in the Emmanuel Classroom.

## Single Adult Ministry

**Memphis Conference Single Adult Ministry** is hosting a Day Retreat on Saturday, May 21, at Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly in Eva, Tennessee. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Activities will run from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All single adults and their families are invited to join in this fun day of fellowship and enjoying nature. For a complete brochure, please email Rev. Rebecca Luter at [rluter@germantownumc.org](mailto:rluter@germantownumc.org) or see our website at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).