

Mission Team Travels to Kenya July 7-21. This will be the fifth year that GUMC has sent a team to help AIDS Orphans in Africa. The team will build a home for an AIDS orphaned family, deliver needed medical supplies to Maua Methodist Hospital, help with hospital maintenance and repairs, give care to hospital patients, conduct a Vacation Bible School, lead a Chapel service, and sponsor a group of AIDS orphans for a two-day course of study at the Methodist Bio-Intensive Agricultural Training Center. *Our 2011 Team:* Carrie Allison, Rich and Terry Aust, Anna Clark, Ed Clark, Amy Fink, Catherine Livesay, Norris McGehee, Leda Phillips, Gary Pruitt, Barry and Susan Hillebert Smith, Colene Watkins, and Bill and Cathy Whitaker.

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 Deepest Sympathy

John Whittaker, Jr. – member and husband of Cissy Whittaker, May 17
John Perkins, Sr. – father-in-law of Erica Lewis Perkins, May 11
Jerry McClure – son of John and Thelma McClure, May 7

In Hospital or Care Facility

Les Morgan

Concerns - Congregational

Chris Atkinson, Joan Brown, Harold Butler, Mary Carpenter, Jim Dacus, Vaughn Dickey, DeWayne Hawkins, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Kaiden Kisner, Grayson Kisner, Saja Mason, Lillian and Lloyd Moore, Jacob Still, Damien Stock, and Myra Thomas

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
Village of Germantown – Gene Nyhuis, father of Mary Rocha
Waverly Gardens – Martha and Dan Newlander

The History of Memorial Day

(from usa.gov)

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 2001, a National Moment of Remembrance was added to the observance of Memorial Day, encouraging all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

A Memorial Day Prayer by Tracy McNeal

As we honor those who have died in the nation's service this Memorial Day, let us pray for peace for all peoples and nations of the world.

Almighty God,
In whom we live, love, and have our being,
We take time today to uplift the heavy hearts
Of those for whom Memorial Day
Is more than a mere diversion,
But is, instead, a painful time of reflection, lamentation
And enduring bereavement.
This day we remember with compassion
Your children who have lost their lives to war;
Incline us to honor their memory, dear Lord,
With a sincere pledge to seek peace
And nonviolent solutions to world conflict.
We pray for the safety of those entering military service,
And succor for the many returning from combat
With wounded bodies,
Or minds
Sickened by the sight and sounds of war.
Our prayers also extend, Great Comforter,
To those who still wait and pray
Day by anxious day
For that precious moment of reunion
With a distant family member, friend, or loved one.
And to others – whose reunion has been sorrowfully delayed
Until that Heavenly homecoming with Christ
In the fullness of time –
We offer the gentle assurance
Of your promise to all believers,
“Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.”
Amen.



MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

May 29, 2011

Announcements

VBS Greeters. Greeters are especially needed for the first day of VBS—Monday, June 13, from 8:30 until 9:15 a.m. If you can't volunteer all week, but would like to share some genuine GUMC hospitality to families bringing their children to VBS on opening day, contact Rev. Julie McKenna at jmckenna@germantownumc.org or 486-0721.

Attention College Students. Join us this summer as our adult Sunday School classes host our college students as part of a new Young Adult Ministry initiative. Today, the Believers Class will host our college students at 11 a.m. in Room 338. During June, the group will sit together during the 9:40 a.m. worship service (in the balcony), then proceed to the Preston Sunday School class (Room 232, Chapel Building) at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Turner at dturner@germantownumc.org.

VBS Volunteers Still Needed (June 13-17, 9 a.m.-noon). We still need a few more VBS Group Guides and floaters! Group guides are adults who guide a group of children through daily activity stations. Even if you are only able to work one or two days, we need of substitutes and floaters. Contact a VBS director as soon as possible: Shelley Haines (shaines@germantownumc.org), Janelle Crist (jcrist@germantownumc.org), or Angie Hopper (hopshome@earthlink.net).

Interim Bishop Named. The Council of Bishops has named Bishop Benjamin Chamness as interim bishop following the September 1 retirement of Bishop Richard J. Wills, Jr. Chamness served as Bishop in the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2000 and was assigned to the Fort Worth Area. Bishop Chamness will bring his special gifts to the Tennessee and Memphis Annual Conferences beginning September 1 and ending August 31. Further details on the transition will be forthcoming.

Journey to the Holy Land. Rev. Steve Atkins will be leading a trip to the Holy Land June 6-18, 2012. Visit www.eo.travelwithus.com for a complete description of the "Journey Through the Bible 2012" tour. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 299-2375 or 388-8144 for more information.

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. This 7-week Bible study 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 or call Jessica Webster at 758-6511.

The Emmaus Sunday School Class would like to thank everyone who supported our class efforts to raise money for the Kenya Mission Trip. Because of your appetite for barbecue, the class raised \$2,130 to give to the Kenya Team to purchase supplies for the trip.

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 www.melandmichelle.blogspot.com or e-mail Melissa Ecychowski at ecychowski@hotmail.com.

- **Very Broad Strokes Art Camp:** June 13 -June 17; 12:30-4:00 p.m. (*Ages 7 and up.*) This camp will be held at the OLEC after VBS. 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 your children 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! (Held at The Cottage on S. Germantown Rd.)

Owings Life Enrichment Center

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

Early A.M. Conditioning Class. This early morning conditioning course meets Monday-Friday for only 30 minutes. The six-week session began Wednesday, May 25, but you may join late and receive a prorated rate. Contact Todd Hinton at 488-2845 or thinton2@comcast.net.

Summer Dance Classes. Beginner and intermediate combination ballet, tap, and jazz classes for children and adults will be offered at the OLEC beginning in June. Classes will be taught by Mary-Ann Brand, an experienced performer, choreographer, and instructor. For a schedule of classes, contact Gracie Leetham at gleetham@germantownumc.org or call 753-3100.

The Very, Very Beginner Bootcamp (Begins June 6, Mondays and Fridays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.) Talented and experienced personal trainer, Judy Oros, will help you increase stamina, tone muscles, burn calories, and lose weight in this beginner-level class! Call 753-3100 for pricing and to reserve a spot.

Sports Camps for Sr. K-6th Graders. 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 ends June 5. July camp registration is June 6-July 10. Register at germantownumc.org. Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at ppeavy@germantownumc.org.

Pedal and Pump Class. Taught by Jen Boyle, this class is held on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. This hour-long workout mixes traditional cycling with intervals of bootcamp style exercises using plyometrics, weights, bands, abs and body weight.

Yoga Classes

- 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 that focuses on the relaxation aspects and benefits. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building in the Emmanuel classroom.

Children’s Ministries

*Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org
Shelley Haines 758-6512, shaines@germantownumc.org*

Elementary Grace Place. Summer Grace Place is the Sunday School program for children who have just finished senior kindergarten through 5th grade offered from 9:40-10:40 or 11:00-12:00. All children will gather in the Chapel for opening assembly then proceed to classrooms with combined grade level groups. For Memorial Sunday, the children will enjoy a movie and snacks!

Last week to register for VBS! Deadline is June 5! Don’t miss out! At GUMC’s “Shake it up Café” 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. VBS week is June 13-17 from 9 a.m.-noon. and pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at Grace Place, in the Fellowship Hall, or you may register online at germantownumc.org.

Student Ministries

Jason Baker, 758-6515, jbaker@germantownumc.org

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 not meet tonight. We’ll see everyone back June 5 for Tie Dye Shirt and Jerry’s Sno-Cone Night!

Mission Trip Balance. The final balance for summer missions trips is due by Wednesday, June 1. If you have a question about your balance due, please contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org.

Manna House Mondays. Each Monday this summer, we will travel to Manna House, a place of hospitality and ministry of presence for poor and homeless of our city. We will meet in the OLEC parking lot at 7 a.m. and will return at 1 p.m. after stopping for lunch on the way back. Watch for sign-up sheets on Sunday nights, or contact Lindsey Butler at lbutler@germantownumc.org if you would like to join us.

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—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 Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The class will meet in Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom), and 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. See the June issue of *The Tidings* for a full description of this event.

Missions

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

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 or 754-6261 and she will be glad to deliver the donations to the center.