

Fall Dance Classes. Beginner and intermediate combination ballet, tap, and jazz classes are offered for children and adults. Classes will be taught by Mary-Ann Brand, an experienced performer, choreographer, and instructor. For class information, contact Gracie Leetham at 753-3100 or gleetham@germantownumc.org or Mary Ann at 428-0002. Deadline to sign up is August 21.

Mat Pilates. (Monday/Wednesday 4:45 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday 8:15 a.m.) Come tone your core and more! Mat Pilates tones you from head to toe. Taught by Pilates certified, master yoga instructor and veteran group fitness instructor Paula Hatmaker.

FitFunKids. FitFunKids, a summer enrichment program for children ages 6-12 continues through August 5. This groups meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Oasis Lounge and Tuesday and Thursday.

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—XYZs September Event! Help us kick off our 10th season when we see Tommy Tune “Steps in Time” at the Germantown Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, September 17. Drive yourself; the doors open at 7:30 for an 8 p.m. performance. The cost is \$32 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Wednesday, August 17. Please read your *Tidings* for a full description of this event.

Stephen Ministry

Rev. Gail Bruno, 754-7216, ext. 125, gbruno@germantownumc.org

Has life ever thrown you a curve ball? A situation comes along that throws you off balance, and leaves your heart and mind a jumbled mess of feelings and thoughts! This is often how we feel after the loss of a loved one, an accident or a disaster, illness, job loss, divorce, or any situation that causes uncertainty.

We all experience or encounter brokenness, yet, we often hesitate to admit it. Instead, we “tough it out” telling everybody “we are fine.”

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community. Perhaps you or someone you know is going through a tough time—either emotionally or spiritually. Why not consider the help that a Stephen Minister can provide?

The care received is confidential and there is no fee. For more information, please contact Rev. Gail Bruno.gbruno@germantownumc.org.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns published in Ministry Events are limited to birth and death notices, members’ immediate concerns, and hospital or facility residents. Complete listings are available at the Information Center and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please pick up a copy. Prayer requests forms are available at the Information Center or you may contact Laura Meanwell at lmeanwell@germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

In Deepest Sympathy

James “Richard” Tomlinson – member; husband of Drenda Tomlinson; father of Wesley Tomlinson and Susan Schmidt, July 28

William “Harold” Butler – member, brother-in-law of Jo and Del Mercer; uncle of Linda Moore, July 26

Ann Lee Turner – mother of Paige Close, July 5

In Hospital or Care Facility

Eddie Grigg

Barbara Ross

Congregational Concerns

Chris Boswell, Mary Carpenter, Casey Casteel, Kelly Close, Jan Dacus, Harley and Cora Hathaway, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Saja Mason, Susan Nicholas, Marvin Ray, Fred Smith, Damian Stock, Myra Thomas, Jim Wennemark

Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Facilities

Belmont Village – Les and Doris Morgan

Carriage Court – Annie Laurie Hall

Cordova Estates – Becky Anglin

Kings Daughters & Sons – Chris Kirchoff

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

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To ensure that our members are able to reach a pastor when the offices are closed, we are providing you with an emergency phone number with which you may reach the pastor on call. Please be mindful that this number should only be used for urgent situations such as the emergency hospitalization of a member (or immediate family), or death of a member (or immediate family), or other tragedy. The Emergency Pastoral Care number is (901) 412-5776. You may also call our regular office number (754-7216) and call the answering service number given and they will contact our pastor on call.



MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

July 31, 2011

Announcements

“A Second Look.” Beginning August 10, Rev. Richard Smith will be hosting “A Second Look” to be held each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 342. This is a unique opportunity to discuss the previous Sunday’s sermon and have a time for questions and discussion. No preparation is required and no reservations are needed. The text and video of the sermons are posted to our website each Monday.

Blood Drive, August 14. Join us for our blood drive on Sunday, August 14, at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Lifeblood will be taking donations from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All donors will receive an ice cream coupon from Ben & Jerry’s! Sign up at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

Health and Wellness Speaker. On Sunday, August 21, at 9:40 a.m., everyone is invited to hear Dr. Scott Morris speak in the Fellowship Hall on the topic of “Health Care You Can Live With.” Dr. Morris is founder and Executive Director of the Church Health Center that seeks to provide primary health care to the low-income, uninsured working people of Memphis.

Fall Children’s Clothing Boutique. We welcome all consignors to participate. Consignors receive 70% of sales and GUMW keeps 30% for missions projects throughout the year. To participate, go to www.gumwclothingsale.com to register and view complete instructions and important dates. Registration deadline/inventory sheets is August 22. Drop off: August 24, 5-7 p.m. and August 25, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Presale: August 25, 5-8 p.m.; Public Sale: August 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Public Half-Price Sale: August 27, 8 a.m.-noon. Pick-up: August 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information contact us at info@gumwclothingsale.com or 754-7216, ext. 302.

Teachers to be Recognized August 28. Calling all school teachers, Sunday School teachers, Germantown UMC Preschool teachers, Element volunteers, Grace Place, and Confirmation mentors! On Sunday, August 28, *Christian Education Sunday* will be celebrated in all worship services. Teachers will be recognized during worship and a reception will be held in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall between services. Please share this information with your fellow volunteers and teachers.

Grace Place Volunteers Needed. We currently have a need for presenters and substitutes in our Children’s Ministry area. Presenters typically teach both hours for a 6-week period. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or shaines@germantownumc.org.

Save the Date. Our annual church-wide outing at Golf ‘n Games is set for Sunday afternoon, September 18. Watch for more information!

Edwin’s Way is an annual 5K run/walk presented by members of Germantown UMC to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, at Nashoba Park. Named in memory of Edwin Smith, an avid runner and passionate supporter of our Student Ministry Program, over \$10,000 was raised at last year’s event to purchase choir robes and music equipment for our youth. Register online at germantownumc.org beginning July 31. Early registrants receive an upgraded performance tee. Put together a group of friends from Sunday School, worship, small groups, neighborhood, or anywhere else! There are prizes for best theme, largest group, and more. Participants should designate their group name when registering.

Summer Giving at GUMC. While our activities often take us away from GUMC in the summer, the activity level and the expenses to keep and maintain our church are present 12 months a year. If possible, pay ahead of your absences rather than following them. For your convenience, you may give online at germantownumc.org or set up a monthly automatic bank draft through Sharon Panis (spanis@germantownumc.org or 758-6522).

Will Power is Good Stewardship. Did you know that nearly 80% of United Methodists pass away without creating a will; thus relying on the State to distribute their possessions, provide for their children . . . and deny their charitable interests? No matter what your age, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to create a will. The GUMC Endowment Committee includes qualified persons that can help you initiate a will and can suggest ways in which you may include your church in it. For information, email John Ueleke (Chair, Endowment Committee) at johnu@legacywealth.com or Don Rhoads (Secretary, Endowment Committee) at drhoads@germantownumc.org.

Children’s Ministries

*Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org
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Elementary Grace Place. Promotion Sunday is next Sunday, August 7! All children will be promoted to their new grades. Children will gather by grade-level in the Chapel at the beginning of the hour, then go to classrooms in the Grace Place wing for snacks, games and fun with their new adult mentors. Parents are asked to register their children at either 9:40 or 11:00 a.m. Registration is required for all children—even if they have attended in the past so that we have up-to-date information. Thank you!

Missions

School Supplies Needed for Caldwell-Guthrie Students. Once again this year our church is sponsoring a school supply drive for the children at Caldwell-Guthrie Elementary. We have boxes located around the church, marked “Supplies for Scribes!” In order to meet the needs of the children more fully, we are asking our members to “adopt a scribe.” A supply list is located at each drop box. Please buy the supplies for the list you select, and then return the supplies to the designated drop off locations.

Reelfoot Rural Ministries. After the spring flood, Reelfoot’s food pantry was depleted of most of the staples needed to feed those in need in the area. Listed below is a list of food items needed. Anything that you can give will help feed our brothers and sisters in northwest Tennessee. Please bring your food items no later than August 4 as we will be delivering the food on August 5. Please drop your donations in the bin behind the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall or leave at the Welcome Center.

Cake Mixes	Flour (2 or 5 lb.)	Oatmeal (Small Packets)
Can Meats	Fruit – Canned	One Skillet Meals
Can Milk	Instant Potatoes	Peanut Butter
Can Potatoes	Jello	Pop Tarts
Canned Foods/Fruit	Jelly	Ready-to-Eat Items
Cereal	Juices	Rice (1 lb. bag)
Corn Meal (2 or 5 lb.)	Mac/Cheese	Spaghetti Sauce
Corn Muffin Mix	Mixed Vegetables	Sugar
Crackers	Noodles (All Kinds)	Tea
Dry Beans (1 lb. bag)	Oatmeal (Family Size Box)	Tomatoes – Canned
Dry Milk	Oatmeal (Instant)	Vegetable Oil

Adult Education

Beth Moore Bible Study Begins August 31. *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, takes participants into Genesis 12-50. It reveals God’s remarkable pursuit of relationship and the unfolding of His earthly plan: that through one nation—and ultimately, one man—all people on earth will be blessed. This morning Bible study, facilitated by Chesley Porteous, will be held Wednesday mornings from 9:45-11:45 a.m. beginning August 31. Register at germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or jwebster@germantownumc.org. The cost of the book is \$25.

Disciple Bible Study: Into the Word Into the World. This second study in the Disciple series proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. This study begins on Sunday, August 28, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 233 and is facilitated by Dr. John Adams. Register at germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or jwebster@germantownumc.org. The cost of the book is \$40.

Confirmation Classes

Rev. Julie McKenna, 758-6514, jmckenna@germantownumc.org

Confirmation Orientation. All 6th graders are invited to join our 2011-2012 Confirmation Class. Confirmation is a unique opportunity . . . a call for young people to learn what it means to be a follower of Christ. The year includes an age-appropriate, interactive overview of the Christian faith including Scripture, history and heritage, practices, beliefs, and commitments as United Methodist Christians. Classes meet Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m. from September-March. An orientation for parents and students will be held Sunday, August 21, from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If your student missed 6th grade confirmation, all is not lost! Periodically, we offer a shortened “AP version” of the course for older students.

Health & Recreation Ministries

(Owings Life Enrichment Center)

Tiffany Griffin, 753-3100, tgriffin@germantownumc.org

Patrick Peavy (sports), 753-3100, ppeavy@germantownumc.org

Edwin’s Way 5K is coming soon so join the fun and prepare to run! The Health and Recreation Ministry wants you to be ready for race day by joining our Couch-to-5K® Running group. Daniel Turner will be leading a group of runners to prepare for this event. Call the OLEC 753-3100 or contact Daniel at dturner@germantownumc.org if you’re interested in joining this group. Training will begin the first week of August. Check out www.coolrunning.com for the running plan.

Fall Soccer Registration is now underway for our youth fall soccer season. Youth Fall Soccer is for Jr. K-6th graders. The fee is \$70 which includes league fee, jersey, trophy, and end of the season party. Online registration runs until **August 1**. Games start September 9 and end in November. Register at germantownumc.org. Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at ppeavy@germantownumc.org.

Pedal Your Way to Health! Join Gina Chase on Monday and Thursday at 6:00 for a fantastic hour of exercise that can strengthen the heart and lungs, lower total cholesterol, decrease stress, and burn loads of calories.

Afternoon Beginner Boot Camp. Our *afternoon* Very, Very, Very Beginner Boot Camp led by Judy Oros will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. beginning August 9. Call 336-8639 to reserve your spot!

Ro-Ken Karate/Self Defense. The second oldest Karate school in the Memphis area is returning to the OLEC on Tuesday nights beginning August 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm. There are *no contracts* and the (once a week) classes are for ages 10 and up for a cost of \$25 per month. For more information, contact Chris Mahoney at 493-3046.

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