

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.

September Brown Bag Lunch. Willy Bearden, local historian and documentarian, will be discussing Overton Park at our September 2 Brown Bag Lunch. He has produced films and museum exhibits on many subjects, written and produced several “Memphis Memoirs” documentaries for WKNO-TV, and published books for the “Images of America” series. His film, *Overton Park, A Century of Change*, premiered in 2001, and his book about the park followed.

TOPIC: “Overton Park”

SPEAKER: Willy Bearden, Memphis Filmmaker and Writer

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: September 2. Program starts at 11 a.m.; lunch is at noon.

COST: FREE—the church will supply beverages.

RESERVATIONS: No reservations are needed. Just bring your sack lunch and enjoy the program and the fellowship.

QUESTIONS? Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107.

Senior News—XYZs October Event! Experience Impressionist art at its finest when we tour *Monet to Cézanne/Cassatt to Sargent: The Impressionist Revolution* at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art and eat lunch at The Brushmark Restaurant on Wednesday, October 5. We depart at 10:30 a.m., and the cost is \$20 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Wednesday, September 7.

Stephen Ministry

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

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.

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 request forms are available at the Information Center or you may call the church office at 754-7216.

In Deepest Sympathy

Grace Abraham – sister of Alma Pitner, July 30

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

In Hospital or Care Facility

Casey Casteel Eddie Grigg

Kelsea Johns Barbara Ross

Congregational Concerns

Clark Adams, Chris Boswell, Mary Carpenter, Kelly Close, Harley & Cora Hathaway, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Saja Mason, Susan Nicholas, Marvin Ray, Fred Smith, Damian Stock, and Myra Thomas

Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Facilities

Belmont Village – Les and 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

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

August 7, 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 OLEC. 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.

The Men’s Sunrise Prayer Group would like to extend an invitation to all men to attend our study group each Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 339. On Tuesday, August 23, we will begin a powerful study of James Moore’s book, *When You are a Christian, the Whole World is From Missouri*. For more information about the Sunrise Group, please contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

Fall Children’s Clothing Boutique: August 22-28. 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.

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 in our Children’s Ministry area. Presenters typically teach both hours (9:40 and 11:00) for a 6-week period. The lesson and all materials are provided. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or shaines@germantownumc.org.

Apologies for the Warmth. Those seated in the balcony last Sunday and those attending the Tomlinson Memorial Service on Monday experienced higher temperatures than normal. In spite of regular maintenance, one of our many condensers (23 years old) failed over the weekend. Repairs were attempted last Monday morning to no avail. The condenser has been replaced at this time. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

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. Register now at germantownumc.org for Edwin’s Way 5K to be held Sunday, October 2. Sign up by September 1 and receive an upgraded performance tee! Put together a group of friends from Sunday School, worship, small groups, UMW Circles, etc. There are prizes for best theme, largest group, and more. Participants should designate 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. For your convenience, you may give online at germantownumc.org or set up an automatic bank draft. Call Sharon Panis at 754-6522 for more information.

Missions

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. Please bring your donations to the Welcome Center by August 12.

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

Student Ministries

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

Lindsay Butler, lbutler@germantownumc.org

Welcome! We are proud to announce that Lindsay Butler is our new Associate Director of Student Ministries. Lindsay graduated from Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries and Theatre. She is also currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Memphis Theological Seminary. Lindsay has served as the Director of our A.C.T.S. program for the past year and youth intern since January.

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 is off tonight as youth and their families gear up for school this week. Enjoy your time with family, and we’ll see everyone back next week for the Kick-Off. (See details below.)

ACTS Retreat: August 12-13. For those interested in serving our youth group and church community through acting, ACTS (*Actors for Christ through Theater and Skits*) might be the place for you! Contact Lindsay Butler for more information.

Fall Family Kick-Off, August 14. Our Student Ministry Fall Family Kick-Off is just around the corner! We’ll spend the evening with 321 Improv Comedy, who’s sure to bring tears to your eyes, pain to your side, and will leave your face aching from laughter. This free event will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the OLEC. Parents and friends are welcome to attend!

Buffalo River Canoe Trip, August 27. Roughing it has never been easier. We’re traveling to Flatwoods Canoe Base located in the heart of West Tennessee to enjoy a day of swimming, floating, paddling, and sunning. Join us as we journey down the clean, clear, and peaceful Buffalo River via canoe. Cost for the trip is \$35 and registration is due no later than Sunday, August 21. Limited spots are available, so sign up now!

Children’s Ministries

Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org

Shelley Haines 758-6512, shaines@germantownumc.org

Elementary Grace Place. Promotion Sunday is TODAY! 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!

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 Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Health & Recreation Ministries

(Owings Life Enrichment Center)

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

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

Our Couch-to-5K® Running Group began August 3 in preparation for Edwin’s Way 5K. For more information, contact Daniel Turner at dturner@germantownumc.org.

Pedal Your Way to Health. Join Gina Chase on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. 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 now offering classes at the OLEC on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. 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.

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 Mary Ann at 428-0002. Deadline to sign up is August 21.