

Health & Recreation Ministries

(Owings Life Enrichment Center)

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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.

Fall Soccer registration is over and we had a great response. We will have six teams this season ranging from Jr. Kindergarten-2nd grade. The season starts September 9 and runs through November 5. Teams are being formed and you should hear from your coach soon.

Basketball. Registration for the upcoming basketball season starts September 19 and ends October 19. GUMC offers basketball for kindergarten-12th grade. All practices are held in the OLEC gym and games are played in local churches in Shelby County. The kindergarten teams are co-ed. Kindergarten basketball begins in January and games are played Sunday afternoons. The 1st-12th grade teams are divided by gender and play on Saturdays starting December 3. The fee to play is \$70. All teams play eight games.

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.

Attention teachers. We have a workout for you Our AFTERNOON Very, Very, Very Beginner Boot Camp begins Tuesday, August 23 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. Call Judy Oros at 336-8639 to reserve your spot! You don't have to be a teacher to enjoy this great workout!

Pedal & Pump two days each week starting August 23. This great workout led by Jen Boyle is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ro-Ken Karate / Self Defense. The second oldest Karate school in the Memphis area is returning to 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 information, please 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 gleetham@germantownumc.org or Mary Ann at 428-0002. Deadline to sign up is August 21.

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.

Senior News—September Brown Bag Lunch Series. Willy Bearden, Memphis filmmaker and writer, will present "Overton Park." This presentation will be Friday, September 2, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed. There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.

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.

Prayer Concerns

Our complete prayer concerns list is available at the Information Center and outside the sanctuary. To submit a prayer request call Linda Terrell at 754-7216.

Births

Jake Parker Williams – son of Kristen & Joe Williams, August 3

In Deepest Sympathy

Erik Hall – grandson of J.B. & Carole Kiser; son of Steven Kiser, August 3

Grace Abraham – sister of Alma Pitner, July 30

James "Richard" Tomlinson – member; husband of Drenda Tomlinson; father of Wesley Tomlinson & Susan Schmidt, July 28

In Hospital or Care Facility

Marvin Ray Eddie Grigg

Congregational Concerns

Mary Carpenter, Casey Casteel, Kelly Close, Harley & Cora Hathaway, Marshall Gibson, Maris Griffin, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Kelsea Johns, Saja Mason, Susan Nicholas, Fred Smith, Damian Stock, and Myra Thomas.



MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

August 14, 2011

Announcements

"A Second Look." Rev. Richard Smith will be hosting "A Second Look" 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 or reservations required. Sermon text and video are posted at germantownumc.org.

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.

Asbury Class Welcomes Rev. Rick Pinkston. Join the Asbury Sunday School class on Sunday, August 28, when we welcome Rev. Rick Pinkston who served as associate pastor at GUMC from 1994-1997. The Asbury Class meets at 11 a.m. in Room 136 located behind the Fellowship Hall.

Celebration Luncheon September 13. Germantown United Methodist Women welcomes the autumn season with *Homecoming 2011—a Celebration Luncheon*, on September 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the OLEC. Past presidents of the UMW will be honored, and the births of children and grandchildren born to GUMW members will be recognized. District Attorney General Amy Weirich will be the guest speaker. Luncheon and childcare reservations may be made before September 8 at germantownumc.org or by calling 754-7216. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 and childcare is provided at no cost.

Bridge Classes will again be offered this fall at Germantown UMC beginning August 24 and 25. “Bidding in the 21st Century” will be offered on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. “Play of the Hand” will be offered on Thursdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 240. An additional evening class of “Beginning Bidding in Bridge” may be offered if there is enough interest. Call Jan Dacus at 754-3876 for more information.

Car Needed. The church has a need for a used, but serviceable minivan that will be given to a person in need. If you are interested in donating such a vehicle to the church, contact Betty or Leiland Duke at 754-0020 or Don Rhoads at drhoads@germantownumc.org or. The church will acknowledge your donation. Thanks for your help!

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.

Thank You. Many thanks to our members for your continued support of Caldwell-Guthrie Elementary School. Due to your generosity, 75 second graders began school with new backpacks filled with school supplies. Please continue to pray for the students and teachers at Caldwell-Guthrie as they begin the new school year. For more information about this ministry, contact Shirlee Clark at shirleemclark@me.com.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be at Germantown UMC on Thursday, October 20, offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. This event is also being sponsored by Methodist Healthcare To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action!

Student Ministries

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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. Youth and parents, join us tonight as we Kick-Off the year with 321 Improv Comedy! See below for more details.

Fall Family Kick-Off, August 14. Tonight is our Student Ministry Fall Family Kick-Off! 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!

Worship Band Retreat, August 20. The members of the GUMC Element Worship Band will gather on Saturday, August 20, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the OLEC to learn a few new songs, talk through expectations, and responsibilities, and to discuss our roles as worship leaders. Questions? Contact Jason Baker at jbaker@germantownumc.org.

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!

Germantown Festival, September 10-11. Interested in helping the youth community of GUMC raise funds for our 2012 mission trips? Students, do you want to earn Germantown Bucks that you can use for various Student Ministry events and activities? Contact us and we’ll send you more information on volunteer opportunities.

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. All children gather in the Chapel for assembly, then proceed to classrooms by grade level groups for experiential learning. Today we begin our 6-week rotation, “Calling the Disciples.” As children rotate weekly through fun stations—Crafts, Games, Science, Snack, Story, and Video—they will learn how Jesus called people to be his followers.

Grace Place Volunteers Needed. We currently have a need for Presenters (teachers) in our Children’s Ministry area. Presenters teach one lesson for a 6-week period as children of different grade levels rotate weekly into that activity station. The lesson and all materials are provided. Contact Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or shaines@germantownumc.org.

Hero Training Camp: 6-week Wednesday Night Program. Calling ALL kids! Join us for an action-packed journey from hum-drum . . . to HERO! (Sept. 7-Oct. 12 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.). Through games, crafts, science experiments and exciting stories, children will explore the life of David. Kindergarten-2nd grade will meet in the Grace Place Education wing. 3rd-5th grade will meet in the OLEC gym for similar lessons and recreational activities. Jr.K and younger will meet in the main nursery. Register at germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org. For more information about the program, contact Blair Merkle at amyblairmerkle@gmail.com or at 581-0310.

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 for young people to learn what it means to be a follower of Christ. 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. Registration for confirmation is available online through August 21.