

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. 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.

Health & Recreation Ministries

(Owings Life Enrichment Center or OLEC)

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

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

Several new classes start this week at the OLEC:

- AFTERNOON Very, Very Very Beginner Boot Camp: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 pm.
- Pedal and Pump: Tuesdays (new) and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- 20/20/20: Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. First class is free.
- Zumba Gold: Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Don't Forget the Race to the Race! 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. Running program available at www.coolrunning.com.

MWF 6:30 A.M. Conditioning Course is a 30 minute class. Cost is \$90 for a 6-week session. The perfect fit for those who are serious about making a commitment to exercise, getting back into a regular exercise routine and/or need an early morning opportunity. Call Todd Hinton at 488-2845 or email thinton2@comcast.net. First class is free! New session starts August 31.

Ro-Ken Karate / Self Defense: The second oldest Karate school in the Memphis area has returned 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 \$25.00 per month. 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 22.

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 tonight from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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—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

William Cash Brown – son of Jason & Jenny (Kuhn) Brown, August 14
John Stuart Methvin – son of Kelly & George Methvin, August 10

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

Camille (Bobby) McNeely, Marvin Ray, and Mary Ann Norman

Congregational Concerns

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



MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

August 21, 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.

Thank You. Once again, the generous heart of GUMC has shown itself. After only two weeks of collections, we were able to deliver 2,000 pounds of food to the Reelfoot Rural Ministries for use in their food bank. One ton! Along with that, we delivered 150 bags of clothing for the thrift store. Many lives will be touched as a result of your unflinching generosity.

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.

2012 Trip to the Holy Land. Rev. Steve Atkins will be leading a 12-day trip to the Holy Land June 6, 2012. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, September 25, at 2 p.m. in Room 339. For additional information contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 299-2365.

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. He has been Campus Minister/Executive Director of The Wesley Foundation at the University of Memphis since 2009. As Campus Minister, Rick serves as pastor to students, faculty and staff at several institutions of higher learning in Shelby County. The Wesley Foundation also gives students an opportunity to engage in local service work and mission trips.

Bridge Classes begins 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.

Piano Recital. Director of Music Ministries Jim Thrash will present a solo piano recital on Friday, September 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. He will present music by Mozart, Schubert, Respighi, Ravel and Faure. There is no charge and all are invited to attend.

Installation of McKendree District Superintendent. On Sunday, September 25, there will be an installation service for Rev. Cynthia Davis at Emmanuel UMC at 2404 Kirby Road from 2:30-4:30 p.m. All laity and clergy within the District are invited to this special recognition service.

Church Board Meeting. Our next Church Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Randy Lewis at rdlewis@fedex.com.

Churchwide Family Outing. Everyone is invited to this free picnic at Golf & Games Family Park on Sunday, September 18. Simply come to the private GUMC pavilion from 1-3 p.m. for free wristbands and free hotdogs and drinks served by the Seekers class. Wristbands are good until 6 p.m. for go-karts, Putt-Putt, bumper boats, ropes course, Battlezone, gameroom credits, Lasertron, batting, and children's rides.

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. Participants should designate group name when registering.

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 Register at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners or call 1-888-653-6441. You can learn your risk of having a stroke or vascular disease. Prices range from \$129 to \$159.

Music Ministry

Jim Thrash 758-6526, jthrash@germantownumc.org

Children and Youth Choirs:

- Cherub Choir (ages 3 and 4) Leaders: Mary Groh and Holly Cromer. Begins Sunday, September 11. (5:00-5:45 p.m.)
- Alleluia Choir (K and 1st grade) Leader: Peggy Warner. Begins Sunday, September 11. (5:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Gloria Choir (grades 2 and 3) Leader: Emily Moore. Begins September 11. (5:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Choristers (grades 4, 5 and 6) Leader: Ann Lowery. Begins Sunday, August 21 at 5:00 p.m.
- Testimony (grades 7-12) Leader: Natalie Duncan. Begins Sunday, August 21 at 5:00 p.m. (Music Suite)

Handbell Choirs:

- Sanctus (for youth ringers grades 7-12) Leader: Natalie Duncan. Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.
- Vespers (adult ringers beginning and intermediate) Leader: Jim Thrash. Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
- Matins (adult ringers—intermediate and advanced, some experience necessary). Sundays at 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir:

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening from 6:45-8:30 p.m.

September 25—Music and Worship Appreciation Sunday

November 4 and 5—Choir retreat

Carol Festival – December 11 at 5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men

Rev. Jack Henton, 754-7216, jhenton@germantownumc.org

Rev. Patrick Whaley will be the guest speaker at our United Methodist Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, September 10, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. He travels throughout Russia and other countries mentoring pastors and lay leaders in Christian discipleship and missional outreach. The cost is \$5 and reservations may be made at germantownumc.org or by calling 754-7216.

United Methodist Women

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.

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 and youth intern.

Element. Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights in the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. A snack supper is available for \$3. Join us tonight as we preview all the exciting things that will be happening this year! Exciting games, a hilarious adult leader intro video, and a chance to find out where you can plug in this year!

ACTS Kick-Off, August 23. ACTS, our youth drama ministry, kicks off this Tuesday, August 23. Join Butler and the gang in the Oasis Youth Lounge in the OLEC as they begin to prepare for the November Improv Comedy Show. Not called to act? Try your hand at lighting, sound, and stage management on the ACTS team. Questions? Email lbutler@germantownumc.org.

Buffalo River Canoe Trip, August 27. Registration for the canoe trip is due today! Spots are limited, so sign up at germantownumc.org under “Open Event Registrations,” or simply turn in your paper form at Element tonight.

Germantown Festival, September 10-11. Interested in helping the youth community of GUMC raise some funds for our 2012 mission trips? Want to earn Germantown Bucks that you can use for various Student Ministry events and activities? Contact Jeanne Miller, our volunteer coordinator, at jeannemassemiller@att.net for a list of available shifts.

Children’s Ministries

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

Shelley Haines 758-6512, shaines@germantownumc.org

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 continue 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.