

WORSHIP NOTES • August 28, 2011

"Disciples: People Who Learn and Grow"

Ephesians 4:11-16; 21-24

Joining Our Church. Membership is an important step in your spiritual journey. All individuals and families who would like to join the church are asked to meet with one of our pastors prior to joining so that we may help you find a place within our church community where you will be nourished and challenged to grow in your Christian life. To schedule a pastoral meeting, please contact either Rev. Julie McKenna at 758-6514 or jmckenna@germantownumc.org; or Rev. Gail Bruno at 758-6510 or gbruno@germantownumc.org.

Children's Ministries. Grace Place (a rotation model Sunday School) is offered for children in Sr. K through 5th grades at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and is located in the education building (south of sanctuary). We offer a safe, positive, nurturing learning environment for children that seeks to establish a firm foundation for their spiritual growth. In addition, we offer seasonal events for families and friends, and short-term small group courses on Wednesday evenings. Contact Janelle Crist at 758-6525 or jcrist@germantownumc.org; or Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or shaines@germantownumc.org

Nursery and Preschool. We provide well-supervised, fun-filled classes for infants through Jr. K during all worship services. The preschool suite is located on the Sanctuary level off the north side of the narthex. We utilize a paging system to maintain contact with parents, if needed. Contact Angie Hopper at 356-9600 (hopshome@earthlink.net).

Student Ministries. Germantown Student Ministries provides a complete program for Junior and Senior High students, grades 7-12. This includes a weekly entry level program on Sunday nights, small groups during the school year, mission opportunities throughout the year, and various other trips, retreats, and fellowship activities. Trek Sunday School for students in grades 7-12 meets at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the lower level across from the old chapel. Questions? Contact Jason Baker, Director of Student Ministries, at 758-6515 or jbaker@germantownumc.org.

Older Adult Ministries. There are many opportunities for adults age 55 and older to be active and involved at GUMC. The Older Adult Council sponsors a monthly Brown Bag Lunch series about relevant topics of interest to seniors. The XYZs take monthly nominally priced day trips to places of interest in the greater Memphis area. For more information call Luci Cromer at 755-0803 or luci2@comcast.net. There are also many opportunities for service to the older adults of our church family. For more information contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Adult Ministries. Through Christian education we are inspired and challenged to know and experience God, claim and live the promises of God, and grow and serve as Christian disciples. We offer a variety of adult Sunday School classes. Adult Sunday School classes meet at 8:30 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A complete list of classes is available at the Welcome Center. If you would like help in finding a Sunday School that best suits your needs, contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216 or rluter@germantownumc.org. In addition, we encourage you to participate in studies offered throughout the week. For information on class offerings, check the Ministry Events, website, or contact Marian Carruth at 754-7216 or mcarruth@germantownumc.org.

The Health and Recreation Ministry of GUMC offers an exciting array of activities through the year for children and adults, both members and non-members. These include exercise classes, personal training, massage therapy, pickleball, karate, and team sports. For more information call the Owings Life Enrichment Center at 753-3100 or check the website for a complete list of class offerings.

Women's Ministries. The women of GUMC invite you to join them in their journey of spiritual growth and encouraging, loving friendships. Through Circle meetings, Bible studies, and luncheons, we encourage women to find their place of service. For more information call Pat Gill at 756-8151 or jamesbo429@bellsouth.net.

Men's Ministries. The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month (September through May). There are also several men's prayer groups that meet on a regular basis. Contact Rev. Jack Henton at 754-7216 or jhenton@germantownumc.org.

Missions. We believe missions include spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and serving others in His name. If you would like some help finding your special place of service, contact Rev. Richard Smith at 754-7216.

Congregational Care. The mission of Congregational Care is to provide timely and effective pastoral care to our sick, bereaved, and all in need through professional staff and lay volunteers. Contact Rev. Gail Bruno at 758-6510 or gbruno@germantownumc.org.

Weekday Preschool. Our preschool provides a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children (ages 9 months-5 years) to grow to their fullest potential emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically, and cognitively. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Susan Bryant at 753-3109 or email preschool@germantownumc.org.

Music Ministries. From Children's Choirs beginning at age 3, the youth choir and handbells, to our Adult Chancel Choir and handbells, we are committed to excellence in music and worship. Contact Jim Thrash at 758-6526 or email jthrash@germantownumc.org.

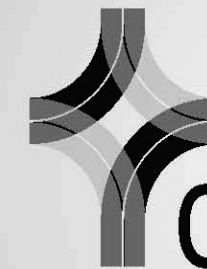
The McVay Counseling Center at Germantown UMC provides high quality, affordable counseling from a Christian perspective for our church family and the community. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Dr. Dewaine Rice at 758-6523, drice@germantownumc.org; Christina Burns at 758-6524, ctburns@bellsouth.net; or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

The sermon text and video are available each Monday
on our website at germantownumc.org.

Germantown United Methodist Church

August 28, 2011

Christian Education Sunday



discipleship

seeking to be like Christ

Confirmation Mentors

Sarah Robertson
Jennifer Murphy
Dawn Landridge
Tye Griffin
Dave Arick
Randy Simpson
David and Ann Crislip
Martin Zummach
Steve Mock
Valerie Foster

Element Volunteers

Matt Burgess
Debbie Churchey
Alise Davis
John Ford
Jennifer Hunter
Mike Joyce
Drew Koester
Catherine Livesay
Jay McKinney
Jeanne Miller
Brad Moritz
Daniel Oppenheim
Whitney Oppenheim
Julian Pierce
Steven Solomon
Daniel Turner
Beth Ueleke
Brian Ueleke

Germantown United Methodist Preschool

Susan Bryant
Linda Calder
Holly Clark
Karen Cooper
Joy Cowan
Tricia DeShazo
Ann Dickerson
Stacy Eisenbraun
Carol Ann Fila
Kirstin Ford
Carol Gee
Louise Goodale
Nancy Gookin
Harriet Greenwood
Anne Elizabeth Hattier
Lauren Hayden
Kathy Hocevar
Kati Hodges
Stephanie Hunt
Linda Johnson
Barb Kube
Stacy Lee
Lauren Mansfield
Angela Massey
Carol McGill
Dorota Rose
Lee Russell
Amy Shoaf

Joy Sisson
Marnie Slattery
Carole Turner

Grace Place Mentors

Andrew Atkins
Bradley Mundt
Camilla Evans
Cary Hollabaugh
Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Jennifer Frankel
Jennifer Murphy
Jodie Bowden
Kathy Domke
Kelly Mundt
Kendall Christian (youth)
Kimberly Callaway
Kimberly Marsh
Laurie Pakis
Lisa Benge
Lisa Pierce
Louise Stewart
Mandy Crane
Mark Evans
Maureen Wiggins
Neal Maxwell
Sally Adams
Shawna Hearn
Shelly Maxwell
Susan Britain

Entrance

8:30, 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Processional on a Medieval Tune* JOHN TROUTMAN

INTROIT *I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me* ALICE JORDAN

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 2004 *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

*INVOCATION

A LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Leader 1: This morning we celebrate Christian Education Sunday. We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their teaching and their example.

Leader 2: Will the teachers, school administrators, counselors, school volunteers, support staff, cafeteria workers, school bus drivers, and all others who work in our schools, who are able, please stand at this time.

Leader 1: Lord, we ask your blessing on the children and youth of this congregation and those involved in their education. The call to be involved in education is a high calling. Those who teach our children help shape the future. We give you thanks for all who work in our schools and pray that they would find joy in their work and be beacons of your light for the next generation.

PEOPLE: We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our communities who are involved in the education of children and youth. (Educators and school staff may be seated.)

Leader 1: As we recognize those who teach in schools, we recognize as well those who teach at home. Education involves a partnership between school, home and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a child’s success. Will parents or guardians of our children and youth, who are able, please stand.

Leader 2: Lord, we thank you for parents and guardians, for family, whose support is essential to their students’ success. We pray for all those in this congregation who have children and youth in school and pray that all homes will be a place where learning is valued and encouraged.

PEOPLE: We pledge our support to parents and guardians. We pray that our ministries will encourage and strengthen those in our church families who provide care for children. (Parents and guardians may be seated.)

Leader 2: Faith is often described as “caught” not “taught.” We give thanks this morning for all who teach in this place of worship. Will all of the Grace Place Mentors, Element Volunteers, Confirmation Mentors, and Germantown United Methodist Preschool Teachers please stand.

Leader 1: Lord, we thank you for these persons who have answered the call to teach. We pray for wisdom and strength to make a positive difference in the world through the shaping of young disciples. Work in and through the classrooms and interactions that they might reflect your love and grace in their teaching.

PEOPLE: We pledge our support to teachers and volunteers who answer the call to disciple children and youth at Germantown United Methodist Church. We pray that their teaching would be effective in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We celebrate their dedication and support their commitment to the Great Commission. (GUMC Volunteers and GUMP teachers may be seated)

Leader 2: At this time, we invite all of our youth and children in preschool, kindergarten, elementary, junior high, or high school, if you are able, to stand.

Leader 1: Your church family believes that each of you is a gift from God filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as you learn and grow you will develop caring

hearts and wise minds. We believe in you and care about your education.

Leader 2: Lord, bless these students as they learn this year. Be with each of them as they face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. Through our ministries and their experiences, may they be stirred to make a difference in your world.

PEOPLE: As your faith community, we pledge to be with you on your educational journey. We affirm that each of you is a precious gift from God. Guide us, Gracious God, that we will know the best way to show our interest and support for our students, teachers, and all those involved in education. Grant that in our learning and our teaching, we may grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (Students may be seated)

ANTHEM *Prayer of Being* MARK HAYES
Chancel Choir

Be in my life, be in my breath; be in my walk, be in my rest.

Be in this humble heart of mine; be ever present in my mind.

Be in my hands, be in my feet; be in my eyes and in my speech.

Be in my smile I give away; be in each healing word I say.

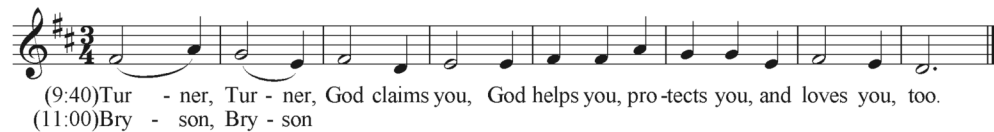
Be in my work, be in my play; be in the struggles of each day.

Be in my joy, be in my pain; be in my loss, be in my gain.

Be in my thought, be in my song; be in my spirit all day long

Be in my prayers at dawn’s first light; be in my dreams all through the night. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



9:40 a.m. Matthew Turner Coverdale, son of Sam and Liz Coverdale

With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Turner, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.

11:00 a.m. Bryson Seshier Pitts, son of Shane and Alisa Pitts

With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Bryson, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.

Proclamation and Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:11-16; 21-24

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all God’s work and whose will is ever directed to good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Aria* ANDREW CARTER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 539 *O Spirit of the Living God*

SERMON **Disciples: People Who Learn and Grow** Rev. Richard Smith

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 438 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* TUNE: Canonbury

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

POSTLUDE *Gigue for Fanfare Trumpet* AUSTIN LOVELACE

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Rebecca Luter; 9:40 a.m.—Rev. Gail Bruno;
11:00 a.m.—Rev. Julie McKenna

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are placed

• In celebration of Myra and Eb Thomas’ 40th wedding anniversary on August 28.

• In memory of Catherine and Andy Ledbetter on their birthdays and wedding anniversary, given by their daughter, Sherry Moore.

• In celebration of the 46th wedding anniversary of Carole and J.B. Kiser on August 28, and given by Kirsten, Matt, Jackson and Alden Madrid, Megan, Tony and Kiser Federico and Steve Kiser.

• In celebration of Miner and Gerald Reynolds 61st wedding anniversary, August 26. Given by their children and grandchildren: Gerrie and Shayne Jernigan, Melissa, Catherine Grace and Caroline, Beth and Steve Jasper, Emily, Sarah Beth and Will.