

**Trek 2.0 Kick-Off, September 18.** On September 18, our Student Ministries Trek Sunday School program will get a facelift. At each hour, students will have donuts and fruit, and will have the option to participate in a short devotional led by Butler or Jason, or visit the Prayer Chapel where an adult volunteer will lead them in a time of quiet reflection. Come see what it's all about! Questions? Contact Jason Baker.

## Children's Ministries

*Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org*  
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**Hero Training Camp:** 6-Week Wednesday Night Program starts this week! Join us for an action-packed journey from hum-drum . . . to HERO! (September 7-October 12 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.) Through games, crafts, science experiments and exciting stories, children will explore the life of David. Register today at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or contact Jessica Webster at [jwebster@germantownumc.org](mailto:jwebster@germantownumc.org).

## Health & Recreation Ministries

*(Owings Life Enrichment Center or OLEC)*

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

### Exercise Classes

- AFTERNOON Very, Very Very Beginner Boot Camp: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m.
- 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.

**The Race to the Race is in Full Swing!** 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](mailto:dturner@germantownumc.org). Running program available at [coolrunning.com](http://coolrunning.com).

**MWF 6:30 A.M. Conditioning Course is a 30 minute class.** Cost is \$90 for a 6-week session which is a perfect fit for those who are serious about getting back into a regular exercise routine and/or need an early morning course. Call Todd Hinton at 488-2845 or email [thinton2@comcast.net](mailto:thinton2@comcast.net). First class is free! New session began August 31.

**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. For class information contact Gracie Leetham at 753-3100 or [gleetham@germantownumc.org](mailto:gleetham@germantownumc.org), or Mary Ann at 428-0002. Classes start after Labor Day so it's not too late to sign up!

## 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—October Brown Bag Lunch Series.** George Bougher, The Brown Hat Man, will teach us about "W. C. Handy and the Memphis Blues" and perform for us. This presentation will be Friday, October 7, 2011, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at Noon. Bring your sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations needed. There will be a crossing guard on West St. 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

A complete list of prayer concerns list is available at the Information Center and outside the sanctuary. To submit a prayer request, call Linda Terrell at 754-7216 or email [lterrell@germantownumc.org](mailto:lterrell@germantownumc.org).

In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available. Call our Emergency Pastoral Care number at 901-412-5776.

### Births

John Stuart Methvin, son of Kelly and George Methvin, August 10  
Margaret Melissa Witt (Maggie), daughter of Randy and Melissa Tate, August 28

### In Deepest Sympathy

Tempe James Lawrence, daughter of Tempe Chancellor, September 1.  
Dr. Omer Bradsher, brother-in-law of Bob and Gerry Howerton, August 23

### In Hospital or Care Facility

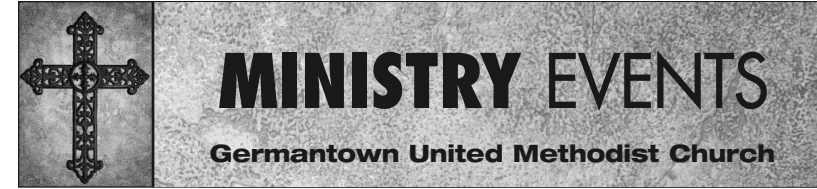
Dick Benson, Mary Ann Norman, Marvin Ray

### Home from Hospital or Care Facility

William Cash Brown

### Congregational Concerns

Mary Carpenter, Casey Casteel, Eddie Grigg, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Camille (Bobby) McNeely, Saja Mason, Susan Nicholas, Joe Penn, Fred Smith, Damian Stock, and Myra Thomas



**September 4, 2011**

## Announcements

**Fall Studies Kick-Off!** IT'S TIME! Most fall Bible studies and other small group studies start this week. There is something for all interests and schedules: Six Bible studies, two early morning groups, and several others addressing life issues and relationships. Five classes are offered on Wednesday evenings after our great Family Night Dinners, but there are also six daytime groups, two on Tuesday evening, and one on Thursday evening. There will be activities for children and youth on Wednesday nights and child care is provided for most other studies. Decide which one is right for you and your family and call 754-7216 or register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) NOW so that you don't miss out. Fall Bible Study brochures are available in the narthex and at the Information Center.

**Wednesday Family Night Dinners: September 7-November 16.** Make your reservations at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216. (Deadline is each Tuesday at noon.) The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 4-12); children 3 and younger eat free. Dinner will be served from 5:35-6:25. The Children's Program is 6:15-7:30 p.m., and options for adult study will be offered from 6:25-7:25 p.m. Menu for September 7: Beef Brisket, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Vegetable Medley, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls, Peach Cobbler, and Snickers Cake.

**Edwin's Way 5K: Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m.** Register online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). Race participants will enjoy the shady and scenic path provided by the Germantown Greenway, starting and ending in Nashoba Park, with a post-race celebration featuring live music and delicious food samples from area restaurants. This race will promote wellness in our faith community while honoring the memory of our friend, Edwin Smith. Funds raised will benefit youth programming for the worship arts. Put together a group of friends from Sunday School, worship, small groups, neighborhood, or anywhere else! Participants should designate their group name when registering.

**Music for the First Day of Autumn.** Jim Thrash, our Director of Music, will present a solo piano recital on Friday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. He will present music by Mozart, Schubert, Respighi, Ravel, and Faure.

**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.

**Parking on Sundays.** Please do not park in the spots designated for handicapped parking or special needs parking unless you truly have that need. Some of our members with mobility needs have been having difficulty finding parking spaces Sunday morning. Also, there is a space designated on the east side of the building for the volunteer driver of the church van that makes several trips to the Village of Germantown to pick up residents for worship so please leave that spot open, too. The entire east side of the building (7 spaces) are for handicapped use. Then there are four spaces on the west side near the Welcome Center designated for handicapped parking and an additional seven spaces for special needs. Please honor the posted signs for those worshippers who can only walk a short distance with difficulty. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, ext. 107, or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

**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 [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com) or call 1-888-653-6441. You can learn your risk of having a stroke or vascular disease. Prices range from \$129 to \$159.

**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 Rd. from 2:30-4:30 p.m. All laity and clergy within the District are invited.

**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.

**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](mailto:rdlewis@fedex.com).

**Ushers and Greeters Training.** If you are currently an usher or greeter for our Sunday morning services at Germantown UMC, or if you would like to be, please mark your calendars for September 25 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. and join us at the Adult Education Building. We will have a light lunch, review ushers' and greeters' responsibilities, evacuation and

security plans, and have a time for questions and suggestions. If you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter, you are invited to attend. RSVP for lunch to [rpearl@germantownumc.org](mailto:rpearl@germantownumc.org) or call 758-6519.

## Missions

**Volunteers Needed for Jacob's Ladder.** This fall, the Jacob's Ladder Community Development Corporation housing program team are training youth in working skills while renovating five structures in the Beltline and Orange Mound area for an influx of young professional doctors who will live and work in the community. The Beltline Youth and Teen Enrichment Centers continues to provide sanctuary to children from violence and a drug culture. There are sign-up sheets located at the Information Center if you can help with the construction.

**Adults in Ministry: Mountain T.O.P.** The fall weekend schedule for Adults in Ministry is set and now is the time to make your reservation. AIM is a wonderful, fulfilling ministry where we replace steps, porches, roofs, windows, etc., for people who need our help and our love in the Cumberland Mountains of Central Tennessee. There are five weekends to choose from in October. A few people from Germantown have made reservations for the October 13 weekend, but you may go any weekend in October. For more information, call Doug Warner at 755-9729.

**Minister to the Homeless.** If you've wanted to help the homeless, but were hesitant, or not sure where to start, here's your chance. On Friday, September 16, the Community Alliance for the Homeless is coordinating Memphis' first *Project Homeless Connect*, an initiative that breaks down the barriers that make it difficult for people experiencing homelessness to leave the streets and shelters. This massive, one-day event will be held at the Pipkin Building (Fairgrounds). Each homeless person will be paired with a trained community volunteer. Contact Marian Carruth at [mescarruth@aol.com](mailto:mescarruth@aol.com) or visit [communityallianceforthehomeless.com](http://communityallianceforthehomeless.com).

## 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](http://germantownumc.org) or by calling 754-7216. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 and childcare is provided at no cost.

**Music Ministry** *Jim Thrash 758-6526, [jthrash@germantownumc.org](mailto:jthrash@germantownumc.org)*

**Would you like to be an acolyte?** If you are in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and would like to serve your church as an acolyte, we will be having an acolyte training session on Wednesday, September 21, at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. This session will be led by Mary Groh. You will need to attend an acolyte training session to be an acolyte and you will need to bring a parent with you to the training session. Fill out the acolyte form available at the Information Center (outside of the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall), in the space labeled "acolytes." Return completed form to the folder available or bring it with you to the training session.

### Children and Youth Choirs:

- Cherub Choir (ages 3 and 4) Begins September 11. (5:00-5:45 p.m.)
- Alleluia Choir (K and 1st grade) Begins September 11. (5:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Gloria Choir (grades 2 and 3) Begins September 11. (5:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Choristers (grades 4, 5 and 6) Sundays at 5 p.m.
- Testimony (grades 7-12) Sundays at 5 p.m.

## United Methodist Men

**Men's Breakfast.** 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 outreach. The cost is \$5 and reservations may be made at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or by calling 754-7216.

## Student Ministries

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**Element.** Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights in the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. Element will be off tonight due to the holiday. Rest up, and we'll see everyone next week for "Creating Your Life Story, Part 2."

**ACTS Drama Team.** ACTS, our youth drama ministry, is in full swing gearing up for the November Improv Show. The team will still be recruiting new members over the next couple of weeks, so it's not too late to sign up. Not called to act? Try your hand at lighting, sound, and stage management. Questions? Email [lbutler@germantownumc.org](mailto:lbutler@germantownumc.org).

**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](mailto:jeannemassemiller@att.net) for a list of available shifts.