

Older Adults

These events are for everyone—singles and couples. Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older regardless of church membership

November Brown Bag Lunch Series. Jimmy Ogle, life-long Memphian and Memphis history expert, will take us on a visual tour of “Memphis Memorials.” This presentation will be Friday, November 4, 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.

Senior News—XYZs December Event. Get into the Christmas spirit when you hear the musical extravaganza, “Christmas With Kevin and Bethany Paige” at the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center on Friday, December 2. We depart at 6:45 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Friday, October 28. Because this concert is already sold out to the public, please note the very early payment deadline.

Senior Expo. Plan on spending an hour or two at the Senior Expo at the Germantown Athletic Club on Thursday, November 3. There will be FREE health screenings, informational booths, demonstrations, door prizes, and refreshments. Be sure to visit Booth #7, our church booth.

United Methodist Men

Men’s Roundtable Breakfast. On Saturday, October 29 at 8:30 a.m., we will host the McKendree District United Methodist Men’s Roundtable Breakfast. Our speaker will be Charles Gilliland, President of McKendree District UMM and Vice-President of Memphis Conference UMM. Register at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

Health & Recreation Ministries

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

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

October OLEC Special! Buy a 10-punch card for \$40 and receive two free passes to the one of the following classes: Tighten and Tone, Core Fitness, and Mat Pilates

- The **Tighten and Tone Class** is led by Ronda McCain on Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Work every major muscle group in your body using a variety of resistance equipment.

- **Core Fitness!** This Mat Pilates-style class focuses on restoring strength to the abdominal wall and pelvic floor post pregnancy. Held Thursday evenings at 7:05 p.m.

- **Mat Pilates.** (Monday/Wednesday 4:45 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday 8:15 a.m.) Mat Pilates tones you from head to toe. Taught by Pilates certified, master yoga instructor Paula Hatmaker.

GUMC Youth Basketball Begins Next Month! We’re looking forward to a great season! Registration ended October 21. All practices are held in the OLEC gym and games are played in local churches in Shelby County. Kindergarten teams are co-ed and begin in January. Kindergarten games are played on Sunday afternoons. 1st-12th grade teams are divided by gender and play on Saturdays starting December 3. Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at 753-3100 or ppeavy@germantownumc.org.

Weight Training Seminar 101 for Seniors. Weight training enables better quality of life by increasing stamina which allows us to perform everyday activities. This seminar is being held on Thursday, November 3 from 1:30-2:45 p.m. You will learn all the in’s and out’s of the weight room so you may continue on by yourself and perform easy exercises. Call the OLEC at 753-3100 and speak with Tiffany Griffin or Judy Oros at 336-8639 to reserve your spot. The cost is \$10 for the session.

Prayer Concerns

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

Births

Lillian Elaine Bendure, daughter of Scott and Rachel Bendure;
grandparents Randy and Patricia Nichols, October 7

In Deepest Sympathy

Carole Goff, sister-in-law of Melanie (Jack) McCaskill, October 11
Mary Catherine Wintz, mother of Renee Abel; grandmother of
Katie (J.D.) Graffam, October 11

Virginia “Virgie” Taylor, grandmother of Cindy (Curtis) Meade;
great grandmother of DeAnn Williams, October 9

David Brandon, brother-in-law of Richard and Pat Smith, October 6
Fisher Williams, father and father-in-law of Pam and Joe Penn, October 7

In Hospital or Care Facility

Tom Ashworth, Mina Elliot, and Betty Genkinger

Congregational Concerns

Richard (Dick) Benson, Mary Carpenter, Jamie Fiser, DeWayne Hawkins,
Brooke Henderson, Reggie Houze, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson,
Ruth S. King, Saja Mason, Joe Penn, Fred Smith, Pat Smith, Myra Thomas



MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

October 23, 2011

Announcements

Receive Daily E-Devotionals. If you would like to receive Ponderings, an e-devotional from Rev. Richard Smith sent Monday-Friday, please contact Donna Thurmond at dthurmond@germantownumc.org. The devotionals include a Scripture passage, thoughts from Richard, and questions for further reflection.

Sanctuary Flowers. Flowers in the sanctuary are often placed to commemorate special occasions, remember a loved one, or serve as an offering and act of worship. The cost of helping provide flowers is now just \$50 per family, and multiple commemorations may be listed each Sunday. For more information, contact Mary Anne Gibson at 754-7216, ext. 100, or mgibson@germantownumc.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 4-12); children 3 and younger eat free. Menu for October 26: Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Corn Casserole, Green Salad, Biscuits, Lemon Icebox Pie, Butterfinger Cake. Make your reservation by noon Tuesday at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

A Night of Improv. Get your tickets now for the ACTS Youth Ministry fundraiser to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 11 at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors (60+), and children under 12. Cost includes the show and famous dessert pizzas made by Steve Gibson. Purchase tickets at germantownumc.org or in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.

McKendree District Laity Celebration. On Sunday, November 13, at 2:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, the McKendree District will honor an Unsung Heroine/Hero and present the Ernie Sigman Lifetime award. Our church may nominate one person for each of these awards. The honoree should be a faithful person from Germantown UMC who is always willing to undertake any task, but who may not always be recognized for her/his unselfish contributions. Please include a short paragraph describing why you feel this person should be nominated. You may email to Howard or Jan Johnson at hojo4136@gmail.com or leave at the Welcome Center. Deadline for nominations is October 31.

Emergency Team Training November 12. On Sunday, November 6, you'll note a new folder in the pew rack featuring approved evacuation routes from the sanctuary and balcony in the event of a fire or severe weather. Also, strategically-located "You Are Here" signs inside each exterior door around the sanctuary and rear of the balcony will provide additional direction in the event of an emergency. Evacuation routes are part of a comprehensive EMERGENCY plan that includes a new EMERGENCY Team. A training session will be held Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served. For more information contact Don Rhoads at drhoads@germantownumc.org.

United Methodist Women

Roll Bake. Germantown United Methodist Women will be selling fresh baked cinnamon rolls beginning at 2 p.m. on October 31 through November 2 at the Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC). Profits from the roll bake will help fund the missions that Germantown United Methodist Women supports. Rolls are \$6 each. For any questions, please contact UMW President Pat Gill at jamesbo429@bellsouth.net.

November Luncheon. All women are invited to the next Celebration Luncheon on Tuesday, November 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the OLEC. Thanksgiving Baskets will be collected for the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Register at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216 before November 3. Featuring guest speaker is newly appointed Unified School Board member, Vanecia Kimbrow. The ladies of the Celebration Circle will be preparing a delicious lunch for just \$10 each. Make your reservations by November 2 by calling 754-7216.

Children's Ministries

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

Shelley Haines 758-6512, shaines@germantownumc.org

Next Sunday! Fall Festival. Families and children of all ages are invited to our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 30, from 5-7 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. We will enjoy games, crafts, goodies, music, a treat walk, inflatables, face painting and more! PLUS, we're having a Pumpkin Contest! Bring a carved/decorated pumpkin to display at the festival. Drop off your family pumpkin by 5:30 p.m. and votes will be counted at 6:30 p.m. The winner will receive a prize. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be sold to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Please consider bringing a non-perishable item to donate to the food pantry at First Works. Dress up in your favorite non-scary costume and come join the fun!

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. As children rotate weekly through fun stations—crafts, games, science, snack, story, and video—they will become aware of God's world through the first creation story in Genesis.

"Hero Training Camp—Part 2: Bring it On!" Wednesdays: October 26, November 2 and 9 from 6:15 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. This 3-week, intensive course is a continuation of Hero Training Camp Part 1, but newcomers are welcome! We'll be celebrating all the gifts that God has given us to help us change the world and make a difference for Him. Register at germantownumc.org or contact jwebster@germantownumc.org.

October Art Classes for Kids. Join us for some creative fall fun! All classes are held at the GUMC Cottage, and are taught by Melissa Cychowski. Masterpieces will be painted in acrylic paint on a stretched canvas. All supplies and instruction are included. To register, contact Melissa at ecychowski@comcast.net.

Dia de los Muertos: Marigolds and Calaveras. Friday, October 28; 6-8 p.m.; (Ages 9+; \$25) Students will create a painting celebrating the vibrant colors, patterns and designs associated with this Latin American tradition.

'Dem Bones. Saturday, October 29; 12:30-2 p.m.; (Ages 6+; \$25) Participants will create a fun painting of dancing skeletons under a full moon. Stresses color theory, depicting motion. 10"x 20" canvas.

Not-So-Scary Scarecrow. Saturday, October 29; 2:30-4:30 p.m.; (Ages 8+; \$25) In this workshop, we will learn how to combine texture, color, composition, symmetry and humor in our paintings!

Youth Ministry

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

Lindsay Butler, 758-6516, lbutler@germantownumc.org

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 back on tonight! Don't forget to show up in green. Best green outfit/costume wins a prize. We will begin a new series titled, "Creation Care: Editing This Part of Your Story." See you tonight!

Trek 2.0. Our Trek Sunday School program now has a complete 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 the students in a time of quiet reflection. Questions? Contact Jason Baker.

Synergy/Synago Small Groups. Are you looking to invest a little more time in your faith journey? Are you craving more time with Christian friends outside of Element? Join us each Wednesday night for Synergy (6-8 grade) and Synago (9-12 grade) small groups. Synergy meets in the Oasis Youth Lounge from 6:25-7:25 p.m. and Synago meets at the home of Daniel and Whitney Oppenheim from 7-8:30 p.m. Synergy questions? Contact Lindsay Butler. Synago questions? Contact Jason Baker.

Destination X, October 30. Destination X is a tradition we began close to this time last year where we take the Sunday night closest to Halloween to venture out to an unknown destination for an exciting time of fellowship and "mystery" activities. This year's event runs from 6-8:30 p.m., and all you need to do is sign-up at germantownumc.org and show up in a "dress tacky" outfit. This is a FREE event!

Crave Retreat, November 4-6. Register at germantownumc.org for our annual Crave Retreat to be held November 4-6 at Victory Ranch. Our friend Addison Shock from SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology), will be our retreat speaker, and Ty Garvey will lead us in worship through song. Victory Ranch is one of the top high adventure campuses in the nation, so we hope you'll join us for great food, games, worship, high adventure, and fellowship! Questions? Contact Jason Baker.

Missions

"The Kenya Missions Experience." This Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m., members of the 2011 mission team will share inspirational stories about their time with the Kenyan people. For the past five years, Germantown UMC has sent short-term mission teams to Maua Methodist Hospital to bolster support for AIDS orphans in the community and to support the operations of the hospital. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall following Wednesday night dinner. If you would like more information about Kenya Missions contact Susan Hillebert at 1kids.doctor@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Communion for our Elderly and Homebound. The first Sunday afternoon of each month, from 1-3 p.m., volunteers deliver communion to our elderly and homebound members. Currently, we send out about five teams on that day, and each team serves every other month. Could you commit 2-3 hours one Sunday afternoon every third month to help with this ministry? We could certainly use your help and the rewards are immeasurable in the appreciation you will receive. For more information call Beverly Rhoads at 758-6513 or email brhoads@germantownumc.org.