

United Methodist Men

November Men's Breakfast. Jack Davis, Director of Development at Christ Community Health Services, will be our guest speaker on Saturday, November 12 at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend. Cost for breakfast is just \$5. Register at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216 by Thursday, November 10.

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

Senior News—December Brown Bag Lunch Series. Evonne Siemer will share fascinating facts about the writing of the lyrics and music when we "Name That Tune—Christmas Style." This presentation will be Friday, December 2, 2011, 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 January Event! Join us for a fascinating day when we visit Temple Israel and tour the chapel, sanctuary, and museum, featuring the Adler Judaica Collection, and eat lunch at Dan McGuinness Pub on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. We depart at 9:30 a.m., and the cost is \$3 per person plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Friday, December 16. Please read *The Tidings* for a full description of this event.

Health & Recreation Ministries

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

GUMC Youth Basketball Practices Underway. 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.

- **November OLEC Special!** Buy a 10-punch card for \$40 and receive 2 free passes to one of these classes: Zumba, Zumba Gold, 20/20/20, Yoga
- **Zumba Gold** is a class designed specifically for seniors or those who want to get back into shape. Ditch the workout and join the party with this low-impact dance class while you move to Latin rhythms! Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.; Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.; Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

- **Zumba** is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Friday at 11:30 a.m. and Saturday at 10:45 a.m.
- **20/20/20.** Work the entire body by devoting 20 minutes to cardio like step, kickboxing or Zumba, 20 to toning and 20 to abdominal/stretching work. Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Yoga.** In a flowing sequence of traditional poses come find the edge you've been looking for. Using movement with breath, increase your strength, coordination, concentration, and body awareness while calming your mind and reducing stress. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 a.m.
- **Kickboxing is now TBC** (Total Body Conditioning.) The workout you don't want to miss – fabulous music, total body strength and toning utilizing bands, dumbbells, stability balls and mat work, cardio dance and kickboxing transitions! Taught by Memphis personal training coach Jack Douglas. Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-7 p.m. in the OLEC dance studio.
- **Class Time Change.** CORE FITNESS which was on Thursday evenings at 7:05 is now Thursday mornings at 10:45 in the cycling room!

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.

In Deepest Sympathy

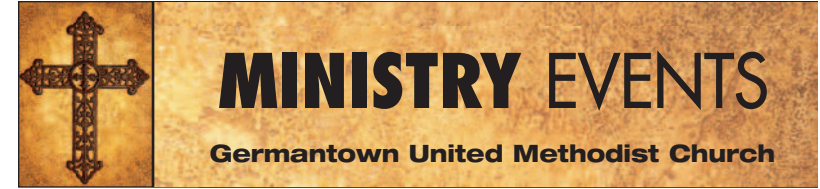
J. Mike Blair – father in law of Rocky Blair; grandchildren Kit Blair and Alanna Blair, August 21
Joe Bradshaw – father of Lyn (Will) Hays, grandchildren Taylor, Will, Brandon Hays, Caroline Kelly, November 1
Kate Henton – sister-in-law of Jack (Vauneida) Henton, October 23

In Hospital or Care Facility

Patricia Downing, Mina Elliot, Betty Genkinger

Congregational Concerns

Richard (Dick) Benson, Mary Carpenter, Brooke Henderson, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Ruth S. King, Joel Myers, Bill Peeples, Susan Peeples, Fred Smith, and Myra Thomas



November 6, 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.

Wednesday Night Dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 4-12); children 3 and younger eat free. *Menu for November 9:* White Beans, Cabbage, Fried Okra, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, and Brownies. Make your reservation by noon Tuesday at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

"A Second Look" at Sunday's Sermon led by Rev. Richard Smith. Wednesdays, November 30-December 14, 6:30 p.m. (Rm 342) This is a unique opportunity to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and have a time for questions and discussion. The text and video of the sermons are posted to our website each Monday.

Youth Ministry Missions Celebration. Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m. During the summer of 2011, our youth participated in three mission trips. Hear their stories of serving the people of Appalachia and the Binghampton neighborhood of Memphis and learn about their experience in a simulated third world country. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. with the program starting at 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Advent Workshop. Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., Owings Life Enrichment Center. Our menu will consist of Turkey and Dressing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, and Pecan Pie. Following dinner, everyone is invited to prepare for the Christmas season at our Advent Workshop. Prepare your Advent wreath together as a family or bring an old wreath to refurbish. Enjoy holiday refreshments, make Christmas crafts, and experience the Christmas story performed by our youth ACTS group. Sign up for dinner at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216. No reservations are needed for the Advent Workshop.

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.

EVACUATION Maps in the Pews. We never know when we might need to evacuate the church due to a fire, or seek shelter due to severe weather. As of today, you will find red folders in the pew racks that contain specific evacuation instructions in the event of fire or severe weather. Evacuation procedures also exist for other locations in the church so that in the event of an emergency, all will be properly exited or sheltered. You will also now find signage at key exit doors that include instruction for safe exit or shelter. Periodically, we will be reminded of our evacuation procedures, and may be asked to occasionally leave a service via a fire or severe weather route in order to be familiar with it. Thanks for your help and support!

Lifeblood Drive. Please consider giving blood at our Lifeblood Drive on Sunday, November 20, at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Lifeblood will be taking donations from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Anyone who is at least 16 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in generally good health is eligible to donate. The process takes about 30 minutes, and each donation can save up to four lives.

Veterans Recognition. We would like to recognize our veterans on Sunday, November 13. Veterans in attendance will be honored with an American flag lapel pin after all three services. If you would like to honor or memorialize a veteran to be included in our brochure on November 13, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center or online at germantownumc.org.

Save the Date! Our Alternative Christmas Market will be held on Sunday, December 4, from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A list of organizations that will be represented will be provided soon.

Holy Land Classic—June 6-18, 2012. Led by Rev. Steve Atkins, this journey through the Holy Land includes visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Sea of Galilee. Visit www.eo.travelwithus.com for a complete description, or contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 299-2375.

Holiday Fellowship for Single Adults. Memphis Conference Single Adults Ministry (MCSAM) is having an early Thanksgiving/Christmas fellowship event on November 19 in Brownsville, Tennessee. For more information contact Singles Coordinator Wendy Hopper at (731) 695-8330 or whopper@eplus.net.

Missions

Toys Needed for Reelfoot Rural Ministries Toy Store. Last Christmas 1,593 children from 715 families received toys through the Reelfoot Rural Ministries Toy Store. Parents pay a small amount to “buy” five new toys for each eligible child. RRM also provides 60 senior participants with a personal gift. Gifts and toys should not be wrapped and price tags should not be removed. Please leave toys in either of the two big Rubbermaid bins downstairs behind the Fellowship Hall no later than December 2. A list of suggested toys is available at the Information Center and at the Information Kiosk outside the sanctuary.

Youth Ministry

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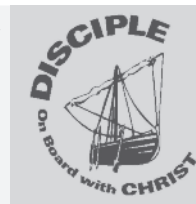
Lindsay Butler, 758-6516, lbutler@germantownumc.org

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 off tonight, due to the Crave Retreat. We look forward to seeing everyone back on November 13!

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.

“Disciple-ship: On Board With Christ.” We all know that stewardship is about giving time, talents, gifts, and service in order to enhance the lives of those around us. Yet, stewardship for me goes well beyond. Stewardship is about family, community, and everything that the Church embodies in this world.

Germantown United Methodist Church provides an opportunity and a place to learn more about and develop our relationship with God the Father. It is a place where we can raise our families in faith, a place to fellowship with friends, and a place to make a difference in the lives of others. Our support for GUMC through time, talents, gifts, service, and witness is crucial in continuing to develop the programs, missions, and greater service beyond our wonderful walls. In difficult economic times, it becomes even more important to support ministries of the Church. I invite you to bring your commitment card to church next Sunday to be blessed and dedicated in a special act of worship.—*John Adams, Co-Chairperson, Committee on Stewardship*



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.

ACTS Improv Show, November 11. Tickets are now on sale for the first annual ACTS Improv Show! The group has been working hard this semester to guarantee you a wonderful night of entertainment! Ticket price includes the show and famous dessert pizzas by Steve Gibson. Buy your tickets at germantownumc.org, at the Welcome Center during the week, or in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Show time is 7 p.m.

Turkey Bowl November 27. It's almost time for our annual dodgeball tournament that happens each year around Thanksgiving! We'll be raising money to support Manna House through the tourney this year, and will give more details real soon! In the meantime, be getting your team together and ready for competition!

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. We are continuing our 6-week rotation, “Caring for God’s Creation.” 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 and learn why it is part of our Christian responsibility to care for our world.

Acolyte Training Session Tuesday, November 15. 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, there is an acolyte training session on Tuesday, November 15, 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 Fellowship Hall), in the space labeled “acolytes.” Return completed form to the folder available or bring it with you to the training session. If you have already been serving as an acolyte, but would like a “refresher” course, you are also welcome to attend the training session, preferably with a parent.