

WORSHIP NOTES • November 20, 2011

Discovering a Life of Joy, Part 2

Psalm 100; John 10:7-10

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 (hoppers@earthlink.net).

Youth Ministry. The Youth Ministry of Germantown UMC 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 John Phillips at john.phillips@fedex.com.

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

November 20, 2011



A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100 (NRSV)

Entrance

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

MUSIC FOR GATHERING *Celebration* MICHAEL KELLER
 Song of Triumph KEVIN MCCHESENEY
 Sanctus Ringers

INTROIT **All Things Bright and Beautiful** VICKI HANCOCK WRIGHT
Alleluia Choir: Peggy Warner, Director, Anne Fritz, piano

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 694 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*
 Stanza 1 and 2 – All Sing
 Stanza 3 – Choir only
 Stanza 4 – All Sing
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(Latecomers may be seated during the opening hymn.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: This is God’s day and we are God’s people:
People: Let us come into God’s house with thanksgiving.
Leader: Let us lift up our hearts with gladness.
People: Let us sing praises to God’s name forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM **Now Thank We All Our God** BACH/ARR. HAL HOPSON
Chancel Choir and GUMC Brass Ensemble

*SCRIPTURE Psalm 100; John 10:7-10

RITUAL OF PRESENCE *All Good Gifts* STEPHEN SCHWARTZ/ ARR. LEAVITT
Kim Marsh, soloist

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Jay McKinney

OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ROBERT HOBBY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

SERMON **Discovering a Life of Joy, Part 2** Rev. Richard Smith

TIME OF COMMITMENT

*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.

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP

*HYMN 131 *We Gather Together*

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Tune: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*
 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
 My daily labor to pursue;
 Thee, only thee, resolved to know
 In all I think or speak or do.

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* KARG-ELERT

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

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m.—Julia Maxwell and Jensen Lewis

Lifeblood Drive Today. Please consider giving blood at our Lifeblood Drive today 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.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace the altar today are given to the glory of God and

- In loving memory of their daughter, Lindsey Preston, and in celebration of Lindsey’s 32nd birthday on November 18. Given by Dena and Bob Stoudt.
- In memory of their son-in-law, Brendt DeWitt Coker on the 2nd anniversary of his new life with Christ. Given by Marie and Ed Roberson.

Celebrating Advent: Family Devotions & Activities for the Christmas Season November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 from 9:45-11:00 a.m. in Room 338

- Set aside a daily time to talk with your family about the spiritual meaning of the season.
- Inspiring and creative family devotions provide a moment of peace and reflection for each evening of Advent!
- Prepare with others who crave a season of peace and joy!

Sound good to you? Change the tone of your Christmas. Join us for four weeks of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child on Tuesday mornings, November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 from 9:45-11:00 a.m. in room 338. These sessions will be led by Rev. Rebecca Luter. Don’t have children? The devotional guide and sessions will still be meaningful for you! Each day includes a short devotion, questions that begin easy and move to more difficult (those with children will just stop when appropriate for their children), and a “Further Study for Adults.”

“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 our church through time, talents, gifts, service, and witness is crucial in continuing to develop the programs, missions, and greater service beyond our wonderful walls. —*John Adams, Co-Chairperson, Committee on Stewardship*

2012 Stewardship Update as of November 18: 327 pledges totaling \$1,496,065.