

Health & Recreation Ministries

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

Need to Tighten and Tone? Check out the OLEC's basic strength and cardio combination class, appropriately named "Tighten and Tone." This class is beginner friendly, yet challenging and fun. Wednesdays 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Mat Pilates tones you from head to toe. Join us and experience one hour of Swiss ball, resistance bands, hand weights and the Pilates magic ring. Mondays/Wednesdays 4:45 p.m. and Tuesdays/Thursdays 8:15 a.m.

Senior Fitness: Get a great workout that is designed specifically for senior adults; easy on the joints and is therapeutic and helpful for those with joint pain, arthritis, fibromyalgia, and other joint-related disparities. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GUMC Youth Basketball. Games resume on Saturday, January 7 for 1st through 12th grade. Kindergarten basketball begins on Sunday, January 8. Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at 753-3100 or ppeavy@germantownumc.org.

New at the OLEC! Nite Nite Yoga: A time of exercise and relaxation for the busy man or woman. Taught by Amy Morse who is undergoing classical training in Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga. Thursdays 7:30-8:45 p.m. (Began December 1.)

Personal Training at the OLEC. The cost is \$35 hour for members and \$45 for non members. There are also special rates for group personal training. Please call the OLEC at 753-3100 for more information. On Monday, January 2, the OLEC resumes normal hours: 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

New Classes for the New Year:

- Power Spin and Strength: A specialized class for the cyclist in you combined with other strength and conditioning components. This class will be led by personal trainer Todd Hinton and will be meet in the cycling room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:00 p.m. beginning Monday, January 16. Please call the OLEC at 753-3100 for more information.
- Muscle up and Move: Led by Judy Oros. Stay tuned for more details.
- Badminton is coming to the OLEC on Thursday mornings. Stay tuned for more details.

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—January Brown Bag Lunch Series. Diane Hampton, Executive Vice-President, Memphis in May, will teach you "How to Create Your Own Bucket List." This presentation will be Friday, January 6 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 February Event. Join us when we hear Phyllis Tickle preach at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at their Waffle Shop, and tour the Joseph Newburger mansion (home of the Memphis Theological Seminary) on Monday, February 27. We depart at 10 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 Monday, January 23.

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 412-5776.

In Deepest Sympathy

Betty Brinkley, mother of Betty (Leiland) Duke, grandmother of Lisa (Julian) Pierce, December 28.

Elizabeth Chisholm, mother of Ann Kennedy, December 25

Mother of Jose Santiago, December 24

Margie Marinos, mother of George (Lisa) Marinos, grandmother of Will and Steven Marinos, December 20

Faye Pierce, mother of Sherry (Ron) Fittes, December 20

Walter Kirchoff, father of Rick (Jane) Kirchoff, December 18

Sarah Freeland, mother of Sandra (Richard) Kuhn, December 11

In Hospital or Care Facility

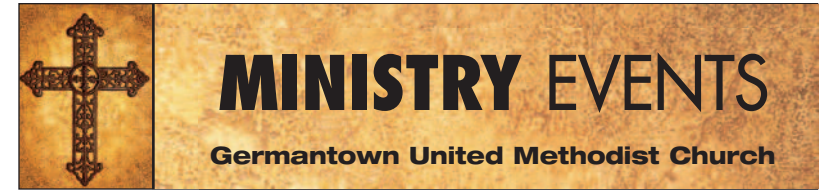
Jim Davis, Robert Howerton III, Myra Thomas

Home from Hospital or Care Facility

Gene Goodale, Sr.

Congregational Concerns

Tom Banning, Richard (Dick) Benson, Mary Carpenter, James "Dud" Curry, Brooke Henderson, Jessie Howell, Charlie Jennings, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Ronald Pugh, and Bill Troxel



January 1, 2012

Offering Envelopes. You may pick up your 2012 Offering Envelopes at the table located at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

Church Board Meeting. The first meeting of our Church Board will be Monday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. The Church Board is the primary decision-making body of our church. Church members are welcome to attend. Call 754-7216 by January 15 if you need childcare. We welcome our new Chair, Joy Cook, as she leads this meeting.

Got Children's Books? Please help the confirmands collect their goal of 1,500 children's books for MCS tutoring program and the Mid-South Literacy Family program. Drop boxes are set up at all entrances to the church, OLEC, Grace Place and Fellowship Hall. New and gently used children's books from infants-5th grade are accepted.

Wednesday Night Dinner. Menu for January 11: Pot Roast, Green Beans, Corn Casserole, Green Salad, Fruit, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Desserts. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 4-12); children 3 and younger eat free. Make your reservation by noon Tuesday, January 10, at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

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.

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.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. David Waters, award-winning editor and columnist for *The Commercial Appeal* will be our guest speaker. The cost is \$5 each payable at the door. Reservations are requested. Please call the church office at 754-7216 or sign up online at germantownumc.org.

Children's Ministries

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

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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.

Faith Builders Institute—Starts Wednesday, January 11. The FBI (Faith Builders Institute) wants your child! Your assignment, if you choose to accept it, will be to meet us beginning January 11 at 6:15 p.m. at FBI Headquarters. We will begin sleuthing through the Bible and discovering God's 10 most important rules. Secret agents will meet in three separate groups (preschool, K-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade) to break God's not-so-secret code. FBI will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. from January 11-March 7 (skipping Ash Wednesday). There is no fee, but registration is required. For further information regarding the program or to volunteer, contact Lisa Pierce at ldpierce1@comcast.net or 756-4198. To register, contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org or 758-6511.

Melissa's Art Classes for Kids. Classes are taught by GUMC member Melissa Cychowski, who has a degree in Fine Arts, a current Tennessee Teaching Certification from Rhodes College, and over 18 years of teaching experience. Contact Melissa at ecychowski@comcast.net or 753-2071 for more information. A portion of the proceeds for all January and February classes will be donated to Sasha Ministries.

Vegetable Series, Painting #1: Friday, January 6; Ages 9 and up

A Printing and Painting Experience: Saturday, January 7; Ages 5 and up

Vegetable Series, Painting #2: Friday, January 13; Ages 9 and up

Vegetable Series, Painting #3: Friday, January 20; Ages 9 and up

Big Dreams Pillowcase Batik: Saturday, January 21 and Saturday, January 27; Ages 6 and up

Blossoms & Bamboo: Friday, January 27; Ages 9 and up

Stephen Ministry

Rev. Gail Bruno, 754-7216, ext. 125, gbruno@germantownumc.org

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community. Perhaps you or someone you know is going through a tough time—either emotionally or spiritually. The care received is confidential and there is no fee.

Missions

Mark Schielke, markschielke@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity “Home Team Huddle.” The staff and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of Memphis eagerly anticipates 2012 when they expect to complete their 400th home in the Memphis area. The upcoming 8th Annual “Home Team Huddle” on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, is an important part of their fundraising effort. This year, we're calling on every Sunday School class that hosts a Super Bowl Sunday party to “huddle up” for Habitat. To sign up to host a party, contact Shanda Wicker at 322-3504 or swicker@memphishabitat.com.

Kenya 2012. Team members are needed for GUMC's sixth mission trip to Maua, Kenya, scheduled for July 26-August 11, 2012. The primary focus for our Kenya missions is our work with Aids orphans through the Hope Companions project. Informational meetings will be held on January 8 at 11:00 a.m. and January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 240 (Gilbert classroom). Please contact John Phillips at 756-5434 or johnandlea@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Ministry

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Element. Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights at the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. Element is off until January 8 for Christmas and New Year's. We'll see you back on January 8 for worship with David Ashley and Band, and to preview all of the exciting things we have lined up for the spring semester!

Night Owl Ski Trip Postponed. Due to warm temperatures in the St. Louis area, we have been forced to postpone the trip. We are looking at a Saturday in January, and will notify you ASAP with a reschedule date. Thanks so much for your patience!

Element Youth Worship Band CD. Our amazing youth worship band spent some time over their Christmas break recording a CD in the Old Chapel! Stay tuned for details on when the album will be released! Pre-order your copy now by contacting Jason Baker at jbaker@germantownumc.org. CD's are \$10.

Trek 2.0. Our Trek Sunday School program will have *even more* of a facelift in the spring semester! Join us each Sunday morning for a snack breakfast, exciting games in the lounge, quiet restful times of prayer and meditation in the Prayer Chapel, and relevant topics during our devotional time! Trek meets at the 9:40 and 11 a.m. hours downstairs in the lower level across from the Old Chapel. Trek is off for the holidays, and will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Volunteers Needed

Communion for the Homebound. Volunteers are needed to deliver communion to the homebound once every three months. Two volunteers go to two or three individuals to deliver communion the first Sunday afternoon of each month between the hours of 1 and 3. Contact Beverly Rhoads at 758-6513 or brhoads@germantownumc.org for more information.

Clothes Closet. Help is needed in sorting and re-bagging clothes donated to our church for Manna House. If you'd like to help, contact Lindsay Butler at 758-6516 or lbutler@germantownumc.org. Thank you to everyone who has given clothes and toiletry items for the guests at Manna House!

United Methodist Women

Pat Gill, 756-8151, jamesbo429@bellsouth.net

United Methodist Women's Circle Fundraiser. The 9th annual Cooking with Joy Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser hosted by the Joy Circle will be February 11 at the Pickering Center. The event benefits Memphis Business Academy, a Memphis Charter School. Tickets are \$35 before January 23, then price will be \$40. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Lauren Boswell at 848-0373 or lrboswell@bellsouth.net org.

Heart to Heart Celebration Luncheon. The Germantown United Methodist Women will kick off 2012 with a luncheon on Tuesday, February 14, at 11 a.m., just in time for Valentine's Day! Reservation deadline is Thursday, February 9. The lunch is \$10 and child care is free if requested with your reservation. Join us for fellowship, lunch and a stimulating speaker to revive the mind and nourish the soul.

Lent By Candlelight. Prepare your heart and mind for the season of Lent at this third annual women's event on Monday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. We'll enjoy coffee and dessert in the Fellowship Hall then convene in the chapel for special music and a time for reflection and devotion. Childcare is available. Make your reservation for this free event (including childcare) at germantownumc.org or contact Laura Meanwell at 309-3456 or meanwellmail@att.net by February 15. If you would like to host a table and/or provide a dessert, please let Laura know.