

United Methodist Women

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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.

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 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.

Health & Recreation Ministries

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

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New Classes for the New Year:

- Power Spin and Strength: A specialized class for the cyclist combined with strength and conditioning components, 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.
- Badminton is coming on Thursday mornings. Stay tuned for details!

Spring Soccer Registration begins January 23 – Stay tuned for details!

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

Tighten and Tone is 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.

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

Older Adults

Luci Cromer, 755-0803, luci2@comcast.net

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

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.

February Brown Bag Lunch Series. Rachel Shankman of "Facing History and Ourselves" will offer her personal reflections as a second generation Holocaust survivor at our next Brown Bag Lunch on Friday, February 3 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. No reservations are needed.

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.

Births

Jeremy and Erica Rush, son Daniel Rush born January 3, sister Elizabeth

In Deepest Sympathy

Desma Kilpatrick, mother of Gerald (Peggy) Kilpatrick, January 5

Richard F. (Dick) Benson, husband of Kay Benson, January 3

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

Elizabeth Chisholm, mother of Ann (Jerry) Kennedy, December 25

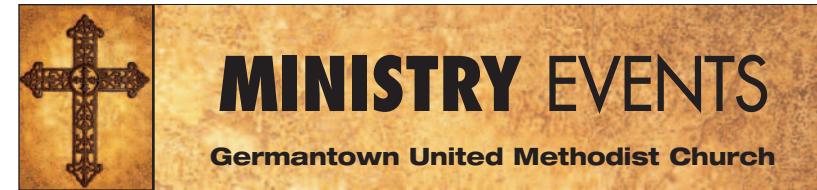
Mother of Jose Santiago, December 24

In Hospital or Care Facility: Jim Davis, Jim Gates, Robert Howerton III

Home from Hospital or Care Facility: Myra Thomas

Congregational Concerns

Mary Carpenter, James "Dud" Curry, Gene Goodale, Sr., Brooke Henderson, Jessie Howell, Charlie Jennings, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Ronald Pugh, Bill Troxel



January 8, 2012

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.

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 30 at 6:30 p.m. (*Date was originally January 23.*) The Church Board is the primary decision-making body of our church. Church members are welcome to attend. We welcome our new Chair, Joy Cook, as she leads this meeting.

Used Magazines for Area Hospitals. Do you have a stack of magazines you would like to put to good use? We need your gently used, fairly current, magazines for all interests—entertainment, mechanics, sports, children's, etc. These magazines will be placed in all areas of Methodist LeBonheur Hospital, Germantown. Please drop off your magazines at the "Drop Off Closet" located near the Welcome Center. Please make sure to remember to clip off the address label.

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.

Receive Daily E-Devotionals. If you would like to receive Ponderings, an e-devotional from Rev. Richard Smith sent Monday-Friday, 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.

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.

Sonrise Men's Prayer Group. Guys, please join the Men's Sonrise Prayer on Tuesday, January 10 from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 339 as Eric McCreight leads us in a study on Max Lucado's book *Traveling Light*. We are blessed to have Eric lead us through this study. Eric is involved in many ongoing inner city ministries. In *Traveling Light*, Max Lucado will walk us through our inventory of our burdens and remind us that God wants us to release these burdens and keep our ego in check. Again, would love to have you and feel free to come on any Tuesday you would like to attend. For more information contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

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. On January 8 we will begin a new rotation series titled "People Who Made a Difference." The children will learn how people of faith made a difference. Through the stories of Deborah, Jeremiah, the Centurion's servant, the woman at the well, Lydia, and Samuel we learn more about God. As people of faith, we also can respond to God and make a difference.

Kids: Join the FBI! Faith Builders Institute (FBI) — Starts Wednesday, January 11. Your assignment, if you choose to accept it, will be to meet us at 6:15 p.m. beginning January 11 at FBI Headquarters (Grace Place Wing or Hamilton Nursery). 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. Register at germantownumc.org or call Jessica Webster at 758-6511.

VBS: Save the Date! Mark your calendar for June 11-15 for Vacation Bible School! Theme to be announced soon!

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 #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

Missions

Mark Schielke, 359-5922, 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 back on tonight for the Spring Kick-Off! We'll see you at 6 for worship with the David Ashley 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!

Small Groups and ACTS Start Back January 11. The ACTS, Synergy and Synago gangs gear back up this coming Wednesday, January 11! ACTS meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the Oasis Youth Lounge in the OLEC, and it's not too late to join! Synergy meets from 6:25-7:25 at the OLEC, and Synago meets at the home of Daniel and Whitney Oppenheim. Synago will serve as the Discovery Weekend planning group, so if you are a high schooler interested in being a part of the team, join us this week! Questions about ACTS or Synergy? Contact Butler. Questions about Synago? Contact Jason.

Summer Missions Registration Open! It's our goal to have EVERY one of our youth join us for a summer mission trip each year! Registration is open now, so sign-up online at germantownumc.org or by mailing in your brochure. Spots are limited, so reserve yours today!

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.

Volunteers Needed

Weekday Welcome Center Volunteers Needed. We are in need of volunteers to staff our Welcome Center at the times it is not covered by a staff person. If we have 20 volunteers who can give just 3½ hours a month, we can provide complete coverage for this significant ministry need. We want persons who come to our church to meet and be greeted by a warm smile and a kind word, the hospitality of Christ, during full office hours, and you can help us do that. We are currently working on our new 2012 calendar, so please contact Mary Anne Gibson at mgibson@germantownumc.org or 754-7216 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!