

“Heart to Heart” Celebration Luncheon. All ladies are invited to attend a Luncheon on Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Our speaker will be Kathleen Kruczek, co-director of Manna House. Manna House is a house of hospitality located in Midtown Memphis. They provide showers, clothing, coffee, sanctuary and a ‘dose of dignity’ to the poor and homeless. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 8. The lunch is \$10 and child care is free if requested with your reservation. Please bring your travel size soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpastes, etc., for use by the Manna House guests.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

Congregational Concerns

Mary Carpenter, James “Dud” Curry, Gene Goodale, Sr., Brooke

Henderson, Jessie Howell, Charlie Jennings, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth

Johnson, Ronald Pugh, Bill Troxel



MINISTRY EVENTS

Germantown United Methodist Church

January 15, 2012

Wednesday Night Dinner. Menu for January 18: Grilled Chicken, Wild Rice, Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Croissants, 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 17, at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

Visitors Brunch. Our new visitors and regular attenders are welcome to join the Evangelism Team for a Welcoming Brunch on Sunday, January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Please RSVP to Amy Burns by Tuesday, January 17 at aburns@germantownumc.org or 758-6528. Childcare will be available upon request.

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.

Attention Ladies! We are seeking women who would like to assist with our semi-annual Children’s Clothing Sale committee. If you have wanted to start volunteering, but haven’t known where to begin, please come to our meeting today, Sunday, January 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bride’s Room outside the nursery. We need women of all ages, especially young moms who can benefit from first choice of clothing and toys. If you cannot attend, but are interested, email info@gumwclothingsale.com.

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 and thoughts 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.

Benches in the McVay Gardens Columbarium. Our McVay Gardens Columbarium is now graced with permanent stone benches for the benefit of family and other participants in inurnment services. Ms. Drenda Tomlinson has graciously donated the benches in memory of her husband, James Richard Tomlinson. The presence of the benches will add greatly to the quality and intimacy of future services. Please visit the McVay Gardens Columbarium to see the very attractive new benches. Our thanks to Drenda for her thoughtfulness and generosity in making this donation.

Men

Sonrise Men's Prayer Group. Guys, join the Men's Sonrise Prayer on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in Room 339 as Eric McCreight leads a study on Max Lucado's book *Traveling Light*. 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. For more information contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522.

Children's Ministries

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

Shelley Haines 758-6512, shaines@germantownumc.org

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. This Sunday we continue our rotation series titled "People Who Made a Difference." Through stories of faith, children will learn about how as people of faith, we also can respond to God and make a difference.

Join the FBI! Faith Builders Institute (FBI) Wednesday night programming began this week. We will meet us at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. 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. 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. A portion of the proceeds for all January and February classes will be donated to Sasha Ministries.

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

Big Dreams Pillowcase Batik: Sat., Jan. 21 and Sat., Jan. 27; Ages 6 and up

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

Missions

Mark Schielke, 359-5922, markschielke@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity "Home Team Huddle." 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. For more information please contact John Phillips at 756-5434 or johnandlea@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Ministry

Jason Baker, 758-6515, j baker@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. Element is off tonight due to the MLK holiday. Have a GREAT long weekend, and we'll see everybody back on the 22nd!

Worship Band Night Out, January 20. Element Worship Band, join us for an evening of fellowship on Friday, January 20 as we meet up to get a sneak peek at the CD we just recorded, eat dinner, and go ice skating at the Memphis Zoo. More details coming your way soon!

Night Owl Ski Trip, January 27 (Friday). Hidden Valley Ski is now making snow, so we are set to make the trip on Friday, January 27! If you are on the trip list, but will not be able to make that date, let us know as soon as possible so that we can move someone from the waiting list into your spot. There will be an adult leaders meeting for the trip on Monday, January 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Trek Youth Sunday School area.

Small Groups and ACTS are Back! The ACTS, Synergy and Synago gangs geared back up this past Wednesday. 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 Sunday School program will have even more of a facelift this 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.

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 are currently working on our new 2012 calendar, so please contact Mary Anne Gibson at mgibson@germantownumc.org or 754-7216 for more information.

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.

Wednesday Nights Classes / Small Group Studies

Did you know how hard it is to do almost anything in isolation? Many studies have shown how important it is to have a partner or group encouragement in doing something hard that takes sustained effort. Think Weight Watchers. Or a support group. Or a walking buddy. Or following Jesus. That's one of the reasons we offer so many opportunities at GUMC to connect with others. If you're not in a group now, this is a great time to start. Check out the course offerings-early morning, during the day, or in the evenings. Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or go to our website germantownumc.org and find out more!