

WORSHIP NOTES • January 29, 2012

Living Well

Romans 12:1-2; I Corinthians 10:31

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 (hopsome@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 Mark Schielke at markschielke@yahoo.com or 359-5922.

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
on our website at germantownumc.org.

Germantown United Methodist Church

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**“ . . . offer your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—
this is your true and proper worship.**

**Do not conform to the pattern of
this world, but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind.**

Romans 12:1-2

Entrance

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

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Matins Handbell Choir
Joy and Elation (Cynthia Dobrinski)

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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(Latecomers may be seated during the opening hymn.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Whether we have greeted the day with groggy grumbling or have leaped up alert at dawn's first light.

People: Let us praise our God for the opportunities of this life and for the promise of life to come.

Leader: Whether we exercise our talents through efforts in our workplace or expend our energy in wholesome recreation,

People: Let us praise our God in labor and in leisure.

Leader: Whether we hold to a faith generated by generations of family believers or reach out to grasp a faith newly arrived,

People: Let us praise our God through the celebrations of communion in worship and through the creation of community in the world. For all good gifts, our thanks and praise to God.

Leader: Loving God, we long to be whole and healthy persons, to dwell in a state of well-being, to act in ways that create a holy and wholesome world. Grant us the measure of courage necessary to overcome unhealthy habits, those that harm our bodies or endanger the lives of others. Help us develop healthy attitudes that are positive in outlook, that enable us to form solutions rather than to place blame, and that respect the dignity of all. Enable us to envision a future that is healthy for humankind, and provide us with the spiritual energy to create such a future. So may your will be done on earth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:40 a.m.)

Anna Claire Hobbs, daughter of Nick and Lauren Hobbs

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Anna Claire, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.



RITUAL OF PRESENCE

ANTHEM I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath COURTNEY

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.) Daniel Turner

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing CATHY MOKLEBUST

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

HEALTH AND RECREATION MINISTRY RECOGNITION

Tiffany Griffin, Director of Health and Recreation

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 400 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-2
I Corinthians 10: 31

SERMON Living Well Rev. Rebecca Luter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God Almighty, who sets life before us like a course to be run, and gives us bodies and minds with which to run it;

I believe in Jesus Christ, who has shown us what it is to run with commitment, and has revealed in his resurrection the rewards to those who finish the course;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us the strength to run the course, the wisdom to pace ourselves, and the love to respect all other runners. Amen.

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 399 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**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 Trumpet Tune DAVID N. JOHNSON

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

Youth Liturgists: 9:40 a.m.—Margaret Wilder; 11:00 a.m.—Jeremy McDuffie

Blood Pressure Check. Get a free blood pressure check between services today in the Bride's Room. (Located across from the narthex towards the nursery area.)

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace the sanctuary today are given:

- To the glory of God and in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on January 28. Given by Joan and James Brown.
- In memory of their mother and grandmother, Betty Brinkley. Given by Betty and Leiland Duke and Lisa and Julian Pierce and family.
- To the glory to God and in celebration of Anna Claire Hobbs on the day of her baptism. Given by her grandparents, Donna and Jimmy Wright, and Leigh Ann and Chip Hobbs. The family would also like to thank God for McKinley Virginia Wright as she celebrates her 1st birthday.

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.

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.

Church Board Meeting. The first meeting of our Church Board this year will be Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. The Church Board is the primary decision-making body of our church. Church members are welcome to attend.