

## Health & Recreation Ministries

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**February OLEC Special.** Buy a \$40 punch card and get two free passes to one of the following classes: Zumba, Pedal and Pump, 20/20/20

**GUMC Youth Basketball Season is in full swing.** Come to the OLEC on Saturday and Sunday and watch your favorite teams!

*New at the OLEC:*

- **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 meet in the cycling room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Space is limited.
- **Nite Nite Yoga:** A time of exercise and relaxation for the busy man or woman. Thursdays 7:30-8:45 p.m.
- **Badminton** is coming to the OLEC on Thursday mornings. Details coming soon.
- **30 minute Abs Blast:** Tuesdays at 10:35 a.m. beginning February 7 in the Dance Room. This class is led by Jen Boyle.
- **TIME CHANGE.** Monday morning Strength and Conditioning Boot Camp will move to 9 a.m. (from 9:30) beginning February 6. For more information contact Todd Hinton at 488-2845 or [thinton2@comcast.net](mailto:thinton2@comcast.net).

**Spring Soccer and T-ball Registration** began Monday, January 23. Sign up and pay online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy at 753-3100, ext. 402 or [ppeavy@germantownumc.org](mailto:ppeavy@germantownumc.org).

**Spring Break Camp** at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Spend your Spring Break as a Soldier of Service at the OLEC on March 12-15. Details coming soon!

## Stephen Ministry

Rev. Gail Bruno, 754-7216, ext. 125, [gbruno@germantownumc.org](mailto: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. Why not consider the help that a Stephen Minister can provide? The care received is confidential and there is no fee. For more information, please contact Rev. Gail Bruno.

## Older Adults

Luci Cromer, 755-0803, [luci2@comcast.net](mailto: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 March Event.** Step back into the roaring twenties with us when we see *Chicago* at Theatre Memphis on Saturday, March 17, 2012. We depart at 6:45 p.m., and the cost is \$23 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Friday, February 17.

**February Brown Bag Lunch Series.** Rachel Shankman, Senior Director, Memphis Office, Facing History and Ourselves will discuss “Facing History and Ourselves: Reflections from a Second Generation Holocaust Survivor.” This presentation will be Friday, February 3, 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. There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.

## 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](mailto: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

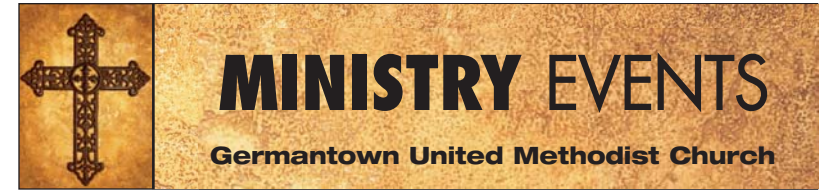
Marilyn Shriver, mother of Joanne (Randal) Tomblin, January 24, Kelly (Ron) Riley grandmother; Bailey and Sydney great grand children  
Mother of Heather (Allen) Tettleton, January 18, grandchildren Emma and Lauren  
Laura Chumney, niece of Greg (Rev. Julie) McKenna, January 16  
Madeleine Prickett, mother of John (Betty) Prickett, January 13  
Marian J. Baughman, January 11

## In Hospital or Care Facility

Jeanne Barger, Robert Howerton III, Ronald Pugh

## Congregational Concerns

Mary Carpenter, James “Dud” Curry, Jim Davis, Jim Gates, Gene Goodale, Sr., Brooke Henderson, Jessie Howell, Charlie Jennings, Kimberly Jessop, Elizabeth Johnson, Cheryl Rutherford, Adam Sheir, Myra Thomas, Bill Troxel



**January 29, 2012**

**Wednesday Night Dinner.** Dinner is served beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Menu for February 1: Mexican, Refried Beans, Rice, Guacamole, Rice, Salad, 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 31, at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216.

**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.

**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](mailto:dthurmond@germantownumc.org). The devotionals include a Scripture passage and thoughts for further reflection.

**Conversations with the Senior Pastor.** As Rev. Richard Smith nears the completion of his first year as Senior Pastor at GUMC, he is eager to meet with any groups or classes who would like to talk about our present and future in ministry and mission. He found it highly beneficial to meet with various groups within his first few months here and he welcomes this opportunity again. If your group would like to schedule a time for a conversation with our pastor, please contact Renee Pearl at [rpearl@germantownumc.org](mailto:rpearl@germantownumc.org) or 754-7216. The time we have set aside will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. through April 25. We welcome Sunday School classes, small groups, or a group of individuals to participate. These will be open-ended conversations with the general focus being, “What do you think God wants us to be doing to be more faithful to Christ’s call?”

**Lent By Candlelight.** Women, prepare your hearts and minds for the season of Lent at this third annual 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](http://germantownumc.org) or contact Laura Meanwell at 309-3456 or [meanwellmail@att.net](mailto:meanwellmail@att.net) by February 15. If you would like to host a table and/or provide a dessert, please let Laura know.

**Cooking With Joy Dinner Fundraiser.** GUMW Joy Circle will host its 9th annual fundraiser at the Pickering Center on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. The event benefits the Joy Circle's mission, Memphis Business Academy, a Memphis City Charter school located in Frayser. Enjoy the delicious homemade pastas and pizzas prepared by Steve Gibson while shopping the silent auction! Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. Contact Lauren Boswell at 848-0373 or lrboswell@bellsouth.net. Deadline to buy tickets is February 5.

**Health and Wellness Speaker Discusses Depression.** Everyone is invited to join us in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 19 at 9:40 a.m. as Donna Tosches, Director, Methodist Healthcare Employee Assistance Program, discusses the signs and symptoms of depression. Are you able to recognize depression when you see it (or experience it)? How can you help yourself or someone else if it is suspected?

## **Germantown United Methodist Preschool (GUMP)**

**Enroll Now for 2012-13.** Germantown United Methodist Preschool is the place to be for children ages 9 months-five years of age. Our hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and our calendar runs from mid-August to mid-May. Call us at 753-3109 to schedule a visit/tour between 10 a.m.-noon any weekday. For more information and enrollment applications, visit our website at [www.mygump.org](http://www.mygump.org).

## **Men**

**United Methodist Men's Breakfast.** All men are invited to our monthly breakfast on Saturday, February 11 at 8 a.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Our speakers will be Rev. Rick Pinkston, Director, and Marc Tate, Chairman of the Board, of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Memphis. Please make your reservations by calling 754-7216 or online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

**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**

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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. This Sunday we continue our rotation series titled "People Who Made a Difference." As people of faith, we also can respond to God and make a difference.

**Wednesday Night Programming for Kids.** FBI (Faith Builders Institute) began January 11 and continues through March 7 (skipping Ash Wednesday). Through lively games and science experiments, kids are learning to sleuth through the Bible and break God's not-so-secret code. FBI agents meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in three separate groups (preschool, K-2nd, and 3rd-5th) in Hamilton nursery and Grace Place Wing.

**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.** All art classes are taught by GUMC member Melissa Cychowski, who has over 18 years of Visual Arts teaching experience! Contact Melissa Cychowski at [ecychowski@comcast.net](mailto:ecychowski@comcast.net) or 753-2071 for more information.

**Festive Fleur-de-Lise!** Friday, February 3, 6-8 p.m., ages 9 and up  
**"Chili Peppers and Lemons" Double Painting Workshop:**

Saturday, February 4, 3-6 p.m., ages 9 and up

**BFF Heart to Heart Workshop:** Friday, February 10, 6-8 p.m.,  
all ages (7 and up)

**Grace's Snowman:** Saturday, February 11, 12:30-2 p.m. , all ages (5 and up)

**Semi-Annual Children's Boutique.** Sell your children's gently worn Spring and Summer clothing and more at the Children's Boutique to be held March 28-31 at the OLEC. Consignors will receive 70% of the sales price and Germantown United Methodist Women receives 30% for mission projects. To participate, go to [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) to view instructions and dates. Contact [info@gumwclothingsale.com](mailto:info@gumwclothingsale.com) if you have any questions.

## **Youth Ministry**

*Jason Baker, 758-6515, [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto:jbaker@germantownumc.org)*

*Lindsay Butler, 758-6516, [lbutler@germantownumc.org](mailto:lbutler@germantownumc.org)*

**Element.** Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights at the OLEC from 6-8 p.m. Tonight we'll continue our first spring series, "How to Live a Better Love Story" (dating), so come on out! See you at 6!

**Breakfast For The Homeless, February 5.** Join us for Breakfast For The Homeless next Sunday, February 5, from 6:30-10:30 a.m.! This is a wonderful time for us to connect with the homeless community in Memphis, and to serve these brothers and sisters in Christ's name. To get your name on the official list, contact Butler at [lbutler@germantownumc.org](mailto:lbutler@germantownumc.org).

**Discovery Weekend, 2012.** Registration for Discovery Weekend 2012 is now open! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for the biggest and best weekend at GUMC! Come on out and experience God's love through youth talks, hilarious skits, amazing D-groups, awesome food, and incredible fellowship! We want to extend a special invitation to each and every one of our Confirmants! Sign-up now at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). Parents, if you would like to volunteer at Discovery Weekend, contact Jeanne Miller ([jeannemasseymler@att.net](mailto:jeannemasseymler@att.net)) for a list of opportunities.

**Small Groups and ACTS are Back!** The ACTS, Synergy and Synago gangs geared back up for this semester. 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](http://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 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 by contacting Jason Baker at [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto:jbaker@germantownumc.org). CD's are \$10.

**Trek 2.0.** Our Trek 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, and a multi-angled approach (biblical, hands-on, Prayer Chapel) to our exciting monthly theme! The theme for January is "Compassion." Trek meets at 9:40 and 11 a.m. downstairs in the lower level across from the Old Chapel.

## **United Methodist Women**

*Pat Gill, 756-8151, [jamesbo429@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamesbo429@bellsouth.net)*

**"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.