

Campus Expansion and Improvements

As a child, did you ever receive “gift” money from your parents or a grandma or favorite uncle? Money that was earmarked for a special gift or need? And, if we received gift money, how often did we give it to our parents to help with the mortgage or light bill? Of course we didn’t! We thanked the giver and use the money as wished.

There have been some questions asked, and perhaps you have also wondered, “How is the church doing all of the capital improvements that we see this year, if we are behind budget?”

The answer is that the church has been truly blessed this year with what could be considered gift money from several sources. It

has come in the form of designated funds* and grants and private donations. And, like gift money, it comes with the expectation—even the requirement—that it be used for a specific purpose. As a result, the church has been able to complete several, long-awaited projects that have immediate and long-term benefit for our ministry.

After purchasing three adjacent properties on South Germantown Road last year, the church has used designated funding to demolish one included building and create a 140-space parking lot to address ever-critical parking needs. Two other buildings have been partially renovated—again using designated funds. The **Adult Education Building** is now used

for two large adult Sunday School classes, with unfinished space remaining for 2-3 additional classrooms. **The Cottage** houses our Boy Scout Troop, our Cub Scout Pack, AA and NA groups, and other groups within our outreach ministry. The

Cottage may also house a Missions Ministry sponsored Christian bookstore/coffee shop in the future.

A fourth building has also been partially renovated using a grant from the McKendree District of the United Methodist Church, which presently houses the McKendree District Office and our District Superintendent. Additionally, The McKendree District makes a monthly donation to our church in

appreciation for this mutually beneficial arrangement.

Private donations have enabled the church to add a third counseling office and a group therapy room to the McVay Counseling Center and to replace an aging church van with a new vehicle. Our two, current, freshly-identified vans provide much needed aid to our student and older adult ministries, as well as to other activities within the church.

Phase 1 of the McVay Gardens Columbarium was recently completed through private enrollments. A columbarium is a place for the inurnment of the cremated remains of loved ones. Our columbarium offers an important spiritual component in the lives of our members and the greater community.



McKendree District Office



The Cottage



Newly paved parking lot at the OLEC.



McVay Gardens Columbarium

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Again, these improvements with only one exception—the long-needed repairs to the OLEC parking lot—have been funded with a grant, designated funds, and private donations. The OLEC parking lot repairs were pre-budgeted as part of the Trustee Budget.

In a year of difficult economic conditions, Germantown United Methodist Church has been blessed with generous, thoughtful gift funding that has enabled the completion of important facility improvements. While the church is most fortunate to have received this funding, we must remember that, like gift money, this funding has been earmarked for specific uses, and thus not available to offset operating expenses. Operating expenses are met through budgeted income in the form of pledges, tithes, and other giving. Thus far in 2010, budgeted income is insufficient to cover budgeted expense. So, it is important for us to honor our pledges, tithes and other giving in order to meet obligations throughout the remainder of this year.

** Designated Funds are established by the church through private donations and other sources. They are designated for specific uses. They are not a part of the operating budget and, as such, are not usable to offset operating expenses.*

Where Do I Serve?



Members of Germantown UMC support their church with their presence, prayers, gifts, and service. We are excited that we are now going to be better able to connect members with ministries that match their passions, as well as their availability and skills. **Valerie Foster**

has agreed to move into this newly created position of **Volunteer and Activity Coordinator**. She is currently laying the groundwork for this vital ministry.

Soon you will have the opportunity to let us know what areas of ministry you are passionate about (children, youth, poverty, homeless, refugee, international), what skills and training you have (carpentry, cooking, technology, accounting, teaching), and what days/times you are available. She is now gathering the opportunities that we currently have and updating their descriptions so that you may be quickly matched with an area of service. If you've ever felt like you were not quite sure where or how to get involved, Valerie will be there to guide you! We encourage everyone to participate in the building of our database because it will not only be used for day-to-day operations, but also for emergency response and other one-time ministry opportunities.

Senior Minister Process Update

by Henry Evans, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Now that the summer is over, the process for identifying and securing the appointment of a new Senior Minister at Germantown UMC will move into a new stage. In a recent meeting with Bishop Wills, he reaffirmed his desire to first identify and consider candidates within the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences before expanding the search.

It is expected that our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will meet with one or more candidates beginning in early October, and that this part of the process may well extend into mid or late November. Members of the SPRC cannot divulge potential candidates who may or may not be involved with meetings with our committee.

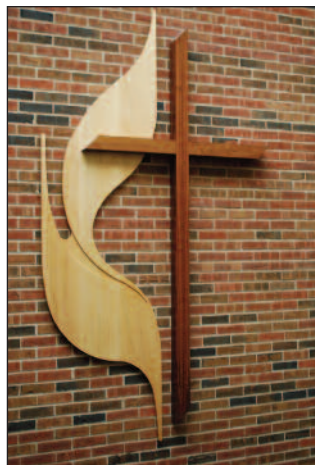
It must be noted that protocol within the Methodist church dictates that all initial contact with ministers must be done by our Bishop and, in the case of clergy outside

the Memphis and/or Tennessee Conferences, for our Bishop to request that their Bishop assess their interest in our church opening. Bishop Wills has acknowledged the importance of the Senior Minister Profile developed by the SPRC and placed on the church's website as he and his cabinet evaluate potential candidates.

It is still our hope that our new minister will be named by the end of the year and actually become part of our church family prior to Rick's retirement.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Henry Evans, Diane Heyman, Jim King, Frank Markus, Martha Massey, Anita Sessoms, Richard Stewart, Holly Turner, and Jimmy Wright. In addition, Steve Atkins, Rick Kirchoff, Rebecca Luter, Don Rhoads and Deborah Smith also serve on the committee.

Jan and Howard Johnson, our lay leaders, are ex-officio members of the committee.



Finding the Right Sunday School Class

by Jerry Clark

My wife, Kaye and I have been members of Germantown UMC for 2½ years. One of the best decisions we ever made was joining this church. We know that God led us here, and we



are very grateful. Another great decision we made was finding a Sunday School class that was a good fit for us. The *Apostles Class* has been a great blessing to us. Kaye and I love the members of the class and we

truly depend on each other for love and support. Every week we confirm our Christian walk with God.

For me, I was surprised how much I enjoyed facilitating lessons in our class—something I had never done before. The teaching has strengthened my relationship with God. We enjoy all aspects of the Apostles Class: the fellowship, the love, the caring, the lessons, the Word, and all the fun social events we participate in. In my opinion, walking the walk with fellow Christians is what it's all about.

In August 2009, I was honored to be elected the Apostles Class President. That position has given me a lot of joy and strength this past year. I once had a wise member tell me that if you weren't involved in a Sunday School class or another small group, it would be difficult to get to know anyone.

Kaye and I have enjoyed the joy and richness that Germantown UMC has brought us and the wonderful relationships we have developed here.

We give our thanks to God for directing us to this phenomenal church and our Sunday School class.



The Overton Wind Ensemble expresses its sincerest appreciation to the staff and members of Germantown UMC for its continued support.

Without this support, our recent Carnegie Hall debut performance would not have been possible. Again, many, many thanks.

—Dr. Reggie Houze and The Overton Wind Ensemble



Germantown UMC member **Brian Richards**, places the last paver at Manna House, a place of welcome for the homeless located in the Madison Heights neighborhood of Midtown Memphis. Brian is also an active member of Boy Scout

Troop #64, led by Scoutmaster Thane Smith. Brian has recently completed his Board of Review in preparation for receiving his Eagle Scout rank. One step in achieving the rank of Eagle is to complete an Eagle Project. This requires that the scout organize and mobilize significant other manpower and materials to complete the service project.

Brian's Eagle Project, for which he obtained partial underwriting from Germantown UMC, was to construct a badly needed brick walkway and patio area for Manna House. Brian mobilized a team of workers, trained them, and arranged for materials. The finished walkway and patio improve the appearance, function and safety of the Manna House. Congratulations to Brian on a job well done!

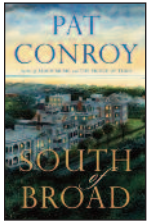


(L to R:) Kierstan Szalay, Rachel Burgess, Ann Elizabeth Vollmer and Richard Vollmer

One of the primary fundraisers for Student Ministry missions is at the annual Germantown Festival where our youth sell hot dogs and parking spaces at the church parking lots. Students have the opportunity to earn \$20/shift to earn credit towards upcoming retreats or summer mission trips. **This year a total of \$2,414.35 was raised!**

Big thanks to Charla Sparks for managing the hot dog stand and Dotty Carter for coordinating all our wonderful parent and student volunteers.

Announcements



Book Group. Our book group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 338. Join us on October 25 as we discuss *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy. All are invited. For more information, contact Jan Johnson at 753-0431 or jshjohnson@gmail.com.

Sonrise Prayer Group. The Men's Sonrise Prayer group invites all men to join them in a powerful study of James Moore's book *Have you ever seen a Hearse Pulling a Trailer*. Each week we will be studying key passages of scripture with deep religious themes. The study is held on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m. in room 339. For more information call Bryan Barger, 752-0522, John Phillips, 756-5434 or visit www.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com.

Single Adult Retreat. Single adults from throughout the Memphis Conference will be gathering at Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly in Eva, TN October 8-10. The focus of the retreat is to provide the opportunity for Christian singles to fellowship and worship together. During the weekend, there will be plenty of free time to renew old friendships and establish new ones. Spiritual growth is equally important as fellowship. At the retreat, we will spend time together in worship and in study sessions. The study sessions at this retreat will be based on the "Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study." During each of the four sessions, we will enjoy watching clips from this old television show. The clips as well as other study material will help facilitate discussion on four topics: humility, forgiveness, generosity, and belief. This retreat is sponsored by Methodist Conference Single Adult Ministry. For more information, please contact Wendy Hopper, Singles' Coordinator, at (731) 695-8330 or whopper@eplus.net. You may also contact the Memphis Conference Office at (731) 664-8480. Registration deadline is October 1.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on Friday, October 8, at Germantown United Methodist Church. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139.00. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes total to complete. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-653-6441 to pre-register.

CPR Classes. A CPR class will offered at GUMC on Friday, November 5, from 8 a.m.-12 noon in Room 136 behind the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the class is \$55 and you will receive the American Heart Association certification upon completion. The course will again be taught by Angie Printup of CPR-TO-GO. Contact Beverly Rhoads for more information at 754-7216, ext.107 or at brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Art Classes for Kids!

"Broaden your child's artistic horizons through a variety of class offerings. Classes meet at GUMC, and range from one-time painting workshops for kids and/or adults, to month-long art classes! For more information on these offerings and others, class listings, or to register, contact Melissa Cychowski at ecychowski@comcast.net or Michelle Walters at waltersmichelle@comcast.net.

Leapin' Lilly Pads!" A Painting Study of Monet's Garden, Space Available! 10/1, 6-8 p.m., ages 7-11, \$25, GUMC Cottage. Participants will participate in a brief study of the Impressionist painters, and then create a painting (in acrylic on canvas) of their very own Impressionist-inspired garden.

"Somewhere Beyond the Seascapes" Painting Workshop, Space Available! 10/2, 3-5 p.m., ages 4-6, \$25, GUMC Cottage. Participants will create a painting of a seascape in acrylic on canvas.

"Fearsome Fauve Forests" A Trip Through the Colorful World of Matisse, 10/15, 6-8 p.m., ages 7-11, \$25, GUMC Cottage. Just in time for haunting! Participants will participate in a brief study of the artists and art of the painters that were dubbed "Wild Beasts," or "The Fauves." Then your artist will create a painting (in acrylic on canvas) in the wild style of the movement.

"One Dark and Enchanted Evening" Painting Workshop, 10/16, 3-5 p.m., ages 4 - 6, \$25, GUMC Cottage. Participants will incorporate color schemes and silhouettes to create a nighttime painting that will give you a little shiver.

Adult Paint! "This Old House . . . or Church . . . or Lighthouse" Painting Workshop, 10/16, 6-9 p.m., \$25 (\$5 discount if your child is taking this class), GUMC Cottage. By request, we are offering the "This Old House" painting workshop for adults. Similar to the project that the younger ones will create, but with more in-depth instruction. Free your creative spirit and enjoy a Saturday evening being artsy.

"This Old House" Painting Workshop, 10/29, 6-9 p.m., ages 7-11, \$25, Registration deadline: October 15, GUMC Cottage. Participants will create a painting of a building (church, lighthouse, cottage) in acrylic on canvas. We will focus on atmospheric and simple perspective, highlights and shadows. Fee includes all supplies and instruction.

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines Available. Methodist Healthcare will be administering flu and pneumonia vaccines to our congregation on October 27. A nurse will be in Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall between 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, and again from 5-8 p.m. The flu vaccine will provide protection for the H1N1 flu as well as other strains. Please call Valerie Foster at 754-7216 to sign up for your vaccine. The cost for the flu vaccine is \$20 and the pneumonia vaccine is \$50. (The Pneumonia vaccine is only needed every 5 years). Medicare Part B will pay for the cost of the vaccine—just have your information available when you come for your “shot.” For more information, contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, ext. 107 or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Congregational Care

Rev. Steve Atkins, 754-7216, satkins@germantownumc.org
Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, brhoads@germantownumc.org

FORWARD, a grief support program for those experiencing the loss of a spouse will be held September 30-November 11 at Germantown UMC. Share experiences, learn from professional counselors, and make new friends. Register at germantownumc.org or call Laura Meanwell at 754-7216.



Lauren Boswell, 758-6512, lboswell@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@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 complete our 6-week rotation theme, “Acceptance: Peter and Cornelius.”

“Learning to Use My Bible.” A Wednesday night class for 3rd-5th graders will be offered from September 29-November 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 261. (No class October 20 because of Fall Break.) This program is designed for those children who have received their first Bible and are interested in digging in and learning more about how to use it. For more information or to sign up your child, please contact Janelle Crist at jcrist@germantownumc.org.

Health and Recreation

Carissa Algea, Director, 753-3100, calgea@germantownumc.org
Patrick Peavy, Sports, 753-3100, ppeavy@germantownumc.org

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

2323 West Street • 901-753-3100

Hours: Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.;

Fridays 6:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Nursery Available: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

A.M. Bootcamp. This class now meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30-7:00 a.m. for a “power half hour” that will start your day right. Contact Todd Hinton, personal trainer, at 488-2845 to join the class.

Performance Dance Class for Girls ages 8-12. Carissa will teach basic performance techniques and simple dance steps to various Broadway and Christmas songs. At Christmas time, the girls will gain experience and spread cheer by performing in an OLEC recital and at a few community locations. This class will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:50 p.m., beginning October 5 and running through December 7.

Children's Basketball Season. Registration is now underway and ends when teams have reached capacity. The fee is \$70. Pick up a form at the Information Center or register online at germantownumc.org. Practices begin on November 1 and the games will begin in December.

September OLEC Special. Purchase a 10-class punch card during September and receive one FREE Zumba class!

Student Ministries

Alison Bocking, 758-6508, abocking@germantownumc.org
Jason Baker, 758-6515, jbaker@germantownumc.org

Element, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m. The evening kicks off with a snack supper (\$3) at 6 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC). Join us tonight as we explore the message “Walk the Talk.” Come learn more about the importance of our words as we seek to build each other up!



TREK, our new Sunday school is offered at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. We're located in the lower level below the chapel. Join us on the trail as we pursue the heights, depths and widths of God's love!

- Mid-High Outpost-7-8th Grades (Room 131)
- Sr. High Outpost-9-12th Grades (Room 133A)

Get connected and join a small group! Synergy and Synago are underway! To learn more about connecting to a small group, visit our website at germantownstudents.org.

Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 754-7216, dsmith@germantownumc.org

“Gleaners” Needed. The USDA estimates 20% of all food grown in this country is wasted—either because it’s not commercially marketable or it is missed during mechanical harvesting. With the food that is wasted annually, we could feed all the hungry people in the U.S. *The Gleaning Network* addresses these problems of hunger and waste through the biblical practice of gleaning—the gathering of crops left in fields after harvest. This food is then distributed to the hungry through food banks and critical feeding agencies nationwide. The local Society of St. Andrew now has a gleaning opportunity at Collierville Farmers Market. The market takes place each Tuesday through October at 167 Washington Street

in Collierville, TN. Market hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Gleaners are needed on September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, and October 26.** If you could help with this unique opportunity, contact Rev. Deborah Smith at 754-7216 or dsmith@germantownumc.org.

Thank You! On behalf of the Norwood family I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for the family or individual that donated the bunkbeds and single twin bed. Words cannot express the look on the older child’s face when he realized he did not have to share a bed with his two younger brothers anymore. Prior to the donation boys ages 12, 7, and 3 shared a bed. Receiving those beds was a tremendous blessing to this family and they are very grateful. —*Sharon Cornelius*

SASHA Ministry: Shepherding a Servant’s Heart



Rev. Patrick Whaley is a United Methodist pastor who has served in the Memphis Annual Conference for 30 years. Since 2006 he has been appointed as “Teaching Pastor

and Missionary” in Eurasia representing the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. With this appointment Rev. Whaley established a non profit organization called SASHA Ministry—Shepherding A Servant’s Heart, Amen. He must raise every penny of support for the ministry!

The 15 countries of the former Soviet Union stretch across 11 time zones and more than 300 million people. Three of the countries have a non active, yet Christian background, 5 countries are predominate atheist and 8 countries have a deep Muslim influence with ongoing Christian persecution. In Russia, less than 1/1,000 have ever been in a church and 1/10,000 have read from the Bible. Russia continues to be one of the most strategic countries influencing America, Europe and the entire world politically and economically.

SASHA Ministry has taught and led conferences alongside Bishop Hans Vaxby of Eurasia, General Board of Global Ministry and World Methodist Evangelism. He has developed the 5 Year Plan of Pastors Continuing Education and Lay Leaders Training and every DS, pastor and church lay leaders have attended his conferences. Faith sharing, passionate Christian education experiences with cultural and contextual understanding and intentional outreach ministries into the communities are vital components as we plant new churches and ministries.

This year the Ukraine/Moldova Annual Conference voted unanimously and signed by Bishop Vaxby that Patrick spend at least three weeks in every church in 2010-2011 because of the overwhelming results in baptisms, attendance, faith development and outreach ministries of the SASHA Ministry in the churches where he spent the most time.

Recently, SASHA Ministry led a conference for 45 youth and young adult leaders from cities all across Ukraine through contextualizing the Bible and emphasizing the importance of living out the Gospel and multiplying new leaders 200 additional youth and young adult leaders were trained the end of July and August.

Last year Germantown UMC sent a team to Lugansk where they led a pastors and lay leaders’ training event on Stephen Ministry and the importance of small group ministries. People came from across eastern and southern Ukraine and Russia for this spiritual conference. A year ago it averaged 30 in worship, had 1 Wednesday night Bible Study and no ongoing mission outreach. Today, worship attendance has tripled with plans for a second service meeting Sunday afternoon.

From October 7-19, a team of eight from Germantown UMC will again travel to Ukraine this time going to Chernovsti and Uzhgorod in the Southwest corner.

SASHA Ministry is extremely thankful to Germantown UMC for its support of space, financial record keeping, encouragement and monthly support of \$200 per month through the mission’s budget. We ask for your continued prayers and financial support as we currently are giving leadership to more than 250 churches and ministries in some of the most difficult places in the world to be a Christian.

SASHA Ministry is totally dependent upon the gifts of individuals, groups and local churches. Please contact Patrick Whaley at sashaministry@gmail or call 337-4178 for more information.

Older Adult Ministry

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

XYZs Enjoy Art and Good Food in November!

We will start the day at The Dixon with our own guided tour of *Objects of Wonder: Four Centuries of Still Life*, 52 works of art from the collection of the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, Florida. This exhibit examines the idea of still-life painting from the Ming dynasty in China to the early 2000s and includes works by Coubert, Matisse, Picasso, and O'Keeffe. After our tour we will have lunch off the menu at the ever-popular Dan McGuinness.

WHERE: Dixon Gallery & Gardens and Dan McGuinness

WHEN: Tuesday, November 16

COST: \$5 per person plus lunch on your own.

DEPARTURE: 9:15 a.m. from OLEC. (Be there by 9 a.m.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797. You must make your reservation before paying.

DEADLINE FOR MONEY and RESERVATIONS: Tuesday, October 19.



See Memphis in the 1900's at the November Brown Bag Lunch!

If you have never been on a Jimmy Ogle tour of Memphis, you are in for a unique treat! Earlier this year, he took us on a visual tour to Memphis in the 1800's, and now we will hear and see the fascinating details of how Memphis grew and

prospered in the 1900's.

TOPIC: "Memphis in the 1900's"

SPEAKER: Jimmy Ogle, Memphis History Expert.

WHERE: Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall

WHEN: November 5. Program starts at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon.

COST: FREE—the church will supply beverages.

RESERVATIONS: No reservations are needed. Just bring your sack lunch and enjoy the program and the fellowship.

QUESTIONS? Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, ext. 107.

There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.



Senior News . . . AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Class

Germantown United Methodist Church and AARP will present the "55 Alive Driver Safety Program," an

instructional defensive driving course for people age 55+. This 8-hour course is scheduled for October 18 and 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. There is no driving test or written exam. Register early because the class will be closed at 28 participants. The results of taking these classes have been proven—class participants have few accidents and tickets.

WHERE: Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom) in the Ministry Center.

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday, October 18 and 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

COST: \$12 fee for AARP members (\$14 for non-members) payable to AARP

RESERVATIONS: Call Geoff Pratt at 755-4091

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Reservations will be taken until class is full.

Ukraine 2010 *by Cliff Wentworth*



In the past, I have had the privilege of representing GUMC on two mission trips to Ukraine. I am grateful to the Germantown UMC congregation for its support. I experienced life changing times

with a very beautiful and was able to share and love and healing power of Jesus.

The Ukrainian people have a very different and difficult life compared to what most of us experience. As part of the former Soviet Union, the Ukraine was called upon to make great sacrifices due to its rich resources which were appropriated and used in other parts of the Soviet Union. This combined with a once oppressive government has created challenges that the Ukrainian people continue to face.

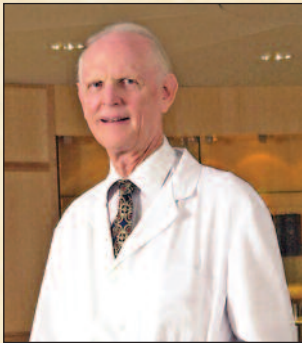
For decades, the state religion was communism and God was scrubbed from their lives. With changes since the fall of the iron curtain, Christianity has come out of the shadows and become more accepted and allowed to grow.

The team this year will be working with young adults, older adult retirement home residents, families of ill children, orphanages, an afterschool ministry, and soup kitchen.

Team members for this trip include: Barbara Faust, Teresa Howell, Reed Rosetti, Barbara and Conrad Schanson, Margaret Ueleke, Deborah Smith and Patrick Whaley. The team leaves October 7. Please pray for their safe travels.

Donation baskets have been placed at the church's main entrances in order to collect much-needed vitamins, Ibuprofen, and diabetic test strips.

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Dr. Ralph S. Hamilton

“Living In Your Sweet Spot”

Wednesday, October 6 • 5:30 p.m. • Owings Life Enrichment Center

Join us at our Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner for a special evening of entertainment and celebration. Faux Celtic Women will be performing traditional Scottish and Welsh tunes on dulcimer, violin, and harp. Ilace Mears, Sharon Hailey, and Eva McPeters make up the threesome, whose performances are always popular.

Rev. Rick Kirchoff will interview Dr. Ralph Hamilton about his life and what influences have shaped his values and guided him to be the person he is today.

Ralph and his wife, Barbara, are known at Germantown UMC as people of the joyful way, who live life “in their sweet spot.” Ralph and Barbara both teach classes, are active in their own Sunday School class, and are generous givers both of their money and their time. Humorous, humble, joyful, and faithful are words that aptly describe Ralph. You won’t want to miss hearing his story of how God has shaped his life.

Menu for October 6: Sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes, English peas, baked apples, rolls, drinks, and dessert. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$8, children \$4 (ages 3-12); children under 3 eat free. Sign up at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.