

**Living Out the Baptismal Covenant:
Discovery Weekend
February 19, 20, 21**

Discovery Weekend invites the entire Germantown UMC family to live out its Baptismal Covenant by surrounding our youth with a community of love and forgiveness so that they may be established in faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Our event will require more than 100 volunteers for the weekend.

Key ways you can support Discovery Weekend:

- **Register.** If you have a student in grades 6-12, sign them up for Discovery Weekend. We want every student involved in this weekend! Deadline is Sunday, February 14. Registration forms are available at www.germantownumc.org
- **Join the Discovery Team.** We'll need 100+ adults serving throughout the weekend. We've got a place for you! Overnight leaders, free time referees, logistics coordinators, setup/cleanup crews. Email our coordinator Dotty Harriman at DWHarriman@FirstTennessee.com and sign-up to serve.
- **Sunday School classes** can sponsor and serve a meal for the weekend. Meals may be homemade or catered by local restaurants. We encourage simplicity. Meals are available for Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast.
- **Individuals and groups** may contribute snacks and 2-liter drinks for breaks throughout the weekend. Homemade goodies, candy, pretzels, chips, fruit, etc., are greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off to the OLEC kitchen. Please mark for Discovery Weekend.
- **Prayer Partners.** Sign-up to pray for our students throughout the weekend. Visit www.germantownumc.org to sign-up. We need over 50 prayer warriors!
- **Attend the Discovery Prayer Service** on Saturday, February 20, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Worship with the participants** of Discovery Weekend on February 21 at 11 a.m.

Contact Alison Bocking at 758-6508 or abocking@germantownumc.org

Health and Recreation

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For all the early birds, the OLEC has added a plethora of 6:30 a.m. exercise classes!

New! Early Morning Yoga Classes! Due to popular demand, hour-long yoga classes will now be offered at 6:30 a.m. Monday-Friday beginning Monday, February 15! That's right, Cheryl Pettit, who has been teaching yoga at the OLEC for over four years now will be teaching 6:30 am classes **and** 10:30 a.m. classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Agnes Walkovic, our new yoga instructor, will continue to teach at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and also on Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.

A.M. Conditioning Course. Join the A.M. Conditioning Group every weekday morning from 6:30-7:00 a.m. in the OLEC gym. Todd Hinton is a great fitness motivator and a certified personal trainer. This class requires a six-week commitment and Todd promises that this element will help keep you accountable and motivated to achieve success. The cost is \$150 for 6 weeks of 30-minute exercise routines Monday-Friday. The next session begins on Monday, February 22. Contact Todd directly at 488-2845 or toddhinton2@att.blackberry.net to ask questions sign up!

The New Cycling Room is Beautiful! Come check out our new, permanent cycling room located in room 302 at the top of the stairs at the OLEC, near the walking track. Choose from one of the following cycling classes

Group Cycling: Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m; Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Pedal & Pump: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Line Dance Till You Drop on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. with Dance Remix, a beginner-level, hour-long line dancing class. On Fridays at 9:30, the hour-long class builds on a short routine in addition to a line dancing warm-up and cool-down. Smile, laugh, and boogie down with, talented dancer, Daryl Hutchins! This class meets regularly on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Call 753-3100 for more information.

Erica Puryear, OLEC staff member of three years has now taken on the role of Nursery Coordinator in addition to her other duties at the OLEC! For all questions regarding the OLEC nursery or to make a reservation for childcare, please call 753-3100, ext. 404 to reach her. Congratulations, Erica!



Student Ministries

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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). Element will not meet tonight due to our afternoon GodSpell performance and Super Bowl Sunday. Join us next week to kickoff Discovery Weekend, whether you're registered for Discovery or not—we want you to be there! It's all about love! God's love!

Discovery Weekend is less than two weeks away! Mark your calendars for February 19-21. It begins on Friday at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The theme for the weekend is "Rooted in Scripture." Discovery Weekend includes wacky games, hilarious skits, D-Groups, creative worship, powerful prayer, rockin' music, yummy food, free time and a much, much more! All students in grades 6-12 are invited. Watch your mailbox for your registration form or sign-up online at www.germantownumc.org. For more information contact Alison Bocking at 758-6508 or abocking@germantownumc.org.

March Music Madness

February 12: Memphis Men's Chorale Concert (7:30 p.m., Sanctuary)

March 8: American Guild of Organists present Eva McPeters and Jim Thrash: "Redeeming the Organ and Piano Duet" (7 p.m., Sanctuary)

March 10: Southern Chorale Choir from University of Southern Mississippi (7:30 p.m., Sanctuary)

March 22: Briarcrest Choral Concert (7:30 p.m., Sanctuary)

March 25: Overton Wind Ensemble Concert (7:30 p.m., Sanctuary)

Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—Departs May 11, 2010. Rev. Steve Atkins will be leading a trip to Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jericho, and a host of other places in Israel. Brochures are available at the Information Center. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216, or satkins@germantownumc.org, or Hugh and Alice Clare Colville at 754-6374, or hcolvill@bellsouth.net.

Alpine Wonders, Oberammergau Passion Play, Italy and Rome—Rick and Jane Kirchoff and Barbara Moorehead will be leading this trip that departs August 24, 2010. For more information, contact Jackie Lewis at 754-7216 or jlewis@germantownumc.org.

News and Events

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Preparing for Lent



Lent begins February 17 with our **Ash Wednesday** worship services. This year, we will have two services to choose from: 7:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten Sermon Series is Entitled "Pray Like This" that begins on February 28. The focus of our Lenten series will be *The Lord's Prayer*.

Lent by Candlelight. All women of GUMC are invited to a special service called "Lent by Candlelight" on Tuesday, February 9, from 6:30-8 p.m. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and delicious desserts and then proceed to the chapel for a special service of spiritual reflection, music, and a message by Kelly Arrendell. This will be our first year of presenting this opportunity to our ladies. You are encouraged to invite friends, relatives, or neighbors to this special evening as we prepare our hearts for the holy season. There is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door. Childcare will be provided. Register online at www.germantownumc.org or call 754-7216, ext. 305.

Announcements

Godspell. Tickets are still available for the 2 p.m. Godspell performance today. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and you may pay at the door.

GUMC Family Night at the Grizzlies. The 2nd Annual Germantown UMC Family Night at the Grizzlies (We Love Our Coach Night) will be on Friday, February 26 at 7 p.m. as the Memphis Grizzlies take on the Charlotte Bobcats. Last year we had around 200 GUMC members at the game as we shared our love and appreciation with our own, Coach Lionel Hollins. Let's do it again! We will be taking pre-paid orders for tickets on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall between 9 and 12. Click here to order and pay online. Tickets may be picked up at the Welcome Center on February 23. All tickets are \$25 each (Plaza level). Come out and support Coach Lionel Hollins and the Memphis Grizzlies. You can also arrive early to watch the pre-game shoot around (closed to the general public) and maybe even have a photo-op moment with Lionel. Start time is 5 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast. All men are invited to attend our breakfast meeting to be held at the Piccadilly Restaurant in Germantown on Saturday, February 13, at 8 a.m. Our guest speaker is Ron Roberson who serves as a member of the Public Safety Education Commission for the City of Germantown. For the past five years, Ron has been the administrator for the annual city safe program, a safety day camp for five and six-year-old children. He currently serves as associate minister for Germantown Church of Christ.

Parking Lot Progress. Our new parking lot is at a place in construction when the contractor needs extended good weather in order to dry the ground and make final grading and asphalt pouring feasible. Needless to say, our sporadic weather has not afforded adequate "dry spells" to allow uninterrupted progress. In addition, the contractor discovered a discrepancy in the tiling under S. Germantown Road, previously unknown by the city, which has added a change order and thus slowed progress. Please know that we and the contractor are doing everything possible to complete the parking lot as soon as possible. We know that the continued construction creates parking inconveniences on Sunday mornings and we are working hard to minimize this inconvenience. We will have at least the basics completed as soon after sufficient dry weather occurs as possible. Thank you for your patience!

Adult Education

Parables of Jesus Bible Study. Led by Rev. Steve Atkins, this Bible study will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Room 339 beginning February 24. Bring your Bible and a friend and take a fresh look at the many parables Jesus told. Parables you have heard before will be re-examined. This study will be comprised of little lecture, many questions, and great discussion!

Invitation to New Testament (Tuesdays, February 9-April 6, 6:30 p.m., Room 233) This study explores the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. The cost is \$10 for the book. This study is facilitated by Rich and Terry Aust. To register, contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or register online at www.germantownumc.org.

February Book Group. Our selection for the month is *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks. Plan on picking up a copy and joining us in a great discussion! We meet on Monday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. in room 338. The book for March will be *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom.

Children's Ministries

Lauren Boswell, 758-6512, lboswell@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org
Angie Hopper, 356-9600, hopsHome@earthlink.net

Elementary Grace Place. Grace Place is the Sunday School program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, offered from 9:40-10:40 or 11:00-12:00. All children gather in the Chapel for opening assembly, then proceed to classrooms by grade level groups for experiential learning. Our current rotation theme is "Daniel and Friends: A Lesson on Courage." As children rotate weekly through fun stations (Crafts, Games, Science, Snack, Story, and Video), they will learn how Daniel and his fellow Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—had the courage to be faithful and stand up for God. The children will experience ways God calls us to be faithful in today's world, even though it may be hard to do.

Congregational Care

Beverly Rhoads, 758-5613, brhoads@germantownumc.org
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Grief Support Group. *Forward*, our grief support program for those who have lost a spouse will begin a 7-week series on Thursday, March 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. This series is free and open to the public and is led by qualified professionals. Pre-registration is not required and you may attend any of the sessions you wish. View a complete list of speakers and topics at www.germantownumc.org. For more information, contact Laura Meanwell at 758-6528 or lmeanwell@germantownumc.org.

GUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. We offer caring, one-on-one ministry during difficult times in life. The care receiver will be prayed for, listened to, and will receive Christian caring in a confidential manner. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 for more information.

Women's Ministries

Children's Clothing Sale. Sell your children's gently worn spring and summer clothing and more at our semi-annual Children's Boutique to be held the week of March 1-3. To register as a consignor, or for more information, please visit www.gumwclothingsale.com. Deadline to register as a consignor is February 19, 2010.

Missions

Rev. Deborah B. Smith, 758-6516, dsmith@germantownumc.org

"Read to Achieve" at Guthrie Elementary. We need more reader volunteers to serve at Guthrie Elementary for the "Read to Achieve" program that lasts until February 19. The time commitment is just one hour each week. For more information contact Valerie Foster at 758-6517 or vfoster@germantownumc.org.

Older Adults

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

Senior News—XYZs March Event! Join us when we hear the Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at their Waffle Shop, and tour the 30+ stained glass windows (including seven Tiffany windows) at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Monday, March 22. 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, February 22.

Senior News—March Brown Bag Lunch Series! Linda Brittingham from The Speaker's Bureau will take us on a visual tour of our nation's capital when she presents "Tales of the White House and The Memorials of Washington, D.C." This presentation will be Friday, March 5 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.**

This week's prayer focus:

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows fall?
Why should my heart feel lonely
and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion
A constant friend is he.
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me.

—African-American Spiritual

Three Ways to Volunteer in 2010:

- Prayer with the Pastor.** Each Sunday, lay persons come at 7:45 a.m. to pray in each area of the church that the worship service and education ministries would be to God's glory and that those who gather would be strengthened in their faith and grow in their discipleship. *Spiritual Gifts: Intercession*
- Communion Server.** Each first Sunday we celebrate Communion in all three worship services. Volunteers assist the pastors in serving communion by holding the trays of juice and bread at 9:40 and 11:00. *Spiritual Gifts: Service, Helps*
- Home-bound Communion Volunteers.** Each first Sunday after worship, volunteers go out in pairs between 1-3 p.m. to deliver Communion to those unable to attend worship. *Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Mercy*



To volunteer or get more information email
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