

Health and Recreation

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Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

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

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

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May Massage Special. Book a massage for the month of May and you will receive \$5 off any service. Call our licensed massage therapist, Carol Panasuk, at 292-5913 to schedule your appointment today.

Stretch and Elongate Your Muscles with Mat Pilates! Join Agnes Walkowc on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45-5:45 p.m. or join Carissa Algea on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Mat Pilates will help improve balance, flexibility, and posture as you reduce joint pain. In the 1920's, Pilates was used in New York City ballet companies to help the ballet dancers stretch and elongate their muscles. Today, you can treat yourself to this therapeutic class across the street at the OLEC!

May Only Special. Buy a punch card during May for \$40 and get three classes free. (Total of 13 classes.) If you purchase three personal training sessions during May from either Judy Oros or Jennifer Gately, you will get the fourth session FREE! To book your sessions and lock in this special offer, contact the trainers directly: Judy, 336-8639; Jennifer, 848-3864. See exercise class list at www.germantownumc.org.

Dance to Fitness with one of these excellent workout classes:

Dance Remix: Wednesday and Friday—9:30-10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold: Monday—9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday—11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Saturday—10:45-11:45 a.m.

Zumba: Monday and Wednesday—6:00-7:00 p.m.,

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday—9:30-10:30 a.m.

New Tracking and Security at the OLEC. The Owings Life Enrichment Center will soon be equipped with enhanced user tracking and security. This is being done to improve security and safety for OLEC users and to more closely monitor participation in courses and other offered activities to, in turn, improve our activity/course offerings in the future. Preliminary installation has begun, as evidenced by the presence of service technicians this past week. We are assembling an ad hoc group of highly-involved OLEC users to better identify the values of the OLEC, and fine tune the tracking/security system to optimally integrate with them. If you are called—or if you are an interested, high-volume user—we hope you will help us with this important project. Please contact Don Rhoads at drhoads@germantownumc.org or Carissa Algea at calgea@germantownumc.org right away if you'd like to lend a hand. Thanks!

Summer Sports Camps for Kids. Our Sports Camps will be held June 21-25 and July 19-23. Camp hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This camp is for children who have completed kindergarten-6th grade. The cost per camp is \$95 each, which includes lunch and all available sports activities. Register online at www.germantownumc.org or pick up a form at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Questions? Contact Patrick Peavy or Erica Puryear at 753-3100.

Summer Women's Bible Study.

Beth Moore Study. "Stepping Up—a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent." (Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., June 16-July 28, Room 339) In this study, Beth Moore invites us to join her in aspiring to reach a new level of relationship and intimacy with God. Discover how if we'll let Him, God will turn each of us into true worshipers, fully released to celebrate Him, reverence Him, laugh with Him, cry with Him, and even make our complaints to Him. God is our hiding place. Our shelter through the storm. Let's find Him in a way we've not yet known. Our study will cover six weeks, each with five days of homework. No matter who you are or where you've been, this study is for you. You don't need any religious training or previous Bible study to participate in this journey. At the same time, the Psalms will challenge the serious student of God's Word to take the next step with God. To register, contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or jwebster@germantownumc.org.

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). Element will not meet tonight in honor of Mother's Day, or next week in honor of our 2010 Senior Banquet. We'll resume on May 23 for our annual Photo Scavenger Hunt! We hope to see you there!

2010 High School Graduates. On Sunday, May 16, we'll recognize our graduating seniors at all three worship services. We hope you'll join us so we can celebrate you!

Men's Ministries

Sonrise Prayer Group. The Men's Sonrise Prayer group would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all men as we study the book of Job. The book of Job is a powerful story of deep faith in tragic times. In this study, David Hester focuses on the difficult questions raised in Job: Where is God in the worst moments of our emptiness? What are we to do when experience casts doubt on what we have always believed? Where in the world is justice? The study is held each Tuesday morning from 6:30-7:15 a.m. in room 339. Feel free to join us at any time during this study. For more information, contact Bryan Barger at 752-0522 or John Phillips at 756-5434.

Children's Ministries

Lauren Boswell, 758-6512, lboswell@germantownumc.org

Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jrist@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. This Sunday we continue our rotation theme, "Parables of Jesus." As children rotate weekly through fun stations (Crafts, Games, Science, Snack, Story, and Video), they will learn that a parable is a story that teaches a spiritual truth by using examples in everyday life that people can easily relate to. More than one-third of Jesus' recorded teaching is in the form of parables. In this rotation we'll explore the parables of *The Sower*, *The Great Banquet*, *The Mustard Seed*, *The Good Samaritan*, *The Prodigal Son*, and *the Lost Sheep*.

Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for VBS 2010: June 7-11. Join us for an "out-of-this-world" adventure at *Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* In this cosmic combo of fun and faith, children will have a close encounter with our awesome God and be inspired to see God's amazing universe in a whole new way. Register online at www.germantownumc.org or pick up a registration form in the children's area. VBS is for children ages 4 (by 9/30/10) through rising 6th graders.

Jump Ahead with Manners! Good manners are easy and fun with role playing, games, and crafts. Classes offered: ages 5, 6, and 7—June 21-June 25. Ages 8, 9, and 10—July 12-July 16. Hours: 10-11 a.m. Cost: \$75 per child. Classes will be held at The Cottage, 2338 S. Germantown Rd. Space is limited! Your check will reserve your child's space. Applications are available at the church or contact Patty Wood at 486-2639 or pwood002@comcast.net; or Dare Bauer at 482-8740 or darebauer@att.net.

News and Events

May 9, 2010



Germantown United Methodist Church

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Rick Kirchoff, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Annual Golf & Games Family Picnic: Sunday, May 23. All Germantown United Methodist Church members and guests are invited to this FREE picnic at Golf & Games Family Park, located at 5484 Summer Ave. at Bartlett Rd. Simply come to the private GUMC pavilion from 1-3 p.m. for FREE WRISTBANDS and FREE HOTDOGS and drinks served by the Seekers class and the Sports and Recreation Committee. Wristbands are good until 6 p.m. Thank you to the Smith family, who are GUMC members, for providing this free event for our congregation and friends.

Piano Recital. The congregation is invited to a senior recital by George L. Groh, on piano and trumpet, Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Confirmation. Did your child miss confirmation because they were beyond 6th grade when you joined? This spring/summer we'll offer an "AP Confirmation" that is advanced placement confirmation for older kids. The class will be offered for six weeks (May 23-June 27 during the 9:40 a.m. hour). Location TBA. Please contact Julie McKenna at 486-0721 or 758-6514 or jmckenna@germantownumc.org and indicate age/grade of student so adequate materials may be purchased. Students who missed key elements of 6th grade confirmation due to schedule conflicts and would like a review, are welcome as well.

VBS Volunteers Needed! (June 7-11, 2010)

Photographers: Are you an adult who enjoys taking photographs as a hobby and would be willing to photograph VBS activities? This is a great role for someone who is only available a few days during VBS week.

2 *games station leaders for Group C* (3rd-6th grade). Activities are planned and equipment is provided—we just need energetic leaders to facilitate.

Group leaders for all ages. Lead a group of children from activity to activity. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your child or grandchild and experience VBS together!

Please fill out a volunteer registration form located in the Fellowship Hall or Grace Place locations. Any questions, contact a VBS director:

Angie Hopper, 356-9600 (hopshome@earthlink.net)

Group A: Preschool-Rising Kindergarten

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

Group B: Rising 1st-2nd grade

Lauren Boswell, 758-6512 (lboswell@germantownumc.org)

Group C: Rising 3rd-6th grade

Ladies Only to New York City (Sept. 29-Oct. 3). Private cultural tour of Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Cloisters. Plenty of free time for Broadway shows, sightseeing, shopping. Hotel near Times Square. Package includes air. Contact Alice Clare Colville at 754-6374 or hcolvill@bellsouth.net.

May is designated as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Members of GUMC have a unique opportunity on May 19 to have a complimentary 15-minute hearing screening provided by Optimal Hearing of Germantown. The screening will include a discussion with you about any personal communication difficulties, an inspection of the hearing canal, and a test of your hearing sensitivity. Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes so wait time will be minimal. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, ext. 107, or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Book Group. Join us on Monday May 24, at 10:30 a.m. in room 338 as we discuss *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War*, by Nathaniel Philbrick. For the month of June we will read *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott.

Have you lost "that loving feeling" in your marriage? Or perhaps you love your spouse and want to make a "good thing better." We are offering this to any couple who is willing to take a 40-day "Love Dare." This is a chance to rekindle that flame or make it burn brighter! It is a simple study that has a daily devotional and a place to write your thoughts. At the end of each day's devotion, you will be given a dare which gives you a chance to simply show an act of love toward your spouse. We will begin on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. First, we will watch the movie "Fireproof" which is all about the study that we will be doing. At that time you will receive your material and you and your spouse will begin your 40 exciting days of the "Love Dare" —just you and your spouse. No weekly meetings. We will meet back on July 15 at 6:30 p.m. to end the study. This will be an opportunity to hear from couples who would like to share about their 40-day journey, however sharing will not be required. There will be childcare offered during the times that we meet. If you are interested, contact Mary Doty at marydoty2@yahoo.com or 828-0619.

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Mountain T.O.P. Adult Volunteers Needed. We're looking for three caring, mission-oriented adults (age 22+) to join our current team of adults to attend Mountain T.O.P. with our students the week of June 12-19. Mountain T.O.P. is an Interdenominational Christian Mission, affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. You will join church youth and adults from all over the United States and form YRGs (Youth Renewal Groups), made up of six to seven youth and two adults from different churches. Whether the project includes building a porch, painting a room, or repairing a fence, the service is founded in Christian compassion. All projects are minor home repair or maintenance projects. Each evening, the community gathers for dinner, a time of sharing about their day's experiences, worship and fellowship. For more information, contact Jason Baker, Associate Director of Student Ministries, at jrbaker@germantownumc.org or 758-6515.

Seeking Mission Prayer Partners. Be a part of our youth mission trips by praying daily for our mission trip participants while they are away serving Christ in different parts of the country and world. This is a wonderful way to be involved in our mission trips—especially if you are unable to travel to the mission trip destination. As a prayer partner you will simply pray specifically for a youth or adult during their mission week. You will receive a photo of the youth or adult that you're praying for, specific prayer requests, and a prayer bracelet. We need nearly 100 adults to pray! To sign-up visit www.germantownumc.org.

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Are you being called to service? If so, the Mission Committee has an opening for the Chairperson and additional team members for the Coordination Sub-committee. This sub-committee plays a vital role in helping GUMC better coordinate the services and support provided to the various missions GUMC supports. Goals for the sub-committee include maximizing the participation of GUMC members in missions spiritually, physically, and financially, promoting the planning of mission activities, and tracking the effectiveness of GUMC mission work. If you are interested in leading or working with this sub-committee or would like more information, please contact John Phillips at 756-5434.

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 June Event! Come with us to AutoZone Park to see the 2009 Pacific Coast League Champion Memphis Redbirds play the Iowa Cubs on Thursday, June 10. We depart at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$14 per person plus dinner on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Thursday, May 13.

Senior Expo. There will be a Senior Expo sponsored by the Professional Network on Aging on May 12 at the AgriCenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd., from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be interactive workshops, vendors with all types of information for seniors, entertainment, and more. Admission is free, so come and explore the many services available to you in the Shelby County community.

Missions

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

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. On June 1, the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis and Theatre Memphis present this popular play with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Tickets are \$50 each. The reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. with curtain at 7:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact Sharon Cornelius at 754-6261 or ssc0113@bellsouth.net

Kenya Mission Trip. Our mission team will be traveling to Kenya June 24-July 9 on its fourth year to help African AIDS orphans. In addition to building a home for an AIDS orphaned family, the team plans to take needed medical supplies to Maua Methodist Hospital, help with construction projects at the hospital, help the hospital staff with patient care and technical equipment repairs, conduct a bush clinic and a Vacation Bible School, lead a hospital chapel service, and sponsor a group of AIDS orphans (Giving Hope Empowerment Program) for a two-day course of study at the Methodist Bio-Intensive Agricultural Training Center. *Current roster:* Carrie Allison, Terry Aust, Catherine Childs, Valerie Foster, Amy Fink, Joseph Oros, Allison Raines, Peggy Raines, Megan Richards, Brandon Whiteley, Rev. Deborah Smith, Donna Thurmond, Barry Smith, and Susan Hillebert Smith. Contact Susan Hillebert at bssh@bellsouth.net or 359-6954 if you have questions. We humbly ask for your prayer and financial support as we prepare for this mission.

Chernvosti, Ukraine Mission Trip—October 7-18. Are you interested in being a part of a servant ministry team traveling to southern Ukraine, near the Romanian border? Supporting the ministry of the United Methodist Church, we will work alongside Pastor Sasha in these ministries: disabled children, older adults, young marrieds, men's ministry, evangelism, family relationships, and worship. The church is located across the street from the main market where we can minister to the poor. People are eager to meet Americans and through these relationships we can share the love of Christ and invite them to church! We will have the opportunity to learn and grow from Victor, the worship leader who was the trumpet player for the Gorbachev Presidential Band, and Vasalya, who grew up as a Muslim, now an active church member; and Sasha, who is active in a Christian theatre church group. Chernovsti, Ukraine, has a rich history from its Austrian and Hungarian past. For details, contact team leaders Conrad and Barbara Schanson at 755-7608 or Rev. Deborah Smith at 754-7216 or dsmith@germantownumc.org.