

In Sympathy

- Alex Garrett in the death of her grandmother, Jeweline Cole, on May 11.
- Kris Hansen in the death of his father, Jacob Hansen, on May 8.

Congratulations

- Casey and Laurie Casteel on the birth of a son, Jacob Warren Casteel, on April 19.

Prayer Requests: Tim Cartwright, Jane Eveland Billy Glidewell, Wilma Hendrix, Bob Lynn, Barbara Moorehead, Mike Rutherford, Robin Stolorick, Myra Thomas, Jason Watkins, Chris West, Bill Wright, Walter Beggerly (friend of Jackie Lewis), Bill Blandford (friend of Don Hinshelwood), John Colebank (brother of Linda Colebank), John Comella (friend of John and Judy Rossetti), Maggie and Mary Lawrence Gordon (friends of Pam Wohrman), Edward Goddard (father of Judy McLain), Jane Fielder (mother of Kathy Kabel), Suzanne Forbus (mother of Lauren Boswell), Janet Green (friend of Charles and Maureen Drummond), Abigail Haynes (friend of Yolanda Toney), Betty Ingram (mother of David Jones), Bob Lilly (brother-in-law of Don Hinshelwood), Jill Mazar (mother of Laura Meanwell), Sarah McDonald (friend of Carrie Allison), Brian McKinley (son of Jim and Linda McKinley), Jewel McLain (mother of Stanley McLain), Ashley Patton (friend of Yolanda Toney), Gabriel Taylor (son of Jeremy and Rhonda (former members); Ronnie Wenzler (friend of Jimmy Wright)

Family and Friends Serving Overseas:

Afghanistan: Tyler Blackiston - nephew of Bart and Charla Sparks; Barclay Montgomery - grandson of Bob and Ellie Pelts; nephew of Steve and Barbara Stapleton; Ryan Reagan - friend of Bart and Charla Sparks

Iraq: Terry Baker - brother of Jason Baker; Ben Moore - nephew of Del and Jo Mercer and Linda Fann; Richard Ott - friend of Mindy Fischer; Jason Richards - friend of Carrie Allison; Miles Smith - brother of Mack and Carolyn Browder's daughter-in-law; Adam Wright - nephew of Joel and Sue Myers.

Korea: Ryan Robison - nephew of Harris Lewis

Okinawa: Bradley Sparks - son of Bart and Charla Sparks

Persian Gulf: John Perkins - husband of Erica Lewis Perkins; son-in-law of Randy and Jo Lewis

Special Concerns:

Rev. Pat Whaley, SASHA Ministry in Russia, VBS - June 7-11, Mountain T.O.P. - June 12-19 (Youth Missions); - SOS (Service Over Self): June 20-26 (Youth Missions); - Kenya Mission Trip: June 24-July 9, Nicaragua Youth Mission Trip: July 3-10

GUMC STUDENT MINISTRY NO LONGER WANTS VOLUNTEERS.

There are two words that youth workers in the church should consider banning from their ministry vocabulary. The first is "volunteer," and the second is "chaperone." We simply do not think that those labels capture the joy and adventure that is wrapped up in ministry to and with students. Perhaps we should consider these titles (though some may disagree because they would be a mouthful to say) for those who sign on to practice the gift of passionate presence with middle school and high school students:

- "One who finds new life on their own spiritual journey from time spent with teens."
- "One who holds a young person's deepest identity until he or she is able to see it too."
- "One who meets Christ, as He has promised that we will, in the lives of those who have been abandoned and marginalized in our society."
- "One who models our Lord by leaving their place of comfort and entering into the torn and bruised world of adolescence."
- "A guide, a leader, a model, and a trusted person of influence."

We hope the above titles give you a snapshot of what it really means to serve with students. If you feel God leading you to invest in the lives of our students or would like more information on joining our team, contact Alison Bocking, Director of Student Ministries at 758-6508 or email at abocking@germantownumc.org.

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 Lauren Boswell at 758-6512 (lboswell@germantownumc.org), or Janelle Crist at 758-6525 (jcris@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 (hopsHOME@earthlink.net).

Student Ministries. Germantown Student Ministries provides a complete program for our Jr. and Sr. High students. This includes weekly meetings, Bible studies, missions opportunities and trips throughout the year. Sunday School classes for Jr. and Sr. High students meet at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Contact Alison Bocking at 758-6508 or abocking@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. 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 over 20 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, and you are encouraged to visit classes. If you would like help in finding a Sunday School that best suits your needs, contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216 (rluter@germantownumc.org). In addition, we encourage you to participate in short-term study groups, Wesley Covenant groups, Beth Moore Bible Studies, and in-depth Bible studies such as *Disciple*, *Jesus In the Gospels*, and *Christian Believer*.

Health and Recreation Ministries. GUMC offers an array of activities through the year for children and adults, both members and non-members. These include on-going exercise classes, personal training, and team sports. Contact Carissa Algea at 753-3100 or email calgea@germantownumc.org.

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 Laura Meanwell at 754-7216 or lmeanwell@germantownumc.org.

Men's Ministries. The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at the Picadilly Restaurant on Exeter Rd. There are also several men's prayer groups that meet on a regular basis. Contact Conrad Schanson at 755-7608 or barcons@comcast.net.

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 Rev. Deborah Smith at 754-7216, ext. 118.

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. Steve L. Atkins, Minister of Congregational Care, at 758-6510 or email brhoads@germantownumc.org. Elder Care Ministry Coordinator, Beverly Rhoads, may be reached at 754-7216, ext. 107.

Weekday Preschool. During the school year, our preschool is available for infants through age 5, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. 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.



May 16, 2010

8:30, 9:40, 11:00

Entrance

WELCOME AND GREETING

INTROIT

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Chancel Choir

ANNA LAURA PAGE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belongs wisdom and might.

People: God gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those with understanding;

Leader: God knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with God. To you, O God, we give thanks and praise.

People: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 62

All Creatures of Our God and King

stanzas 1, 4 and 5

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of life who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Redeemer, who desires that we should follow his teachings.

We believe that when we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are able to become creative, compassionate and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions for the struggles of life; where we grow in understanding of the faith through worship, prayer, fellowship and action.

We believe that God has a purpose for us in this time and place.

We believe that people can change, attitudes can change, and that God keeps leading us towards life and to a new world of justice and joy.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

SENIOR WITNESS

8:30 a.m. George Groh, Sarah Norman, Brian Richards
9:40 a.m. Olivia Cohen
11:00 a.m. Sarah Burgess

SOLO

Beautiful City
Layne Moritz

FROM "GODSPELL"

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

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

Proclamation and Prayer

OFFERTORY

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**

SERMON "You Are Invited to the Great Banquet" Rev. Deborah Smith
(Luke 14:15-24)

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to present themselves for church membership may come to the chancel at this time.

HYMN 593

Here I Am, Lord

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us affirm what we have discovered about God's will in the company of each other:

ALL: We worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, and by whose presence we are renewed.

Leader: It is central to the mission of Christ to participate, by word and action, in the struggles of the poor for justice; to share earth's land and resources; to rejoice in the diversity of human culture; to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty; to accompany each other in spreading the Gospel and to be the stranger in other places in the world, and to witness - every day - to the love of God for people of the earth.

Mission Participants: To this we are committed.

Leader: We open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which comes through relationships with each other, to take the risk of walking with, speaking for and ministering with those who are different from ourselves.

Mission Participants: To this we are committed.

Leader: God has called the church to be the servant of the kingdom, to walk together in community with all people, to celebrate in the streets and fields of every land the liturgy of heaven.

Mission Participants: To this we are committed.

Leader: Lift your eyes to the Lord for strength, knowing that the One who calls you will neither slumber nor sleep. The one who calls you will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever more.

Mission Participants: We go in hope and peace to love and serve God in all that we do. God of blessing and hope, we offer the fruit of our lives. We ask your blessing. Transform us to be faithful to your will.

PRAYER *(all praying together)*

O God of all youth, we pray to you; we cry out against all that kills life: hunger, poverty, unemployment, sickness, repression, injustice. We want to announce fullness of life: work, education, health, housing, bread for all. God, our Companion on the journey, let us not be so caught up in worldly cares that we forget that you are with us everywhere. Open our eyes that we may meet you in the people whom we serve. O God, our Companion, let us never forget that you are with us everywhere. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

POSTLUDE

Here I am, Lord

ARR. JOHN CARTER

Today in Worship

Welcome! We celebrate you worshipping with us today. Join us between services in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall for a time of light refreshments. If you would like to know more about church membership, contact Rev. Julie McKenna at jmckenna@germantownumc.org or 754-7216.

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m.—Allison Miller and Jake Lindow; 11:00 a.m.—Kendall Christian and Will Crislip.

Family Matters: If you have a prayer request, birth announcement, or death notification, contact Jackie Lewis at jlewis@germantownumc.org or call 758-6519.

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 or satkins@germantownumc.org for more information.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary today are placed in memory of our beloved daughter, Lindsey Preston, by Bob and Dena Stoudt.

Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones or commemorating a special occasion. Dates are available: Approximately half the year is open, including June, July, and August. Forms are located in the Information Center on the lower level. For more information, contact Carolyn Browder at cb2323@comcast.net, 568-2323 (cell) or 748-2323 (home).

The Memphis Emmaus Community will have its May Gathering in our sanctuary on May 22 at 7 p.m. All Germantown UMC Emmaus members are urged to attend.

More Parking! The new parking lot is fully operational—with 140+ spaces available, and will soon feature a monitored crosswalk on Sundays, the church and City of Germantown will jointly act to disallow curbside parking on the east side of South Germantown Road. This will become effective on or about June 15 of this year. "No Parking" signs will be placed at that time on the east side of the street in the vicinity of the church. We will be adding additional special needs parking signs around the church and in the new lot to accommodate our members in need.