

We Extend our Deepest Sympathies to:

· Patty Harriman in the death of her father, Edward A. MacDonald, on April 24.

Congratulations to:

· Joshua and Mary Jacobs in the birth of a son, Ernest “Adam” Jacobs, on April 22.

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

· Thomas and Jasmine in the birth of a son, Thomas Gipson, V, on April 16.

· James and Anna Underwood on the birth of a daughter, Lucy Jane Underwood, on April 1. Grandparents are Allen and Emily Underwood.

· Logan and Sue Williams in the birth of a great-granddaughter, Ann Logan Moore, on March 31. Parents are Matt and Katie Moore.

Prayer Requests: Tim Cartwright, Billy Glidewell, Bob Lynn, Emily and Madeline Sells (daughters of Ron and Melissa Sells), Robin Stolorick, Myra Thomas, Chris West, Bill Wright, Phyllis Bailey (friend of Carolyn Browder), Walter Beggerly (friend of Jackie Lewis), Bill Blandford (friend of Don Hinshelwood), Pete Bush - (friend of Deborah Smith), John Colebank (brother of Linda Colebank), John Comella (friend of John and Judy Rossetti), Elizabeth Ducey (mother of Erin Bailey), Jane Fielder (mother of Kathy Kabel), Irving Fleming (friend of Betty Duke), Suzanne Forbus (mother of Lauren Boswell), Janet Green (friend of Charles and Maureen Drummond), Scott Hancock (son of George and Stacy Hancock (former members), Brian Henry (family friend of Mel Headley), Betty Ingram (mother of David Jones), Martha Kage (son of Jim Allison), Bob Lilly (brother-in-law of Don Hinshelwood), Marilyn Pyroulis (friend of Betty Duke), Brenda Somes and family (friend of Sandi Tracy), Gabriel Taylor (son of Jeremy and Rhonda Taylor, (former members), Pamela Webb (daughter of Patty Trantina’s neighbors), Amelia Tucker (friend of Mary Ellen Kemker), George and Edwynia Walker (grandparents of Wesley Tomlinson)

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



Honor or remember that special woman in your life on Mother’s Day by purchasing an **African Violet** to benefit the *Giving Hope Program* in Maua, Kenya. African Violets may be picked up at the Owings Life Enrichment Center on Saturday, May 8, or in the Fellowship Hall on Mother’s Day. Any plants not picked up will be distributed to our shut-ins. **The cost is just \$10 each.** Please turn in your payment and forms in the designated box located just outside the sanctuary or at the Information Center. The names will be listed in a bulletin insert on Mother’s Day.

Please check one:

In Memory of In Honor of To the Glory of God

Name _____

Given By _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Children’s Ministries. We offer a safe, positive, nurturing learning environment for children that seeks to establish a firm foundation for their spiritual growth. Special events such as the Fall Festival, Vacation Bible School, and the Easter Egg Hunt offer opportunities for families and their friends to get involved at GUMC. Sunday School (Grace Place) is offered for children in kindergarten through 6th grades at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and is located in the education building (south of Sanctuary.) Contact Lauren Boswell at 758-6512 (lboswell@germantownumc.org), or Janelle Crist at 758-6525 (jcrist@germantownumc.org).

Nursery and Preschool. We provide well-supervised, fun-filled classes for infants through four-year-olds during all worship services. The ages for each room are posted. Parents who are uneasy about their child adjusting to a new setting will be given pagers. Contact Angie Hopper at 356-9600, or 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.

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 as well as in-depth studies such as Disciple, Jesus In the Gospels, and Christian Believer. 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. Contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216, ext. 102.

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, nutrition and fitness counseling, 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 GUMC 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, or Christina Burns at 758-6524, ctburns@bellsouth.net.

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May 2, 2010
8:30, 9:40, 11:00

Entrance

WELCOME AND GREETING

INTROIT

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

ARR. GORDON YOUNG

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

***HYMN 715**

Rejoice, the Lord is King
stanzas 1 and 2

***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.

RESPONSE *(the hymn concludes)*

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice;
Again, I say, rejoice.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* DALE WOOD

Communion offerings are designated gifts used in the mission giving of our church and are left at the communion rail when receiving the sacrament. As we offer our gifts to God, we bring forward the bread and cup of communion, remembering God's gift of salvation.

SCRIPTURE AND ANTHEM *Lead Me Back* PEPPER CHOPLIN
Chancel Choir
Ann Lowery, soprano, Barbara Fockler, reader

SERMON *Parables of Grace and* Rev. Rick Kirchoff
Compassion: Homecoming (Luke 15:11-32)

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church,
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

a time of silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All singing together:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People (singing together): Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

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

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Communion at 8:30 is served at the chancel rail and those who are able kneel for communion. After receiving the wafer and cup, remain kneeling and receive the pastor's blessing and dismissal. Communion at 9:40 and 11:00 is given by intinction. There are three stations: one on the center aisle for those who prefer to have a prayer time at the chancel rail after receiving communion; and one on each of the outer aisles for those who prefer to return to their seat for prayer after receiving the communion.

Going Forth

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

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

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 348**

Softly and Tenderly

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 143**

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

ANDRE CAMPRA

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.

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Rebecca Luter; 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.—Rev. Deborah Smith

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m.—Lauren Tetleton with Jessica Jagger; 11:00 a.m.—Mason Bowden and Jackson Tubb

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 the sanctuary today are lovingly given by two families:

- In honor of Veronica Pruitt (Ronnie) on her birthday May 2, given with love by her husband, Gary.
- In celebration of Mina M. Elliot's birthday on May 2, mother of Cynthia, Sandi, Tina and Debbie; grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of four.

Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones or commemorating a special occasion. Dates 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).

National Day of Prayer. Thursday, May 6, is a day designated by the United States Congress when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The Prayer and Spiritual Formation Team of GUMC invites you to be in prayer for our country and its leaders throughout the day and hopes that you will invite others to be in prayer as well. Please stop where you are and join in prayer from 6:30-7:00 p.m. If you have not already done so, it is not too late to contact a prayer partner and agree to pray together. There will also be a service at the flagpole of the City of Germantown Town Center from 12-1 p.m.