

## *Children's Ministries*

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**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](http://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 nasy and fun with role playing, games, and crafts. 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](mailto:pwood002@comcast.net) ;or Dare Bauer at 482-8740 [ordarebauer@att.net](mailto:ordarebauer@att.net).

## *United Methodist Women*

**Germantown UMW presents "Tunisia: A Woman's Perspective."** Please join us on Tuesday, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the OLEC for a salute to the 2010 Memphis In May country of Tunisia. We will enjoy a delicious luncheon featuring North African cuisine and an informative presentation by Kaouther Nasraoui, a native of Tunisia. The luncheon will be prepared by the Hope Circle and all women are invited. Reservations for the \$10 luncheon are required and may be made online or by calling 754-7216 and requesting the UMW voice mailbox (ext. 305). Complimentary childcare is available by request.

## *Men's Ministries*

**The United Methodist Men** will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8 at the Piccadilly Restaurant on Exeter Rd. in Germantown. Our featured speaker will be Carolyn Gates who will share with us the plans and expectations for the newly created Germantown Museum. A breakfast buffet is available for \$7.00.

**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.

## *Health and Recreation*

**Located at the Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)  
2323 West Street**

Carissa Algea, Director, 753-3100, [calgea@germantownumc.org](mailto:calgea@germantownumc.org)  
Patrick Peavy, Sports, 753-3100, [ppeavy@germantownumc.org](mailto:ppeavy@germantownumc.org)  
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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. A relaxing massage would also make a great Mother's Day gift!

**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!

**Buy 3, Get 1 FREE.** 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.

**Mark Your Calendars!** The Summer Sports Camps for kids will be held June 21-25, and July 19-23. Registration will begin in May. More info to come.

**Dance to Fitness . . .** with one of these excellent workout classes:

*Dance Remix:* Wed/Fri—9:30-10:30 a.m.

*Zumba Gold:* Mon—9:30-10:30 a.m., Wed—11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,  
Sat—10:45-11:45 a.m.

*Zumba:* Mon/Wed—6:00-7:00 p.m., Tues/Thurs/Sat—9:30-10:30 a.m.

Questions? Call 753-3100 to ask an OLEC staff member which class would be best for you. Or simply show up and give it a try!

**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](mailto:drhoads@germantownumc.org) or Carissa Algea at [calgea@germantownumc.org](mailto:calgea@germantownumc.org) right away if you'd like to lend a hand. Thanks!

## *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). Join us tonight for our topic "We Are Family." We'll share about the importance of community and Christian friendships as we journey with Christ. Element will not meet next week, May 9, because of Mother's Day.

**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!

**Adult Mission Volunteers Needed for Mountain T.O.P.** 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 considered 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 [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto:jbaker@germantownumc.org) or 758-6515.

# News and Events

May 2, 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.

**VBS Volunteers Needed!** (June 7-11, 2010) In anticipation of over 350 children attending Galactic Blast VBS this year, the children's ministry team is still seeking fun-loving individuals to help with this exciting outreach ministry. We specifically need:

- 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 a children from activity to activity. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your child or grandchild and experience VBS together!

We offer a mini-VBS program for volunteer's children who are too young to attend regular VBS. As you volunteer, your infant-3 years old will have a Galactic Blast with age-appropriate stories, songs, and crafts!

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

### **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.

**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.

**Lifeblood Drive.** Join us at our blood drive on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the OLEC. All donors will be entered to win dinner for two at Elfo's!

**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.

**A Big Thanks** to everyone who supported our 2010 Daddy Craw's Jubilee! We raised \$7,200 for youth summer missions! A special thanks to Jeanne Miller and her auction team and Jay McKinney and his cooking team for all their hard work. We appreciate you!

**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.

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**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 our table in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall or visit [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org)

## Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 758-6516, [dsmith@germantownumc.org](mailto:dsmith@germantownumc.org)

**Habitat House to Start May 7-8.** The building of Germantown Methodist's 31st house will begin, Friday, May 7, and construction will continue every Saturday May 8-June 19. Groups of individuals like Bible Study groups or Sunday School classes are encouraged to join together to work on a Saturday morning (7:30 am.-noon) or Saturday afternoon (11:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) throughout the build. On Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, we need workers to help raise the walls and roof trusses and sheeting. It is the most fun part of the build. The house is being built at 4565 Lands End Dr. in Raleigh for the Keith and Rosalyn Johnson and their sons, Xavier, 4 and Keyon, 3. This will be a life changing experience for all four of them and God has chosen Germantown United Methodist to do this work! Please come out and join the fun. You will be rewarded beyond words as God will bless you with new friends and the opportunity to model the love of Jesus for this beautiful family and the surrounding community. For more information contact Charla Sparks at [sparksflydaily@aol.com](mailto:sparksflydaily@aol.com) or Doug Warner at [dougwarner@bellsouth.net](mailto:dougwarner@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, Deborah Smith, Barry Smith, and Susan Hillebert, and Donna Thurmond. Prayerfully consider joining us on this wonderful God-filled mission! Contact Susan Hillebert ([bssh@bellsouth.net](mailto: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.

**Chernovsti, 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, from a Muslim family now an active church member, Sasha, who is active in a Christian theatre church group and others. 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.

## 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—May Brown Bag Lunch Series.** The “GUMC Attic Treasures Roadshow” will be Friday, May 7, in the Fellowship Hall. Appraisers, antique dealers, and local shop owners will be available to give you an estimated value of jewelry, china, art, books, fabric, silver, toys, games, dolls, and anything else you can carry in your hands. You may bring only four items—no pictures of items, vinyl records, coins, Orientalia, large pieces, or furniture, please. 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 at 755-0803 for more information. No reservations are needed.

**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.