

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines Available. Methodist Healthcare will be administering flu and pneumonia vaccines to our congregation on October 27. A nurse will be in Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall between 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, and again from 5-8 p.m. The flu vaccine will provide protection for the H1N1 flu as well as other strains. Please call Valerie Foster at 754-7216 to sign up for your vaccine. The cost for the flu vaccine is \$20 and the pneumonia vaccine is \$50. (The Pneumonia vaccine is only needed every 5 years). Medicare Part B will pay for the cost of the vaccine – just have your information available when you come for your “shot.” For more information, contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, ext. 107 or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Artists’ Cooperative. Would you like to sketch or paint together with other artists? Libby Anderson is inviting other artists in the congregation to join her each week at The Cottage. Each week she will set up a still life scene for those who wish to use it. For more information contact Libby at randerson5@comcast.net or 853-9931.

Special Needs Parking. For a couple of years, large white temporary signs for special needs parking have been posted on the west side of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and for special events. These temporary signs have recently been replaced with permanent sign, but they convey the same message. These spaces are reserved for church members with **SPECIAL NEEDS**, usually mobility related. Please honor the posted signs and help us provide for those with special needs. Thank you.—Beverly Rhoads

Sonrise Prayer Group. The Men’s Sonrise Prayer group invites all men to join them in a powerful study of James Moore’s book *Have you ever seen a Hearse Pulling a Trailer*. Each week we will be studying key passages of scripture with deep religious themes. The study is held on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m. in room 339. For more information call Bryan Barger, 752-0522, John Phillips, 756-5434 or visit www.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com.

Upcoming Art Classes and Workshops for Kids! Space is available in “My Colorful Universe” Abstract Painting Workshop (9/25)—Register now! New painting workshop offerings: “Leapin’ Lillypads” A Study of Monet’s Garden, “Somewhere Beyond the

Seascapes,” and “Fearsome Fauve Forests.” A Trip Through The Colorful World of Matisse. Adult painting classes, Pony and Art Camps, and many more workshops for kids are available. Contact Melissa Cychowski at ecychowski@comcast.net to get on our e-mail list, for more information, or to register.

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 November Event! Enjoy art and good food with us when we tour *Objects of Wonder: Four Centuries of Still Life* at The Dixon Gallery & Gardens and eat lunch at Dan McGuinness Pub on Tuesday, November 16. We depart at 9:15 a.m., and the cost is \$5 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 Tuesday, October 19.

Senior News—AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Class! GUMC and AARP will present the “55 Alive Driver Safety Program,” an instructional defensive driving course for people age 55+ on Monday and Tuesday, October 18-19, from 9-11 a.m. The class will meet in Room 339 (Fellowship Forum classroom) in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$12 for AARP members (\$14 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Geoff Pratt at 755-4091 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

Senior News—October Brown Bag Lunch Series! Willy Bearden, Memphis filmmaker and writer, will present “The Delta: A Journey through the People, Places, Music, and Culture that Make the Mississippi Delta the Most Southern Place on Earth.” This presentation will be Friday, October 1 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.*

Congregational Care

Rev. Steve Atkins, 754-7216, satkins@germantownumc.org
Beverly Rhoads, 754-7216, brhoads@germantownumc.org

FORWARD, a grief support program for those experiencing the loss of a spouse will be held September 30-November 11 at Germantown UMC. Share experiences, learn from professional counselors, and make new friends. Register at germantownumc.org or call Laura Meanwell at 754-7216.

Health and Recreation

Carissa Algea, Director, 753-3100, calgea@germantownumc.org
Patrick Peavy, Sports, 753-3100, ppeavy@germantownumc.org
Erica Puryear, Nursery, 753-3100, epuryear@germantownumc.org

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

2323 West Street • 901-753-3100

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

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

Performance Dance Class for Girls ages 8-12. Carissa will teach basic performance techniques and simple dance steps to various Broadway and Christmas songs. At Christmas time, the girls will gain experience and spread cheer by performing in an OLEC recital and at a few community locations. This class will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:50 p.m., beginning on October 5 and running through December 7.

Children's Basketball Season. Registration begins on September 13 and ends in early October OR when the teams have reached capacity. The fee is \$70. Pick up a form at the Information Center or register online at germantownumc.org. It’s first-come, first serve, so register early to guarantee your child's spot. Practices begin on November 1 and the games will begin in December.

September OLEC Special. Purchase a 10-class punch card during the month of September and receive one FREE Zumba class!

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). Join us tonight as we explore the message "Following the Signs." Come learn more hearing God's voice on your journey and following the call as we climb the mountain of faith! See you tonight!

TREK, our new Sunday school is offered at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. We're located in the lower level below the chapel. Join us on the trail as we pursue the heights, depths and widths of God's love!

- Mid-High Outpost-7-8th Grades (Room 131)
- Sr. High Outpost-9-12th Grades (Room 133A)

Get connected and join a small group! Synergy and Synago are underway! To learn more about connecting to a small group, visit our website at germantownstudents.org.

Children's Ministries

Lauren Boswell, 758-6512, lboswell@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, 758-6525, jcrist@germantownumc.org

Elementary Grace Place. Grace Place is the Sunday School program for children in senior kindergarten through 5th grade, offered from 9:40-10:40 or 11:00-12:00. All children gather in the Chapel for assembly, then proceed to classrooms by grade level groups for experiential learning. This Sunday we continue our 6-week rotation theme, "Acceptance: Peter and Cornelius."

"Learning to Use My Bible." A Wednesday night class for 3rd-5th graders will be offered from September 29-November 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 261. (No class October 20 because of Fall Break.) This program is designed for those children who have received their first Bible and are interested in digging in and learning more about how to use it. For more information or to sign up your child, please contact Janelle Crist at jcrist@germantownumc.org.

Music Ministries

Jim Thrash, 758-6526, jthrash@germantownumc.org

Choir Programs Underway. All graded vocal choirs begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Testimony (grades 7-12) meets in the Music Suite and the children's choirs rehearse in rooms located in the Grace Place Children's Education area.

Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 754-7216, dsmith@germantownumc.org

Missions Trip to Ukraine. On October 7, 2010, a team of 8 members of our congregation will begin a mission trip to several cities and multiple United Methodist Churches in the Ukraine. They are accompanying Rev. Pat Whaley, Teaching Pastor, serving the United Methodist Church of Russia in a special appointment from the Memphis Annual Conference. Rev. Deborah Smith will be leading the group along with Rev. Whaley. Team members for this trip include Barbara Faust, Teresa Howell, Reed Rosetti, Barbara and Conrad Schanson, Margaret Ueleke, Deborah Smith and Patrick Whaley. Donation baskets have been placed at the church's main entrances in order to collect much-needed vitamins, Ibuprofen, and diabetic test strips. Additional information regarding SASHA ministry may be found at www.sashaministry.org.

You Have the Opportunity to Save Christmas! Alternative Christmas that is. The Missions Committee needs someone to take the leadership role in organizing the annual Alternative Christmas sale. If you are interested, contact John Phillips at 263-5720 or 756-5434.

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Announcements

Edwin's Way 5K. Register today in the Fellowship Hall or online at www.germantownumc.org for the first annual Edwin's Way 5K Race which will take place on Sunday, October 3 at 4 p.m. The race begins and ends at Nashoba Park and participants will enjoy the route along the beautiful Greenway. A post race celebration with food and entertainment will follow at the OLEC. This race honors the memory of GUMC member Edwin Smith and proceeds will support our youth worship arts. Runners and walkers are welcome. Registration is \$25 per participant and includes a T-shirt!

Life Line Screening. Have you suffered a broken bone in your hip or spine? Do you feel as if you are getting shorter? If you answer "yes" to either of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for the risk of osteoporosis. We are pleased to offer a Life Line Screening preventive health event that can be used to detect just such a risk. The screening will take place on Friday, October 8, in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 1-888-653-6441 to pre-register.

Book Group. Our book group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 338. Join us on September 27 as we discuss *Mennonite in Little Black Dress* by Rhada Janzen. For more information, contact Jan Johnson at 753-0431 or jshjohnson@gmail.com.