

## Wednesday Evening Classes

### Worship: From Early Jewish Practice Until Now

October 13-November 10 • 6-7 p.m. • Room 339

Rev. Steve Atkins will explore the history and development of worship from early Jewish practices, through developing Christianity, the Protestant Reformation, up to No registration is required and there is no cost. Participants should bring their Bibles (and a friend)!

### Love and Marriage

October 27-November 10 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Between work and children and a thousand different commitments, sometimes the relationship you value the most slides to the back burner. Learn how to bring it back to the forefront this fall in a three session seminar with Christina Burns, LPC/MHSP. There is no fee. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or [jwebster@germantownumc.org](mailto:jwebster@germantownumc.org).

## Children's Ministries

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**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, "Making Good Choices: Jonah."

**Stop Hunger Now: Operation Sharehouse Meal Packing.** Did you know that for as little as 25 cents, a bag filled with rice, soy, and dried beans can feed a hungry person? The children of Grace Place are bringing in quarters to help feed the hungry. A collection will be taken during chapel opening. Monies raised be used to purchase food as we host a churchwide event "Operation Sharehouse Meal Packing" on January 17. This will be a family-oriented mission event on MLK day whereby everyone can participate in packaging up to 100,000 meal packets to be sent to underdeveloped countries. Start saving your quarters! Look for the piggy banks located around the church!

**Advent Workshop, Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.** Make plans to attend as a family and learn more about Advent and how you can create family traditions during this holy season. Prepare your Advent wreath together or bring an old wreath to refurbish. Enjoy holiday refreshments, make Christmas crafts, and hear and watch the Christmas story as told by our ACTS group. Get in the Christmas spirit! No reservations are necessary for the Advent Workshop.

## Missions

**Caldwell-Guthrie Elementary School.** Volunteers are needed to be jurors for the school "Think Show" on Thursday, November 11. Every student is involved in creating an assigned project to be displayed for adults to critique. For more information, contact Shirley Gee at [dramamama6@aol.com](mailto:dramamama6@aol.com) or 756-6550.

**Habitat for Humanity Christmas Tree Sale.** Please support the Habitat for Humanity Mission of Germantown United Methodist Church by purchasing fresh cut Fraser Fir trees and wreaths. Pick up and delivery times are Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, December 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Sunday, December 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The pick up site will be on the north side of the Owings Life Enrichment Center parking lot. You may also choose to have your tree or wreath delivered. Forms are available at the Information Center, or you may order at [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org).

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## Announcements

**Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner** (*followed by the Advent Workshop*). The entire church family is invited to a turkey and dressing dinner on **Wednesday, November 17**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. This will be a wonderful time to give thanks for our congregation and to give thanks for Rev. Rick Kirchoff's 12 years of ministry at Germantown UMC. Leonard's BBQ will be catering our meal of turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, and rolls, and of course, dessert. Reservations are required and may be made online at [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org) or by calling 754-7216. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations will be accepted through noon on Tuesday, November 16. At 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to prepare for the Christmas season at our Advent Workshop and learn how to create family traditions during this holy season. Prepare your Advent wreath together or bring an old wreath to refurbish. Enjoy holiday refreshments, make Christmas crafts, and hear and watch the Christmas story as told by our ACTS group. Get in the Christmas spirit! No reservations are necessary for the Advent Workshop.

**Book Group.** Our book group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 338. Join us on November 22 as we discuss *Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. All are invited. For more information, contact Jan Johnson at 753-0431 or [jshjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:jshjohnson@gmail.com).

**College Care Packages.** We are planning on sending Exam Care Packages to our current college students as a way to continually support them. We will be sending a package of snacks, goodies, and notes of encouragement to each student. If you would like an Exam Care Package to go to your college student, please email his/her name and physical address to Renee Pearl at [rpearl@germantownumc.org](mailto:rpearl@germantownumc.org) by November 14.

**Highlights of Paul's Journeys Cruise.** Rev. Steve Atkins and Rev. Rick Kirchoff will be leading a tour of Paul's Journeys via Royal Caribbean on a 14-day trip leaving May 10, 2011. Countries visited include Egypt, Greece, Italy, and Turkey with pre and post-tours available. Visit [www.eo.travelwithus.com](http://www.eo.travelwithus.com) for trip details. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 or [satkins@germantownumc.org](mailto:satkins@germantownumc.org).

**CPR Classes.** A CPR class will be offered at Germantown UMC on Friday, November 5, from 8 a.m.-12 noon in Room 136 behind the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the class is \$55 and you will receive the American Heart Association certification upon completion. The course will again be taught by Angie Printup of CPR-TO-GO. For more information, contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, ext. 107, or [brhoads@germantownumc.org](mailto:brhoads@germantownumc.org).

## Student Ministries

Alison Bocking, 758-6508, [abocking@germantownumc.org](mailto:abocking@germantownumc.org)  
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**Element**, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m. Tonight is Destination X from 6-9 p.m. Registration is closed for this event. Join us next week for "God is With Us in the Valley" as explore lamenting and God's presence with us during difficult times. See you next week!

**Stop Hunger Now Campaign is in Full-Swing!** Remember, it only takes 25 cents to supply one meal. We'll collect donations each morning at Trek and each evening at Element. We challenge each of our youth to save \$25 to supply 100 meals. Start saving your change!

**Crave Retreat, November 12-14.** It's all about friendship, praise and adventure! Crave is a radical high-energy weekend designed to help you further your walk with God. It's a time to reflect, regroup and rediscover. You will experience powerful worship, amazing messages, games, and extreme rushes of adrenaline. This year we're continuing our tradition and traveling to Victory Ranch in Bolivar, one of the top outdoor adventure areas in the nation. We'll test our skill on the 50-ft. climbing wall, ropes course, zip line and giant swing. Cost is \$125. Register at [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org) before November 3.

## 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—November Brown Bag Lunch Series.** Jimmy Ogle, Memphis history expert, will present "Memphis in the 1900's." This presentation will be Friday, November 5, 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.*

**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 and 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.

**See you at the Germantown Senior Expo.** Plan on spending an hour or two at the Senior Expo. There will be FREE health screenings, informational booths, demonstrations, great door prizes, and free refreshments. There are both corporate and non-profit exhibitors, and more than 1,500 guests come each year. Be sure to visit Booth #7, our church booth.

WHERE: Germantown Athletic Club, at Neshoba and Exeter

WHEN: Thursday, November 4, 2010, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

COST: FREE admission—wear comfortable shoes. There will be a lot of booths.

**Senior News—XYZs December Event.** Give yourself an early present and come with us to see *A Christmas Story* at The Circuit Playhouse on Saturday, December 4. We depart at 12:45 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Monday, November 8.

## Health and Recreation

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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### 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

**New Class at the OLEC!** Join Jack Douglas, talented fitness guru, for our new Abs and Arms class. Meet in the OLEC dance room on Thursday mornings from 10:35-11:15 a.m. to sculpt and tone your abs and arms. This class is only 40 minutes long, so it would be perfect for those who are on the go!

**Save the Date.** The OLEC Health and Fitness Fair will be held in the OLEC gym on Tuesday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There will be a health and ministry information at tables, flu shots & B12 shots, giveaways, and free mini-class demos. Pencil this date in on your calendar today so you don't miss this fun event. Learn about new fitness opportunities at the OLEC and set yourself up to start the New Year off right!

**Dedicated Volunteer Needed.** The OLEC is in search of a dedicated, compassionate, hospitable volunteer to open the OLEC facility and answer the phones in the OLEC welcome center for one hour two times per week. If you feel led to serve in this way, please call Carissa Algea at 753-3100.

## Men's Ministries

**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](http://www.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com).