

## 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."

**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 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 for an additional fee. Forms are available at the Information Center, or you may order at [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org).

**Reelfoot Rural Ministries Toy Drive.** The mission statement of Reelfoot Rural Ministries is "In Christian love, we seek to provide personal encouragement, material assistance, helpful training and spiritual guidance to children, the elderly, and low-income families in rural Northwest Tennessee and Southwest Kentucky, in a manner that enhances self-esteem and encourages self-support." Our church is now collecting new, unwrapped toys to take to this ministry located in northwest Tennessee. Please bring your toys to the Information Center before December 1.

**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? Our church is now collecting money so that we may purchase food to be used at "Operation Sharehouse Meal Packing" on **MLK day, Monday, January 17.** This will be a family-oriented mission event on MLK day whereby everyone can participate in packaging up to 100,000 meals to be sent to underdeveloped countries. Drop your spare change in the piggy banks located around the church! You may also give online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

**If you would be interested in volunteering to be a part of Operation Sharehouse Meal Packing on MLK Day on Monday, January 17, contact Renee Pearl at 754-7216 or [rpearl@germantownumc.org](mailto:rpearl@germantownumc.org). The shifts are only two hours long. This would be a great family missions activity that would provide hands-on education about the problem of hunger in our world.**

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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.

**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).

**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).

**United Methodist Women's Celebration Luncheon.** Our speaker this Tuesday, November 9, will be Chaplain Sonny Davis from the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. We'll dedicate Thanksgiving baskets that the UMW Circles have assembled for the UMNC and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Celebration Circle. Make your reservation at [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216 by Monday at noon. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost is \$10 each.

## 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. A snack supper is available for \$3. Join us tonight for "God is With Us in the Valley" as explore lamenting and God's presence with us during difficult times. Element will not meet next Sunday.

**Stop Hunger Now Campaign is in full-swing!** It only takes \$1 to feed a family of four in most third world countries. 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!

**TODAY is the last day to register! Crave Retreat, November 12-14.** Visit [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) to register! 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).

## 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 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.

**Senior News—December Brown Bag Lunch Series.** Evonne Siemer, Siemer Associates, LP will present "*Legend Has It: Meanings of Familiar and Unusual Christmas Decorations.*" This presentation will be Friday, December 3, 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.

## 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!

**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. 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 at the OLEC 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

**Breakfast Meeting.** The United Methodist Men will meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 13 at the Piccadilly Restaurant on Exeter Rd. in Germantown. Our featured speakers will be Conrad Schanson and Rev. Patrick Whaley who will be sharing their experiences on the recently completed mission trip to Ukraine. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. A breakfast buffet is available for \$7.00.