

## Men's Ministries

**Sonrise Prayer Group.** The Men's Sonrise Prayer group would like to extend an invitation to all men as we begin a powerful study of the Ten Commandments. The 10 Commandments series by Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Church, has been widely praised. Come learn what kind of life God wants us to live as the Sonrise men's group studies the 10 Commandments. The study will begin on Tuesday morning, January 11, from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m. in Room 330. We have several ongoing and planned future projects/community missions that are great service opportunities. Again, would love to have you and feel free to come on any Tuesday. Questions? Call Bryan Barger at 752-0522 visit us at [www.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com](http://www.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com).

**New Evangelism Outreach Plan Being Developed.** At a December meeting of the Pastor's Council with incoming Senior Pastor Rev. Richard Smith, it was decided that Germantown UMW would end its contract with the radio program "Perceptions" and move in a new direction. With Rick's retirement in February, the question of whether to continue the "Perceptions" outreach effort or go in a different direction emerged. In conversation with Rev. Smith the Pastor's Council determined the need to look at other options and possibilities. Rev. Smith has asked Rev. Rebecca Luter, working with Donna Thurmond, to develop a ministry team that will study and assess our best avenues for continuing to get the message of Germantown Methodist and the witness of what Christ is doing through the Church out to the unreached in our area. This ministry team will report back to Rev. Smith by May 1 and a particular new direction will then be processed through the various ministry and administrative groups. The goal is to have a defined plan in place by June 1. If you have special interest in working on this new evangelism communications plan, please contact Rev. Rebecca Luter 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—February Brown Bag Lunch Series!** Author, Emily Yellin, will discuss her book "Your Call is (not that) Important to Us: Customer Service and What It Reveals About Our World and Our Lives". This presentation will be Friday, February 4, 2011, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 AM 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 February Event!** Come with us to tour WKNO's new Digital Media Center and eat lunch at Fresh Slices on Tuesday, February 15. We depart at 9:15 a.m. and the cost is \$3 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, to make reservations before Tuesday, January 18.

## Children's Ministries

Janelle Crist, 758-6525, [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto: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. Today we begin our 6-week rotation theme, "The Fruit of the Spirit."

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Do you like to meet and greet?** Then have we got a ministry for you! Additional greeters are needed for all three service times. You may sign up to greet once a month or substitute as needed. Contact Lee Harber at 574-2855 or [leeharber@comcast.net](mailto:leeharber@comcast.net) for more information.

**Welcome Notes.** A new and important correspondence ministry is getting started this month. If you are interested in writing notes to newcomers to our area every couple of months, then contact Rev. Julie McKenna at [jmckenna@germantownumc.org](mailto:jmckenna@germantownumc.org) to get involved. An introductory e-mail will go out to participants setting up a schedule this week. If you are interested and don't receive a contact e-mail by Jan 9, then please contact Julie via e-mail to be sure we have your name. Volunteers write approximately a dozen notes on their assigned week. Notecards, envelopes, stamps and sample card are provided.

## Missions

Rev. Deborah Smith, 754-7216, [dsmith@germantownumc.org](mailto:dsmith@germantownumc.org)

**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**. Drop your spare change in the piggy banks located around the church! You may also give online at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org). 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. Contact Renee Pearl at 754-7216 or [rpearl@germantownumc.org](mailto:rpearl@germantownumc.org) for more information.



## Announcements

January 9, 2011

**Want to learn more about Germantown United Methodist Church and where you can fit in?** Our next "Inquirer's Class" is Sunday, January 23, from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in Room 329. No reservations necessary!

**Retirement Dinner for Rev. Rick Kirchoff.** Everyone is invited to attend a celebration dinner honoring Rick and what he has meant to our church and community. The dinner will be held on Thursday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. The cost for the dinner is \$15 per person. To register, simply go to [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call 754-7216. (*Childcare is not provided.*)

**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). Brochures are available at the Information Center.

**Stephen Ministry Leader Training.** Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others—listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received, and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A new training class will begin Wednesday, February 1. For more information contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216, ext. 125, or [satkins@germantownumc.org](mailto:satkins@germantownumc.org).

**Book Group.** Our first book group discussion of the year will be Monday, January 24, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 338. We will be discussing *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

**Health and Wellness Speaker.** The Health and Wellness Ministry Team is proud to welcome Dr. Frank Fennaughty, Director of Emergency Medicine at Methodist Germantown as our January speaker. His topic is "When do I really need to go to the ER?" All are welcomed to attend this talk held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 9 at 9:40 a.m.

**Parking Lot Tree Removed.** We are sorry to report that, in spite of our efforts to preserve the large, beautiful oak tree at the front of the new church parking lot, it has expired. We were careful to hand-remove all asphalt around the tree during construction so as to not disrupt root structure, and provide a larger green space to irrigate the tree. Also, we had the tree professionally thinned and sprayed for borers, etc. Nevertheless, according to Bob Jurgans from Jones Bros. Tree Service, the tree has expired due to a fungal disease called Hypoxylon Cancor. The disease was caused primarily by the tree's age combined with the unprecedented hot, dry summer that we just had. As trees suffering from the above disease generally start dropping branches fairly early in the process, we will need to remove the tree before this poses a hazard to traffic and parked cars in the area. The church will complete the landscaping for this property sometime next year and will, because of this tree removal, likely modify the landscaping to add 1-2 larger trees to the area.

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## Health and Recreation

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

### Health and Fitness Fair at the Owings Life Enrichment Center

**When:** Tuesday, January 11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Owings Life Enrichment Center

**Why:** To provide you with current information about your health via free health screenings, and to inspire you to make a positive change in your health while you grow your faith

**Who:** Everyone is welcome

Dress in exercise clothes and try out a mini (20-minute) exercise class

demo to help find your fit! Childcare is provided throughout the duration of the event. Tours of the facility will take place upon request. There will also be: free, 5-minute chair massages, an "ask a personal trainer" table, or get a flu shots (\$25) and B12 shots (\$20), a dementia simulation (Call Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216 to reserve your spot), healthy snacks provided by United Methodist Women, and much more!

**New Year, New YOU!** It's time to set yourself up for success this year. It's never been a better time to book a personal training session with one of GUMC's very own personal trainers. Call the trainers directly to begin taking steps toward a healthier you: Todd Hinton (488-2845), Judy Oros (336-8639), Jennifer Gately (848-3864). Germantown UMC members get a discount on personal training!

**Stay Warm . . . Workout.** Maybe it's time to begin walking again on the OLEC's indoor walking track, learn how to play Pickleball in our gymnasium, or try one of our new group exercise classes in our dance room or cycling studio. Call 753-3100 for information and pricing. Come on over to the OLEC today to beat the cold and lift your spirits!

**First Place for Health Wellness Program and Bible Study.** If you wish to have support and fellowship in a Bible-based wellness and fitness program to begin a more healthy 2011, please join us for an orientation meeting on Sunday, January 16 at 2 p.m. in Room 342. After an orientation for new members we will begin a 12-week Bible study that is held on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. First Place is a Christ-centered health program that stresses that through grace, we can overcome challenges and live a balanced healthy life. For more information call Nancy Dayton at 757-4574 or n\_dayton@hotmail.com.

## Student Ministries

Jason Baker, 758-6515, jbaker@germantownumc.org

**Element**, our version of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, meets on Sunday nights in the OLEC from 6-8 PM. A snack supper is available for \$3. **Element is back on tonight!** Please join us for our 2011 Element Kick-Off on January 9 featuring a concert with Amy Stroup, exciting games, and a highlight video from 2010! Parents are welcome to join us!

**Servers Needed.** Student Ministry will be helping to serve the meal at Rev. Rick Kirchoff's Farewell Dinner on Thursday evening, January 13th. We are asking for 11 total parents and students to help serve as a way to say thanks to Rick for his ministry and presence here at GUMC. If you would like to sign-up as a server, please contact Jason Baker by phone or jbaker@germantownumc.org.

**Stop Hunger Now.** Please remember to bring your Stop Hunger Now cans to Element on January 9 (with a little loose change from your Christmas cash). One quarter provides one meal, and we're encouraging each student to raise \$25 to supply 100 meals. Our goal as a youth community is \$2,500 dollars, which will provide more than 8,000 meals for those in need. It is our hope that you and your family will begin to dialogue about the hunger crisis, find creative ways to save money to donate towards the cause, and volunteer together on Monday, January 17, 2011.

**Prop List.** The ACTS drama ministry is now collecting props for the dinner theatre show that takes place on February 5th and 6th, 2011. Set items needed include a worn-in tacky couch, 2 end tables, a Tiki/Hawaiian chair, 2 book shelves, and a furniture piece that can be used as a hotel desk. To receive a full/updated prop list, please contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org. ACTS parents and students, please review your Spring 2011 Student Ministry calendars and make note of additional rehearsals and time changes.

**Memphis Grizzlies Faith and Family Night!** Join us for an evening of great basketball and great music on January 21, as we attend the 2011 Memphis Grizzlies Faith and Family Night! We'll cheer the Grizzlies on against the Houston Rockets, and then hang around afterwards for a concert from the award winning Christian band 10th Avenue North. Cost is \$20 plus dinner money. Go to the GUMC website and look for Grizz Night under open event registrations! Sign-up now, registration is limited!

## Women's Ministries

**Beth Moore Bible Study.** All women are invited to attend the Beth Moore Study, *Faithful, Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper Still*, that will be held from January 19-March 2. This 7-week video series features Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, and Priscilla Shirer. The cost is \$25. Childcare is available by reservation. You may register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or call Jessica Webster at 758-6511.

**Consignment Sale.** Clean out your kids' closets and gather gently used clothes, toys, books, games and bikes to sell at the Germantown United Women's Children's Consignment Sale. Drop off is March 2 and 3. Pre-sale is March 3, full price sale is March 4, and half-price sale is March 5. Detailed information will be posted at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) soon!