

Volunteer Opportunity

The Community Alliance for the Homeless conducts an annual count of homeless persons that includes individuals and families living on the streets or in shelters and transitional living programs for the homeless. The information gathered is a valuable resource for planning and allocation of resources to best care for these persons and to work toward the goal of safe shelter for all of God's children in our community.

Volunteers are needed to help with the "street count" of unsheltered persons on Wednesday, January 26. Training will be provided and volunteers, in teams of three, will be assigned geographic areas or places where homeless persons go for food and assistance during the day (like Hospitality Hub, soup kitchens, other feeding programs). Volunteers will talk with people, offer hospitality items like gloves, hats, socks, snacks (which will be provided), and ask some specific, non-invasive, questions for the survey. One member of the team must be able to provide transportation. You may volunteer as a team or as individuals (you will be paired with others). Teams will work a shift of 4-6 hours, beginning at 5 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

If you think you would like to do this or have questions, contact Marian Carruth at 240-5399 or mccarruth@aol.com.

Stephen Ministry 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 Tuesday, February 1. For more information contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216, ext. 125, or satkins@germantownumc.org.

Adult Education

Prophets and Kings • Begins Tuesday, February 8, 6:30-8 p.m.

Whom shall we serve? In ancient times, the Hebrews faced that decision daily. The consequences of their decisions are the stories that make up the Old Testament. Join us as we study Ray Vander Laan's *Prophets and Kings* and explore the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings and to learn from their stories how to build our own devotion to and trust in God.

Facilitated by Terry Aust, this study begins February 8 and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8. This 6 session course is \$12 and you may register online at germantownumc.org or contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org or call 758-6511.

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 held Friday, February 4, in the Mike Wilson 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 at 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.

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Announcements

January 16, 2011

Inquirer's Class. Want to learn more about becoming a member at Germantown United Methodist Church? Our next "Inquirer's Class" is Sunday, January 23, from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in Room 329. No reservations are necessary. Questions? Email jmckenna@germantownumc.org.

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 for trip details. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Atkins at 754-7216 or satkins@germantownumc.org. Brochures are available at the Information Center.

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 for more information.

ACTS Dinner Theatre February 5 and 6. The ACTS drama ministry will be putting on their annual Mama Mia's dinner theatre on Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6. The title of this year's show is "The Last Pirate of the Caribbean." All proceeds from the show benefit youth missions so we hope you will come enjoy a wonderful show and support our students in this way. Show time on Saturday is 5-7 p.m., and Sunday's dessert matinee is 2-4 p.m. Tickets/online registration begins next Sunday. For more information, contact ACTS Director Lindsay Butler at lbutler@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.

Missions

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

Kenya Mission Team Informational Meetings. Think you may be interested in serving with the team that will be traveling to Kenya in July 2011? If so, attend an informational meeting today at 11 a.m. in Room 329 or Thursday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 329. Questions? Email Susan Hillebert at lkids.doctor@gmail.com.

Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event

Tomorrow! Monday, January 17

Thank you to all who have volunteered for our meal packaging

event tomorrow. *Please remember the following changes:*

There is now ONE shift beginning with orientation at 9:30 a.m. and meal packing from 10 a.m.-noon. Please arrive by 9:15 a.m.

Orientation will be held at the OLEC, not in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is located at the OLEC nursery.

Health and Recreation

Carissa Algea, Director, 753-3100, calgea@germantownumc.org

Patrick Peavy, Sports, 753-3100, ppeavy@germantownumc.org

Gracie Leetham, Assistant, 753-3100, gleetham@germantownumc.org

Erica Puryear, Nursery, 753-3100, epuryear@germantownumc.org

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 today at

2 p.m. in Room 342 for an orientation meeting. After an orientation

for new members, we will begin a 12-week Bible study to be 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.

Health and Fitness Fair (Rescheduled). Join us on Tuesday,

February 22, as we host our "Health and Fitness Fair" from 9 a.m.-1

p.m. There will be group exercise class demos every 15 minutes, free

health information, flu shots and B12 shots, raffle prizes, free "ask a

personal trainer" sessions, and free chair massages!

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 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 or contact Jessica Webster at 758-6511 or

jwebster@germantownumc.org.

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 soon!

Men's Ministries

Sonrise Prayer Group. The Men's Sonrise Prayer group would like to

extend an invitation to all men to join our study of *The 10 Command-*

ments by Andy Stanley. The study is held on Tuesday mornings 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. Join us any Tuesday morning. Questions? Call Bryan

Barger at 752-0522 or visit us at www.gumsonrise.shutterfly.com.

Children's Ministries

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.

Mark your calendars for VBS: June 13-June 17, 2011.

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 p.m. A snack supper is available for \$3. Element is back on tonight! Join us as we kick-off the Element semester, preview our 2011 summer mission trips, and discuss God's care and concern for the poor. Hope to see you there!

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

germantownumc.org and look for Grizz Night under Open Event

Registrations! Sign-up now; spots are limited and are filling up!

ACTS is now collecting props for "The Last Pirate of the Caribbean."

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, 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.

Discovery Weekend, GUMC's biggest youth event of the year, is just

around the corner! The weekend is for all students in grades 6-12

(Confirmands included). Whether you have been active or not, we

invite you to be a part of this weekend of spiritual formation. This

year's theme is *Discover God's Gifts: Prayer, Baptism, and Communion.*

The weekend will include wacky games, hilarious skits, D-Groups,

creative worship, powerful prayer, rockin' music, free time, and

yummy food. Cost for the weekend is \$70 which includes your shirt,

materials, meals, and accommodations. Look for your Discovery

brochure to hit the mail this coming week and then save your spot

either by signing up online or returning your registration form with

payment. Email Jason Baker at jbaker@germantownumc.org for more

information.