

XYZs to Hear Harvard Glee Club in March. Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience when we go to Bartlett to hear the Harvard Glee Club—60 MEN, ONE VOICE.

Founded in 1858, the internationally celebrated ensemble is the oldest college choir in America and is considered by many to be the premier collegiate men's chorus in the country.

WHERE: Bartlett Performing Arts & Conference Center

WHEN: Thursday evening, March 17

COST: \$15 cost includes reserved seat.

DEPARTURE: 6:45 p.m. from OLEC. (Be there by 6:30 p.m.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Louise McGhee, 755-3463, or Gretchen Blair, 755-0797. You must make your reservation before paying.

DEADLINE: February 17

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. Join us tonight as we continue our discussion of missions and social justice.

Acts Dinner Theatre, February 5-6. 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 runs from 2-4 p.m. Get your tickets today in the Fellowship Hall or get them online at germantownumc.org. Questions? Contact Lindsay Butler (ACTS Director) at lbutler@germantownumc.org.

Discovery Weekend: February 18-20. 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. Save your spot either by signing up online or returning your brochure to the church office. For questions related to Discovery Weekend, please contact Jason Baker.

Summer Missions Registration Open. The deadline for summer missions registration is February 1, and spots are limited, so please go ahead and reserve yours now! You can register for each trip online now at germantownumc.org under "Open Event Registrations." Mountain T.O.P. registration will be added soon. For questions related to this summer's mission opportunities, contact Jason Baker at jbaker@germantownumc.org or 758-6515.

Owings Life Enrichment Center

Spring Soccer registration is now underway. Register online at germantownumc.org or pick up a form at the Owings Life Enrichment Center or Information Center.

New Year, New Nursery! The OLEC Nursery has reopened its doors with regular hours. Thank you for all your positive feedback. For more information contact Erica Puryear, Nursery Coordinator, at epuryear@germantownumc.org or 753-3100.

February Special. Carol Panasuk, our licensed massage therapist has February specials in honor of Valentine's Day. Gifts certificates are also available. To make an appointment, call Carol at 292-5913.

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Announcements

January 30, 2011

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.

Opportunity to Serve. Volunteers are needed once a month to be on the "Sunday Morning Prayer for Worship" team. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at rluter@germantownumc.org.

Book Group. Our next book group will meet on Monday, February 28, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 338. We will be discussing *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruenfirst. All are invited to attend.

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 Commandments* by Andy Stanley. The study is held on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m. in Room 339. 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.gumcsonrise.shutterfly.com.

United Methodist Women

February Luncheon. We are pleased to welcome Pam Beasley, Germantown Director of Parks and Recreation, as our guest speaker for February's Celebration luncheon. She will offer us suggestions as to where to begin our adventures; and why our area parks and nature trails are so vitally important to us both physically and environmentally. Join us at 11:30 a.m. on February 8 in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious luncheon, an informative program, and warm fellowship with other members and their guests. Please make your luncheon/childcare reservation by February 3 at germantownumc.org or call 754-7216.

United Methodist Women's Children's Boutique. Sell your children's gently worn Spring and Summer clothing and more at the semi-annual Children's Boutique in March. Consignors will receive 70% of the sales price and Germantown United Methodist Women receives 30% for mission projects. To participate you must go to gumwclothingsale.com to register and view complete instructions and important dates. We are here if you need help at info@gumwclothingsale.com or 754-7216, ext. 302. Registration deadline and inventory sheets are due by midnight on February 28. Drop off: March 2, 5-7 p.m. and March 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Presale: March 3, 3-8 p.m.; Public Sale: March 4, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Public Half-Price Sale: March 5, 8 a.m.-noon. Pick-up: March 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Cooking With Joy" Dinner. Tickets are available for the Germantown United Methodist Women's Joy Circle fundraiser dinner and silent auction on Saturday, February 26, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner includes a menu of homemade Italian cuisine prepared by member Steve Gibson. Tickets are limited and all proceeds go to support the JOY Circle's mission, Memphis Business Academy, a Memphis charter school that serves the Frayser area. Tickets are \$45 per person. Contact Lauren Boswell at lrboswell@bellsouth.net or 848-0373. Tickets must be purchased in advanced.

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 call contact Jessica Webster at jwebster@germantownumc.org or call 758-6511.

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 email mail Susan Hilllebert at lkids.doctor@gmail.com.

Adults In Ministry to Mountain T.O.P: March 2-6. The next opportunity for a short term mission trip to the Mountain is just a few weeks away. If you are looking for a getaway to work with a wonderful group of committed Christians, come join us for the weekend. This is a "fix up the camp" weekend to get Cumberland Pines ready for the Spring, Summer, and Fall programs at Mountain T.O.P. There are lots of jobs to be done and once again skill and tools are not a necessity. Call Doug Warner at 755-9729 if you would like to join the team for Friends Weekend at Mountain T.O.P.

Women's Ministries

"Lent by Candlelight" • Thursday, March 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Prepare your heart and mind for the season of Lent at this second annual women's event. We'll enjoy coffee and dessert in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall then convene in the Chapel for special music and a time for reflection and devotion presented by GUMC member Blair Merkle. Make your reservation online at germantownumc.org or call Laura Meanwell at 754-7216.

Deadline is Monday, February 28. *Hostesses & Desserts Needed:* We need volunteers to host a table. A hostess provides eight dessert place settings. We invite you to use your best china and your creativity. We also need donated desserts. If you can host or provide a dessert please contact Laura Meanwell at imeanwell@germantownumc.org or 758-6528 before February 21.

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

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.