

SAGES News

March 7, 2017

LEADING OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

You're invited to join Adults / Older Adults from all across the Tennessee Conference In Mission and Service.



One such opportunity is the upcoming Leadership Conference -- Leading Older Adult Ministries. It will be Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Franklin First UMC 120 Aldersgate Way Franklin, Tennessee 37069. This is sponsored by Tennessee Conference Older Adult Ministries Committee with support from The Golden Cross Foundation. The mission of the Older Adult Committee is two-fold: 1) To serve as a resource for growing and sustaining vital Older Adult Ministries in the local church, and 2) To provide ministries for Older Adults in the Tennessee Conference that are inspirational, informative and missional Older Adult Ministries Tennessee Conference.

The cost for the event which includes conference materials and boxed lunch is \$15. Please go to franklinfirstumc.org to register. Simply fill out the blanks and you'll be registered.

Here is the schedule for the day:

- 9:00-9:30 Registration for all attendees
- 9:30-10:00 Opening Prayer and Welcome -- Shirley Vaughn, Chair and Recognition and Affirmation from TN Conference -- Roger Hopson, Cabinet Representative
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:15 Workshops
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-12:30 Workshops
- 12:30-1:10 Lunch
- 1:15-2:15 Workshops
- 2:15-2:30 Gathering in main room
- 2:30-2:35 Closing
- 2:35-3:00 Optional Open Discussion

The following are the workshop Descriptions and Locations:

- Addressing Hunger in Older Adults, Body and Soul - Led by James Robinson, Pastor, Greenbrier UMC
- A panel of three Golden Cross Foundation Local Church grant recipients share their ministry knowledge: Martha Woodham, Greenbrier UMC; Michelle Bodey, Centertown UMC; Marie Dunkerson, Shirley Mitchel, and Mary Dunn, Gordon Memorial UMC.

- Starting and Sustaining Senior Adult Ministry in the Local Church - Led by Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., ENCORE Ministries – How to design church ministries by, with and for senior adults and ideas for intentional on-going ministry will be the focus of this workshop.
- Adult Day Services/Sunny Day Club - Led by Julie Thomas, Katie Anderson, Nancy Seamen, and Charlene Metzger of Brentwood UMC – Health Therapy programs/fellowship groups for adults experiencing early stages of memory loss.
- Congregational Care for Older Adults - Led by Jim Clardy, Executive Pastor, St. Mark's UMC, Murfreesboro – Homebound ministry, motivating younger members to become involved in visitation, walking with older adults in death and dying.
- Boomer Ministries - Led by Sarah Carty, Director of Adult Ministries, First UMC, Franklin – Understanding and launching a ministry movement for the Boomer generation.
- Funding for Older Adult Ministries/Programs - Led by Kent McNish, Golden Cross Foundation – Exploring the availability of grants for churches working with Older Adult Programs.

Workshops will be repeated at various times. Please refer to your Individual Workshop Schedule for the times and locations of your workshops.

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The Committee on Adult/Older Adult Ministries seeks to enhance ministry with adults and older adults in the Tennessee Conference. The ministry includes, but is not limited to:

- Advocating on behalf of older adult concerns and issues;
- Offering opportunities for fellowship, enrichment, and spiritual growth with older adults across the conference;
- Providing training and consultation for church leaders in their ministry with older adults;
- Working collaboratively with ENCORE Ministries to provide training and support, resources, and networking opportunities for church leaders in their ministry by, with and for midlife and older adults; and,
- Supporting the work of the Golden Cross Foundation in its efforts to provide grant funding for intentional older adult ministry in local churches.

OTHER SAGES NEWS

The Sages Ministry Team will meet on March 13 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 506.

Sages will provide dinner and hospitality at the Veteran's Fisher House on Thursday, March 16.

Please get into the office and sign up for the big trip to the Readyville Mill on Friday, March 17. We will leave at 10:30 A.M. Lunch is at 11:00. It will be Dutch treat, and we have a tour scheduled for after lunch. This will be a special day. Go to the office to register. LOOK FOR THE BOOK!

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will meet in Room 1203 on Thursday, March 23 at 1:30 P.M. Remember this is available for people of all ages who may be caring for those who have Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. You are welcome!

These are just a few of the SAGES offerings for the next few weeks.

Some of the other events planned include our next SAGES Luncheon honoring a whole host of Cloggers and dancers, a tour of Rattle And Snap, a tour of the Fontanelle Mansion and lunch, and two shows at the Cumberland Mountain Playhouse, just to name a few of our ventures. Please plan on joining us for some meaningful and exciting activities.