

## Senior Ministries Report

June, 2015

The days are getting longer as we move from spring and into summer later this month and that is a good thing, because we have a lot happening this month.

- **We have re-named ourselves.** In the past years our name changed from “Senior Outreach Ministries” to “Senior Outreach Ministries For All Generations” because we wanted to look for ways to involve more than just seniors in our programming. Lately, as we were planning for the update on our brochure, it became obvious that our name implied that we only did “outreach”. As a result, we decided to shorten our name and call ourselves “Senior Ministries for All Generations.”
- Our **Senior Ministries brochure** has been updated to reflect our current programming. Copies are available in the church office and in the display near the hospitality table on the second floor of the church. Feel free to take one and invite others to join our activities.
- Since we expect to be using room 307 (the Open Circle classroom) we recently worked in conjunction with the Open Circle class to sponsor **professional carpet dyeing** in the room to make it look more attractive for everyone who uses the room. Thanks to Lynda and John Krazinski, Bill Abernethy and the members of the Open Circle Class who contributed to this effort with us.
- On Saturday, June 4 we will be honoring those in our congregation who are 90 years old and older during our **Celebration of Wisdom.** This year we are having the Saturday Heritage Service at 5pm will feature special music by Mark Miller, an outstanding organist, who serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School. This service will be held in the sanctuary. In addition, following the service, our special guests will be invited to have dinner with us in the Parlor.
- Prior to the service on Saturday, we will join others in our congregation to say **farewell to Pastor Sarah Casey** who has been such a wonderful partner in our ministry over her years at CUMC. We will miss Pastor Sarah
- We do have some good news to share. During the summer, **Nikki Young** will be working with us in our ministry. We look forward to getting to know Nikki better.
- We welcome **Christina Del Toro PhD, CCC-SLP to our STARS** meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 1:30pm. Dr. Del Toro will be sharing information about her latest proposed Aphasia research project. Our group will be working with Dr. Del Toro and her research assistants as they work to learn more about how to best help those with aphasia, a condition that can affect your ability to speak, write, and understand language, both verbal and written and which typically occurs suddenly after stroke or head injury.

We continue to need more volunteers to help with all of our programs. If you are available and can help, contact Sylvia Kupferer and get on our volunteer mailing list. We do not discriminate based on age. Everyone is invited to attend our programs; in fact, we believe that inter-generational participation can only make our program stronger!

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