

## Youth

<https://www.germantownumc.org/youth-ministry/>

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**Sunday Morning Trek and Confirmation:** Meet in the Oasis at 9:30.

**Element:** We will NOT be having Element tonight. We look forward to resuming next Sunday, 6-8 pm, at the OLEC.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast:** We will meet this week at 6:30 in the pavilion behind Houston High School.

**Synergy and Synago:** We will meet this Wednesday at the Prescott House. Middle school meets 6:00-7:15 and high school meets 7:15-8:30.

**Room in the Inn:** Youth will host this Friday. Use the sign-up genius to register to serve.

**Stay Informed:** Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.

## Music Ministry

Todd Wilson, Director of Music, twilson@germantownumc.org

**Community Carol Festival. December 12, 5:00 pm in the GUMC Sanctuary.** Last year the Carol Festival was taken from us. 2021 allows us to enjoy this festive night of music. Featured ensembles include the GUMC Chancel Choir, Matins Handbells, Houston High School Concert Choir and Memphis Symphony Orchestra members. This event will feature numerous Carols and the opportunity to participate. Come, and bring a friend!

**Memphis Symphony Orchestra Presents Handel's Messiah | Tuesday, Dec. 21 @ 7:30 pm.** The Memphis Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and GUMC have partnered to present Handel's Messiah live in the sanctuary. Come and enjoy this Christmas masterpiece! Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at MemphisSymphony.org or 901-537-2500. GUMC members receive 50% off adult tickets using code GUMC. MSO also has a student ticket price of \$5. Either call or purchase student tickets separately online using code "youthticket."

## Older Adult Ministry

<https://www.germantownumc.org/older-adults/>

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, [luci2@comcast.net](mailto:luci2@comcast.net). Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in *The Tidings*.

**XYZ's January Event!** Join us for an evening honoring American musical theatre when we hear Lucie Arnaz in *I GOT THE JOB: Songs From My Musical Past* at the Halloran Centre on Saturday, January 15, 2022. We depart at 6:00 pm from the OLEC parking lot. The \$35 cost includes your reserved seat. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Breneman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Sunday, December 12. **COVID 19 POLICY—**Masks are required in all vehicles and buildings. Proof of vaccination may be required by individual venues.

## Elder Care Ministry

Tom Davis, Director of Elder Care, tdavis@germantownumc.org

**Become part of the GUMC Flower Ministry.** Brighten the life of others with flowers, or express your own creativity in flower arranging! Contact Rev. Tom Davis, Director of Elder Care ministry, tdavis@germantownumc.org

## This Week at Germantown UMC

### Sunday, November 28

8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Fellowship Time
11:00 am	Worship
5:00 pm	Testimony Choir

### Tuesday, November 30

6:30 am	Men's Sunrise Group
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### Wednesday, December 1

6:30 am	Rutherford Morning Prayer Group
5:30 pm	Wesley Handchimes
6:00 pm	Synergy
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
7:15 pm	Synago



**Traditional Service—11:00 am**

**November 28, 2021**

**1st Sunday of Advent Color: Blue**

The sanctuary flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Madden George O'Hara, given by proud grandparents, Joel & Sandi Tracy and Tom & Tracy O'Hara. Parents are Alexa and Steven O'Hara.

**Prelude** *Now the Lord Will Come* Marcel Dupre  
(from *Six Refrains for the Time of Christmas*)

**Introit** *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Karle Erickson

## Call to Worship

*How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the king?*

**With branches of cedar to symbolize royalty.**

*How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?*

**With a wreath of candles to remember the light of Christ.**

*How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Savior?*

**With a manger scene and tree, to await the arrival of the one who brings life.**

*How shall we prepare the hearts for the coming of the Son of God?*

**By hearing the words of scripture foretelling the saving work of God.**

*Surely God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

**\*Hymn of Procession 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**\*The Apostles' Creed 881**

**\*Gloria Patri 70**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Madden George O'Hara  
Son of Alexa and Steven O'Hara

**Service of Hanging of the Greens**

Mack Browder

***The Greenery and Poinsettias***

Isaiah 61:1-3  
Stephanie Adams & Carolyn Browder

***The Advent Wreath***

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Kevin, Callie, Ella, Elise and Eryn Beaver

***The Creche***

Jeremiah 23:5-6  
Addie and Joe Richard Penn

***The Chrismon Tree***

John 14:1-7  
Todd Wilson

***The Light***

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Thomas and Nathan Bongiolatti

**Choral Call to Prayer** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* Jacques Berthier

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

	<p><b>Actual Pledges: 263</b> <b>Possible Pledges: 1310</b> <b>Percentage of pledge units: 20%</b></p>
	<p><b>Amount Pledged: \$1,821,426</b></p>
	<p><small>Honor The Past, Serve The Present, Provide For The Future Stewardship 2021</small></p>



Pastoral Prayer  
 Lord's Prayer  
 Offertory Anthem *Blessed Be the God of Israel (UMH 209)* Hal Hopson  
 \*Hymn of Preparation 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
 Scripture Malachi 3:1; \*Mark 1:1-4, 7-8  
 Sermon "Dressing Up With Hope"  
 \*Hymn of Dedication 202 *People, Look East*  
 Benediction  
 \*Congregational Response  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*  
 \*Postlude *Veni Emmanuel* John Ferguson

**Leading in Worship today**  
 Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor | Preaching  
 Todd Wilson, Director of Music | Crucifer; Liturgist  
 John Palmer | Guest Organist  
 Chancel Choir  
 Anastasia and Rosie Penn | Acolytes



## Announcements

### Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

Please fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and leave it attached to the pad.

If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith.

If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org.

**Angel Tree:** The Children's Ministry will be collecting Christmas needs and gifts for the preschool children at the United Methodist Neighborhood Center. Please stop by our angel tree outside of the chapel today and pick out an angel or two. All gifts should be returned to the church by Monday, December 6.

**There will be a called Church Board meeting on Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

**Job Opportunities: Nursery Worker Needed (2 positions) & Full Time Administrative Assistant**  
 Scan the QR code for details.



**We continue to follow CDC guidelines for COVID-19.** Visit our website—germantownumc.org for details or see the signage at all entrances.

**Volunteer Opportunity—Preparing the poinsettias for the sanctuary.** You are needed Thursday, Dec 9 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Poinsettias will be placed in covers, bows tied, and put in place. For more information, contact Stephanie Adams, 901-488-4748 or monacodog@aol.com

### Our Mission Statement

We are a welcoming faith community committed to:

Loving God and loving others.

Serving Christ and sharing Him.

Transforming lives and making disciples.

2331 S. Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138 | 901-754-7216

Office Hours: Monday—Friday | 8:30 am—4:30 pm

## Ministry, News & Events

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: [germantownumc.org](https://www.germantownumc.org).  
 Interested in an event that requires registration? Click on "Open Registrations" under "What's Going On" to register online.

**GUMW** (Germantown United Methodist Women)  
<https://www.germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women/>

Chesley Porteous, GUMW President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)

**Christmas Cookie Shoppe | Saturday, December 4, 9 am–12 noon | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.**

Thousands of cookies await you at the 8th Annual Christmas Cookie Shoppe! Come buy boxes of cookies and candies for you or for gifts. Cost is \$9 per pound. Don't miss this opportunity to bring home Christmas treats and support worthy missions. We also need lots of cookie bakers! Scan the QR code or visit [germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women](https://www.germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women) to learn more and sign up to volunteer.



**GUMW Christmas Brunch | December 7, 10:30 am | Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.** Come join us for a delicious catered brunch, festive fellowship, and sounds of the season! Cost is \$10; free childcare with reservation. All women are invited! Register by noon, Dec. 2, at [germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women](https://www.germantownumc.org/united-methodist-women).

### Missions Ministry

<https://www.germantownumc.org/missions/>

Laura Meanwell, Missions Chair, [meanwellmail@att.net](mailto:meanwellmail@att.net)

**Reelfoot Rural Ministries (RRM) Needs Your Help!**

Please give generously to RRM for Christmas gifts for children and teenagers. RRM is working with a local supplier to purchase items for their Christmas store in the Reelfoot Service area in northwest TN. Send donations to GUMC via check, Venmo, or online giving. Please note that your donation is for RRM Christmas store/school supplies. Please donate by November 30.

**GUMP** (Germantown United Methodist Preschool)

<https://www.germantownumc.org/gump/>

Sarah Sutton, Director of Germantown United Methodist Preschool

**It is the most wonderful time of the year** and you can feel the joy at GUMP! We will have a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party as we anticipate celebrating the birth of our Savior. Our older friends will enjoy a "Journey to Bethlehem" in a special chapel with Mrs. Callie. GUMP's last day for the first semester is December 10.

### Children's Ministry

<https://www.germantownumc.org/childrens-ministry2/>

Natalie Adkinson, Director of Children's Ministry—Nursery,

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Callie Beaver, Director of Children's Ministry-Elementary,

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**Registration links for all events:** <https://www.germantownumc.org/open-registrations-2/>  
**More info:** <https://www.germantownumc.org/childrens-ministry-2/>

**Please pre-register your children for weekday events online.**

**Preschool Stepping Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten):** The Hamilton Nursery is open during both the 8:30 am & 11 am services. We also have 9:30 am preschool Sunday School.

**KidsQuest (Kindergarten-5th Grade):** Elementary Sunday School will meet from 9:30-10:30 am. Please pick up your elementary children before going to The Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

**WOW-Worship on Wednesdays:** WOW will return in the spring of 2022!

**Adult Mentors/Volunteers Needed:** We need a few more adults to teach elementary Sunday School when our regular teachers are out of town. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering for our ministry, please contact Callie Beaver (elementary).

**Angel Tree:** The Children's Ministry will be collecting Christmas needs and gifts for the preschool children at the United Methodist Neighborhood Center. Please stop by our angel tree outside of the chapel and pick out an angel or two. All gifts should be returned to the church by December 6.

**Journey to Bethlehem:** December 4 from 9:30-11 am in the Hamilton Nursery. Join us as we proceed through various story-scenes towards the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We will have refreshments in the Narthex, Children's Alternative Christmas Gift Shop will be open in the Huddle, GUMW Cookie Shop will be open in the Fellowship Hall, and we will have a visit from Santa! This is a FREE event. **Registration is highly recommended**, as space is limited.

**Children's Alternative Christmas Gift Shop:** Dec 4 from 9:30-11 am AND Dec 5 from 9-11 am. Santa's elves will be available to assist children in selecting gifts for their friends, family, and loved ones. Gifts are all \$5 each and come pre-wrapped.