



**Traditional Service — 8:30 am
February 5, 2023**

**5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Color: Green**

The flowers are in honor of Dr. Scott Morris and in memory of Fred Blake, Sr. & Verna, Fred Blake, Jr. & Betty, Jack R. Blake & Dottie, and Charles Wilson Blake, Sr., given by Nancy J. Blake.

(*) - Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship

We are called to bring a new understanding of God, that God so loves the world. **We are the salt of the earth.**
We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life. **We are the light of the world.**
We are called to follow the commandments and the law. **The law of God is to love God and love one another.**
Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.
Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

***Opening Hymn UMH 568**

Christ for the World We Sing

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Anthem

It is Well With My Soul

arr. Craig Courtney

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea-billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin— O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin— not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" - it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

***Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2269**

Come, Share the Lord

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

"Salt and Light"

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

Sung Responses TFWS 2257

***Hymn of Dedication TFWS 2153**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Leading in Worship today

Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister | *Preaching*
Todd Wilson, Director of Music | *Liturgist*
Eva McPeters, Associate Director of Music | *Organist*
Bradley Sowell, Soloist and Piano Duet
Cole and Cooper Kelly | *Acolytes*

Please give

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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 groh@germantownumc.org.

Dr. Scott Morris will speak today, Sunday, February 5, 9:30-10:30 on the state of American healthcare. Dr. Morris, Founder & CEO of Church Health Center, has written a new book, *CARE: How People of Faith Can Respond to Our Broken Health System*, which will be available to purchase. Everyone is invited to join us in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall for this special event presented by the Church and Society Work Team.

Open Position: Director of Youth Ministries: High School/College. Send resumes to Scott Alford at salford@germantownumc.org

Ushers Needed! There are excellent service opportunities at both the 8:30 and 11:00 traditional services. Duties include handing out bulletins, receiving the offering, and providing directions. Please contact Dan Moore (drm1969msu@gmail.com 827-8006) for 8:30 or Ralph Hamilton (rhamilton9@comcast.net 356-6591) for 11:00. We hope you can join our team.

Sunday, February 5

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:00 pm Testimony Choir
6:00 pm Element

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Group

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:00 pm WOW
6:00 pm Synergy/ Synago
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice



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.**

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Ministry, News & Events

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: germantownumc.org.
Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Open Registrations" at the top of the page.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Assoc. Director of Youth Ministry—Middle School and Confirmation, cgranberry@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis in the OLEC at 9:30 for snacks and lessons.

Confirmation: Join us in the Oasis Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30.

Element: Tonight from 6:00—8:00 pm! Be sure to bring 3 dollars for dinner. See you there!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Will meet this Tuesday in the Starbucks on Houston Levee at 6:00 am. Bring your journals and a Bible!

Synergy and Synago: Will meet this Wednesday in the Prescott House (North side of the OLEC) MS meets from 6-7:15 and HS meets from 7:15-8:30! High school will be planning for Discovery, so make sure to be there!

Discovery Weekend: Discovery Weekend is February 17-19. Registration is open on the GUMC website under "open registrations." Contact Chloe for more details!

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

GUWF (Germantown United Women in Faith)

Gina Bartz, President, women@germantownumc.org

February Speaker Luncheon. Join us Tuesday, February 7 at 11:30 am in Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch and inspirational message from Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor of Farmington Presbyterian Church. All women are invited. Cost is \$12, and registration required by noon on February 2. Register with credit card at germantownumc.org. Checks or cash in GUWF box located in Information Center. Free preschool childcare available.

Lent by Candlelight | February 21, 6:30—8:30 pm. All women are invited to join us and enjoy warm fellowship over desserts and coffee in Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall, followed by worship in the Chapel to prepare our hearts and minds for Lent. Please register at germantownumc.org under Open Registrations. Limit 120 women. There is no charge to attend, and free preschool childcare is available.

Missions Ministry

Anne Fritz, 901-409-3477 annefritz214@gmail.com

Kroger Card Reminder for GUMC Missions Donations

Kroger Community Rewards is a great way to generate money for Missions at GUMC. Sign into your Kroger account, go to My Account, select Community Rewards. Then choose Germantown United Methodist Missions Committee as the recipient! For more information search Kroger Community Rewards under the Community tab at the bottom of the Kroger website.

OLEC (Owings Life Enrichment Center)

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation, gkelly@germantownumc.org

Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation, kmarsh@germantownumc.org

Painters needed! We are still looking for volunteers to paint our weight room, cardio room, and downstairs hall. Maintenance will provide all paint and materials. We just need someone to do the painting. This would be perfect for someone needing service hours or a group who would like a service project. Contact Gordon or Kim if you are interested.

New Weight Room Equipment!! We have just added 4 new weight machines and 2 new weight racks – along with the big screen smart TV. Come check it out! Church members get a **FREE OLEC**

membership. It's the best deal in town!

Group Exercise Classes and Personal Training. NEW– beginning February 1– Monday Core and More and Wednesday Tighten and Tone, with Judy Oros, are moving back to the OLEC dance room. You can still zoom from home if you prefer. Check out our full calendar of classes on the church website under Health and Recreation. We also have personal training available. Email Gordon or Kim to get more information.

Open Gym: Open gym time is Tuesdays 12- 5:00 pm and Wed. and Thurs. 12- 4:00 pm due to our GUMC basketball teams practicing. This will continue through mid-February, when basketball season ends.

Spring Soccer. Registration will be open from Feb. 1 – March 3 for ESCRA soccer, boys and girls, grades JK-Fourth grade.

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, 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 March Event! As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to Dr. Brian McLaren at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop, and tour Idlewild Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. We depart at 10 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$3 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Wed., February 8.

March Brown Bag Lunch Series Willy Bearden, Memphis Film Maker and Author, will talk about "My Favorite Characters and Memphis Stories." This presentation will be Friday, March 3, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 AM with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed. **There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**

XYZ's April Event! Join us as we learn about our hometown when we tour the Memphis and Shelby County Room at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library and eat lunch at Patrick's on Park on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. We depart at 10:15 a.m. from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$3 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Monday, March 6.

AARP Smart Driver™ Course! GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on March 16 & 17, 2023 from 9 am -1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$15 for AARP members (\$20 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call George Coleman at 384-3581 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

Elder Care Ministry

Rev. Tom Davis, 901-758-6513, tdavis@germantownumc.org

Resource Information for Alzheimer's caregivers:

The Alzheimer's Association: A great place to start for anyone with a loved one suspected of having Alzheimer's or dementia. The national group, at <http://www.alz.org>, runs a 24/7 hotline at 800-272-3900.

Area Agencies on Aging: Nearly every county in the U.S. is served by an Area Agency on Aging. To find an agency near you go to the eldercare locator at eldercare.acl.gov.

AARP Family Caregivers Discussion Group: A Facebook group for family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia or any other difficulty.

VA Aid & Attendance Benefits: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides wartime veterans and qualified survivors, age 65 and older a monthly benefit to offset cost of long-term care. Current monthly benefit is about \$2,000 for a single veteran without any dependents.

Home Health Care Compare, run by Medicare.gov., gives zero to five star ratings to home health companies and organizations.

Children's Ministry

Natalie Adkinson, Director: nadkinson@germantownumc.org

Callie Beaver, Assoc. Dir.-Elem.: cbeaver@germantownumc.org

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir.-Nursery: jrcrist@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping-Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten):

The Hamilton Nursery is open for children birth through pre-kindergarten to have childcare during worship. Preschool Sunday School is from 9:30 -10:30 am. Our verse for February is: "How wide and long and high and deep is the Love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18

KidsQuest (Kindergarten-5th Grade): Elementary Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:30 am each week. All ages (K-5) begin in the Huddle. Pickup is in the classrooms on the Education Wing. Our virtue for February is: RESPECT— showing others they are important by what you say and do. The memory verse is: "Do to others as you want them to do to you," Luke 6:31

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): WOW meets in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm (\$3/child). All ages must register. Please register your children before Tuesday at noon.

Created by God: Our human sexuality course for 5th & 6th graders will be held February 24-25 in the Education Wing of the main campus. This is a Bible/scripture-based curriculum taught by Lisa Pierce, former youth director and long-time member of GUMC. Cost is \$40/child. Registration is required.

Music Ministry

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

Ash Wednesday Evensong. John Wesley asked "How is it with your soul?" Not the role you inhabit - successes or failures, the real essence of you! Ash Wednesday Evensong, Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm will equip us to ask this very question throughout Lent. This service of scripture, song, and the Imposition of Ashes, will help us mark our Lenten Journey.

GUMM (Germantown United Methodist Men)

UMM Men's Brunch will be held on Saturday, February 11 at **9 am** (please note new time). All men are welcome to attend and bring their spouse or significant other to celebrate Valentine's Day. You must make a reservation by calling the church before noon on February 8. Todd Wilson and members of our GUMC Choir will provide the entertainment.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Dir. of Adult Education, mgroh@germantownumc.org

Seventeen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 on Sunday mornings. Please check out the list of classes, locations, teachers, and topics at the Welcome Center or online and join us. Visitors are always welcome!

Signposts starts Thursday, February 16 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom SIGNPOSTS is a covenant discipleship opportunity to support and mentor one another while exploring God's dream for an anti-racist, anti-oppressive world. Through a commitment to spiritual disciplines, personal written reflections and discussions, we will examine themes of white supremacy, individual and systemic racism, and oppressions, and will work to recognize and deconstruct their power in our own lives. SIGNPOSTS is a commitment to ten weeks of self-reflection sessions. Facilitated by Yolanda Toney and Rev. Rick Kirchoff. Cost is FREE.