

"Where is the  
newborn king?"

Matthew  
2:1-12



The Epiphany Sunday  
January 5, 2025  
Traditional Service - 8:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God and in celebration of  
Hester Smith's 90th birthday on January 1.  
Given by The Toney Family.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Good Christian Men Rejoice*

arr. Larry Shackley

**Welcome and Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

**Arise! Shine!**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**Arise! Shine!**

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

**Arise! Shine!**

**Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 220**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

*A Modern Affirmation*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

*Walk in the Light*

Andre Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night,

Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

Jesus, the Light of the world;

"Glory to the new-born King,"

Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Jesus, the Light of the world;

Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Jesus, the Light of the world.

**\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 254**

*We Three Kings (st. 1, 5)*

**\*Scripture**

Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon**

“Where Is The Newborn King?”

**Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12**

**\*Hymn of Dedication UMH 237**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

**\*Mission Statement**

**We are a welcoming community of faith committed to: Loving God and loving others,  
Serving Christ and sharing Him, Transforming lives and making disciples.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. Henry Balcombe

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## **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](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org).*

## **L e a d i n g   i n   W o r s h i p   T o d a y**

Preaching: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall  
Chancel Choir

## **T h i s   W e e k   a t   G U M C**

### **Sunday, Jan. 05:**

8:30 am   Worship  
9:30 am   Sunday School  
10:30 am   Fellowship Time  
11:00 am   Worship

### **Tuesday, Jan.07:**

6:30 am   Rutherford Prayer Group

### **Wednesday, Jan. 08**

5:30 pm   Wesley Chimes

# A n n o u n c e m e n t s

**Mental Health Matters: The Importance of Caring for Yourself and Others** will be presented on Sunday, Jan. 26, 9:30 am - 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall with Catherine Null of GUMC's McVay Counseling Center. Everyone is invited to join us for this special event sponsored by the Church and Society Work Team.

## M i n i s t r y , N e w s a n d E v e n t s

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org)  
Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Event Registrations" at the top of the page.

### **Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)**

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation, [gkelly@germantownumc.org](mailto:gkelly@germantownumc.org)  
Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation, [kmarsh@germantownumc.org](mailto:kmarsh@germantownumc.org)

#### **Pickleball this week:**

Daytime: Monday 12 pm-3 pm.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9 am-12 pm.  
Nighttime: Wednesday Nights only, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.  
Please check the website each week for changes in the pickleball schedule.

#### **Try one of our group exercise classes:**

**Gentle Yoga:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm.

**Vinyasa Yoga:** Mondays, 5 pm-6 pm and Wednesdays, 2 pm-3 pm.

**Senior Fitness Walk Fit:** Tuesday, 10 am-11 am.

**Senior Fitness Chair Class:** Thursday, 10 am-11 am.

#### **Fit 4 Mom**

**Stroller Strides:** Mondays, 9:30-10:45 am.

**Stroller Barre:** Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 am-10:45 am.

**Stroller Boost:** Monday nights, 6:15 pm-7:15 pm.

**Body Ignite:** Wednesday nights, 6:15 pm-7:15 pm.

**Martial Arts:** Tuesday, Thursday, Beginner class, 5:45-6:45 pm, Advanced class 6:45-7:45 pm.

**Open Gym times:** Mondays, No available times, Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 pm-4:30 pm. Wednesday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm. Due to the basketball practice schedules, call the OLEC front desk for Open Gym times.\*Open Gym times are for church members only.\* Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

### **Care Ministries**

Yolanda Toney, Care Ministries Director, CLM

**You Are Not Alone.** The Care Ministries Team is here to support you. We offer prayer and practical assistance to help navigate life's challenges. Our quarterly seminars focus on a variety of life's challenges. Watch for them. Our Care Ministries Director, CLM Yolanda Toney, is Grief Care Certified and is available for confidential meetings. To schedule, email [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org) or call 901-801-6368

### **Germantown United Methodist Pre-school (GUMP)**

It's the most wonderful time of the year at GUMP! Our friends celebrated the reason for the season with a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party and ended the year with a sweet program for our families! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Older Adult Ministry**

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 February Event!** Come with us and have a blast when we hear *Evil Woman—The American ELO (Electric Light Orchestra)* at Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center on Saturday, February 15, 2025. We depart at 6:15 pm, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$30 for your reserved seat and transportation. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Gamet Brenneman, 754-3711, **to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, January 15.**

#### **Digital Giving**

Online

Venmo



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#### **Congregational Prayer List**



2331 S Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138 | 901-754-7216  
[www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org) | Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Children's Ministry

Natalie Adkinson, Director: [nadkinson@germantownumc.org](mailto:nadkinson@germantownumc.org)  
Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org)  
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: [hheard@germantownumc.org](mailto:hheard@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 meets from 9:30-10:30 am.

**Elementary Sunday School** (Kindergarten-5th Grade): We meet from 9:30-10:30 am each week. All ages (K-5) will gather in The Huddle (room 240) for large group instruction, followed by small groups in classrooms in the Education Wing hallway.

**WOW** (Worship on Wednesday): Our regular Wednesday evening gathering for kids will return on Wednesday, January 8!

**Ignite Winter Retreat:** Calling all 4th, 5th, & 6th graders, registration is officially open! Join us at St. Columba Retreat Center on January 25 - 26. Cost is \$160 per person. Capacity is limited to 28 kids, don't miss out! Deadline to sign up is January 12th.

## Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; [cgranberry@germantownumc.org](mailto:cgranberry@germantownumc.org)  
Caasi Grove, Director of High School Ministries; [cgrove@germantownumc.org](mailto:cgrove@germantownumc.org)

**Sunday Morning Trek:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9:30 for snacks, games, and discussion!

**Element:** Element 2025 Kickoff is TONIGHT, from 6 pm - 8 pm. We are having an indoor block party, with games, crafts, music, tacos, and more!

**High School Prayer Breakfast:** Prayer Breakfast will start back Jan. 14!

**Synergy and Synago:** Synergy/Synago will start back Jan. 15!

**Discovery Weekend:** February 21 - 23! Registration Opening Soon!

**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.

## Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)

**Christmas Items Needed!** Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary needs gently used Christmas items to sell at the annual sale next November. Labeled collection bins are available behind the Fellowship Hall, beside the kitchen, through January 26, 2025. Contact Elaine Fetzer at [elaine.fetzer@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.fetzer@gmail.com) with questions.

**February Speaker Luncheon, Feb. 11, at 11:30 am:** All women are invited for a catered lunch featuring speaker Martha Wagley, former lead minister of GUMC, Pastor Emerita, Memphis 1st UMC. Register by noon, **February 6**, with a credit card at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or pay by check in the GUWF box in the Information Center.

## Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, [mgruh@germantownumc.com](mailto:mgruh@germantownumc.com)

**Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes** meet from 9:30-10:30, 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!

**Luke: Gut-Level Compassion Bible study starts Wednesday, Jan. 8, 9:45 am - 11:45 am, via Zoom.** The great news woven throughout the Gospel of Luke is that perfection, is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Join us for this 8-session Bible study that embraces the outliers, outcasts, and overlooked! Facilitator: Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$20.

**Four Parables From Luke small group study starts Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.** Join Rev. Todd Wilson for this 4-session study as we take a closer look at the teaching from Jesus so often used: the parable. We will focus on four parables while using Adam Hamilton's book on the Gospel of Luke, our denominational hymnal, and our own creativity. Cost is \$10.

**The Gospel of John study starts Tuesday, Jan. 21 - March 4, 9:30 am - 11:00 am.** John's Gospel offers readers a new language that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith. Author Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will help us understand how the Gospel was understood by its earliest readers, how it has been interpreted traditionally, and, finally, how Christians today should receive it and act in its light. Facilitator: Mary Groh. Cost: \$15.

## Germantown United Methodist Men (GUMM)

**The first breakfast meeting of 2025 is Saturday, Jan. 11, at 8 am, in the Fellowship Hall.** Our guest speaker will be A.J. Kamer, Executive Director of Crosslink Memphis and Mission Medical Supply Ministry. A yearly membership fee of \$75 may be paid at the meeting, (covers the cost of eight breakfasts and provides additional funds for GUMM-sponsored mission projects). The cost for the breakfast is \$7.50, payable at the door, if membership is not paid. Make your reservation by calling 754-7216 **no later than Jan. 8.**

## In Person Attendance

Did you miss the pew pad when it came by? Scan the QR code to record your attendance.

