

# 1 Corinthians 13

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4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 2, 2025

Traditional Service - 8:30 am

Liturgical Color -- Green

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*My Savior's Love*

arr. Mary McDonald

**Welcome and Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:8-9

O God, your love has called us here and all love finds its source in you.  
**The perfect love casts out fear, and the love of Christ makes all new.**  
O God of love, inspire our lives and reveal your will in all we do.  
**Join us, every one, in mutual love and love for you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 578**

*God of Love and God of Power*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

*A Modern Affirmation*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

*Bread of the World*

arr. Gordon Young

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
wine of the soul in the mercy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spoken,  
and in whose death our sins are dead.  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
look on the tears by sinners shed;  
and be thy feast to the token  
that by the grace our souls are fed.

**\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 408**

*The Gift of Love*

**Scripture**

1 Corinthians 13

**Sermon**

Love, Love, Love

**Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12**

**\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 549**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**\*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**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

arr. Don Hustad

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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  
or scan the QR code below.**

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

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

**Sanctuary Flowers: We need 2025 weekly donors!** Following Sunday worship, flowers are rearranged into smaller florals and then delivered to our home-bound members. Flowers for the sanctuary remain a treasured way to enhance worship, while honoring or remembering a loved one, celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or honoring a friend. For more information or to select a date, please visit our website [www.germantownumc.org](http://www.germantownumc.org), click on the "Sign Up & Events" menu to the far right and choose "Communication Hub" in the drop down list, scroll down to "Forms" near the bottom, then choose "Sanctuary Flowers Form" or call Lisa Bell at OLEC 753-3100.

**In Case of Emergency Information:** The GUMC Safety Team and the Health & Wellness Committee encourage you to complete or update your ICE information in your mobile phone for use in case of an emergency. Scan the QR code for instructions on how to enter this information in your phone.



**T h i s   W e e k   a t   G U M C**

**Sunday, Feb. 2:**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 4:**

6:30 am   Men's Sunrise Group  
6:30 am   High School Breakfast

**Wednesday, Feb. 5:**

6:30 am   Rutherford Prayer Group  
5:30 pm   Wesley Chimes  
6:00 pm   Synergy  
6:00 pm   WOW  
6:30 pm   Chancel Choir  
7:15 pm   Synago

# Ministry, News and Events

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.

## 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. Grief is a natural part of life, and it's okay to talk about it. Care Ministries presents "Coping with the Death of a Loved One," March 3, 2025, 10:30 am or 6:00 pm, GUMC main building, Room 339. Register online to join the discussion. Questions? Call Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, 901-801-6368. There is no cost.

## Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

*Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,*

*gkelly@germantownumc.org*

*Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,*

*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:**

**Ball.atics:** Monday, 9:00 am.

**Gentle Yoga:** Monday, Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 pm.

**Vinyasa Yoga:** Monday, 5-6 pm, Wednesday, 2-3 pm.

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

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

**Fit 4 Mom Stroller Strides:** Monday, 9:30-10:45 am.

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

**Body Boost:** Monday night, 6:15-7:15 pm.

**Body Ignite:** Wednesday night, 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:** Monday, 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.

## 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.*

**AARP Smart Driver Course!** GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver Course" on March 20 & 21, 2025 from 9 am-1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (\$25 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.

**Are you Ready to Play Some Bridge?** The weekly Friday Bridge Group is meeting in the Huddle, from 10 am-2 pm, for party bridge and fellowship. No partners are needed; just bring a sack lunch or a potluck dish to share. Contact Kay Lindamood, 754-6033, for more information. Park in the East parking lot (Germantown Road side of the building) and go to the entrance under the portico. Press the button on the speaker box, and someone will buzz you into the building.

**February Brown Bag Lunch Series!** Matt Thompson, CEO and President of the Memphis Zoo, will present "The Future of the Memphis Zoo." This presentation will be on Friday, February 7, 2025, 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 March Event!** As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to Mihee Kim-Kort at the Lenten Preaching Series in Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop, and tour St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. We depart at 10 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$5 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennerman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, February 19.

## Digital Giving

Online



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## Congregational

Prayer List



## 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): All ages birth-5th grade are invited to join us for Worship on Wednesday. Time is 6 pm-7:30 pm. Cost is \$5/child. Must register each week before Tuesday at noon.

**Planning ahead?** Our summer camp registrations are open NOW! Visit the church website to sign up. Spaces are limited.

## 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 will be tonight from 6:00-8:00 pm, in the OLEC! Be sure to bring 5 dollars for dinner! Next week, NO ELEMENT!

**High School Prayer Breakfast:** Is at 6:30 am, this Tuesday at the Starbucks on Houston Levee! Contact Chloe if you need a ride to school!

**Synergy and Synago:** Synergy (middle schoolers) will be this Wednesday from 6-7:15 in the Prescott House. Synago (high schoolers) will be from 7:15-8:30 same day, same place! Discovery Planning is happening in Synago--Don't miss it!

**Discovery Weekend:** February 21-23! Grades 6-12! Signups are open for this amazing youth retreat!

**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 Methodist Pre-school (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, [ssutton@germantownumc.org](mailto:ssutton@germantownumc.org)

**This week at GUMP**, we are wrapping up our last week of January! Our little friends are learning about polar bears and exploring what animals do during the winter. Some even went on a bear hunt!

## Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music

**On February 8, the GUMC Music Ministry** will offer a Hymnathon, a sing-through of one stanza of every hymn in the United Methodist Hymnal. Participating choristers will gather sponsorships per hymn sung, and flat-rate gifts will be accepted. You may offer support and learn more by using this link <https://www.germantownumc.org/news/hymnathon/>

## Adult Education

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

**Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes starts Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-7:30 pm.** In this 7-session DVD study, we will explore the first five books of the Bible (called the Torah), the role of the Torah in Jewish worship, and highlight points of interest to Christians. We will find rich new insights into the Biblical story discovering how the Torah can be a source of wisdom, truth, and transformation in our lives. Facilitator: Terry Aust. Cost is \$12.

## Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

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

**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.

**Lent by Candlelight, Feb. 25, 6:30-8:30 pm:** We invite all women to this free event featuring warm fellowship over desserts and coffee in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall, followed by worship in the chapel to prepare for Lent. Please register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) under Sign Up & Events. Limited to 100 women. Preschool childcare is available at no charge.

## Germantown United Methodist Men (GUMM)

**The next breakfast for GUMM** will be next Saturday, February 8, at 8:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Crosslink Memphis and Mission Medical Supply Ministry will present the program. A.J. Kamer, Executive Director, will be the speaker. \$7.50 cost of the breakfast may be paid at the door. \$75 yearly membership fee, which covers the cost of eight breakfasts and provides additional funds for GUMM-sponsored mission projects, will be collected at the meeting. Make reservations by calling the Welcome Center at 754-7216, no later than Feb. 5. All the men of the church are urged to attend.

## Missions

Anne Fritz, [clarissafritz@att.net](mailto:clarissafritz@att.net)

**Project Transformation 2025 Book Drive Through Amazon Wish List;** Support Project Transformation Summer 2025 Reading Program by purchasing books via PT's 2025 Amazon wish list at: <https://a.co/0X0EARF>. If you have any questions please contact Mike Herringshaw at 901-277-3791 or email at [mjherringshaw@att.net](mailto:mjherringshaw@att.net).

**GUMC Donations for Crosslink:** Crosslink medical supplies ministry donation box is in the entrance to the fellowship hall. We need reading glasses, toothbrushes, toothpaste, self-adherent wrap (Coban), ace bandages, 4"x4" gauze pads, automatic B.P. kits, medical tape (cloth or paper), thermometers, and dental floss. If you have any questions call A.J. Kamer at (901) 323-8477 or Mike Herringshaw at [mjherringshaw@att.net](mailto:mjherringshaw@att.net).