



7th Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 23, 2025  
Traditional Service - 11:00 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of William P. Bailey, Jr. by Carole B. Stoneking, Michael Bailey, and Leanne L. Bailey.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Andrea Handley

**\*Welcome and Greeting**

**Introit**

A Glorious Introit

Michael Kenneth Ross

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 37:1-9a, 29

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

**do not fret over those who prosper and carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret, it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 140**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

*Apostles' Creed*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Call To Prayer**

*Through It All*

Andrae Crouch

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Mission Moment**

Project Transformation - Terrice Thomas

**Offertory**

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
May richer; fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 572**

*Pass It On*

(Children come down to the front during the last stanza.)

## Time With Children

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42,50

\*Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

The Seeds of Eternity

\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 389

*Freely, Freely*

\*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

\*Benediction Response UMH 668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

**Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.**

\*Postlude

*Toccata on Hyfrydol (Love Devine, All Loves Excelling)*

Joel Raney

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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.*



## Leading in Worship Today

Preaching: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall  
Time with Children: Natalie Adkinson  
Chancel Choir  
Matins Handbells

## This Week at GUMC

### Sunday, Feb. 23:

8:30 am Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs  
5:00 pm Testimony Choir  
6:15 pm Matins Handbells

### Tuesday, Feb. 25:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Group

### Wednesday, Feb. 26:

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

### Congregational Prayer List



### Digital Giving Options



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

**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.



**March 5 at 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday Choral Evensong in the Sanctuary:** The GUMC Chancel Choir will lead us into Lent with hymns, prayer and, Scripture. We'll be invited to an Observance of Lenten Discipline and Imposition of Ashes at the close of this service. All are welcome.

## 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.

### 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.

### Adult Education

*Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, 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!

**Join the Monthly Book Group, Tomorrow, February 24, 10 am, in Room 338** for a discussion of "*The Little Village of Booklovers*" by Nina George. No need to register; just purchase the book or check out the book from the library and join us for a lively conversation.

**The Gospel of John - Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World** starts Wednesday, March 5, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. In this 7 session Lenten study, author Melissa Spoelstra will encourage us to slow down and linger with the living Word as we explore context and historical insights. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$23.

### 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: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Please check the website or call the OLEC each week for changes in the pickleball schedule.

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

**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, Wednesday, Thursday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.

\*Open Gym times are for church members only.\*

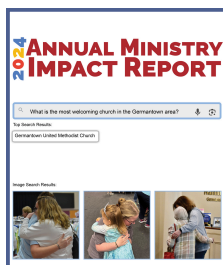
Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

### Germantown United Methodist Men (GUMM)

**The next breakfast for GUMM will be Saturday, March 8, at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** A representative from the Mid-South Food Bank will present the program. \$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 to GUMM-sponsored missions projects, will be collected at the meeting. Make reservations by calling the Welcome Center at 754-7216, no later than March. 5. All the men of the church are urged to attend.

**Our Annual Report Is finally out!**

**Scan the QR code below to view:**



## 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:** NO Element tonight due to Discovery weekend!

**High School Prayer Breakfast:** No Prayer Breakfast this week! We will start back next week!

**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! Next week, NO Synergy/Synago!

**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 short week at GUMP, our little friends are continuing to discuss matters of the heart. We are talking about taking good care of ourselves and how important it is to take care of our teeth!

## Missions

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

## 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.

**March Brown Bag Lunch Series!** Matthew Rhoads, Attorney-at-Law, Douglass & Runger, PLLC, will present "Planning for Long-Term Care." This presentation will be on Friday, March 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 April Event!** Join us for a tour of the National Weather Service Forecast Office and the Ducks Unlimited campus and to eat lunch at Coletta's Restaurant on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. We depart at 9:15 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the all-inclusive cost is \$18 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Gamet Brennehan, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, March 11.

## Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

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

**Spring/Summer GUWF Children's Consignment Sale:** It's that time of year! Clean out the closet clutter, rummage through the attic, and sort through the garage for clothing, toys, baby equipment, and more. **GUWF Children's Consignment Sale registration is now open!** Can't consign? We also accept in-kind donations for the sale! Visit [ConsignGermantown.com](http://ConsignGermantown.com) or scan QR code for details. Sale dates are April 4-5. Thank you for supporting the many missions of GUWF!

