



The flowers gracing the sanctuary are placed by David J. Akle in loving memory of his parents, Richard Akle, Jr. & Evelyn F. Akle, and his brother, Richard J. Akle, III.

The arrangement is comprised of palm branches and bare tree branches. The palms are ancient symbols of praise and thanksgiving and serve as reminders of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tree branches are symbols of the cross and of Jesus himself, the branch grown out of the roots of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1)

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. Kevin Cummings

Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:25-29

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! We beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD!

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

***Procession of Palms UMH 278**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 880**

Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Jesus Came In Triumph Riding

Lloyd Larson

Jesus came in triumph riding as the crowd around Him cheered. Waving palms, they ran to greet Him, shouting praises as He neared. Sing hosanna! Welcome Christ, our glorious King! Children filled the air with singing, Sweet hosannas, they did raise. From the lips of babes and infants, God ordained the sweetest praise.

Sing hosanna! Welcome Christ, our glorious King! Enter now our hearts, dear Jesus, reign in triumph every day. May our lives be praises to You as we follow Your way. Sing hosanna! Welcome Christ, our glorious King! Jesus came in triumph riding as the crowd around Him cheered. Waving palms, they ran to greet Him, shouting praises as He neared. Sing hosanna! Welcome Christ, our glorious King!

***Scripture**

John 13:21-30

Sermon

Lent: Repentance to Reconciliation
6. Reconciling

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 292**

What Wondrous Love is This?

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

*Hymn of Commitment UMH 294 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

*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

Fête

Franklin D. Ashdown

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

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
Members of the Chancel Choir

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

Office & OLEC Hours: The office and the OLEC will be open normal business hours on Good Friday, April 18, and closed all day on Monday, April 21.

Hands-only CPR training is TODAY, April 13, 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall led by a member of the Germantown Fire Department. Hands-only CPR is a life-saving skill, for people that can double the chance of survival during a sudden cardiac arrest, without the use of rescue breathing. Hosted by the Health and Wellness Committee, contact Erica Perkins at ericalperkins84@gmail.com with questions.

Spring Blood Drive: A single blood donation can save up to 3 lives. The Bloodmobile will be in the preschool parking lot **TODAY,** April 13, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. We need donors! Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome. Scan the QR code to register or contact Erica Perkins at ericalperkins84@gmail.com with questions.



GUMC Day of Service: A huge, heartfelt thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping us get the OLEC back in order for Prism after the GUWF Children's Consignment Sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

Holy Thursday Service: April 17, at 7:00 pm. Will be led by the Testimony Youth Choir, Element Praise Band, and several guest instrumentalists. Gather in the sanctuary as we partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, sing, pray, and listen to the proclamation of Scripture

Easter Morning Fellowship: Everyone is welcome to join members of Wesley 2.0 Sunday school class with their families for coffee, pictures, and fellowship on Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30-10:30 am, McVay Gardens, weather permitting.

Protecting Against the Threat of Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse presented on Sunday, April 27, 9:30-10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall with Special Agent Brooks Sample from the Department of Homeland Security. Learn how to implement preventive strategies and how to report suspected abuse to law enforcement. All are invited. Sponsored by the Church and Society Committee.

Looking for an Easy Way to Serve? Sign up to provide cookies one Sunday in the Narthex. Scan the QR code to sign up or for more information.



VBS volunteers needed! This massive event is successful because of your donated time and talents. Youth entering 7-12 grades and adults of all ages are welcome. We need station leaders, group leaders, decorators, and more. Questions? Reach out to Hayley Heard, Janelle Crist, or Natalie Adkinson. Attendees and volunteers much register before the May 15 deadline!

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.



Ministry, News and Events

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: 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. 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 or call 901-801-6368.

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 on Monday, April 28, at 10 am, Room 338, for a discussion of *The Women* by Kristen Hannah. No need to register, just purchase the book or check it out from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-school (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

At GUMP, we have had a busy last month of the school year! We celebrated GUMP's 50th birthday with all our current families, teachers, and staff with food, fun, and family activities! Our little friends had their spring pictures taken by Shannon Lenoir. Most importantly, we talked about what Easter is and why it's important. Happy Easter!

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

HopeWorks Morning of Hope Breakfast, April 26: HopeWorks, a GUMC-sponsored mission that provides ministries of adult education, English classes, Workforce reentry, and employer connections for the underserved and needy is again hosting the Morning of Hope Breakfast fundraiser at Highland Church. See the link <https://www.whyhopeworks.org/morning-of-hope/> to explore, register and attend. Questions? Contact Mike Herringshaw at mjherringshaw@att.net

Project Transformation 2025 is here! Opportunities include reading with children the week of June 16, meals with/for young adult interns, collect new books, healthy snacks, supplies. See Amazon wish list, <https://a.co/OXOEAREF>, prayer for that program. For more information contact Terrice Thomas at thomas@pttennessee.org

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC), 901-753-3100

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, 9-12 pm.

Nighttime: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 5:30-7:30 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, 6:15-7:15 pm.

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

Open Gym times: Please call the OLEC office to check for available times this week.*Open Gym times are for church members only.* Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Spring/Summer Children's Consignment Sale. It was a tremendous success. We couldn't have done it without all of our volunteers, consignors, shoppers, and GUMC staff support! All proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUWF. Our next sale is August 22-23!

May Speaker Luncheon, May 6, 11:30 am: All women are invited for a catered lunch, featuring speaker **Sarah Sutton**, Director, Germantown United Methodist Preschool, (GUMP.) Register with your \$12 payment by **NOON, May 1**, by credit card at germantownumc.org, "Sign Up & Events" or by check payable to "GUWF", "May Luncheon" in memo, and place in the GUWF lock box in the Information Center.

Children's Ministry

Natalie Adkinson, Director: nadkinson@germantownumc.org

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org

Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

Easter Egg Hunt in McVay Gardens on Saturday, April 19, from 9:30-10:30 am, and 10:30-11:30 am. Each family will sign up for an hour of fun, starting with the egg hunt, then enjoying train rides, petting zoo, games, crafts, etc. **Registration is required and is open on the church website.**

Planning ahead? Our VBS and summer camp registrations are now OPEN! Visit the church website to sign up. Spaces are limited.

True North - Vacation Bible School 2025: June 2-6. We learn to trust Jesus in our wild world. Children will experience songs, games, crafts, science experiments, live-action Bible stories, snacks, and fellowship. Attendees and volunteers must register before the May 15 deadline! Details are on the church website.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; cgranberry@germantownumc.org

Caasi Grove, Director of High School Ministries; 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 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner! Next week, no Element!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Is at 6:30 am this Tuesday at the Pavilion behind Houston High School! Come to school early for some Bible Study and Chick Fil A!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy (middle schoolers) will be this Wednesday from 6-7:15 pm in the Prescott House. Synago (high schoolers) will be from 7:15-8:30 pm, same day, same place!

High School Seniors: Senior Sunday is May 4! Contact Caasi for more details!

Summer: Our Summer Calendar is on the website now, and our 901 Mission camp registration is open!

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.

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*.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call... Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

XYZ's May Event! Come with us for a motorcoach trip to Jackson to eat at The Old Country Store and to Milan to tour the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We depart at 9:30 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the all-inclusive cost is \$55 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, April 15.

May Brown Bag Lunch Series! The "GUMC Attic Treasures Roadshow" will be Friday, May 2, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. Todd Stricklin, local interior designer and owner of Todd & Company Estate Sales, will be available to give you an estimated value of jewelry, china, art, books, fabric, silver, toys, games, dolls, and anything else you can carry in your hands. You may bring **only four items**—no pictures of items, vinyl records, stamps, coins, Orientalia, large pieces, or furniture, please. 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.

Please note: There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.

XYZ's June Event! Come with us for opening night when we see the musical *A Bronx Tale* at Playhouse on the Square on Friday, June 13, 2025. We depart at 6:45 pm, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$15 for your reserved seat and the opening night reception. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, May 13.

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

Sunday, Apr. 13:

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Alleluia and Hosanna Choirs
- 4:00 pm Testimony Choir
- 5:00 pm Cherub Choir
- 6:15 pm Matins Handbells

Tuesday, Apr. 15:

- 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
- 6:30 am High School Breakfast

Wednesday, Apr. 16:

- 6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Synergy
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:15 pm Synago

Congregational Prayer

List



Digital Giving Options

Online



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