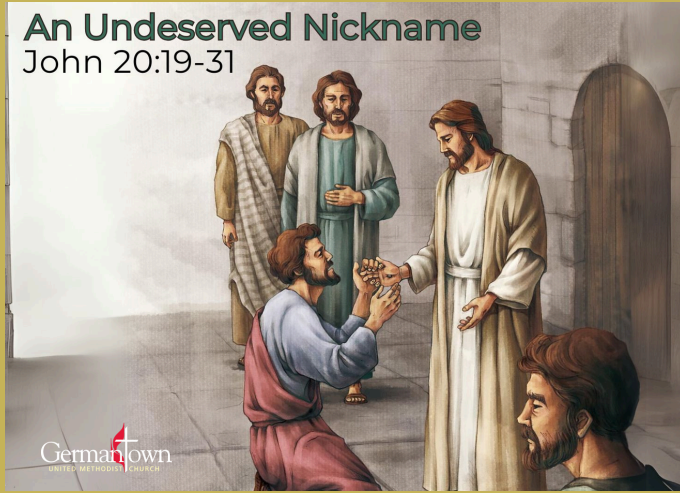


An Undeserved Nickname

John 20:19-31



Germantown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025

Liturgical Color -- White & Gold

Traditional Service - 8:30 am

**The flowers gracing the sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
by the Alpha class.**

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Processional Fanfare

Elizabeth Raum

Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds;

Sing praise to God's surpassing greatness. Praise the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Mission Moment

Hannah's Hope - Rev. Trina Morrison

Offertory

"Nimrod" From Elgar's Enigma Variations

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 303**

The Day of Resurrection

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

Time with the Children

***Scripture**

John 20:19-31

Sermon

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***Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2115**

Christ Has Risen

***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**

Achieved Is the Glorious Work

Haydn, arr. Alessi

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
Music Director & Liturgist: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall
University of Memphis Slide Octet, Dr. Martin McCain Jr., Director
Time With The Children: Hayley Heard
Acolytes: Cora Nelson

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

Join us for an event with Kendra Scott! TODAY, April 27, at 1 pm - 4 pm. Enjoy sips, sweets, and shopping! 20% of your purchase will benefit Hannah's Hope. Go online to KendraScott.com and use the online code: GIVEBACK-JELAN. This online code will be available from April 27 to April 29.

Protecting Against the Threat of Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse will be presented TODAY, 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. Everyone is invited to join us for this special presentation 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 grades 7-12 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 must register before the May 15 deadline!

Sanctuary Flowers: We need 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, 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.

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.



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

Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Event Registrations" at the top of the page.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Care Ministries Director, CLM

Care Ministries Seminar: Grief is a natural part of life, but it can be difficult. Care Ministries presents "Coping with the Death of a Loved One," May 12, 2025, 10:30 am or 6 pm, room 339. Register online. 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 this 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.

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@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/OXOEARF>, prayer for that program. For more information contact Terrice Thomas at thomas@ptttennessee.org

Germantown United Methodist Men (GUMM)

The United Methodist Men are having a Celebration Brunch, Saturday, May 10, at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to honor our spouses and significant others. All men are urged to attend and bring that special someone in your life. Rev. Todd Wilson and members of the Music Ministry will provide the entertainment. The cost is \$7.50 and can be paid at the door. To make your reservation call the Welcome Center at 901-754-7216, no later than Wednesday, May 7.

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, Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, No pickleball.

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, 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

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

Summer Camps: Our VBS & summer camp registrations are now OPEN! Visit the church website to sign up. Spaces are limited.

True North - Vacation Bible School 2025: Join us June 2-6, as 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: Last Element of the Semester will be tonight from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner!

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 NEXT Sunday, 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.

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. 27:

- 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
- 5:00 pm Testimony Choir
- 5:00 pm Cherub Choir

Tuesday, Apr. 29:

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

Wednesday, Apr. 30:

- 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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