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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025  
Liturgical Color -- White & Gold  
Traditional Service - 11:00 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary  
are given by Sandra & Chuck Rutledge & family,  
in memory of Rosalyn Rutledge Fortune,  
mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother,  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her passing on May 6, 2024.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Moment Musical, Op. 94, No. 1*

Franz Schubert

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 30:8-12

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 154** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name, (st. 1-3, 6)*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

*Apostles’ Creed*

**Congregational Call to Prayer UMH 349** *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Senior Testimony**

Lydia Maxwell

**Offertory**

*Agnus Dei*

Franz Schubert

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.

**TRANSLATION:**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**Scripture**

Revelation 5:1-14

**Sermon**

“Worthy”

**Recognition of Graduating Seniors**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

**\*Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2113**      *Lamb of God*

**\*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**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia  
alleluia, give praise to His name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died  
and has risen.**

**\*Postlude**

*Guiting Power (Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning)*

Paul L. Wright

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### 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  
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall  
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Anastasia and Joe Richard Penn  
Call to Worship: Chloe Granberry  
Apostles' Creed: Ellen Burkett  
Prayer: Bridget Flaherty  
Testimony: Lydia Maxwell  
Scripture: Max Merkle  
Senior Gifts: Caasi Grove  
Communion: Lydia Maxwell, Kenley Henderson, Ellen Burkett, Max Merkle  
Benediction: Kenley Henderson

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

**Hannah's Hope Mothers & Babies Program** is the recipient of today's Communion offering. Since July 2024, the program has provided 234 women throughout West Tennessee with needed services such as counseling, referrals for health care, and needed infant supplies. Its goal is to improve maternal health and reduce encounters with foster care.

**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 2025, 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 small 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.

## 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).*



### Summer Worship Service Schedule June 1 to August 3



9-10 am - Sunday school

10-10:30 am - Fellowship in the narthex and OLEC

10:30-11:30 am - Traditional worship service in the sanctuary

10:30-11:30 am - Prism worship service in the OLEC

## 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*

**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, in Room 339. Register online. Questions? Call Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, 901-801-6368. There is no cost.

### Missions

*Anne Fritz, [clarrisafriz@att.net](mailto:clarrisafriz@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 the program. For more information contact Terrice Thomas at [thomas@pttennessee.org](mailto:thomas@pttennessee.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](mailto:gkelly@germantownumc.org)*

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

**Pickleball this week:**

Daytime: Monday, 12-3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9-12 pm.

Nighttime: Monday, Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday Nights, 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 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 for this week. \*Open Gym times are for church members only. \*Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

## 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 Gamet 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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