



GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025
Liturgical Color -- White & Gold
Traditional Service - 8:30 am

The flowers gracing our sanctuary this Memorial Day weekend are placed with grateful hearts and deep appreciation by the Alpha Sunday School Class, for all those who have given their lives in the service of our country, to protect and preserve our freedom, and for the loss their families endure forever.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Make a Joyful Noise

Alan Viner

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 117

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let your nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 79**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name, (st. 1-4)

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 880**

Nicene Creed

Sacrament of Holy Baptism UMH 39

James Greene Brunson
Son of Pete & Caroline Brunson
Sibling: Lizzy Brunson

Recognition of Memorial Day

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Peace I Give to You

Taylor Davis

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you, peace, my peace.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
Shalom.

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 726**

O Holy City, Seen of John (st. 1, 3, 5)

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

Time with the Children

Scripture

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Sermon

"The City of God"

*Hymn of Commitment UMH 733

Marching to Zion

*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

This Joyful Eastertide
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

arr. John Behnke

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
Members of the Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Cora Nelson
Time With the Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister

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

Church Office will be closed all day on Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Church Board Meeting this Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 pm, in the Chapel.

Churchwide Pentecost Picnic, June 8 at 11:30 am, in McVay Gardens. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. Bring your own chairs or blanket, **and a food dish to share**. Although this event is free, please register so we have a proper headcount for food. Scan the QR code or visit germantownumc.org/sign-ups-events/#sign-ups.



Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship. The Emmaus Sunday school class is honored to establish this scholarship in memory of Lauren Wright Hobbs, who loved serving others in the nursing profession, and who lost her battle to cancer at the age of 29. This is the twelfth year of this scholarship. If you are a GUMC member and are attending nursing school now or in the upcoming fall semester, you may apply for this \$3000 scholarship. The Scholarship committee will review and select the recipient prior to July 1. The scholarship will be awarded for the 2025-2026 school year. You can make donations to this scholarship fund by writing your check to GUMC with Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship noted in the memo line or you can send an email to karen.oppenheim@gmail.com. Deadline is Friday, June 20.

Churchwide Redbirds Game Outing, July 13. First pitch begins at 1:05 pm. Our choir will be singing the National Anthem. \$15 includes your ticket to the game, a hotdog, and a drink. Kids under 12 get a FREE ice cream cone, access to inflatables, and will have the chance to run the bases after the game. Church vans will be provided for those who need transportation assistance. Scan the QR code, visit germantownumc.org/sign-up-events/#signups or write a check payable to GUMC, with "Redbirds Tickets" on the memo line.



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.



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.



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

The nursery will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children birth through pre-kindergarten.

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

Separated, divorced? Family or friends who are?

This seminar will help. "Coping with Separation or Divorce," Tuesday, June 24, Room 339, 10:30 am or 6:00 pm. Facilitator, Leigh Ann Pray, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. No cost, just register online. Contact Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries for more information. ytoney@germantownumc.org or call 901-801-6368.

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/OXOEAREF>, prayer for that program. For more information contact Terrice Thomas at thomas@pttennessee.org

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Small Household Items Needed: Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary (MHA) needs gently used small household items and women's accessories to be sold in MHA's gift shop in the Methodist University Hospital. Collection bins will be set up in the hallway behind the Fellowship Hall, next to the kitchen, through June 30. Contact Elaine Fetzer at elaine.fetzer@gmail.com with questions.

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

The OLEC will be closed on 5/26/25.

Pickleball this week:

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

Nighttime: Monday, CLOSED, 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, CLOSED, Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Monday, CLOSED, 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, CLOSED.

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

Body Boost: Monday, CLOSED.

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.

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

Elementary Summer Camps: Visit our website to view registration links for week 2 of Music & Arts Camp, Lakeshore, and Grades 5 & 6 Mission Camp.
<https://www.germantownumc.org/sign-up-events/#signups>

Summer worship schedule reminder: June 1-August 3, preschool and elementary Sunday school will meet from 9-10 am. The nursery will be open from 8:45-11:30 am, for children birth through pre-kindergarten.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, mgroh@germantownumc.com

Confirmation Class for Grown-Ups starts Monday, June 9, 7-8 pm. In this six-session study with Chloe Granberry, our Director of Middle School and Confirmation, we will discuss John Wesley's life/teaching, the Wesleyan understanding of grace, the sacraments, the Book of Discipline, and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. All are welcome. There is always something new to learn about Methodism! No Cost. Register at germantownumc.org.

HEAVEN: When Faith Becomes Sight starts Wednesday, June 18, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. In this 7-session video-based study, author Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of heaven from a biblical perspective. We will learn how our hope for tomorrow should shape how we live today. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost \$25. Register at germantownumc.org.

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.

Older Adult Programming to Resume in September... Our next Brown Bag Lunch presentation will be Friday, September 5, and our guest speaker will be Lt. John Doleac, Training Coordinator, Germantown Police Department. He will be talking about "Situational Awareness: How to be Safe When You Are Out in Public."

The September XYZ event will be our trip to see *Come From Away* at Playhouse on the Square on Friday, September 12. Your July *Tidings* will have complete information about these kick-off events.

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: Is over for the semester!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Is over for the semester!

Synergy/Synago: Is over for the semester!

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.

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

Sunday, May 25:

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship

Monday, May 26:

Church Offices Closed All Day

Tuesday, May 27:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 28:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

Online



Venmo



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