



STORIES You Know?

Summer Series on Key Old Testament Stories

GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7th Sunday After Pentecost, July 27, 2025
Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers this morning are given
by Betty Duke and family in memory of
Leiland Duke, husband, father, grandfather,
great grandfather, pilot, and Marine.
Loved by many and respected by all.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Our Father Who Art in Heaven

D. Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

***Call to Worship**

The Word of God came to Jonah.

The Word of God comes to us.

In storms and in fish, God remained with Jonah.

In our trials and in our doubt, God remains with us.

In the belly of the fish, Jonah's heart remembered God.

May the storms of life reveal Christ in our hearts.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Jonah 1:1-17

Congregational Call to Prayer TFWS 2160 *Into My Heart (st. 1)*

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;

Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Mission Moment

Labor of Love - Bryan Barger

Offertory

The Storm is Passing Over

Charles A. Tindley

Take courage, my soul, and let us journey on,
tho' the night is dark and I am far from home.

Thanks be to God, the morning light appears,
and the storm is passing over, hallelujah!

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn Sing

Congregation chooses hymns
(Children are invited to come forward during the last hymn)

Time With The Children

Scripture

Jonah 2:1, 9-10, 3:1-4:10

Sermon

“Stories You Know?” Series
7. Jonah and the Fish, ... and the Worm?

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 378**

Amazing Grace

***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 557** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (st. 1, 4)*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

Postlude

In Christ There is No East or West
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

Charles Callahan

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
Lay Readers: Call to Worship - Matthew Wise; Scripture - Dianne Barger
Music Director and Time with the Children: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Carol Craig
Members of the Chancel Choir

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

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.

Please fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and leave it attached to the pad or scan the QR code below.



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

The church board voted Sunday to continue the current summer schedule indefinitely. What began as plans for a ten week summer schedule has resulted in an overwhelmingly positive response. Whereas any schedule will not fully meet everyone's desires, the board felt it best to continue the good response to what we are doing. The continuing schedule for Sunday school is at 9 am, and both worship services at 10:30 am. People are encouraged to join in fellowship in the Narthex or OLEC prior to worship.

Saturday, August 9, 2025, 9 am-1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, The American Heart Association Heartsaver course trains participants to perform CPR, first aid, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) device in a safe, timely, and effective manner. The course covers adult, child, and infant CPR, and participants will receive course materials and certification card upon completion. The cost is \$75. Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting the church website.



Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, August 10. Join us during the Sunday school hour to meet our pastors, learn about the history, beliefs, and missions of Germantown UMC and how to get connected to our congregation, a perfect opportunity for visitors or those who are considering church membership! Please contact Mary Groh at mgroh@germantownumc.org if you are interest in attending.

Elementary Sunday School still needs two volunteers to help teach kindergarten and 1st grade Sunday School. All lessons and supplies are provided and you are welcome to switch off weeks to still attend your Adult Sunday School. For questions, reach out to Hayley Heard.

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.



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

Myths about Hospice: Hospice is only for the last few days of life. Hospice is only for cancer patients. Hospice is a last resort. These and other myths will be dispelled at the Hospice and Palliative Care Seminar, Monday, August 25, Room 339.

Representatives from Methodist Hospice will be here to facilitate. There is no cost. Please register online at germantownumc.org/Sign up and Events. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney, CLM, Director of Care Ministries at ytoney@germantownumc.org or call 901-801-6368.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Fall/Winter GUWF Children's Consignment Sale:

Spread the word! GUWF will hold its community-wide Children's Consignment Sale on August 22 - 23. Snag some great deals while supporting the many missions of GUWF. Consignor registration is open until midnight on Tuesday, August 19. Consignors and 4+ hour volunteers shop early at the pre-sale. Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan the QR code for details. It is a 36-year tradition of community outreach!

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 & Friday, 9 am-12 pm.

No pickleball on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Nighttime: Monday and Wednesday Only 5:30-7:30.

No pickleball on Tuesday or Thursday nights.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Monday, Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: 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. *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

Promotion Sunday: Children will promote to their next grade level in Sunday school on August 10. Children who are entering kindergarten will begin attending class in the Huddle. Children who are entering grade 6 will move across the street to the Oasis at the OLEC and begin confirmation class.
Acolyte Training: For 2nd graders and older, we have acolyte training on August 17 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. We invite all who wish to be acolytes to attend this training.

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 9:00 for snacks, games, and discussion!

Confirmation: August 10 is Promotion Sunday! 6th graders are invited to join us in the Oasis for Sunday Morning Trek. More Confirmation info coming soon!

Element: Element Kickoff will be on August 17, from 6:00-8:00 in the OLEC! Come join in on the fun!

High School Prayer Breakfast: We will start back on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Time and location TBD!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy and Synago will start back Aug. 13!

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*.
XYZ's September Event! Come with us to see the award-winning musical, *Come From Away*, at Playhouse on the Square, on Friday, September 12, 2025. We depart at 6:45 pm, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$15 for your reserved seat and transportation. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennenman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, August 12.
September Brown Bag Lunch Series! Lt. John Doleac, Training Coordinator, Germantown Police Department, will present "Situational Awareness: How to Be Safe When You Are Out in Public." This presentation will be on Friday, September 5, 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.**

Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, July 28, at 10 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *Becoming Madame Secretary*, by Stephanie Dray. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out a book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9:00-10:00, 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!

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Labor of Love: On Monday, September 1, Labor Day, GUMC will again join with our neighboring community of faith for an event called Labor of Love. We will assemble pre-packaged meals for distribution throughout the world. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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

Sunday, July 27:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, July 29:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, July 30:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options



[germantownumc.org](https://www.germantownumc.org)