



# STORIES You Know?

Summer Series on Key Old Testament Stories

GermanTown  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th Sunday After Pentecost, July 13, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given  
in memory of our mother & grandmother,  
Rebecca P. McGee,  
on the anniversary of her passing on 7/13/23.  
Given by her son, David K. McGee, daughter,  
Dana M. Moore, and grandson, Austin B. Moore.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Voluntary on "Cwm Rhondda"*

Robert Hobby

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**\*Call to Worship**

The Book of Worship 1965, alt.

In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 127**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

*A Modern Affirmation*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**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**

*With response: "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**"*

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

The sparrows of the air of small account:  
Our God doth view  
Whether they fall or mount,  
He guards us too.  
Consider  
The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,

*Consider*

Yet are most fair:  
What profits all this care And all this coil?  
Consider  
The birds that have no barn no harvest-weeks;  
God gives them food: Much more our Father  
seeks to do us good.

Roland E. Martin

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**Hymn Sing**

*Congregation chooses hymns*  
(Children are invited to the front at Rev. Wilson's Direction)

## Time With the Children

### Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

### Sermon

“Stories You Know?” Series  
4. Moses and the Burning Bush

\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 116 *The God of Abraham Praise*

### \*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

*Hymn to Joy*  
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

Albert Travis

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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. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Liturgists & Time With The Children: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Guest Organist/Pianist: Eva McPeters  
Members of the Chancel Choir

## 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

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

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

**We are hiring!** The Hamilton Nursery is looking for 2 new part-time nursery staff to replace our graduating seniors. Must be at least 16 years old to apply. Shifts are on Sunday mornings and some Wednesday evenings. Workers will assist in teaching Bible lessons, supervision of children, decorating for events, and more. Interested applicants should contact Natalie Adkinson ([nadkinson@germantownumc.org](mailto:nadkinson@germantownumc.org)).

**Churchwide Redbirds Game Outing, TODAY, 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 the 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](http://germantownumc.org/sign-up-events/#signups) or write a check payable to GUMC, with "Redbirds Tickets" on the memo line.



**Church Board Meeting, Sunday, July 20, 2025, 11:45 am,** in the Fellowship Hall, to address the worship schedule.

**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](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org) if you are interest in attending.

**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](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*

**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](http://germantownumc.org/Sign up and Events). Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney, CLM, Director of Care Ministries at [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org) or call 901-801-6368.

### Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

*Stephanie Adams, President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)*

**Fall/Winter GUWF Children's Consignment Sale:**

It's that time of the year! Clean out the closet clutter, rummage through the attic, and sort through the garage for clothing, toys, baby equipment, and more. GUWF Children's Consignment Sale registration is now open! Can't consign? We also accept in-kind donations for the sale! Visit [ConsignGermantown.com](http://ConsignGermantown.com) or scan the QR code for details. Sale dates are August 22-23. Thank you for supporting the many missions of GUWF!



### 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 pm 3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Monday, Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm, No pickleball on Tuesday or Thursday nights this week. 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:** 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](mailto:nadkinson@germantownumc.org)  
Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org)  
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: [hheard@germantownumc.org](mailto:hheard@germantownumc.org)

**Summer worship schedule reminder:** June 1-August 3, preschool and elementary Sunday school will meet from 9 am - 10:00 am. The nursery will be open from 8:45 am - 11:30 am, for children birth through pre-kindergarten. Elementary children will meet in the Huddle for the entire hour instead of breaking into small groups.

**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.

## Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; [cgranberry@germantownumc.org](mailto:cgranberry@germantownumc.org)  
Caasi Grove, Director of High School Ministries; [cgrove@germantownumc.org](mailto: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!

**Sunday Red Birds Game:** No Sunday Study!

**Mission Tuesday:** Join us from 8:30 am-12:00 pm, this Tuesday, July 15, for our mission project: helping pack hygiene bags at Sista2Sista. Registration is online!

**Summer Synergy:** Rising grades 7-9! Join us this Wednesday, July 16, in the Oasis from 3 pm-6 pm, for Summer Synergy!

**Our Summer Calendar is on our Website!**

**Check it out!**

**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](mailto:luci2@comcast.net).

Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in *The Tidings*.

**AARP Smart Driver™ Course!** GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on July 17 & 18, 2025 from 9 am-1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Ray Smith at 901-410-0184 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

**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 Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, August 12.

## Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, [mgroh@germantownumc.com](mailto: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!

## T h i s   W e e k   a t   G U M C

### Sunday, July 13:

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

### Tuesday, July 15:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 16:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

## Congregational Prayer List



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