



4th Sunday After Pentecost, July 6, 2025 Liturgical Color - Green Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are lovingly given in memory of Barbara Pendergrast, our precious friend and previous member of the sanctuary floral design team.

The red, white & blue flowers gracing our sanctuary are celebrating the 249<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of our great nation on July 4, 1776.

With faith-filled, grateful hearts, let us be reminded of the ancient words of the Psalmist: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

\*Please stand as you are able

Prelude Amazing Grace arr. Lani Smith

**Welcome and Announcements** 

\*Greeting Our Neighbor

\*Call to Worship

The Book of Worship 1965, alt.

The hour is coming, and now is when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

\*Hymn of Praise UMH 698

God of the Ages

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

Apostles' Creed

\*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Scripture Genesis 37:1-17a

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

I Vow to Thee, My Country

Holst/arr. James Kirkby

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above, Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love, The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test, That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase, And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

# \*Doxology UMH 95

Scripture Genesis 37:17b-36

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn Medley UMH 696, 697 America the Beautiful, My Country Tis of Thee (First and Last Stanzas)

#### Sermon

#### Celebration and Reception of St. Mark's UMC

#### **Sacrament of Communion UMH 12**

\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 437 This is My Song (st. 1, 3)

#### \*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** 

God of Our Fathers
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

arr. Robert J. Hughes

# <u>Leading in Worship Today</u>

Preaching: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music Organist/Pianist: André Duvall 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.





### <u>Announcements</u>

We are hiring! The Hamilton Nursery is looking for 3 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 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).

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 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 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.



# <u>Ministry, News and Events</u>

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:
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 or scan the QR code for details. Sale dates are August 22-23. Thank you for supporting the many missions of GUWF!

#### 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!

# 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 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 pight, 6:15-7:15 pm.

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 Elementary Summer Camps: Visit our website for a link for week 2 of Music & Arts 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 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.

#### Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; cgranberry@germantownumc.org Caasi Grove, Director of High School Ministries; cgrove@germantownumc.org

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 Study:** Join Chloe at Germantown Library TODAY, July 6, from 1 pm-3 pm, to work on your summer work!

**DND:** Join DP Caasi in the Oasis from 5-8 pm, this Tuesday, July 8, for our Summer Campaign! Registration is required!

**Summer Synago:** Rising grades 9 completed-12 graders! Join us this Wednesday, July 9, in the Oasis from 3 pm- 6 pm, for Summer Synago!

**Mission Thursday:** Join us from 12 pm-3:30 pm, this Thursday, July 10, for our mission project: packing boxes at Catholic Charities. Registration is online!

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.
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.

# <u>This Week at GUMC</u>

Sunday, July 6:

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

Tuesday, July 8:

6:30 am Men's Sonrise Bible Study

Wednesday, July 9:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

Congregational Prayer List





Digital Giving Options
Online Venmo



