

11th Sunday After Pentecost, August 24, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers are given by Jack Henton
in celebration of what would have been
Jack and Vauneida Henton's
70th wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the Narthex today are placed by JB &
Carole Kiser in celebration of their
60th wedding anniversary.

Straightened

Luke 13:10-17



Jesus and the Bent-Over Woman, 2014
Sister Barbara Schwarz, Dominican

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

Clap Your Hands, All Peoples!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless the LORD, O my soul, do not forget his benefits--
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals your diseases,
who redeems your life, who crowns you with mercy.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 731**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

A Modern Affirmation

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Isaiah 58:9b-10,13-14

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

Youth Leadership Memphis - Steve Taylor

Offertory

Sing to the Lord a New Song

David and Jean Perry

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name. Sing to the Lord a new song. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works to mankind. The Lord is great, and greatly praised, sing to the Lord all the lands. Come to the Lord and bless his name, praise him all creatures of the earth. Then heaven and earth shall rejoice. Oceans and fields exalt his name.

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn Sing

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

Time With the Children

***Scripture**

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

Straightened

Hymn of Commitment UMH 263 *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee*

***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

Voluntary in G, 18th Century English
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

attributed to H. Heron

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 - Carter Moore; Scripture - Kaitlyn Moore
Acolyte: Eric Wilds
Music Director & Time With the Children: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
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

GUMC Day of Service: A huge, heartfelt thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping us get the OLEC back in order for Prism after the GUWF Children's Consignment Sale. We couldn't have done it without you! We appreciated every helping hand!

GUMC Fall Kickoff Cookout, Wednesday, August 27, 5:30-6:30 pm, in the OLEC. Free event! Inflatables for the kids. Bring a side dish to share. Register by noon, Monday, August 25, at germantownumc.org. "Event Registrations."

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,
ytoney@germantownumc.org*

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, Aug. 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.

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: Mon. 12 pm-3 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Mon. Only 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, No Wednesday night pickleball.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon. and Wed. 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Wed. 2-3 pm.

Senior Fitness Walk Fit: Tues. 10-11 am.

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Thurs. 10-11 am.

Fit 4 Mom Stroller Strides: Mon. 9:30-10:45 am.

Stroller Barre: Wed. and Fri. 9:30-10:45 am.

Body Boost: Mon. night, 6:15-7:15 pm.

Body Ignite: Wed. night, 6:15-7:15 pm.

Martial Arts: Tues. and Thurs. 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.

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Youth Leadership Memphis: GUMC supports Youth Leadership of Memphis. This ministry works with fatherless inner-city boys, teaching them the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ. The YLM process develops a strong moral character, consisting of honesty, anger management, teamwork, forgiveness, and a good work ethic. These traits are accomplished through working alongside the boys doing yard maintenance. To help YLM, call Steve Taylor, 901-644-0020.

Music Ministry

*Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,
twilson@germantownumc.org*

Children and Youth Choirs begin Sunday, Sept. 7, at 5 pm. Children's Choirs meet in the Children's Education Wing, and Testimony Youth Choir meets in the Choir Suite. Fellowship, service, music education, and leading in worship at GUMC are the fundamentals experienced, and it's fun! Contact Todd Wilson with any questions.

Congregational Health

Erica Perkins, Chair, ericalperkins@gmail.com

Fall Congregational Health Challenge/Devotional:

Walking with Paul is a 6-week study exploring Paul's journey in the book of Acts. It combines daily devotions with simple lifestyle changes to enhance your health and faith. Participants set their own manageable health goals, like increasing steps or water intake. Cost: \$13.50. Register online and order your book at germantownumc.org. Deadline to register is Sun., Aug. 31. Books will be available for pick up in the GUMC Welcome Center before the start date. Turn in your completed log for a prize.

Youth

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

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9 am for snacks, games, and discussion!

Element: We will be having our first regular Element of the semester! Join us from 6-8 TONIGHT in the gym for food, fellowship, games, worship, and small groups. Open to 6-12th graders! No Element next week. (We will also have an Element Band interest meeting today at 3:30 in the Oasis.)

High School Prayer Breakfast: Will take place this Tues. We'll be meeting in the Pavilion behind Houston High School at 6:30 am. Chloe will bring Chick-fil-A!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy and Synago will NOT meet this Wed., due to the Churchwide Cookout!

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.

Children's Ministry

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping Stones (Newborn-Prekindergarten):

The Hamilton Nursery is open for children birth through pre-kindergarten from 8:45-11:30 am on Sundays. Preschool Sunday school meets from 9-10 am.

Elementary Sunday School (Kindergarten-5th grade): We meet from 9-10 am, each week. Child drop off is in individual classrooms, in the children's education wing. Please pick up your child at 10 am, in the Huddle (room 240).

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): (Kindergarten-5th grade), begins Wed., Sept. 3, from 6-7:30 pm. Dinner is served at 6 pm, in the fellowship hall, then kids will enjoy engaging activities and mission opportunities. Pick up for elementary children is in the education wing at 7:30 pm. Register online by each Tuesday at noon. (\$5/child).

Super Kids! God's heroes in training: (ages 2-5 prekindergarten) begins Wed., Sept. 3, from 6-7:30 pm (during WOW.) Preschoolers meet in the nursery for dinner, Bible stories, crafts, and fun. Nursery available for children under 2. Registration available online. Must register by each Tues. at noon! (\$5/child)

Acolytes Needed: Sign up to acolyte! Must be in the second grade or older. There is no age limit! If your child is interested in acolyting and has not been trained, contact Hayley Heard to schedule a training session or scan the QR code.



Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group, starts Mon., Aug. 25, at 10 am, room 338, for a discussion of *The Women of Jersey Island* by Rachel Dynski. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library and join us.

REVELATION - Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom, starts Wed., Sept. 3, 9:45 am-11:45 am, via Zoom. This 10-session Bible study, and discover how this last book of the Bible speaks both a steadying word of assurance and a strong call to endure to the church in every age. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$28. Register at germantownumc.org.

HEBREWS - Grace and Gratitude, starts Tues. Sept. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm. This is a 6 session study of the Book of Hebrews. We will explore the connection between God's grace in our lives and the call to invest ourselves in God's mission in the world. Facilitator: Terry Aust. Cost: \$13.

MATTHEW - The Gospel of Promised Blessings, starts Tues. Sept. 16, 9:30-11 am. This 6-session study includes the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus. Facilitated by Mary Groh. Cost \$13.

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*.

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," Fri., Sept. 5, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. Program starts at 11 am, with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; beverages provided. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed.

XYZ's October Event! See *Oceans: Our Blue Planet* at the Giant 3D Theater, lunch at a local restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025. We depart at 9:30 am, from the OLEC parking lot. Cost is \$12 per person plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tues., Sept. 23.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Thank you for your support! GUWF would like to thank everyone who supported the Fall/Winter Children's Consignment Sale. It was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without all of our volunteers, consignors, shoppers, and GUMC staff support. All proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUWF. We will see you for our next sale, March 27-28, 2026.

Blessing of the Babies: If you have a baby, grandchild, or great-grandchild born after Aug. 2024, please send a photo, baby's name, date of birth, and parents, grandparents, great-grandparent's names to Yolanda Toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org by **Aug. 25**. Your baby will be blessed at the GUWF luncheon on Sept. 16, receive a blessing certificate, and will be included in a video compilation.

September Speaker Luncheon: Tues. Sept. 16, 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall, for a catered lunch. Message from Rev. Dr. Birgitte Thaarup French, Senior Pastor of Colonial Park United Methodist Church. All women are invited. Cost is \$12. Registration is required by **NOON, Sept. 11**. Register with credit card at germantownumc.org/ Sign up and events or scan QR code. Checks in memo "Sept. lunch" or deposit cash in GUWF box located at the information center.



Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, August 24:

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

Tuesday, August 26:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 am High School Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, August 27:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
5:30 pm Fall Kickoff Cookout
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer List



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