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|  <p>Witnesses Hebrews 11:29-12:2</p> |  |
| | <p>10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 17, 2025 Liturgical Color - Green Traditional Service - 10:30 am</p> |
| | <p>The flowers in today's service are given by Jo and Randy Lewis, in loving memory of our mothers, Doris Chudomelka and Donna Lewis, on the first anniversary of their passing.</p> |

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Great Is The Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Clap Your Hands, All Peoples!

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

***Call to Worship**

The Book of Worship (1965, alt)

May those who love the Lord's salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

Our hearts are glad in the Lord, because we trust in the Lord's holy name.

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

We praise you, O Lord, and we acknowledge you to be our God!

***Hymn of Praise UMH 98**

To God Be the Glory

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 880**

Nicene Creed

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Hebrews 11:29-36

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

Offertory

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn Sing

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

Time With the Children

Scripture

Hebrews 11:37-12:2

Sermon

Witnesses

Hymn of Commitment UMH 664 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

***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

Recessional on St. Anne
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

Gordon Young

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 & Time With The Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Lay Readers: Call to Worship - Kennedy Keel; Scripture - Becca Keel
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall
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 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 are at 10:30 am. People are encouraged to join in fellowship in the Narthex or OLEC prior to worship.

Day of Service sign up is TODAY in the Narthex. We need all hands on deck on August 23 after the Children's Consignment Sale to get the OLEC ready for PRISM. Shifts are from 12:30 - 3:30 pm and 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/GUMC-DayOfService> to sign up for a time slot.



The History and Policies Behind U.S. Immigration will be presented on August 24, 9 am-10 am, in the Fellowship Hall, with Attorney Bryce Ashby and Professor Michael LaRosa, from Rhodes College. Their presentation will explore the economic and historical challenges present in seven Latin American nations that force "out" migration as well as the complexity of U.S. immigration laws. Please plan to attend this special event, sponsored by The Church and Society Committee, to learn more about this multifaceted issue.

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 germantownnumc.org. Go to germantownnumc.org and "Sign Up & Events."

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: germantownnumc.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@germantownnumc.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 <https://www.germantownnumc.org/sign-up-events/#signups> Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney, CLM, Director of Care Ministries, at ytoney@germantownnumc.org or call 901-801-6368.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC), 901-753-3100

*Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,
gkelly@germantownnumc.org*

*Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,
kmarsh@germantownnumc.org*

Due to Consignment Sale- please note the below changes in the OLEC schedule.

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12 pm-3 pm Tues. 8:30 am-11 am.

Nighttime: No nighttime play this week.

Downstairs Exercises, Cardio and Workout rooms will be available during regular hours. Track will be available at regular hours on Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8-4 pm, but will be closed on Fri., and Sat.

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.

Music Ministry

*Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,
twilson@germantownnumc.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 germantownnumc.org "Sign Up and Events." Deadline to register is Sunday, 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@germantownnumc.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: Element Out of the Blue! Element "Blue Bash" kickoff TODAY, from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! We'll be having food, fun, inflatables, games, and, of course, celebrating the color blue. Wear blue to the party-unless you want to stick out!

High School Prayer Breakfast: 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, our middle school group, will meet from 6-7:15 pm, Synago, our high-school group, will meet from 7:15-8:30 pm. Both will meet in the Oasis!

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

Sunday School Volunteer Needed: We still need 1 more adult to help teach kindergarten and 1st grade Sunday school. All lessons and supplies are provided. If you prefer, you can teach every other week, to stay plugged in with your adult class. If interested, please contact Hayley Heard.

Acolyte Training: For 2nd graders and older, we have acolyte training **TODAY**, at 4 pm, in the sanctuary. We invite all who wish to be acolytes to attend this training.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): (K-fifth 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-prekindergarten) begins Wed., Sept. 3, from 6-7 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 Tuesday at noon! (\$5/child)

Bible Presentation: We will present our upper elementary students with Bibles during the worship service on Sept. 28. If you have a child in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and did not receive an email about Bibles, please contact Hayley Heard by Aug. 20.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,

mgroh@germantownumc.com

Join the Monthly Book Group on 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. Join us for this 10-session Bible study as we 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 under "Sign Up & Events."

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafriz@att.net

Join Team Read - Team Read Coaches needed: Team Read is recruiting coaches to help second graders learn the foundational words of reading by spending one hour a week at a school 10-15 minutes from GUMC. If you can operate a flash card, you can help a second grader. Email jrfraum@yahoo.com for 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*.

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! Oceans: Our Blue Planet at the Giant 3D Theater, lunch at Belly Acres 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 Gamet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tues., Sept. 23.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Fall/Winter GUWF Children's Consignment Sale:

Get ready to shop, save, support local missions! The GUWF Children's Consignment Sale begins this Friday, Aug. 22, 8 am - 3 pm, at the OLEC. Many items will be marked half-price that evening from 5 pm - 8 pm. Half-price sale continues Sat., Aug. 23, 8 am - 12 pm. Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan QR code for details!



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 or scan QR code. Checks or cash in GUWF box located at the information center.



R e c u r r i n g W e e k l y a t G U M C

Sunday, August 17:

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

Tuesday, August 19:

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

Wednesday, August 20:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:00 pm Synergy
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:15 pm Synago

Congregational Prayer List



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