



GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8th Sunday After Pentecost, August 3, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

STORIES You Know?

Summer Series on Key Old Testament Stories

The flowers gracing the sanctuary
are given by Romilly Robinson,
in memory of Brian Hailey
and in honor of his first birthday
since his passing.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 181**

Ye Servants of God

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

A Modern Affirmation

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Daniel 6:1-15

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. John Carter

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***Doxology UMH 95**

Scripture

Daniel 6:16-28

Sermon

"Stories You Know?" Series
8. Daniel in the Lion's Den

***Hymn UMH 617**

I Come with Joy

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

Sung Responses For The Great Thanksgiving UMH 17

Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2196

We Walk by Faith

***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

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

arr. Mark Hayes

L e a d i n g i n W o r s h i p T o d a y

Preaching and Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Lay Readers: Call to Worship - Dibbie & Hank Lubozynski; Scripture - Matt Rhoads
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall
Wesley 2.0 Singers and Guests, Tim Wise, Testimony Youth Choir Director
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.

Lauren Wright Hobbs Nursing Scholarship 2025, has been awarded to Carson Callaway. Carson is the daughter of Jason and Kimberly Callaway and the granddaughter of Joel and Sue Myers. Thank you very much to those who have already donated to this scholarship in Lauren's name.

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.

Blessings 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 August 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.

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 germantownumc.org. "Event Registrations."

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 Haylee Heard.

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, 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.

Congregational Health

Erica Perkins, Chair

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 Sunday, August 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.

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-Friday, 9 am-12 pm.

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

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.

Acolyte Training: For second 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

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.

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!



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 Gamet Brenneman, 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

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, 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. 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 jrflaum@yahoo.com for details.

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, August 3:

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

Tuesday, August 5:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, August 6:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

Congregational Prayer List



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