

12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 31, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers are given by
Bill Whitaker, in memory of Cathy Whitaker's
passing and Bill and Cathy's anniversary.

The Narthex flowers are placed in celebration of
Carole and JB Kiser's 60th wedding anniversary.
Given by the Federico and Madrid families.
Congratulations on 60 wonderful years of marriage.

Table Manners

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Eternal Life

O. Dungan, arr. T. Baldrige

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

Voices Raised to You

Carolyn Jennings

Call to Worship

Psalm 112:1-2, 6,9-10 (ed)

Happy are those who fear God and delight in his law

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

The righteous will never be moved;

the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

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

God You Made All Things for Singing

arr. John Ferguson

God You made all things for
singing, even canyons carved
from stone. Thunder sets the
hard rock ringing, with the hymn
the skies intone. Alleluia, alleluia,
yours the praise and yours alone.

As the clap and roll of thunder,
give their rocks the note to
start. Spirit free the songs of
wonder, waiting in the thankful
heart. Alleluia, alleluia. Help
each voice to sing its part.

Join with us in all our singing,
make our music Lord Your own.
Be the bass note deeply ringing,
be the highest overtone Alleluia,
alleluia. Yours the praise and
Yours alone. Alleluia, alleluia.
Yours the praise and Yours
alone.

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn Sing

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

Time With the Children

***Scripture**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Table Manners

Hymn of Commitment W&S 3033 *God of Great and God of Small*

***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

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

arr. G. Sykes

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 - Maggie King; Scripture - Gerald Toney
Time With the Children: Hayley Heard
Acolyte: Kennedy Keel
Music Director: 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!

Church offices will be closed all day, Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day Holiday.

Churchwide Family Fun Day at Putt-Putt Golf & Games: Sept. 21, at 1 pm. Everyone is invited to an afternoon of mini-golf, laser tag, go-carts, arcade games, and more! Stay and play until 6 pm. Free event. No registration required.

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, Director of Care Ministries,
ytoney@germantownumc.org*

The Care Ministries Team is hosting an annual **Fall Prayer Vigil, Thurs., Oct. 9, 8 am - 4 pm, in the GUMC Chapel.** It's a time to pray, sit and reflect, or journal. Come and go as you please. Questions? Contact Yolanda toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org or 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*

The OLEC will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.

Youth Basketball registration opens Sept. 1, for Kindergarten-6th grade. Cost is \$130 and includes Junior Grizzlies uniform, ball and two game tickets. Go to sign up and events on the church website to register. Deadline is Oct. 20.

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. Closed, Tues. - Fri., 9 am-12 pm.
Nighttime: Mon. Closed, Wed. 5:30-7:30 pm.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon. Closed, 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. Closed.

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

Body Boost: Mon. night, Closed.

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@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.

Adult Education

*Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,
mgroh@germantownumc.com*

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.

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. Join us for this 6-session study into 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.

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: No Element tonight due to Labor Day Weekend.

High School Prayer Breakfast: No Prayer Breakfast due to Labor Day.

Synergy and Synago: Synergy and Synago will meet this Wed.! Synergy, our middle school group will meet from 6 pm-7:15, and Synago, our high school group, will meet from 7:15 pm-8:30. 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

Preschool Stepping Stones (Newborn-Prekindergarten):

The Hamilton Nursery is open for children newborn 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.



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, consigners, 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.

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 online with credit card at germantownumc.org Sign Up and Events or scan the QR code. Checks, memo "Sept. lunch" cash deposited in GUWF box located at the information center.



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 BABALU - East Memphis 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.

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 TODAY, 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.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

Men's Breakfast will be Sept. 13 at 8am. The speaker will be Dale Lane, of the Collierville Police Department. He has been in public safety for 37 years and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. All men of the church are urged to attend. The cost of breakfast is \$7.50 per person. Reservations are needed and should be made by Wed., Sept. 10, by calling the Welcome Center at 901-754-7216.

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

Sunday, August 31:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm Element

Monday, September 1:

Church Offices Closed All Day

Tuesday, September 2:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, September 3:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer List



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