



14th Sunday After Pentecost, September 14, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary  
are given by Ben & Mary Ellen Kemker  
in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The arrangement placed in the Narthex  
is given by Elaine Fetzer and George Gill  
in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*In Glad Adoration*

Phil Lehenbauer

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit**

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

COVENANT HYMN

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 51:1,6-10 (selected)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love

**You desire truth in the inward being; teach me wisdom in my heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**Let me hear joy and gladness;**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart. O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 103**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

*Modern Affirmation*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism UMH 39**

Elliott Donald Cathcart  
Parent: Natalie Cathcart

**Scripture**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Congregational Call to Prayer UMH 473** *Lead Me, Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;

make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,

that makest me dwell in safety.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Valerio/Beuchner

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch; like me! I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How  
precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed! The Lord hath promised good to me, His word my  
hope secured; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**Hymn Sing**

Congregation Chooses Hymns  
(Children are invited to come forward during last hymn.)

**Time With the Children**

**\*Scripture**

Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon**

Lost and Found

**Hymn of Commitment UMH 378**

*Amazing Grace*

**\*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**

*Royal March in A-Flat Major*  
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

Phil Lehenbauer

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

Preaching & Time with the Children: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Lay Readers: Call to Worship - Rosie Penn; Scripture - Frances Paulson  
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Chancel Choir

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## **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](mailto: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

**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.

**In Unity We Lift Our Song,** a Hymn Festival, 5 pm, Sept. 21, GUMC Sanctuary, featuring the combined adult choirs of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal and Germantown UMC. Congregational hymns focusing on Christian unity will be featured, and two choir anthems by the combined choirs will be sung. We will close the evening by receiving Holy Communion.

**First Annual Blessing of the Animals,** Sat., Oct. 4, 10 am, Trinity Center at McVay Gardens. The Blessing of the Animals will honor and bless the beloved animals in our GUMC community. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. A fitting day to bring your leashed or crated animal family member to receive a blessing!

**Fall Blood Drive:** Did you know that a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives? The bloodmobile will be at GUMC on Sun., Oct. 5, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. They will be parked in the preschool parking lot. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are always welcome! Scan the QR code to register, or email [ericalperkins84@gmail.com](mailto:ericalperkins84@gmail.com) with questions. Hosted by the Health & Wellness Committee.



## 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](http://germantownumc.org)

Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Event Registrations" at the top of the page.

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

*Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,  
[gkelly@germantownumc.org](mailto:gkelly@germantownumc.org)*

*Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,  
[kmarsh@germantownumc.org](mailto:kmarsh@germantownumc.org)*

**Youth Basketball Registration opened Sept. 1** for Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$130, 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. 12 pm-3 pm, Tues. - Fri., 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Mon. and Wed. 5:30-7:30 pm.

#### **Try one of our group exercise classes:**

**Gentle Yoga:** Mon., 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 am-10:45 am.

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

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

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

**Hatha Yoga:** Mon. 6:30 pm-7:30 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](mailto:clarissafritz@att.net)*

**RITI Volunteer Opportunities:** Room In The Inn Season at The Cottage starts soon! Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. We invite you to come experience the magic that happens each Friday night from Nov. - March; friends and family included. Any student can achieve service hours.

Interest/Questions contact: Roger Woelke at 901-277-5094 or scan QR code.



### **Care Ministries**

*Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries,  
[ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org) or 901-801-6368.

### **Youth**

*Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; [cgranberry@germantownumc.org](mailto: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:** Join us from 6 pm-8 pm, TONIGHT in the OLEC for food, fellowship, games, worship, and small groups. Please bring \$5 for dinner. Open to 6th-12<sup>th</sup> graders! NO Element next week.

**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 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.

### **Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)**

*Stephanie Adams, President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)*

**September Speaker Luncheon:** Friendly reminder for all women who registered to attend the GUWF Luncheon on Tues., Sept. 16, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Registration is now closed.**

## Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: [bkeel@germantownumc.org](mailto:bkeel@germantownumc.org)

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org)

Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: [hheard@germantownumc.org](mailto:hheard@germantownumc.org)

### Preschool Stepping Stones (Newborn-Prekindergarten):

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

**Elementary Sunday School (Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> 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).

Join us Wed., 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): Join us Wed., 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 Becca Keel to schedule a training session or scan the QR code.



## Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,

[mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@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.

**Join the Monthly Book Group, Monday, Sept. 22, at 10 am**, in Room 338, for a discussion of *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. No need to register. Just purchase the book or check it out from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

**Igniting the Spark:** Leadership development for anyone current, curious, and called to facilitate and lead throughout our thriving Adult Christian Education Ministry, **Wed. Sept. 24, 6:30 pm-8 pm**. Open to all experienced Sunday school teachers and to those who would like to begin teaching adult classes. Register at [Germantownumc.org](http://Germantownumc.org).

## Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, [luci2@comcast.net](mailto:luci2@comcast.net).

Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in *The Tidings*.

**Are you Ready to Play Some Bridge?** The weekly Fri. Bridge Group meets in the Huddle from 10 am-2 pm, for party bridge and fellowship. No partners are needed. Just bring a sack lunch or a potluck dish to share. Contact Kay Lindamood, 754-6033, for more information. Park in the East parking lot (Germantown Rd side of the building) and go to the entrance under the portico. Press the button on the speaker box, and someone will buzz you into the building.

**October Brown Bag Lunch Series!** Willy Bearden, Memphis Film Maker & Author, will speak about "Lights, Camera, Memphis, and Mississippi: A Writer's Life in Pictures and Prose." This presentation will be on Fri. Oct. 3, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. This 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 for help with overflow parking.**

**AARP Smart Driver™ Course!** GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on Oct. 16 & 17, 2025, from 9 am-1pm. 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 October Event!** Come with us to see *Oceans: Our Blue Planet* at the Giant 3D Theater and eat lunch at BABALU - East Memphis on Thurs., 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. 30, the extended deadline.

## Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, [ssutton@germantownumc.org](mailto:ssutton@germantownumc.org)

We are so thankful for the incredible teachers at GUMP who have lovingly guided our preschoolers through their first weeks, helping them feel safe, confident, and excited about school. This week, we started a few of our special classes-chapel, music and art. Also, some of our friends participated in speech screenings that were offered to our preschoolers.

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, September 14:

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship  
5:00 pm Testimony Choir  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs  
6:00 pm Element  
6:15 pm Matins Handbells

### Tuesday, September 16:

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

### Wednesday, September 17:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group  
6:00 pm Synergy/Synago  
5:30 pm Wesley Chimes  
6:00 pm WOW-Worship on Wed.  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer  
List



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