

20th Sunday After Pentecost, October 26, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers are given by
the Fellowship Forum class
to the glory of God and in memory of
its members who have gone before them.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy* Jason Krug

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit *I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me* Alice Jordan

Call to Worship Traditional Monastic Liturgy

The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.
Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.
The Lord will come and rule for ever. Alleluia!

***Hymn of Praise UMH 77** *How Great Thou Art*

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 885** *Modern Affirmation*

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

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

Generosity Moment Rich Aust

Offertory *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* Mark Miller

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for
years and years to come, Our shelter from
the stormy blast and our eternal home.
Under the shadow of your throne, still may
we ever dwell secure. Sufficient is Your arm
alone, and our defense is sure. O God our
help in ages past, our hope for years to
come, Our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home.

Pray be our guide while life shall
last, and our eternal home.
A thousand ages in Your sight
are like an evening quickly gone;
Short as the watch that ends the
night before the rising sun. O
time, like an everflowing stream,
soon bears us, everyone, away.

We fly, forgotten as a
dream, but God
remembers, so do we,
Your love will live on, live
on. O God, our help in
ages past, and our
eternal home!

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn Sing (Children are invited to come forward during the last hymn.)

Time With the Children

Scripture

Psalm 121

Sermon

A Walk Among the Psalms: Autumn Series
4. A Psalm of Help

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 578** *God of Love and God of Power*

***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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

arr. Terry Baldrige

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
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Matins Handbells
Acolyte: Eric Wilds
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Margot Athow
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

Fall Fest: Our annual Fall Fest is TODAY, immediately following the worship services until 1:30 pm. This FREE event in the McVay Gardens includes games, inflatables, pumpkin painting, and more! Non-scary costumes are encouraged!

Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, Nov. 2, 9-10 am. 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 interested in attending.

Charge Conference will be Nov. 5, at 6 pm, in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. All Church Board Members are strongly encouraged to attend this annual meeting with our District Superintendent.

Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner is Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30-6:30 pm in the OLEC. Join us for a cherished tradition of feasting and fellowship with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings while seated at tables decorated by our United Women in Faith! Cost for the dinner is \$18/adult, \$8/child (4-11), and free for children 3 and under. Make reservations and pay online or at the Welcome Center during business hours (deadline to register is noon Nov. 17).

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 “Sign Up & Events” at the top of the page.

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.- 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. 9:30-10:45 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.

Hatha Yoga: Mon. 6:30 -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.

Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group Tomorrow., Oct. 27, at 10 am, in room 338 for a discussion of *The Price of a Future* by Jackie Flaum. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out a book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9-10 on Sun. 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!

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: Turkey Bowl is TONIGHT! Join us for our yearly dodgeball tournament from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Cost is \$10 per player. This year it's Halloween themed, so be sure to dress up! Next week: No Element.

High School Prayer Breakfast: Will take place this Tuesday. 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 Wednesday! Synergy, our middle school group, will meet from 6-7:15 pm, and Synago, our high school group, will meet from 7-15-8:30 pm. Both will meet in the Oasis!

Crave: Registration for Crave is open on our webpage! Come join us at our crave retreat at Victory Ranch, Nov. 7-9. Registration closes Nov. 3rd!

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.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, ytoney@germantownumc.org

Healthcare Law & Advance Care Planning Seminar facilitated by Matthew Rhoads, Monday, Nov. 3, 10:30 am, in room 339. There is no cost; however, registration is required. Register at germantownumc.org; sign up and events. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney at 901-801-6368.

Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: bkeel@germantownumc.org

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 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).

TODAY, The kids will be led by their Sunday school leaders, on a "trick or treat" walk to the adult Sunday school classrooms. Be sure to join us after worship for our annual fall fest in the McVay Gardens. Details in the general announcements.

Family Advent Workshop: Join us Nov. 19, from 6:30-7:45 pm (following the church wide Thanksgiving dinner) in the fellowship hall for this family event. Create an Advent wreath and do some holiday crafts. No registration required.

Acolytes Needed: Scan QR code to 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.



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*.

November Brown Bag Lunch Series! Jamie Boelter, Memphis Historian and Researcher, will speak about "Bits, Bridles, & Big Barn Doors." This presentation will be on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 am, with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply 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.

XYZ's December Event! Celebrate Christmas with us at the Peabody Hotel and Capriccio Grill on Thurs., Dec. 11, 2025. We depart at 9:30 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the \$35 cost includes lunch. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call: Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

Germantown United Methodist Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Cinnamon Rolls, SOLD OUT! Thank you to all who purchased cinnamon rolls! the proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUWF.

Volunteers Needed! Volunteers are needed for our Annual Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale! Anyone can join us in the OLEC on Oct. 28-30. Please contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or monocodog@aol.com.



Gift Cards Collected for UMNC: United Methodist Neighborhood Centers is in need of \$25 Kroger or Walmart gift cards to distribute through their supported food pantries. Gift Card donations may be placed in the GUWF mail slot at the Information Center located near the Welcome Center until Tuesday, Nov. 11. Place gift cards in a sealed envelope marked to the attention of Dinah Allison.

November Speaker Luncheon. Tues., Nov. 11, 11:30 am, a catered lunch and inspirational message from Leigh Ann Pray LMFT, Executive Director of Clinical Services at the Omni Family of Services, in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Register with payment of \$12 by NOON, Nov. 6, online with credit card, germantownumc.org, Sign Up & Events, scan QR code, Cash, Checks, payable to GUWF, memo "Nov. lunch," deposited in GUWF box located at the Information Center.



Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

GUMC hosts Room in the Inn, a mission to provide safe, overnight shelter for people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers provide a meal and friendly hospitality to our guests who may be women with children, or single women or men. Please see the RITI volunteers after the service to find out how you can help.

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

Sunday, October 26:

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

Tuesday, October 28:

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

Wednesday, October 29:

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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