



17th Sunday After Pentecost, October 5, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The Sanctuary flowers are given  
by Brad Gabriel, to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Brad and Linda Gabriel's  
40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Prelude from Antique Suite for Flute and Piano*

John Rutter

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit**

*The Open Table*

Mark Miller

**Call to Worship**

Romans 13:11-12

You know what time it is,  
**how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.**  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;  
**the night is far gone, the day is near.**  
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
and **put on the armor of light.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 577**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**\*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**

**Offertory**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Dan Forrest

Where charity and love prevail, there  
God is ever found. Brought here  
together by Christ's love, by love we  
thus are bound. With grateful joy and  
holy fear true charity we learn; Let us  
with heart and mind and strength now  
love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess; And let us  
love each other well in Christian holiness.  
Let strife among us be unknown, let all our  
fighting cease. Be Christ the glory that we  
seek. Be ours His holy peace.

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**Scripture**

Psalm 37:1-11

**Sermon**

A Walk Among the Psalms: Autumn Series  
1. A Psalm of Trust

**Hymn of Preparation UMH 621**     *Be Present at Our Table, Lord*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH-12**

Sung Response TFWS 2257 a-d

**\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 129**     *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

**\*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**

*Sonata in G for Piano with Flute Accompaniment, movement 1*  
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

J. Christian Bach

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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: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Flute: Jeanne Simmons  
Acolyte: Maggie King  
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Dotty Carter  
Alleluia Choir, Hosanna Choir, Testimony Youth Choir,  
Directors Peggy Warner, Libby Schielke, Tim Wise  
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

**Fall Blood Drive:** Did you know that a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives? The bloodmobile will be at GUMC **TODAY**, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. It 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.

**Fall Fest:** Save the date for our annual Fall Fest on Oct. 26, immediately following the worship services until 1:30 pm. This FREE event in the McVay Gardens includes games, inflatables, pumpkin painting, and more! Lunch (hamburgers/hot dogs) is available for purchase if you register before Oct. 24 at noon! Don't forget to wear your non-scary costumes to Sunday school and Church that day!



## 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. 9:30-10:45 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.

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

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

**Delicious GUWF Cinnamon Rolls coming soon!** Pre-order in the Welcome Center and OLEC on **Sundays, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26**. The cost is only \$12 per dozen, cash, check, or credit card accepted. Quantities are limited! Baking and pickup days are Oct. 28, 29, or 30 at the OLEC. For questions or to volunteer, contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or [monacodog@aol.com](mailto:monacodog@aol.com) or scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer.



### **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 6-8 pm TONIGHT in the OLEC for food, fellowship, games, worship, and small groups. Please bring \$5 for dinner. Open to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! No Element next week!

**High School Prayer Breakfast:** Will take place this Tuesday. We'll be meeting in the Pavilion behind Houston High School at 6:30. Chloe will bring Chick-Fil-A!

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

**Turkey Bowl:** Join us for our yearly dodgeball tournament on Oct. 26, from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Now is the time to start building your teams! Registration is \$15 per person! This year it's Halloween themed, so be sure to dress up!

**Crave:** Registration for Crave is open on our webpage! Come join us at our Crave Retreat at Victory Ranch, Nov. 7-9. Early Bird Pricing ends next week! Bus space is limited, so register soon!

**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 Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)**

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

GUMP had a busy week. We had our fall parent/teacher conferences. Also, Shannon Lenoir photography took pictures of our little friends. These pictures capture the personalities of our friends and will be cherished by their parents forever!

## 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 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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.



## Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,  
[mgroh@germantownumc.com](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.com)

**Attention All Adult Sunday School Presidents and Program Chairs!** In-Service Training is on Mon., Oct. 6, 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship hall. Topics to be discussed include attendance, programming, meeting space, hospitality. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

## 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*.

**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.

**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 November Event!** Come with us for opening night when we see *A Tuna Christmas* at Circuit Playhouse on Fri., Nov. 21, 2025. We depart at 6:45 pm from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$15 for your reserved seat and the opening night reception. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennenman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tues., Oct. 21.

**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.**

## Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music

**All Music Ensembles are underway** and are accepting new participants. Youth and Children's Choir meets at 5 pm, Sun. evenings. Chancel Choir meets Wed. at 6:30 pm. All choirs are beginning preparation for Christmas Music. If you'd like to sing with us at Christmas, please reach out to Todd Wilson at [twilson@germantownumc.org](mailto:twilson@germantownumc.org).

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

### Sunday, October 5:

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, October 7:

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

### Wednesday, October 8:

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

Congregational Prayer  
List



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