



German Town
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

23rd Sunday After Pentecost, November 16, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary today
are given to the Glory of God
from the Asbury Sunday School Class.

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Variations on "I've Got Peace Like a River"* Spiritual/arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting Our Neighbor

Introit *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Carl G. Glaser

Call to Worship

Come, all who are anxious and burdened. Come, all who carry the weight of tomorrow on your shoulders.

We come to rest in God's presence, to lay down our worries and lift up our hearts in trust.

Look at the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. Our Creator cares for them and even more for us.

We will not be ruled by fear or concern. Our hope is in the God who provides.

Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you.

We choose to trust, to breathe, and to worship. For our God is faithful, and his peace guards our hearts.

Come then, with confidence and joy. Let us worship the One who holds our tomorrows.

We worship the God who calms our hearts and carries our worries.

*Hymn of Praise UMH 147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*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 Gerald Toney

Offertory *Come To Me* Dan Forrest

Come to Me, all you who labor, come to me and I will give you rest.

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.

Come, My Child, learn My heart, for I am gentle and lowly.

See how great My love for you, that I have called you, My child.

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 405** *Seek Ye First*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture** Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 130** *God Will Take Care of You*

***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 *Fanfare on Festal Song* by. Michael Bedford
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

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

Preaching/Time With Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Liturgist: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Guest Music Director: Tim Wise, Testimony Youth Choir Director
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Jack Lawhon
Acolyte: Eric Wilds
Chancel Choir
Soloist: Ana Cristina Soto | Cello, Ina O'Ryan

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

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. Purchase tickets TODAY before or after worship or online. Deadline to register is noon Nov. 17. **A free Advent workshop** will follow, 6:30-7:45 pm, in the Fellowship hall, where your family can make an Advent wreath and other decorations for the season.

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: No nighttime pickleball until after the first of the year due to basketball practices.

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

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!

The Marvel and Miracle of Advent, a 4-session Bible study, starts Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. Advent is not only a season of waiting and preparation, but, also, it's a season of action to share the hope of Jesus with everyone. Your hope and spirit will be revived, as we recapture the wonder of Jesus living with us. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$16. Register at germantownumc.org.

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, November 24 at 10 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *Beasts of a Little Land* by Juhea Kim. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out a book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

The First Advent in Palestine, starts Tuesday, Nov. 25, 6-7 pm. Join Rev. Linda and Rev. Brad Gabriel for a 4-session study as we read the Advent narratives of Luke and Matthew anew, in their original context, to see the story of resistance, abusive rulers and systems of oppression, and God coming to earth. No cost, but please register.

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: Join us from 6-8 TONIGHT in the OLEC for food, fellowship, games, worship, and small groups. Please bring \$5 for dinner. Open to 6th-12th graders!

High School Prayer Breakfast: We will meet at the Starbucks at Houston Levee at 6:15. Come to prayer breakfast, and Chloe will buy you a Starbucks drink!

Synergy and Synago: There will be NO Synergy/Synago this week. Join us at the Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner!

Chillax: Registration is now open for our Middle School Lock-In! Drop off is 7 pm, Dec. 19, and pickup is 7am, Dec. 20. 6th-8th grade! Spots fill up quickly!

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

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).

Family Advent Workshop: Join us Nov. 19, from 6:30-7:45 pm (following the churchwide 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.



Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org
Thank you! Thanks to the generosity of GUMC and GUWF members, we collected over \$3,500 in Kroger and Walmart gift cards for United Methodist Neighborhood Centers!

Christmas Brunch: Tues., Dec. 2, 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall, a catered brunch, festive fellowship, and sounds of the season! **All women are invited!**

Register with payment of \$12 by **NOON**, Nov. 26, online with credit card, germantownumc.org, Sign Up & Events, or scan QR code. Cash, Checks payable to GUWF, memo "Christmas Brunch" deposited in GUWF lockbox, located in Information Center.

Christmas Cookie Shoppe: Sat., Dec. 13, 9 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall. Thousands of cookies await you at the **12th Annual Christmas Cookie Shoppe!** Come buy boxes of custom cookies and candies for yourself or gifts. Cost is only \$10 per pound. Don't miss this opportunity to bring home Christmas treats and support the many missions of GUWF.

Volunteers Needed! We need lots of cookie bakers! Help us fill the Fellowship Hall with Christmas cookies, candies, and treats for this wonderful holiday tradition.

Your 12 dozen cookies or candies of the same type are due Dec. 12. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to volunteer or contact Jan Corkern, 494-7035,

jancorkern@yahoo.com or Barbara Schanson, 270-9331, barcons@comcast.net.



Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org
This week at GUMP, we explored Thanksgiving traditions and what they mean to each of us. As part of our discussion, we shared stories about our families, celebrating the ways they are alike and appreciating the unique differences that make each one special.

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*.

December Brown Bag Lunch Series! Timothy Taylor, host of Swing Shift Shuffle on WEVL FM 89.9, will reminisce with us about "Spirits of Christmas Past: A Multimedia Trip Back to Yuletide in the 1940s." This presentation will be on Friday, Dec. 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 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.**

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.

Care Ministries

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

You Are Not Alone. The Care Ministries Team is here to support you. We offer prayer and practical assistance to help navigate life's challenges. Our quarterly seminars focus on a variety of life's challenges. Watch for them. Our Care Ministries Director, CLM Yolanda Toney, is Grief Care certified and is available for confidential meetings. To schedule, email ytoney@germantownumc.org or call 901-801-6368.

Next week, November 23, is Commitment Sunday.
Please bring your completed Estimate of Giving cards to worship
as we rejoice in our opportunities to be generous.

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

Sunday, November 16:

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

Tuesday, November 18:

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

Wednesday, November 19:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
5:30 pm Wesley Chimes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

Online Venmo

