

22nd Sunday After Pentecost, November 9, 2025
Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of
Mary Carpenter on what would have been her 89th birthday.
Given by Tim and Dawn Carpenter.

The flowers in the narthex are placed with deeply grateful hearts
for the many freedoms we enjoy as we honor Veterans and their
families, both living and deceased.

*The red symbolizes the blood shed for our freedom, white
represents purity & strength, and blue indicates vigilance,
perseverance & justice.*

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Elegiac Prelude on Jerusalem

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

arr. Stacy Nordmeyer

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1,2 (alt.)

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
He has remembered his steadfast love to Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God!

***Hymn of Praise UMH 173**

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Job 19:23-27a

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.

Veteran's Day Recognition

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

More Love

Kevin Siegfried

O we have found a lovely vine in this valley blooming, whose blossoms shoot and promise fruit that's beautiful and cheering. More love, the heavens and blessing. More love, the angels are calling. More love, more love. It's verdant branches spread so wide, it shades the meek and lowly. It's dazzling light does shine so bright, it truly fills the valley. We'll plant it and sow it and everyday grow it. The angels are calling more love.

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn of Preparation UMH 369 *Blessed Assurance*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture** Luke: 20:27-38

Sermon A Living God

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 318** *Christ is Alive*

***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 *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* arr. Albert Mendoza
(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. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Liturgist/Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Luke Mitchell, Scripture, Dan Moore
Acolytes: Eric Wilds
Chancel Choir

Alleluia & Hosanna Choirs, Libby Schielke & Peggy Warner, directors, Accompanist, Melissa Hayes

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. 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

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.

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: There is NO Element tonight due to Crave!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Will NOT take place this Tuesday!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy and Synago will not meet this Wednesday!

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 Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

This week at GUMP, our little friends are learning about the joy of sharing, being kind, and the importance of giving to others. Through stories and play they are learning how small acts can make a big difference.

Germantown United Methodist Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Thank you! Germantown United Women of Faith would like to thank all who supported our Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale. It was a tremendous success! The proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUWF. Thanks to all who worked, bought, and supported this annual event.

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. You may place gift card donations 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: Friendly reminder for all women who registered to attend the GUWF Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11:30 am, in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. **Registration is now closed.**

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, Cash, Checks payable to GUWF, memo "Christmas Brunch" deposited in GUWF lockbox, located in Information Center. Registration QR code now available.



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.



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*.

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 Brennenman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Waiting list availability only.

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.

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

Sunday, November 9:

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 11:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, November 12:

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

Congregational Prayer List



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