



Working on a Commission

Matthew 3:13-17

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 11, 2026

Liturgical Color - White

Traditional Service - 10:30 am

Today's sanctuary flowers are placed
in remembrance
of Allen Underwood, a loving husband and father,
on the first anniversary of his passing.
Given by Emily Underwood,
their sons, and extended family.

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Deep River

arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

CAITHNESS

Call to Worship

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29:3a, 10-11

***Opening Hymn UMH 252**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Congregational Call to Prayer W&S 3131 *Hear My Prayer, O God*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Robert Lee

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way,
and who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way,
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

...O brothers, ... fathers,... mothers,... sinners.

*Doxology UMH 95

*Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

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*Hymn of Preparation UMH 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (st.1)*

Remembrance of Baptism UMH 50

*Hymn of Dedication UMH 398

Jesus Calls Us

*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 206 Refrain *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Postlude

Toccata on Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

(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: Rev. Jack Henton, Pastor Emeritus

Liturgist/Time With the Children: 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

Lay Reader: Call to Worship: Carter Moore | Scripture: Kaitlyn Moore

Acolytes: Kallen Perkins, Kennedy Keel

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.



Scan the QR code to record your attendance or fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and leave it attached to the pad.

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See ushers for assistance, if needed.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

2nd Annual Hymnathon Fundraiser: GUMC Choristers will sing from the Hymnal for 3 hours straight! You may support a singer by pledging an amount per the number of hymns sung. You may also support singers with a fixed pledge amount. An information table will be in narthex starting Jan. 18. Support GUMC musicians to attend Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska!

2026 Sanctuary Flowers Requests: Don't forget to request your dates for Sunday sanctuary flowers for 2026. Following Sunday worship, flowers are rearranged into smaller florals and then delivered to our homebound members. Flowers for the sanctuary remain a treasured way to enhance worship, while honoring or remembering a loved one, celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or honoring a friend. For more information or to select a date, please visit our website www.germantownumc.org, click on the "Sign Up & Events" menu to the far right and choose "Communication Hub" in the drop-down list, scroll down to "Forms" near the bottom, then choose "Sanctuary Flowers Form" or call Lisa Bell at OLEC 753-3100.

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. Wed., Fri.,
9:30-10:45 am.

Stroller Barre: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:30-10:45 am

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

Strides 360/Body Ignite: Wed. night, 6:15-7:15 pm

Hatha Yoga: Mon. 6:30 -7:30 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*

The Gospel of Mark, The Jesus We're Aching For

starts Wed., Jan. 14, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. In this
7-week study, we will follow Jesus through his days of
early ministry to the cross and discover what it means
to be the recipients of his overflowing compassion.

Facilitator: Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$24.

The Heart of the Psalms - Understanding God's

Word to the World starts Tues. Jan. 20, 9:30-11 am.
We will focus on six Psalms and examine why these
Psalms connect so deeply with us, the church, and
beyond. This study will help us understand how and
why these Psalms matter and how they can be
transformative for us today. Facilitator: Mary Groh.
Cost: \$19.

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, Jan. 26,
at 10 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *Persuasion*
by Jane Austin. No need to register, just purchase the
book or check out from the library and join us for a
lively discussion.

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from
9-10 on Sunday mornings. Please check out the list of
classes, locations, teachers, and topics at the
Welcome Center online and join us. Visitors are
always welcome!

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.*

February Brown Bag Lunch Series! Johnny Pardue,
Retired Air Traffic Controller will tell us about "My Life as
an Air Traffic Controller." This presentation will be on
Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall. The 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 to help with overflow parking.**

XYZ's February Event! Join us for a unique experience
when we take a class at the Memphis Zoo and eat
lunch at Bosco's Squared on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026.
We depart at 9 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the
cost is \$10 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 Monday, Jan. 26.

XYZ's March Event! As part of our observance of Lent,
we are going downtown to listen to Barbara Brown Taylor
at the Lenton Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal
Church, eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop, and have a
private tour of the 30+ stained glass windows at Grace-St.
Luke's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, March 25. We
depart at 10 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is
\$5 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 Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Christmas Items Needed: Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary
is in need of gently used Christmas items to be sold at
MHA's annual sale next November. These items may be
Christmas linens, figurines, serving pieces, ornaments, gift
bags, tins, and craft items. Collection bins will be set up in
the hallway, behind the Fellowship Hall, in front of the
kitchen, through **January 31**. Contact Elaine Fetzer at
elaine.fetzer@gmail.com with questions.

February Speaker Luncheon: Tues., Feb. 10, 11:30 am, a
catered lunch and inspirational message from Rev. Linda
Gabriel, Elder Care Minister, in the Fellowship hall. **All**
women are invited! Register with payment of \$15 by
NOON, Feb. 5, online with credit card,
germantownumc.org, Signup & Events, Cash,
Checks, memo: "Feb. lunch" deposited in GUWF
lockbox located in the Information Center, or scan
the QR code.



Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries;
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: Element kickoff will be tonight from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Grades 6-12. Join us for Neon Night — we'll be having delicious food and silent disco! No Element next week due to MLK weekend!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Prayer breakfast will start back on Tues. Jan. 27! It's at 6:30 am, at the Starbucks on Houston Levee! Contact Chloe if you need a ride to school!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy/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! Discovery planning happening in Synago!

Discovery Weekend: February 20-22! Grades 6-12! Sign ups are open for this amazing youth retreat! Sign up in the month of Jan. and get \$20 off!

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

Alzheimer's Seminar: Over 7 million loved ones are living with Alzheimer's. Join us as we hear about Alzheimer's warning signs, navigating the diagnosis, understanding the stages, how to help caregivers, and more. This will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, 10:30 am, Room 339. The Alzheimer's Association, Tennessee Chapter, will facilitate this seminar. There is no cost; just register online. Questions, contact Yolanda Toney, ytoney@germantownumc.org.

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).

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): (Kindergarten-5th grade). WOW will return on Jan. 14, so mark your calendars! Join us 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 in the education wing at 7:30 pm. Preschoolers meet in the nursery for dinner, Bible stories, crafts, and fun. Nursery available for children under 2. Register online by each Tuesday 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.

Ignite Retreat: Jan. 24-25, at St. Columba Retreat Center. This overnight retreat is for students in grades 4-5 and is a wonderful opportunity for team building and diving into God's word together. Registration is required.



Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

Happy New Year! GUMP is so happy to have all our little friends back after the holidays! We are in the process of reenrollment for the 2026/2027 school year. We look forward to a great second semester!

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, Jan. 11:

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Children's Choirs
- 5:00 pm Testimony Choir

Tuesday, Jan. 13:

- 6:30 am Men's Sonrise Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 14:

- 6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm Wesley Chimes
- 6:00 pm WOW
- 6:00 pm Synergy
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:15 pm Synago

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

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