

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026

Liturgical Color - Purple  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers are given  
to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Rev. Dr. William Bailey Jr.  
by Carole B. Stoneking, Michael F. Bailey,  
and Leanne L. Bailey.



**7**  
**SEVEN**  
LAST WORDS

A Lenten Worship Series

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

arr. Tom Fettke

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**\*Call to Worship**

In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15 b-c

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 121**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**Confession and Pardon UMH 890**

**Response to Confession TFWS 2275**

*Kyrie*

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism UMH 39**

Hayes Thomas O'Hara  
Parents: Steven & Alexa O'Hara

**Scripture**

Psalms 22:1-21

**Call to Prayer TFWS 2108**

*O How He Loves You and Me*

Carl Daw

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

*Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

Oh Lord  
Please hear my prayer  
In the morning when I rise  
It's your servant  
Bound for glory  
Oh dear Lord  
Please hear my prayer

Oh Lord  
Please hear my prayer  
Keep me safe  
Within your arms  
It's your servant  
Bound for glory  
Oh dear Lord  
Please hear my prayer

When my work  
On earth is done  
And you come  
To take me home  
Just to know  
That I am Bound  
For glory  
And to hear you say  
Well done.

Done with sin  
And sorrow  
Have mercy  
Mercy  
Amen

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**\*Hymn of Preparation W&S 3075** *Glory in the Cross*  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

**Time With the Children**

**\*Scripture**

Mark 15:33-34

**Sermon**

Seven Last Words  
4. Last Word of Prayer

**\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 287** *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?*

**\*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**

Sung by the Choir

**Postlude**

*Postlude in G minor*  
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

Emma Louise Ashford

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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. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Liturgist/Time With the Children: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Lucas Adkinson | Scripture: Kaitlyn Moore  
Acolytes: Anne Tipton Rogers & Eric Wilds  
Chancel Choir

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## **Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!**

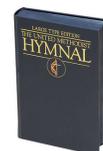
*If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org).*



**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.**



**Assisted Listening Devices and Large Print Hymnals Available.  
See an usher for assistance with either, if needed.**



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

**We are hiring an Associate Youth Director!** Expect Sunday mornings and evenings, also Wednesday evenings, and some administrative hours throughout the week. About 15-20 hours per week; a few more, on occasion, during summer months. Compensation commensurate with experience. Send resume, short introduction, and favorite youth group game to [salford@germantownumc.org](mailto:salford@germantownumc.org).

**DAY OF SERVICE:** GUMC needs all hands on deck following the Spring Consignment Sale on March 28. Two shifts available: 12:30-3:30 pm, and 3:30-6:30 pm. Scan the QR code for information. Come join us!



**Save the date! April 24, 6-8:30 pm, in the OLEC.** The Finance Committee is sponsoring **Spring into Auction: Supporting Ministries of GUMC**, an evening filled with music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and great fellowship with friends. A silent auction benefitting GUMC's many ministries will be the highlight of the evening. We're inviting members of our community to donate things that make an auction exciting – gift cards, unique experiences, vacation homes, artwork, services, and other special items on which people love to bid. To donate, contact Jennifer Predmore, 901-230-1116, or Patty Harriman, 901-412-8557.

## 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 "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](mailto:gkelly@germantownumc.org)

Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,  
[kmarsh@germantownumc.org](mailto:kmarsh@germantownumc.org)

**Calling all 4, 5, & 6-year-olds!** T-Ball registration is OPEN! Games begin in April, and the season lasts for 6 weeks. Cost includes uniform, league fee, and medal trophy. Sign up under Events on the church website. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS March 17!**  
**Pickleball this week:**

Daytime: Mon. 12-3 pm, Tues. - Fri. 9 am-12 pm,  
Nighttime: Nighttime pickleball will now be available from 5-7:30 pm on Wednesday nights.

**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

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

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

**Body Boost:** Mon. 9:30-10:45 am.

**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.

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

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

**Spring/Summer GUWF Children's Consignment Sale.**

Spread the word! GUWF will hold its community-wide Children's Consignment Sale on March 27-28.

Snag some great deals while supporting the many missions of GUWF. Consignor registration is open until midnight on Tuesday, March 24.

Consignors and 4+ hour volunteers shop early at the pre-sale. Visit [ConsignGermantown.com](http://ConsignGermantown.com) or scan QR code for details. It's a 37 year tradition of community outreach!



**Blessing of the Babies.** If you have a baby, grandchild, or great-grandchild born after May 2025, please send a photo, the baby's name, date of birth, and parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents' names to Yolanda Toney at [yvctoney@gmail.com](mailto:yvctoney@gmail.com) by **April 10**. Your baby will be blessed at the GUWF luncheon on Tuesday, May 5, receive a blessing certificate, and will be included in a video compilation.

### **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*.

**April Brown Bag Lunch Series!** Andy Pouncy, City of

Germantown, TN Historian and Former Chair of the Tennessee Historical Commission, will speak about "Frances Wright and Nashoba, an Experiment to End Slavery." This presentation will be on Friday, April 10, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall. **Please note that this is a change in date.** 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 April Event!** Come with us to spend a leisurely day, along the river, at the Mississippi River Museum at the Tunica River Park and eat lunch at the Blue & White Restaurant in the heart of Tunica on Thurs. April 23, 2026. We depart at 8:30 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$9 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, March 23.

**XYZ's May Event!** Join us for a baseball game when we see the Memphis Redbirds beat the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp at AutoZone Park on Wed., May 12, 2026. We depart at 5:30 pm from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$15 per person for your reserved seat and transportation. Dinner is on your own at the ballpark. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Friday, April 10.

### **Care Ministries**

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries,

[ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org)

**Join us for Steady Ground, A Safe Place for those Navigating Loss and Change, Mar. 22**, immediately following worship, in the Fellowship Hall. You will need to register. When you register, you may elect to order a boxed lunch or bring your own lunch. See the February Tidings for more details. Registration is open NOW!

**Register for the Spring Prayer Vigil** to be held on Mar. 26, from 8 am. until 4 pm., in the Chapel. You will be able to register in one-hour intervals. You are committing to pray for this church, its ministries, and our community. The Chapel will be open, or you may pray wherever you are. Registration is open NOW!

## Adult Education

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

**Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, March 23, at 10 am**, in Room 338 for a discussion of *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, by Bill Bryson. 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 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 will be tonight from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Grades 6-12. Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner!

**High School Prayer Breakfast:** Is at 6:30 am, this Tuesday, at the Starbucks on Houston Levee! Contact Chloe if you need a ride to school!

**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!

**Confirmation:** Confirmation retreat is happening Sat., April 18! Confirmation service is at 3 pm, on April 19, in McVay Gardens (weather permitting.) The whole congregation is invited to celebrate our new members.

**High School Seniors:** The Senior Sunday packet deadline is April 13! Contact Chloe for more details!

**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.

## Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

**Join GUMC on a life-changing mission trip to Kenya, June 18-July 1, 2026**, serving alongside trusted local partners and growing in faith through hands-on service and daily spiritual reflection. Contact Susan Hillebert (Team Leader) 901-359-6954, or 1kids.doctor@gmail.com for details. Scan the QR code for more information or visit [qrco.de/bgC4Rv](http://qrco.de/bgC4Rv).



## United Methodist Men

**The United Methodist Men** will meet for breakfast and program on Sat., March 14, at 8 am, in the Fellowship hall. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. Please call the church office (901) 754-7216 no later than March 11 to make your reservation.

## 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 this Wed., from 6-7:30 pm, for the last WOW of the spring semester. 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).

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 4, from 10-11 am, and 11 am-12 pm, in the McVay Gardens. Join us for the fun! Register online for a one-hour timeslot. We will start each hour with the egg hunt, then the children can enjoy train rides, petting zoo, games, crafts, and photos with the Easter bunny. Visit the church website to register.

### Summer Registrations are open!

**VBS 2026** will be June 8-12, 9 am-noon. For children ages 4 (by 8/15/26) through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Mission Camp** will be July 13-17, 9 am-3 pm, for rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Music and Arts Camp** will be July 27-31, 9 am-3 pm, for rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

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

**This week at GUMP**, we continued to celebrated **Teacher Appreciation Week!** Our amazing teachers were honored for all the wonderful things they bring each day to their little friends. Families and students showered them with heartfelt letters, thoughtful gifts, featuring their favorite things, and plenty of sweet treats. GUMP is truly grateful for the hard work, dedication, and love our teachers pour into their friends each and every day. We appreciate you more than words can say!

## Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,  
[twilson@germantownumc.org](mailto:twilson@germantownumc.org)

**Friends University Choir** appears during Sunday school, March 15. Join together in the Sanctuary as music is shared by our guests from Wichita!

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, Mar. 8:

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, Mar. 10:

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

### Wednesday, Mar. 11:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group  
6:00 pm Synergy  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir  
7:15 pm Synago

### Congregational Prayer List



### Digital Giving Options Online Venmo

