

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2026

Liturgical Color - White & Gold  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers  
are given to the glory of God  
in memory of  
Bill Cromer's birthday, on April 7,  
by the Cromer family.



**SEVEN**  
FIRST SAYINGS

An Easter Worship Series

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude** *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* arr. Pepper Choplin

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit** *Alleluia* Rick Sowash

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
**break forth, O mountains, into singing!**  
For the Lord has comforted his people,  
**and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 318** *Christ is Alive*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 880** *Nicene Creed*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Call to Prayer TFWS 2202** *Come Away with Me*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory** *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne' re burst his three day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now is Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.  
Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

**\*Doxology UMH 94**

**\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 314** *In the Garden*  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

**Time With the Children**

**\*Scripture** Luke 24:13-35

**Sermon** Seven First Sayings  
2. Was It Not Necessary?

**\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 257** *We Meet You, O Christ*

**\*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 TFWS 2241** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (st. 1)* LAND OF REST  
The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God’s favor to proclaim.

**Postlude** *Miles Lane (All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name)* arr. Paul Leddington Wright

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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/Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Virginia Heard | Scripture: Graham Heard  
Acolyte: Adele Dempsey  
Chancel Choir

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**Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!**

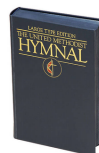
*If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org).*



**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

**Spring into Auction: April 24, 6-8:30 pm, in the OLEC.** The Finance Committee is sponsoring 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. **Deadline for donations is April 17.** To donate, contact Jennifer Predmore, 901-230-1116, or Patty Harriman, 901-412-8557. **Tickets are \$10 for ages 12 and older for admission.**



**VBS volunteers needed! June 8-12, 9 am-Noon.** We need your help to make Rainforest Falls VBS a huge success. Join the fun! Youth entering 7-12 grades and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. We need station leaders, group leaders, decorators, and more. If your child is too young for VBS, we offer a mini VBS for young children of volunteers. Register online today! Questions about where you may be needed? Reach out to Becca Keel, Hayley Heard, or Janelle Crist.

## 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.

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

*Stephanie Adams, President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)*  
**May Speaker Luncheon, Tues. May 5, 11:30 am**, in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch and inspirational message from Rev. Dr. Birgitte Thaarup French, Senior Pastor, Colonial Park UMC. **All women are invited!** Register with your payment of \$15 by **NOON, April 30**, online with credit card, [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org), Sign Up & Events, or use QR code, Checks, memo-"May lunch" or Cash deposited in GUWF box located in the Information Center.



### **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)*

#### **Pickleball this week:**

Daytime: Mon, 12-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9-12 pm.  
Nighttime: Wed. night: 5-7:30 pm.

#### **Try one of our group exercise classes:**

**Gentle Yoga:** Mon and 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:** Wed, Fri, 9:30-10:45 am.

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

**Body Boost:** Mon, 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.

### **Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)**

*Sarah Sutton, Director, [ssutton@germantownumc.org](mailto:ssutton@germantownumc.org)*  
**GUMP** welcomed everyone back from Easter break with lots of excitement! Our learning focus for April is all about the animals in our backyard and community. This week, Kids Kountry Petting Farm visited GUMP, giving our friends the opportunity to see and learn about goats, chickens, bunnies, donkeys, and turtles. The fun didn't stop there --GUMP friends had a blast enjoying a train ride, making this a week full of smiles and hands-on learning!

### **Youth**

*Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries; [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:** Element will be tonight from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Grades 6-12. Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner! Next week - no Element!

**High School Prayer Breakfast:** Is at 6:30 am, this Tuesday at the Pavilion behind Houston High School! Come to school early for some Bible study and Chick-Fil-A!

**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 THIS Sat. April 18! Confirmation service is at 3 pm, NEXT SUNDAY, 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 TOMORROW, 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.

### **Care Ministries**

*Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org)*

**Healthcare Law & Advance Planning Seminar, Tomorrow, April 13, 11 am, Room 339;** Attorney Matthew Rhoads will be our speaker. There is no fee, but please register online.

**Steady Ground** is the place for you if you have suffered any type of loss: death, divorce, career, any life-changing event. Come to a supportive atmosphere. April 19, 11:30 am, **Room 339** (or immediately after Traditional Worship.) Please register online. You are welcome to bring a lunch.

## 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*.

**Friday Bridge Group Disbanded!** The weekly Friday Bridge Group that met in the Huddle from 10 am-2 pm for party bridge is no longer meeting because of lack of interest. If you still want to play bridge or start playing bridge, the City of Germantown Parks and Recreation Department sponsors weekly bridge at the Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Contact Germantown Bridge Director, Tom Bartlett, at 901-497-4873, for details or information about learning to play.

**May Brown Bag Lunch Series!** The "GUMC Attic Treasure Roadshow" will be Friday, May 1, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall. Todd Stricklin, local interior designer and owner of TODD & CO. Estate Sales, will be available to give you an estimated value of jewelry, china, art, books, fabric, silver, toys, games, dolls, and anything else you can carry in your hands. You may bring **only four items** - no pictures of items, vinyl records, stamps, coins, Orientalia, large pieces, or furniture, please. 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. **Please note: There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**

**XYZ's June Event!** Come with us for opening night when we see the Tony Award-winning musical *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* at Playhouse on the Square on Friday, June 12, 2026. We depart at 5:45 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 Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, May 12.

**Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call...** Spring is in the air, and the Handy Helpers ministry team is waiting to hear from you. If you are a GUMC member over 60 years of age, have a hard time physically keeping up with minor home repairs or maintenance because you are ill or incapacitated, and have homeowner's liability insurance, there is a group of volunteers ready to assist you. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the person receiving the service. Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer trouble-shooting. To put in a job request, please contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

## 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).

**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.



**Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 9 am**

**-noon.** For children ages 4 (by 8/15/26) through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Details and registration for VBS and other summer events are on the church website.

**Mission Camp: July 13-17, 9 am-3 pm.** For rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Space is limited. Register online today.

**Music and Arts Camp: July 27-31, 9 am-3 pm.** For rising 2nd-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Register online today.

## Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,

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

**"The Means of Grace" small group study starts Tuesday,**

**April 21, 10-11:30 am.** This 6-week study will look at grace as a cornerstone of the UMC's understanding of the way God relates to humankind. Join Rev. Rick Pickston as we explore the vital practices we engage in every day to deepen our relationship with God and experience God's grace more fully. There is no cost for this study, but we need you to register.

**Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, April 27, at 10 am, in Room 338** for a discussion of *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library and join us for a lively discussion

## Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,

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

**Children's Choirs Spring Concert, May 3, 5 pm,** the Cherub, Alleluia and Hosanna choirs offer their Children's Choirs Concert including the musical, *100% Chance of Rain* by Walter Horsley, which highlights the story of Noah and the Ark incorporates great melodies, humor and sound biblical teaching. The show ends with *100% chance of Love!* The children would love to have a large and loving audience!

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, Apr. 12:

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, Apr. 14:

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

### Wednesday, Apr. 15:

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

Congregational Prayer  
List



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