

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026

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

The sanctuary flowers  
are given in loving memory of  
Dave Windsor by Lyn Windsor and  
Carrie W. Montgomery.



**7**  
**SEVEN**  
FIRST SAYINGS

An Easter Worship Series

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Worship and Praise*

Sharon Elery Rogers

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit**

*Alleluia*

Rick Sowash

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 52:9,13

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,  
**for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.**  
See, my servant will act wisely;  
**he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 303**

*Day of Resurrection*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

*A Modern Affirmation*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Scripture**

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

**Call to Prayer TFWS 2202**

*Come Away with Me*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

*Come By Here*

arr. Kyle Pederson

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.  
Someone's praying, Lord, come by here. O Lord, Come by here.  
Someone's crying, Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.  
In the morning, Lord, you are here. In the evening, Lord, you are here.  
In my waking, Lord, you are here. In my sleeping, Lord, you are here.  
In my pleading, Lord, you are here. In my waiting, caring, blessing,  
Lord, you are here. In my loving, hoping, grieving, you are here. In my  
longing, falling, hiding, rising, healing, arching, laughing, praising,  
seeking, finding, breathing, dying, Lord, you are here. Come by here  
my Lord, come by here. O Lord, you are here.

**\*Doxology UMH 94**

**\*Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2114** *At the Font We Start Our Journey*  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

**Time With the Children**

**\*Scripture**

Luke 24:36-49

**Sermon**

Seven First Sayings  
3. Peace Be With You

**\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 593**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**\*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**

*Rondeau Recessional from Centennial Triptych*

David Lasky

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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. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Liturgist/Time With the Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
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  
Acolytes: Eric Wilds, Anne Tipton Rogers  
Chancel Choir  
Wesley Chimes, André Duvall, Director

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**Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!**

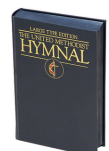
*If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org).*



**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

**Confirmation Service Today at 3 pm, Trinity Center in McVay Gardens.** Join us as we celebrate the faith of our confirmands as they make their profession of faith. (In case of rain, the service will be in the Chapel.)

**Spring into Auction – April 24 | 6–8:30 pm | OLEC:** Join us for a fun evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and a silent auction benefiting GUMC's ministries. Bid on artwork, sports tickets, gift baskets, restaurant packages, and more. Tickets are \$10 (ages 12+). Childcare with food is available for children 11 and younger. This is an in-person-only auction. **Register today at the table in the Narthex or scan the QR code.**



**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 made out to GUWF, 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.

### **Adult Education**

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org)

#### **"The Means of Grace" small group study starts this**

**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 one out from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

### **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:** NO Element tonight due to Confirmation!

**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 service is at 3 pm, **TODAY** in McVay Gardens (weather permitting). The whole congregation is invited to celebrate our new members.

**High School Seniors:** Seniors will be recognized in the Traditional Service May 3, and May 17! 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.

### **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 and 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!

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

Sarah Sutton, Director, [ssutton@germantownumc.org](mailto:ssutton@germantownumc.org)  
This week at GUMP, the common theme in our classrooms has been the lifecycle of a butterfly. Some of our classrooms have live caterpillars, giving our friends the opportunity to observe first hand how they grow and change.

## 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*.

**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.

## Care Ministries

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

**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. **TODAY, 11:30 am, Room 339**, immediately after Traditional Worship. Please register online. You are welcome to purchase or bring a lunch. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney, [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).

## 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.

## Missions

Anne Fritz, [clarissafritz@att.net](mailto:clarissafritz@att.net)

**HopeWorks Morning of Hope Breakfast, April 25, 2026.**

HopeWorks, a GUMC supported mission that provides ministries of adult education, English classes, Workforce reentry and employer connection for the underserved and needy is again hosting the Morning of Hope Breakfast fundraiser at Highland Church. See the link <https://www.whyhopeworks.org/morning-of-hope/> to explore, register and attend. Questions contact Mike Herringshaw at [mjherringshaw@att.net](mailto:mjherringshaw@att.net).

**Crosslink Memphis From Memphis to the Nations Dinner, April 30, 2026.** Crosslink Memphis is a GUMC supported medical supply ministry equipping medical mission teams including GUMC Kenya, with donated medical supplies, reading glasses, and medicine at a low cost as they go to all nations to share the Gospel and is again hosting From Memphis to the Nations dinner at Fullview Baptist Church in Bartlett. See the link <https://www.crosslinkmemphis.org/dinner>, register and attend. Questions, contact Mike Herringshaw at [mjherringshaw@att.net](mailto:mjherringshaw@att.net).

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, Apr. 19:

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. 21:

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

### Wednesday, Apr. 22:

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

Congregational Prayer  
List



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