

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026

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

The flowers gracing the sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God,  
in gratitude for our salvation.



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

An Easter Worship Series

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Morning Has Broken*

arr. Sondra Tucker

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit**

*Alleluia*

Rick Sowash

**\*Call to Worship**

John 11:25

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die,  
will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 307**

*Christ is Risen*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 887**

*Affirmation from Romans*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Scripture**

1 Peter 1:6-9

**Call to Prayer TFWS 2202**

*Come Away with Me*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Mission Moment**

Golden Cross Senior Ministries - Liz Royer

**Offertory**

*We Walk By Faith*

MARTYRDOM

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none ne'er spoken,  
But we believe him near.  
We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found.  
That when our lives of faith are done,  
In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.

**\*Doxology UMH 94**

\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 177

*He is Lord*

**Time With the Children**

\*Scripture

John 20:24-29

Sermon

Seven First Sayings  
4. Do Not Doubt but Believe

\*Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2206 *Without Seeing You*

\*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

*Flourish on Gopsal (Rejoice, The Lord is King)*

arr. Matthew H. Corl  
tune by Handel

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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/Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Liturgist/Time With the Children: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Margot Athow | Scripture: Lauren Boswell  
Chancel Choir  
Matins Handbells

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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

**Sanctuary Flowers: We need 2026 weekly donors!** Following Sunday worship, flowers are rearranged into smaller florals and then delivered to our home-bound 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](http://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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** May 27, 6:00 pm. Kick off the start of summer with us at McVay Gardens! Families are invited to join us for an outdoor movie and popsicles. Bring your own dinner or purchase from food trucks on site! It promises to be a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

**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 grades 7-12 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)

**Join the Monthly Book Group Tomorrow, 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.

**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 or online and join us. Visitors are always welcome!

### **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!

**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!

**High School Seniors:** Seniors will be recognized in the Traditional Service on 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)  
In recognition of Earth Day, on April 22, our teachers spent time teaching our friends the importance of recycling and caring for our planet. The children learned how keeping the Earth clean helps not only people, but also the animals that share our environment.

## 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.

## United Methodist Men (UMM)

The United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, May 9, at 8 am, in the Fellowship Hall. A great breakfast will be served and our featured speaker will be Lionel Hollins, former head coach of the Memphis Grizzlies. Make your reservation by contacting the Welcome Desk, (901) 754-7216, no later than Wednesday, May 6. Cost is \$7.50 payable at the door.

## 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)

### 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. It 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).

## Care Ministries

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

**Care Ministries** is one way we live out our calling to care for one another. In times of crisis, transition, or even celebration, our team offers practical help, encouragement, and a listening presence. Through meals, visits, and grief support, we walk alongside one another – sharing God's love in simple, meaningful ways. If you need support, or would like to learn more, contact Yolanda Toney at [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, Apr. 26:

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. 28:

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

### Wednesday, Apr. 29:

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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