

Resurrection Sunday

April 5, 2026

Liturgical Colors - White & Gold

Traditional Service - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

7 SEVEN FIRST SAYINGS

An Easter Worship Series

Our Easter lilies are lovingly given by Carolyn & Mack Browder, honoring our daughter, Michelle Browder Slatten, on what would have been her 60th birthday, April 13, and in joyful celebration of the April 2nd birth of our 2nd great grandson, Margot's little brother, Wyatt Charles Henry. May he grow up knowing our Lord Jesus well.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Resurrection Alleluias

arr. Stephen Wurst

***Call to Worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you!

The risen Christ is with us!

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

***Hymn of Praise UMH 302**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (st. 1-4)

***Scripture**

John 20:1-10

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Call to Prayer

Christ is Alive

arr. Julie Turner

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Easter Hymn

Greg Pysch

Christ is now risen again from his death and all his pain;
Therefore, will we merry be, and rejoice with Him gladly.

Kyrie eleison! (*transl. "Lord have mercy"*)

Had he not risen again we had been lost, this is plain;
But since he is ris'n indeed, let us love him with all speed.

Kyrie eleison! (*transl. "Lord have mercy"*)

Now is time of gladness, to sing of God's great goodness;
Therefore, glad now will we be, and rejoice in God only.

Kyrie eleison! (*transl. "Lord have mercy"*)

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 310**

He Lives (st. 1)

(Children are invited to come forward.)

Time With the Children

*Scripture

John 20:11-18

Sermon

Seven First Sayings
1. Why Are You Weeping?

Service of Word and Table UMH 12

*Hymn of Commitment UMH 322 *Up From the Grave He Arose (st. 1,3)*

*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

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

Postlude

Festival Toccata

Percy Eastman Fletcher (1879-1932)

L e a d i n g i n W o r s h i p T o d a y

Preaching and 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 Readers: Call to Worship: 8:30 Ina O’Ryan | 10:30 Zoey Adams
Lay Readers: Scripture: 8:30 Tim Wise | 10:30 Mike Ritz
Acolytes: 8:30 Kennedy Keel, Ivy Barden
Acolytes: 10:30 Eric Wilds, Joe Richard Penn
Chancel Choir
Matins Handbells

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.



**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

Church Offices will be closed all day tomorrow, April 6, in Observance of Easter Sunday.

Let's Mahjong! 2nd Thursdays, beginning April 9, 6 pm, in the Huddle. New to Mahjong? We will have someone there to teach and help you get started! Everyone is welcome! No registration required. Feel free to bring your own Mahjong set. Questions? Contact Chesley Porteous, 901-268-4884, chesleyporteous@gmail.com.

Spring into Auction: April 24, 6-8:30 pm, in the OLEC. The Finance Committee is sponsoring 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. **Tickets are \$10 for ages 12 and older for admission.**



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.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Thank you for your support! GUWF thanks everyone who supported the Children's Consignment Sale. **It was a tremendous success, and raised over \$28,000 for GUWF missions!** We couldn't have done it without our wonderful volunteers, consignors, shoppers, and GUMC staff support. We will see you for our next sale, Aug. 21-22, 2026.

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 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. Just in time for Mother's Day!

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, Sign Up & Events, or use QR code, Checks, memo- "May lunch" or Cash deposited in GUWF box located in the Information Center.



United Methodist Men (UMM)

The United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, April 11, at 8 am, in the Fellowship hall. A great breakfast will be served, and the featured speakers will be Melvin Cole, Founder, and Tony Walker, Board Member, of Pure Academy, a non-profit private boarding school in Memphis. Join us as we learn how this school is preparing young men for the future. Make your reservation by contacting the Welcome Desk by Wednesday, April 8. Cost is \$7.50, payable at the door.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, ytoney@germantownumc.org

Healthcare Law & Advance Planning Seminar, Monday, 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.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries; cgranberry@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: In lieu of Sunday school today, students in grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to join in with the Wesley 2.0 Sunday school class! They are fellowshiping from 9 am-10 am, in McVay Gardens!

Element: No Element due to Easter!

High School Prayer Breakfast: No prayer breakfast this week due to Easter!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy and Synago will not meet this Wednesday! Join us next Wednesday for our small group weekly check-in!

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.

Adult Education

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

Believing Jesus; A Journey Through the Book of ACTS, starts Wednesday, April 8, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. Join us for this 8-session women's video study, as we journey through the Biblical stories of the early Christian movement. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost is \$18.00.

Igniting the Spark II - leadership development for anyone current, curious, and called to facilitate and lead throughout our thriving Adult Christian Education Ministry – is **Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm**. Open to all experienced Sunday school teachers and to those who would like to begin teaching adult classes. Register at germantownumc.org.

"The Means of Grace" small group study starts Tuesday, April 21, 10 am-11:30 am. This 6-week study will look at Grace as the 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.

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*.

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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Contact Germantown Bridge Director, Tom Bartlett, at 901-497-4873, for details or information about learning to play.

April Brown Bag Lunch Series! Andy Pouncey, 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 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 May Event! Join us for a baseball game when we see the Memphis Redbirds beat the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp at AutoZone Park on Tues., 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.

May Brown Bag Lunch Series! The "GUMC Attic Treasures 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 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.**

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 will not have Elementary Sunday school today due to Easter. Families please join us at McVay Gardens for fellowship at 9:30 am, (weather permitting).

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



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

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

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

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

OLEC will be closed all day, Monday, April 6.

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. CLOSED, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9-12 pm.

Nighttime: Wed. night: 5-7:30 pm.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: 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, Closed, Wed, Fri, 9:30-10:45 am.

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

Body Boost: Mon, Closed

Hatha Yoga: Mon, Closed

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

This week our little friends had their Spring pictures taken by Shannon Lenore Photography. GUMP classes were busy with fun and festive Easter parties and Easter egg hunts! GUMP would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, Apr. 5:

8:30 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship

Monday, April 6:

Church Offices Closed All Day

Tuesday, Apr. 7:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, Apr. 8:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer List



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