

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

**Liturgical Color - White and Gold  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am**

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Groh, Libby Schielke, and Peggy Warner, for their love and dedication to our children and our music ministry.



**7  
SEVEN**  
FIRST SAYINGS

An Easter Worship Series

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude** *Festival March on Maccabaeus  
(Thine is the Glory)* A. D. Miller

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit** *Arky, Arky*

**\*Call to Worship**

In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead,  
**The first fruits of those who have died.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 176** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH 888**  
*Affirmation from 1 Corinthians and Colossians*

**\*Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Scripture** 1 John 1:1-9

**Call to Prayer UMH 496** *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory** *Come, Let Us Eat* arr. Jonathan T. Campbell

Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together.  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.  
Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread  
Rise, then to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

**\*Doxology UMH 94**

## Senior Recognition

### \*Scripture

John 21:1-14

### Sermon

Seven First Sayings  
5. Any Fish?

### Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

Sung responses TFWS 2257 a-d

### \*Hymn of Commitment UMH 617

*I Come with Joy*

### \*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*

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

*Fantasy on "Duke Street"*

Robert F. Swift  
tune by John Hatton

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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: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music

Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music

Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Zoey Adams | Scripture: Natalie Cathcart

Acolyte: Eric Wilds

Children's Choirs Directors, Mary Groh, Peggy Warner, Libby Schielke - Melissa Hayes, accompanist

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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

Join us **TODAY!**



**McVay Garden  
and  
Trinity Center  
Rededication**  
11:45 am



A brief service of prayer and thanksgiving.

**Any offerings left at the communion rail** will be for Golden Cross Ministries, a mission to enhance the quality of life for all seniors served by Wesley Living.

**Kick off summer at McVay Gardens! May 27 at 6:00 pm.** Families are invited to join us for an outdoor movie, popsicles, and a fun evening together. Bring dinner or enjoy food trucks on site.

**Coffee with the Pastors I Sunday, May 31** at 9:00 am. Meet our pastors, learn about our church, and get connected to our community.

**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.

### Music Ministry

*Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,  
twilson@germantownumc.org*

**Children's Choirs Spring Concert, TODAY, 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!

### 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*

#### **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.

### 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 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.

## 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*.

**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 Breneman, 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.

## Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)  
**Friendly reminder for all women who registered to attend the GUWF Luncheon on Tuesday, May 5 at 11:30 am in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall. Registration is now closed.**

## 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.

## 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. May 17, 11:30 am, Room 339, immediately after Traditional Worship. Please register online. You are welcome to bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney, [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto:ytoney@germantownumc.org).

## Adult Education

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

### Monthly Book Group | Monday, May 18 at 10:00 am

Room 338 | City of Night Birds by Juhea Kim. No need to register, just purchase the book or checkout from the library.

**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!

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs Spring Concert

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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



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