



Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

Liturgical Color - White and Gold

Traditional Service - 10:30 am

Flowers placed in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Bill Nation, a long-time, dedicated member of Alpha class.

The rosebud blessing our altar this morning is in celebration of the birth of Davis Adamson DeCrow, son of Adam and Max DeCrow. He is welcomed by his siblings, Maddox and Emmalynn.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude *All the Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Peter Davis

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit *Jubilate Deo* Mark Patterson

***Call to Worship** Hebrews 4:14-16

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, **let us hold fast to our confession.** For we do not have a high priest who cannot know our weakness, but we have one who, in every respect, has been tested as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

***Hymn of Praise UMH 312** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881** *Apostles' Creed*

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23

Call to Prayer UMH 496 *Guide Us, Lord* Mark Patterson
(quoting the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

My Jesus, To Heaven is Gone

Howard Helvey

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone, I'll never turn back no more;
He whom I fix my hope upon, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more;
The narrow way, till Him I view, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone.

***Doxology UMH 94**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 390**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Time with the Children

***Scripture**

Acts 1:4-11

Sermon

Seven First Sayings
7. You Will Be My Witnesses

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 389**

Freely, Freely

Senior Recognition

***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**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Leading in Worship Today

Preaching: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Liturgist / Time with the Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Testimony Youth Choir | Tim Wise, Testimony Youth Choir Director
Chancel Choir
Oboist: Isaac Ripple
Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Evelyn Underwood | Scripture: Dan Moore
Acolytes: Charlie Hannaford and Virginia Heard

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

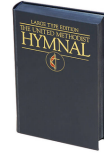
If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org.



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

Kick off summer at McVay Gardens! May 27, at 6 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 is Sunday, May 31, at 9 am. Join us during the Sunday school hour to meet our pastors, learn about the history, beliefs, and missions of Germantown UMC and how to get connected to our congregation – a perfect opportunity for visitors or those who are considering church membership! Please contact Mary Groh at mgroh@germantownumc.org if you are interested in attending.

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 by May 25th! Questions about where you may be needed? Reach out to Becca Keel, Hayley Heard, or Janelle Crist.

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, click on the "Sign Up & Events" menu to the far right and choose "Communication Hub" in the drop-down list, scroll to "Forms" near the bottom, then choose "Sanctuary Flowers Form" or call Lisa Bell at OLEC 753-3100.

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.

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 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).

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 9 am - noon. For children ages 4 (by 8/15/26) through rising 6th grade. Details and registration for VBS and other summer events are on the church website. Register by May 25th!

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

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

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.



Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries;

cgranberry@germantownumc.org

Courney Brookshire, Associate Youth Director;

cbrookshire@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9:00 for snacks, games, and discussion!

Element: Element is over for the Semester!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Is over for the Semester!

Synergy and Synago: Is over for the Semester!

Summer: Our Summer Calendar is on our website now!

901 Mission Camp: Registration is LIVE! June 17th-June 19th! For graduated 6th-12th graders. Register now to get the Early Bird price of \$75! More information on the News and Events webpage!

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.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Small Household Items Needed:

Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary (MHA) needs gently used small household items and women's accessories to be sold in MHA's gift shop in the Methodist University Hospital. Collection bins will be set up in the hallway behind the Fellowship Hall, next to the kitchen, through June 30. Questions? Contact Elaine Fetzer at elaine.fetzer@gmail.com.

Adult Education

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

Monthly Book Group | Monday, May 18, at 10 am

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

The Way of Wisdom - A Study of the Book of Proverbs - Join us for this 8-week Women's Bible study as we consider wisdom principles on everyday topics. | Wednesdays, June 17-August 5 | 9:45-11:45 via Zoom | Facilitated by Chesley Porteous | Register \$28

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!

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Centenary UMC Children's Summer Reading Program

Centenary UMC has initiated the CUMC Freedom School program for the children's summer reading. Visit Centenary's website and click on Support Centenary UMC Freedom School Program to find out more about how to volunteer, donate, and serve the children or contact Pamala @ Centenary 901.774.7604 or Deborah Thompson at yah.becky@gmail.com.

BBQ Sale Supporting GUMC's Kenya Mission Trip

The Emmaus class is collecting orders online at germantownumc.org now until June 4 at 5 pm. Choose from a slab of ribs, pulled pork, or a pork loin for only \$35. Pick up on June 6, from 1 to 2 pm in the OLEC parking lot.



Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org
GUMP enjoyed celebrating the end of the school year with all of our families. The spring programs were wonderful, and we hope you all have a fantastic summer!

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*.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call...

Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, 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 on 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.

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.

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday

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

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

Online



Venmo

