

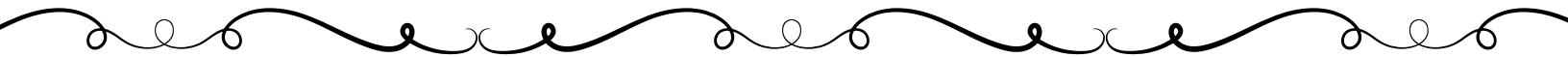


Week of June 14, 2026



## Announcements:

**Help Us Create Meaningful Worship Experiences** - Help make Traditional Worship possible! We are currently seeking acolytes, sanctuary flower sponsors, and Welcome Center volunteers. Your time, talents, and support help create a warm and memorable worship experience for our congregation and guests. Email [bwest@germantownumc.org](mailto:bwest@germantownumc.org) to be a part of the Traditional Worship service!



## Ministry, News and Events

### Adult Education

*Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,  
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**Sabbath: A Seven-week Study.** On Monday evenings this summer, June 1-July 13, 7-8 pm, join Chloe Granberry, as she facilitates a study by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Candler School of Theology. In this study, we will explore the biblical concept of Sabbath and what it means to embrace God's rest in the midst of our busy lives and restless world. Cost is FREE, but please register.

**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 for \$28.

**Monthly Book Group** Join us on Monday, June 22, at 10:00 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhirst. No need to register, just purchase the book or check 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!



### 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.*

**AARP Smart Driver™ Course!** GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on July 9 & 10, 2026, from 9 am-1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for non-members) payable to AARP.

Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Ray Smith at 901-410-0184 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

### **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.

Viewing online? Tap on the QR codes to access the links.

## Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, [women@germantownumc.org](mailto: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 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](mailto:elaine.fetzer@gmail.com).

## Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries; [cgranberry@germantownumc.org](mailto:cgranberry@germantownumc.org)

Courney Brookshire, Associate Youth Director; [cbrookshire@germantownumc.org](mailto:cbrookshire@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!

**This Monday:** Chloe is leading a class on the Sabbath! We will be exploring what it means to embrace God's rest in our busy lives. Join us from 7-8 pm in room 339. Register on the Sign-ups and Events page for more info!

**901 Mission Camp:** THIS Wednesday through Friday! We will be exploring a variety of missions in our city and having lots of fun (including spending the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> at the church)!

**Summer:** Our summer calendar is on the website. Be sure to check out our Synergy and Synago events!

**Element & High School Prayer Breakfast:** Will resume this fall!

**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.

**Lauren Wright Hobbs Nursing Scholarship:** GUMC members currently enrolled in or entering nursing school this fall may apply for a \$3,000 scholarship honoring Lauren Wright Hobbs' legacy of compassionate nursing service. Applications are available from [karen.oppenheim@gmail.com](mailto:karen.oppenheim@gmail.com) and are due June 30, 2026. The scholarship supports the 2026-2027 school year. Donations may be made to GUMC with "Lauren Wright Hobbs Scholarship" in the memo line.

## Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: [bkeel@germantownumc.org](mailto:bkeel@germantownumc.org)

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[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 (K-5 grade):** We meet from 9-10 am, each week. Child drop off and pick up is in the Huddle (room 240).

**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.** Registration is FULL.

**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.



## Owings Life Enrichment Center

(OLEC) 901-753-3100

Gordon Kelly, Dir of Health & Recreation, [gkelly@germantownumc.org](mailto:gkelly@germantownumc.org)

Kim Marsh, Assist. Dir of Health & Recreation, [kmarsh@germantownumc.org](mailto:kmarsh@germantownumc.org)

### Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon 12-3 pm, Tues - 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.

### For more information about events,

visit GUMC's website: [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org) or download our app! Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Sign Up & Events" at the top of the page. Viewing online? Tap the QR codes!

