

Week of August 9, 2026

Announcements

Promotion Sunday – August 16

Join us as we celebrate Promotion Sunday with our annual blessing of the school year, praying for students, teachers, school staff, administrators, and all who work in education as they begin a new school year.

Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, August 23, 9-10 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.

GUMC Fall Kickoff Cookout is Wednesday, August 26, 5:30-6:30 pm, in the OLEC gym. Let's kick off our activities for the Fall with a family friendly cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers! This is a FREE event plus inflatables for the kids. Bring a friend and a side dish to share. Register no later than noon on Monday, August 24, at germantownumc.org, "Sign Up & Events".

GUMC Day of Service: After the GUWF Children's Consignment Sale, we need all hands on deck to get the OLEC ready for Prism. Two shifts available: 12:30-3:30 or 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. Jobs for all abilities! Scan the Consignment Sale volunteer code found below and scroll down to GUMC Day of Service SHIFT, or stop by the table in Narthex.

Ministry, News and Events

Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: bkeel@germantownumc.org

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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).

Acolytes Needed: Scan QR code to sign up to acolyte! Must be in the 2nd grade or older. There is no 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;

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Courtney Brookshire, Associate Youth Director;

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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!

Confirmation: Next Sunday, the 6th graders will move up! After church TODAY, there will be a Parent Confirmation Information meeting in the Oasis

Element: Kickoff for fall will be next Sunday, August 16, in the OLEC, from 6-8 pm! All 6th-12th graders are welcome, and, as always, bring a friend!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Will start on August 11. We'll be meeting in the Pavilion behind Houston High School at 6:30 am. Chloe will bring Chick-fil-a!

Synergy/Synago: Synergy and Synago will start this Wednesday, Aug. 12! 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!

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,
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Fall/Winter GUWF Children's Consignment Sale

Spread the word! GUWF will hold its community-wide Children's Consignment Sale on **August 21-22**. Snag some great deals while supporting the many missions of GUWF. Consignor registration is open until 11:59 pm on Tuesday, August 18. Consignors and 4+ hour volunteers shop early at the pre-sale. Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan QR code for details. It's a 37-year tradition of community outreach!

Viewing online? Tap the QR codes!

Ministry, News and Events

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,
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Sermon on the Mount Bible study starts Monday, August 10, 10-11:30 am. Many of the best-known passages in all of scripture are part of this great discourse. Covering core teachings, like the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer, it serves as a foundational guide for Christian living. Join Rev. Rick Pinkston for this 6-session study as we explore both the devotional and instructional meanings of this great sermon. There is no cost, but please register.

JOSHUA – Every Good Promise Fulfilled starts Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. Join us for this 10-session, verse-by-verse women's study, by author Jen Wilkin, as we see how God's commands, though sometimes difficult, are always rooted in God's steadfast love. Facilitator: Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$27.00.

PARENTING – Getting IT Right starts Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:15-7:15 pm. In this 6-session video study, authors Andy and Sandra Stanley provide honest reflection on the challenges and stages of parenting. Join our discussion and take home some practical advice. Facilitators: Courtney and Matt Lubozynski. Cost: \$20.00/family.

Social Principles of The United Methodist

Church starts Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:00-7:30 pm. Join Rev. Todd Wilson for an introduction to the Social Principles. By engaging in this 6-week study, you will grow in discipleship and understanding of the United Methodist Church. Cost: \$10.00.

Owings Life Enrichment Center

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Gordon Kelly, Dir of Health & Recreation,

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Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon, 12-3 pm, Tues - Fri, 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Wed, 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: Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:30-10:45 am.

Hatha Yoga: Mon, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Open Gym times are for church members only.

Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass. Please call the OLEC office to check for available times.

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.

XYZ's September Event! Join us for a guided tour of the galleries and sculpture garden and see a metals studio demonstration of casting at the newly opened Metal Museum in Overton Park and eat lunch at Bosco's Squared on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. We depart at 10:30 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$20 per person plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Monday, August 24.

September Brown Bag Lunch Series!

Daniel Irwin, Director of Public Relations, Better Business Bureau of the Mid-South, will discuss "Senior Scams: How AI Enhances Them." This presentation will be on Friday, September 4, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall. 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.**

Missions

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Labor of Love: On Monday, September 7, 2026 (Labor Day), GUMC will again join with our neighboring community of faith for an event called Labor of Love. We will assemble pre-packaged meals for distribution throughout the world. Watch the Tidings or the video board for more details.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries,

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Steady Ground is a supportive atmosphere which meets on the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 am, in room 339, immediately following worship. Please register online. You are welcome to bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org.

Join us for "Coping with Life's Challenges" on Monday, August 10, at 11 am, in Room 339, as we explore the many faces of grief, secondary grief, ambiguous loss, the question of closure, and the hope found in our faith. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are welcome. There is no fee to attend, and registration is appreciated.

For more information about events, visit GUMC's website: germantownumc.org or download our app! Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Sign Up & Events" at the top of the page.

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