

**"Where is the
newborn king?"**

Matthew
2:1-12



**The Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2025
Traditional Service - 11:00 am**

**The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in celebration of
Hester Smith's 90th birthday on January 1.
Given by The Toney Family.**

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Good Christian Men Rejoice

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 220**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

A Modern Affirmation

***Gloria in Excelsis Deo UMH 238 (refrain)**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Walk in the Light

Andre Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night,

Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

Jesus, the Light of the world;

"Glory to the new-born King,"

Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Jesus, the Light of the world;

Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Jesus, the Light of the world.

***Doxology**

("Sung to the Tune of "Infant Holy")

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three in One.**

**Here we offer to You gladly all the gifts that you impart,
as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

*Hymn of Preparation UMH 254

We Three Kings (st 1, 5)

*Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

“Where Is The Newborn King?”

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12

*Hymn of Dedication UMH 237

Sing We Now of Christmas

*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 UMH 668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

**Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God’s
love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever
mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.**

*Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Henry Balcombe

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

Please fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and leave it attached to the pad.

*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.*

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

Preaching: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall
Acolytes: Anistasia Penn and Joe Richard Penn
Chancel Choir

T h i s W e e k a t G U M C

Sunday, Jan. 05:

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, Jan.07:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

Wednesday, Jan. 08

5:30 pm Wesley Chimes

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Mental Health Matters: The Importance of Caring for Yourself and Others will be presented on Sunday, Jan. 26, 9:30 am - 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall with Catherine Null of GUMC's McVay Counseling Center. Everyone is invited to join us for this special event sponsored by the Church and Society Work Team.

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 "Event Registrations" at the top of the page.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,
gkelly@germantownumc.org
Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,
kmarsh@germantownumc.org

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Monday 12 pm-3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Wednesday nights only, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Please check the website each week for changes in the pickleball schedule.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mondays, Wednesdays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Mondays 5 pm-6 pm, Wednesdays, 2 pm-3 pm.

Senior Fitness Walk Fit: Tuesday 10 am-11 am.

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Thursday, 10 am-11 am.

Fit 4 Mom:

Stroller Strides: Monday 9:30-10:45 am.

Stroller Barre: Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 am-10:45 am.

Body Boost: Monday nights, 6:15 pm-7:15 pm.

Body Ignite: Wednesday nights, 6:15 pm-7:15 am.

Martial Arts: Tuesday, Thursday, Beginner class, 5:45-6:45 pm, Advanced class 6:45-7:45 pm.

Open Gym times: Mondays, No available times, Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 pm-4:30 pm, Wednesday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm. Due to the basketball practice schedules. Call the OLEC front desk for Open Gym times.*Open Gym times are for church members only.* Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Care Ministries Director, CLM

You Are Not Alone. The Care Ministries Team is here to support you. We offer prayer and practical assistance to help navigate life's challenges. Our quarterly seminars focus on a variety of life's challenges. Watch for them. Our Care Ministries Director, CLM Yolanda Toney, is Grief Care Certified and is available for confidential meetings. To schedule, email ytoney@germantownumc.org or call 901-801-6368

Germantown United Methodist Pre-school (GUMP)

It's the most wonderful time of the year at GUMP! Our friends celebrated the reason for the season with a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party and ended the year with a sweet program for our families! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 February Event! Come with us and have a blast when we hear *Evil Woman—The American ELO (Electric Light Orchestra)* at Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center on Saturday, February 15, 2025. We depart at 6:15 pm, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$30 for your reserved seat and transportation. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, January 15.

Digital Giving

Online

Venmo



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Congregational Prayer List



2331 S Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138 | 901-754-7216
www.germantownumc.org | Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Children's Ministry

Natalie Adkinson, Director: nadkinson@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping-Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten):

The Hamilton Nursery is open for children birth through pre-kindergarten to have childcare during worship. Preschool Sunday school meets from 9:30-10:30 am.

Elementary Sunday School (Kindergarten-5th Grade): We meet from 9:30-10:30 am each week. All ages (K-5) will gather in The Huddle (room 240) for large group instruction, followed by small groups in classrooms in the Education Wing hallway.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): Our regular Wednesday evening gathering for kids will return on Wednesday, January 8!

Ignite Winter Retreat: Calling all 4th, 5th, & 6th graders, registration is officially open! Join us at St. Columba Retreat Center on January 25 - 26. Cost is \$160 per person. Capacity is limited to 28 kids, don't miss out! Deadline to sign up is January 12th.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; cgranberry@germantownumc.org
Caasi Grove, Director of High School Ministries; cgrove@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9:30 for snacks, games, and discussion!

Element: Element 2025 Kickoff is tonight, from 6 pm - 8 pm. We are having an indoor block party, with games, crafts, music, tacos, and more!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Prayer Breakfast will start back Jan. 14th!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy/Synago will start back Jan. 15th!

Discovery Weekend: February 21st - 23rd!
Registration Opening Soon!

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

Christmas Items Needed! Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary needs gently used Christmas items to sell at the annual sale next November. Labeled collection bins are available behind the Fellowship Hall, beside the kitchen, through January 26, 2025. Contact Elaine Fetzer at elaine.fetzer@gmail.com with questions.

February Speaker Luncheon, Feb. 11th at 11:30 am: All women are invited for a catered lunch featuring speaker Martha Wagley, former lead minister of GUMC, Pastor Emerita, Memphis 1st UMC. Register by noon, **February 6**, with a credit card at germantownumc.org or pay by check in the GUWF box in the Information Center.

Adult Education

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

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9:30-10:30, 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!

Luke: Gut-Level Compassion Bible study starts Wednesday, Jan. 8, 9:45 am - 11:45 am, via Zoom.

The great news woven throughout the Gospel of Luke is that perfection, is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Join us for this 8-session Bible study that embraces the outliers, outcasts, and overlooked! Facilitator: Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$20.

Four Parables From Luke small group study starts Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Join Rev. Todd Wilson for this 4-session study as we take a closer look at the teaching from Jesus so often used: the parable. We will focus on four parables while using Adam Hamilton's book on the Gospel of Luke, our denominational, hymnal and our own creativity. Cost is \$10.

The Gospel of John study starts Tuesday, Jan. 21 - March 4, 9:30 am - 11:00 am.

John's Gospel offers readers a new language that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith. Author, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will help us understand how the Gospel was understood by its earliest readers, how it has been interpreted traditionally, and, finally, how Christians today should receive it and act in its light. Facilitator: Mary Groh. Cost: \$15.

Germantown United Methodist Men (GUMM)

The first breakfast meeting of 2025 is Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be A.J. Kamer, Executive Director of Crosslink Memphis and Mission Medical Supply Ministry. A yearly membership fee of \$75 may be paid at the meeting, (covers the cost of eight breakfasts and provides additional funds for GUMM-sponsored mission projects?). The cost for breakfast is \$7.50 payable at the door, if membership is not paid. Make your reservation by calling 754-7216 no later than Jan. 8.

In Person Attendance

Did you miss the pew pad when it came by? Scan the QR code to record your attendance.

